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NLT 50 Minutes

# Noah’s Flood—Washing Away Millions of Years

Title

***Genesis 6–9***

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**Topic:** Flood

**Subject:** How should we answer attacks against Noah’s Flood?

**Complement:** The issue about Noah’s Flood is not science but the truth of Scripture.

**Purpose:** The listeners will trust the biblical record of Noah’s Flood over fallible dating methods.

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Geologic

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4 Views

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• HL

• HG

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• HGP

##### A **Myth**

• Myth

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7:1-3

## Let’s get rid of our childish bathtub ideas of the ark.

Tub

## This was a HUGE vessel longer than a football field or soccer pitch.

Neighbor

## It had the perfect dimensions to withstand a global Flood.

Dimension

### More recent depictions of it show it quite seaworthy.

• Modern

### The storage was equal to 560 railroad cars.

• 560

### And the ark was God’s design to preserve godly Noah and his family while the rest of the world perished.

Rock

# III. Character of the Flood (Gen. 7:11)

MP

## The Flood had two sources of water:

7:11

Cars

### **Genesis 7:11 speaks of the floodgates** of the sky**— Such a downpour still causes floods today.**

7:11

### **Genesis 7:11 also notes the fountains** of the great deep “burst open.”

Volcano

## “Burst open” caused earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis (same Hebrew word as in Num. 16:31 & Zech. 14:4)

Tsunami  
(3 slides)

# IV. Depth of the Flood (Gen. 7:19-20)

7:19-20

MP

## Genesis 7:19-20 says that it covered all the high mountains.

## Some would have us believe that this was a Local Flood—but would a local flood cover the mountaintops?

Ridiculous  
• X

(Besides, God gave his promise to all creation of no flood like this again…)

# V. Rainbow Promise (Gen. 9:8-17) was made to:

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Cartoon  
(2 slides)

# VI. Geological evidence

MP

## The fact that we have worldwide fossils supports a global Flood.

Billions…

Cartoon  
(2 slides)

### The fossil record shows the ravages of sin—but not for millions of years!

### The 19th century showed a departure from the biblical view

19th Cent.

#### It started with the biblical teaching of a supernatural creation week and Flood about 6000 years ago prior to the present.

• SCW

• SB-C

#### Then it morphed into a supernatural beginning followed by many catastrophies over millions of years.

#### Finally, it taught the uniformitarian view of no Flood at all, with NO catastrophies as the earth continued for millions of years without any significant change.

• Uniform

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Ager 2

Ager 1

### What’s missing? What was it originally?

Circles

#### Was it A, B, C, or D?

ABCD

#### Actually, nothing is missing! It was drawn that way.

Nothing!

#### But I brainwashed you into thinking that something was missing. This is what the evolutionists have brainwashed us to believe—that it takes millions of years to make fossils though there is no evidence to support this claim.

#### Ager disbelieves the Genesis Flood but he is concerned that we are brainwashed to disbelieve any type of catastrophe.

Ager

#### It all comes down to assumptions—those with anti-biblical ones lead to old earth, and those with biblical assumptions become young earth believers.

Assumption

## How long does it take to make fossils?

How long

### Fossils don’t come with **tags** saying how old they are.

Tags

### The nature of the fossils shows **rapid** burial and **rapid** fossilization.

Rapid burial

#### We have a fish fossil giving birth—and one eating another fish—so obviously these died very quickly and were buried immediately.

Fish

#### Even Darwin said that soft organisms can’t be fossilized—but that assumes that the animal body lays on top of the soil while millions of years of erosion takes place. Obviously, that can’t happen.

Darwin

Worm

#### Fossils form from RAPID burial and RAPID fossilization.

#### This is evident in this animal manure that fossilized. A layman might call this “rock poop”!

Poop

## How long does it take to form and erode rocks?

Form & Erode?

### Some evidences of young earth and global Flood (from video clip Keynote slide 57)

#### Sea creatures high above sea level

#### Sand carried across continents

#### Thick layers of mud and sand often bent

#### Layers across entire continents

#### Deep, wide erosion

### One mud marsh hardened into stone in just a few years!

Mud marsh  
(2 slides)

### The Eastern Washington Scablands

Scablands Picture

#### **These were originally thought by evolutionary geologists** to have formed by **stream erosion over millions of years**.

#### **Now many evolutionists** believe the erosion was the result of **40-100 floods over the course of 1500-3000 years** from glacial Lake Missoula to the east.

#### But **other geologists** who have carefully investigated the evidence believe **most of it was eroded in 1-2 DAYS**. It is estimated that **500 cubic miles** of water rampaged westward **at 60 mph** in a torrent flowing with **ten times the volume of all the rivers on earth** and **carrying boulders the size of houses** from Montana to Oregon.

