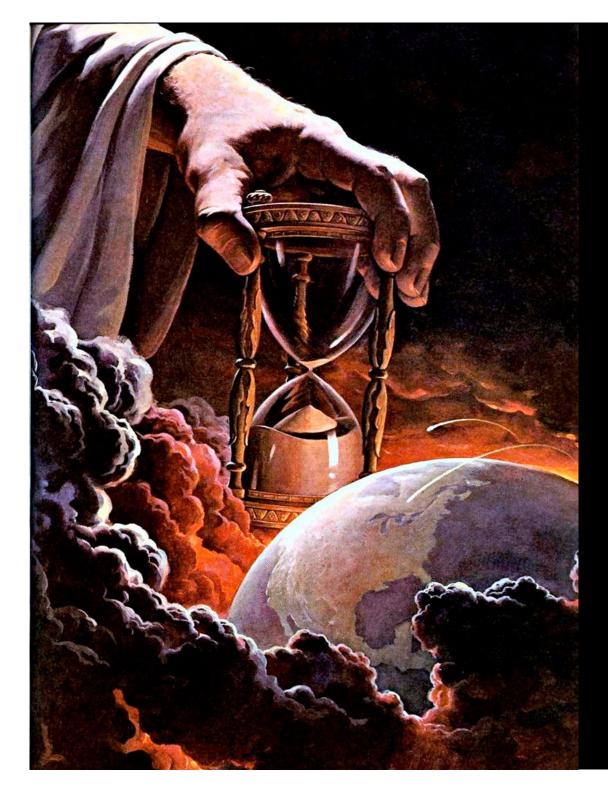
Noah: Blockbuster or Bible?

Genesis 6–9

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What right does God have to judge?



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The earth must be destroyed due to man not taking care of the environment!

Snake infestation

Who closed the door seven days before the Flood?

NOAH Where's Ham, Shem & Japheth?

Methuselah is deemed to be a "witch doctor"!

A more realistic ark

The crude ark

"This is the film that will introduce most of the country to the Watchers: fallen angels who, according to Aronofsky's version, have been encrusted in stone and, with a little persuading, help Noah construct the ark (for giants with gobs of rock for hands, they are extraordinarily dexterous). The Watchers are a very ancient tradition, going back over two thousand years in Jewish and Christian interpretation. But they don't go as far back as Genesis." H

¹It happened after the sons of men had multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them, elegant and beautiful.

²And when the angels,^{*} the sons of heaven, beheld them, they became enamoured of them, saying to each other, "Come, let us select for ourselves wives from the progeny of men, and let us beget children."

³Then their leader Samyaza said to them, "I fear that perhaps you will not consent that this deed should be done, and I alone will become



*An Aramaic text reads "Watchers" here (J.T. Milik, Aramaic Fragments of Qumran Cave 4 [Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1976], p. 167).

(responsible) for this great sin.

⁴But they responded to him, "Let us all swear an oath and bind everyone among us by a curse not to abandon this suggestion but to do the deed." Then they swore all together and bound one another by (the curse).

⁵Their whole number was two hundred, who descended upon Ardis, which is the top of mount Armon.



⁶And they called the mount Armon,* for they swore and bound one another by a curse.



⁷These are the names of their chiefs: Samyaza, who was their leader, Urakabarameel, Akibeel, Tamiel, Ramuel, Danel, Azkeel, Saraknyal, Asael, Armers, Batraal, Anane, Zavebe, Samsaveel, Ertael, Turel, Yomyael, Arazyal. ⁸These were the prefects of the two hundred angels, and the remainder were all with them.

* Mt Armon, or Mt. Hermon, derives its name from the Hebrew word *herem*, a curse (Charles, p. 63).

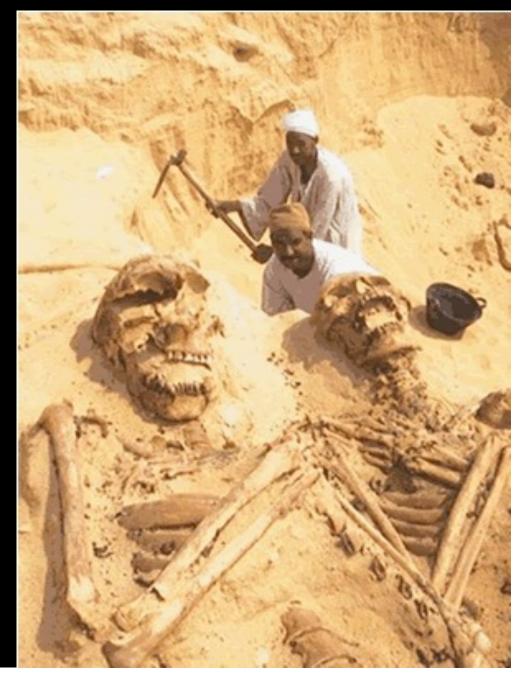
¹Then they took wives, each choosing for himself; whom they began to approach, and with whom they cohabited; teaching them sorcery, incantations, and the dividing of roots and trees.

