

NOAH'S FLOOD
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Genesis 6-8

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."
Matthew 24:37

The present age is mindless-mechanical in its rejection of the Genesis flood. Thoughtless dismissal is the fashionable response to supernatural biblical events. Popular appetite for astrology, the paranormal, "fortune-tellers" and sensational presentations of biblical events, is boundless. But acceptance of Scripture as truth is scorned by an "intellectual-elite" and embraced in part, then abandoned, by a fickle "public." Very few believe the biblical record: God once destroyed all but eight human beings in the judgment of a universal flood.

If one accepts the biblical record, he must acknowledge that he is created by God, totally dependent upon God and accountable to God. This requires repudiating the world-system that dismisses the flood. It also frustrates instincts for acceptance and status, and contradicts deeply rooted human instinct to ignore, if not to violently reject Scripture. These marks of sin's curse upon humanity are so dominating that only a miracle from God can change it.

Yet evidence from ancient writings in multiple cultures affirms the flood. As many as 500 different flood legends are estimated. (www.nwcreation.net/noahlegends.html.)

Geological evidence also affirms the flood. "Trillions of fossilized plants and animals all over the world, with very rare exceptions, can only be explained in terms of *the global catastrophism of the Genesis Flood*." (J. C. Whitcomb, www.icr.org/article/2719)

Old Testament writers affirmed the Genesis flood account. "For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee." (Isa. 54:9; see Ezek. 14:14)

Jesus Christ believed the Genesis flood. "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matthew 24:38-39)

The apostles of the New Testament believed the Genesis flood. (Heb. 11:7; I Pet. 3:20; II Pet. 2:5)

Those who call themselves Christians profess to believe what Christ said. He spoke of a literal flood that destroyed all humanity, save Noah and his family. This alone is sufficient evidence that the Genesis Flood is true. If it is not true, Jesus Christ was either deceived or dishonest.

But the flood is more than historical fact. It is a sober warning that God judges sin, and that a future judgment is yet to come. It is a call to everyone to believe God's Word, both the testimony that a judgment of water once destroyed the race, and the warning that there will be a judgment of fire. It is a warning to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, for the One who delivered Noah and his family from the flood is the only One who can deliver from the judgment that is to come.