#### As originator of this teaching, Dr. Bretz's first geological paper was in 1923. His "Spokane Flood" flowed from the north at 400 ft deep. His fellow uniformitarian opponents called it an "outrageous hypothesis" and assaulted him verbally. But he continued to amass evidence of the flood and published another paper in 1932, but now attributing the flood to the bursting of glacial Lake Missoula to the east in Montana.

Scablands Map

#### **Bretz's catastrophist theory was accepted finally by the geological establishment in 1965.**

#### The **evidence for Lake Missoula** had been **known since the late 1800s**, but the uniformitarian geologist, Joseph Pardee, said in his published papers that it had **drained slowly**. **Evidence suggests that he privately believed (even in 1922 before Bretz's first paper) that the lake had burst** producing a catastrophic flood, but the peer pressure of the establishment prevented him from saying so publicly.

#### **Bretz believed that he saw evidence for 7 floods**.

#### Glacial Lake Missoula was perched at 4,200 feet above sea level. When an ice dam failed, water hundreds of meters (yards) deep swept across an area twice the size of New Jersey at freeway speed, carving giant channels through the basalt that are now dry "coulees"), depositing gravel-boulder bars over 100 meters (300 feet) high and leaving dried waterfalls that make Niagara Falls look small.

#### Change was not easy and not without opponents!

Scablands Quote

Glasses

#### The reason is because we all wear glasses of assumptions.

Soft sed.  
(4 slides)

No erosion  
(4 slides)

Rapid Deposition

### Wide-spread Evidence of Rapid Successive Deposition

#### Lack of erosional features

#### Soft-sediment deformation

#### Lack of bioturbation at interface

No bioturb  
(2 slides)

#### Ripple marks, animal tracks & raindrop marks

Marks  
(2 slides)

#### Polystrate fossils

Polystrate  
(5 slides)

## What about radiometric dating methods? (“Check This Out” Keynote slide 66 video clip)

Dating

### Other dating methods give much older dates.

St. Helens

#### Mt. St. Helens rocks 12 years old were dated 340,000-2.8 million years old!

#### Mt. Ngauruhoe, New Zealand has a similar problem.

St. NZ

#### Interesting, isn’t it? For rocks of known age, radiometric dating clearly does not work. However, for rocks of unknown age, radiometric dating is assumed to work!

Arrows

### The problem is the assumptions in the methods.

Assumption

#### What was the original **condition** of **parent** to the daughter isotope, when the lava hardened into rock?

#### Has the **rate** of decay always been the same as it is observed today?

#### Has any parent or daughter isotope been **altered** or removed since the rock was formed?

### How long did it take for the Grand Canyon to form? Millions of years? No, Noah’s Flood!

GC • Millions?  
• No, Noah!

#### Some think the ravages of sin came AFTER Adam and Eve. NO.

#### Others say that their life was the foundation, then sin was built upon that, leading to Noah’s Flood. I’d say YES to that.

Ravages  
• Noah

#### There is indeed a geologic timescale, but it is quite simple—most fossils are from Flood deposits, then pre-Flood and Post-Flood.

Timescale  
• Flood

### The scientific community disbelieves in Noah’s Flood on earth but now is even saying it took place on Mars! Seriously!

Mars quote biblical

#### One scientist calls this a flood of biblical proportions a billion years ago.

Mars quote Noachian

#### Ironically, the era is known as the Noachian epoch!

Mars cartoon

#### So now we have Noah’s Flood on Mars…

#### Even though not a drop of water has ever been discovered on Mars.

No Water!

# Conclusion

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Rom. 1:21

### Rom. 1:21-22: Sin darkens the mind.

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Brainwash  
(4 slides)

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Authority  
(4 slides)

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Defend  
(3 slides)

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# Preliminary Questions

**Verses Questions**

# Context: What did the author record just prior to this passage?

# Purpose: Why is this passage in the Bible?

# Background: What historical context helps us understand this passage?

# Questions

# Tentative Subject/Complement Statements

Text

# Possible Illustrations

### Text

# Possible Applications

### Text

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**Exegetical Outline (Steps 2-3)**

# *Exegetical Idea*:

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# III.

**Purpose or Desired Listener Response (Step 4)**

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**Homiletical Outline** (Cyclical inductive form)

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**Thought Questions**

1. Read the passage aloud. Contrast:

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| --- | --- |
| **Issue** | **Contrast** |
| Text | Text |
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1. Text-based question

Text

Text

Text

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1. Application to your own Christian experience

Text

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