²And the women conceiving brought forth giants* whose heights were three hundred cubits [137 meters]

* The Greek texts vary considerably from the Ethiopic text here. One Greek manuscript adds to this section, "And they [the women] bore to them [the Watchers] three races: First, the great giants. The giants brought forth [some say "slew"] the Naphelim, and the Naphelim brought forth [or "slew"] the Elioud. And they existed, increasing in power according to their greatness." See the account in the Book of Jubilees.

³These (giants) consumed the produce of all the people until the people detested feeding them.

⁴So the giants turned against (the people) in order to eat them.



⁵And they began to sin against birds, wild beasts, reptiles, and fish. And their flesh was devoured the one by the other,* and they drank blood.

⁶And then the earth brought an accusation against the oppressors.

* Or, "one another's flesh." R.H. Charles notes that this phrase may refer to the destruction of one class of giants by another (Charles, 65).

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Violence

Noah versus Tubal-Cain?



RUSSELL CROWE NOAH

"least biblical biblical film ever made."

Atheist Producer Darren Aronofsky

Noah was "the first environmentalist" —Aronofsky

Should Christians see it?

"The YouVersion Bible App team noted that during the three-day weekend of 'Noah's' release, the Biblical account of Noah was read or listened to 389,794 times, or about 129,931 times per day."

"It was the 'highest number of people exploring that passage that they've ever experienced,' according to the *Charisma* News."

Bill Hitchcock at http://www.refiningtruth.com/noah-genesis-6-facts/

"The American Bible Society reportedly discovered that 87 percent of respondents to a poll on the subject said they were reading the account of Noah in Genesis because of the film."

"In the days after Noah hit theaters, people opening the Noah story in Genesis 6 increased about 300% in US & 245% globally on @YouVersion," reported YouVersion on Twitter on Tuesday.

H/T Breaking Christian News; cited by Bill Hitchcock at http://www.refiningtruth.com/noah-genesis-6-facts/



Focus on the Family president Jim Daly stated that: "[Noah] is a creative interpretation of the scriptural account that allows us to imagine the deep struggles Noah may have wrestled with as he answered God's call on his life. This cinematic vision of Noah's story gives Christians a great opportunity to engage our culture with the biblical Noah, and to have conversations with friends and family about matters of eternal significance."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noah_%282014_film%29#Test_screenings



The Biologos Foundation stated that they "saw the importance of stories as explanations—my favorite part of the whole movie was when Noah retold the Genesis creation accounts to his sons, and we saw the evolutionary creation of the world up to some mysterious Adam and Eve figures."

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Criticism of "Noah"

Ken Ham (Answers in Genesis): "Except for some of the names...hardly any remnant of the Bible's account of the flood in Genesis 6–9 is recognizable in the movie. Yes, there is an ark in the film that is true to the massive biblical proportions, but it did not look seaworthy. There were many animals that came to Noah and went aboard the ark, but there were far too many creatures crammed inside, certainly many more than were needed."



http://time.com/42274/ken-ham-the-unbiblical-noah-is-a-fable-of-a-film/

Criticism of "Noah"

Ken Ham (Answers in Genesis): "Also, while the extreme wickedness of man was depicted, the real sin displayed in the film was the people's destruction of the earth. Lost within the film's extreme environmentalist message is that the actual sins of the preflood people were rebellion against God and man's inhumanity to man."



Criticism of "Noah"

Ken Ham (Answers in Genesis): "Ultimately, there is barely a hint of biblical fidelity in this film. It is an unbiblical, pagan film from its start. It opens, 'In the beginning there was nothing.' The Bible opens, 'In the beginning God.' That difference helps sum up the problem I have with the film. The Bible is about the true God of creation; the movie does not present the true God of the **Bible.**"



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"I could not take my eyes away from the screen, and when it was over, I cried..."

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—Janet Parshall, "In the Marketplace" Moody Radio

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A 30-minute documovie. This is not the Hollywood version of Noah starring Russell Crowe.

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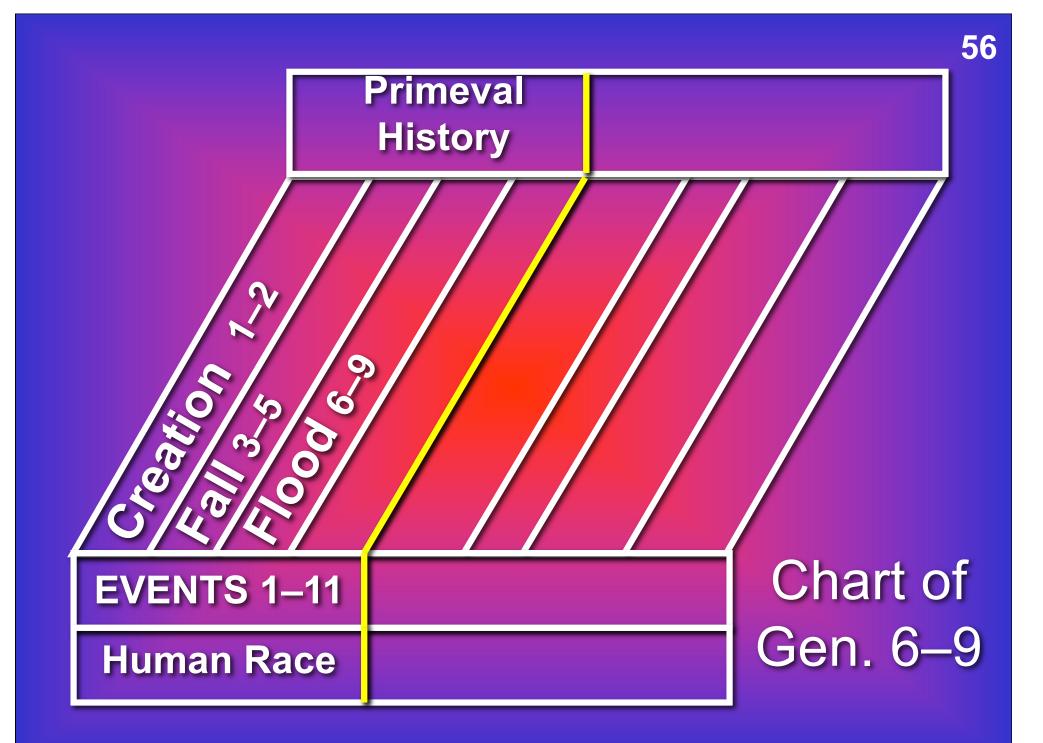
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Does God have the right to judge the world?



The "Sons of God" Immorality & Giants Led to the Flood (Gen. 6:1-4)

Who were these who impregnated women?

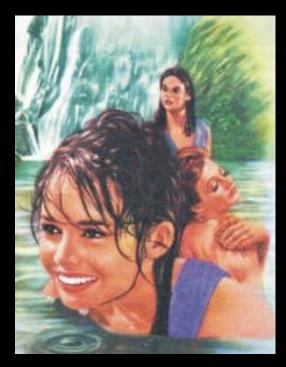
- Demons (Angels)?
- Rulers?
- Demon-possessed rulers?
- Sethites?
- Cainites?
- Lesser deities?
- Godly men?





Questions on Genesis 6:1-4

- 1. Who were "the sons of God" (6:2)?
- 2. Who were "the daughters of men" (6:2)?
- 3. Did man's 120-year limit (v. 3) indicate "grace years" until the Flood or individual longevity?
- 4. Were Nephilim giants born of the "sons of God" and "daughters of men" (v. 4)?

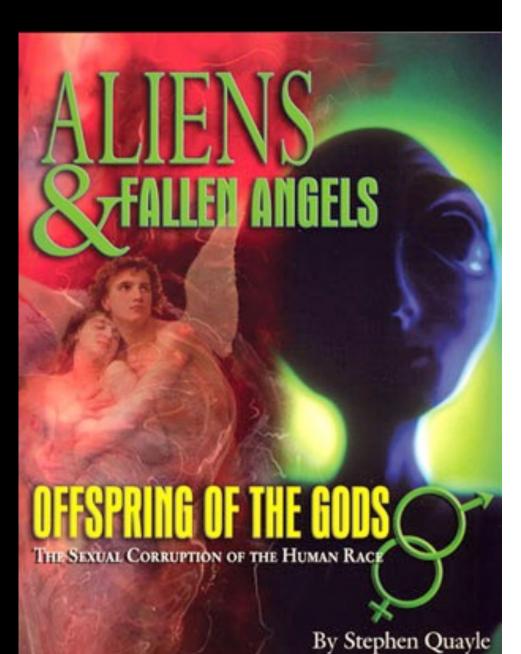


- 5. Does the Nephilim "on the earth in those days—and also afterward..." show they couldn't have been offspring of the "sons of God"?
- 6. How could the Nephilim be in Canaan in 1400 BC if they were destroyed in the Flood (Deut. 13:33)?

Were the "Sons of God" Angels?



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Support for the Angel View

- Phrase refers only to angels elsewhere (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; cf. Ps. 29:1)
- Explains God and men contrast & overstepping natural bounds

- Oldest view (1 Enoch, etc.)
 - NT support (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6-7)
 - Explains power of Nephilim offspring



Critiquing the Angel View

- "God" can denote human judges (Ps. 82:1, 6-7)
 —but not "sons of God"
- "At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven" (Matt. 22:30)
 - —but does future celibacy imply past celibacy?

- Punishing humans for the sin of angels seems unfair
 - —but Jude 6 says some angels are bound
- NT support debatable
- Mythological tone
- Angels not in context

Godly Line of Seth View



- Elohim ("God") does at times refer to men
- Worldly Cainites contrast with Godly Sethites in Gen. 4
- The line of blessing was to be kept pure
- Luther & Calvin supported this view

But...

- This is not the normal usage
- "Daughters of men" is general and without an evil sense
- No evidence shows these lines separate
- Their support is late and irrelevant
- Men in v. 1 must align with men in v. 2

The Dynasty-Ruler View Problems

- *Elohim* ("God") at times denotes judges (Exod. 21:6; 22:8-9, 28; Ps. 82:1, 6-7)
- God-king relationship noted as "father" to "son" (2 Sam. 7:14)
- True, but judges are not in the context so "sons of God" as angels is better
- True, but Gen. 6 says nothing about kings
- A group of kings is never called "sons of God" in OT or ANE

R.W. Schambach

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Atrahasis Epic •Anu, the high god Man too noisy for gods Atrahasis built boat Pitch used Animals caught Rained 7 days Regretted Flood

Genesis

Yahweh, the only God

- Man too sinful
- Noah built boat
- Pitch used
- God brought animals
- Rained 40 days
- Rainbow promise

(Arnold/Beyer, 21-31)

(Genesis 6–9)

Little Deities View Has Pagan Notions

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Christians & the Environment

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God angry at environmental sins

A flawed savior

Murder, adultery, idolatry

Models our Savior

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The Green Agenda Sinks Noah

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References:

Jan's guest is **Dr. Cal Beisner from the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation**, an organization telling the truth about the environmental war. The planet may be dying but God is the scientist behind it, not man. *It is outlined in Revelation that we will get a new Heaven and Earth*. They also discuss the forthcoming film "Noah" and the abomination it is, although some Christians support it. They discuss the "religion" environmentalism has become and it is rooted in paganism,



God's Creation...Day 6

"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind'; and it was so. God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1:24-25).

God's Creation...Day 6

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth" (Gen. 1:26).

God's Creation...Day 6 "So God created man in his own image

in the image of God he created him

male and female he created them" (Gen. 1:27).

and over the birds of the air

and have dominion over the fish of the sea fill the earth and subdue it;

"And God

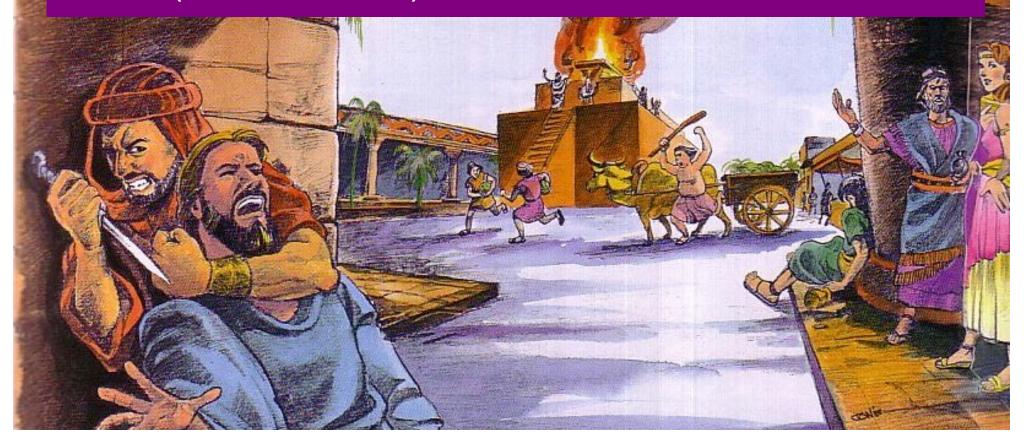
blessed them,

and over every living thing that moves upon the earth''' (Gen. 1:28 NLT).

Need for a new start...

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God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth" (Gen. 6:12-13).

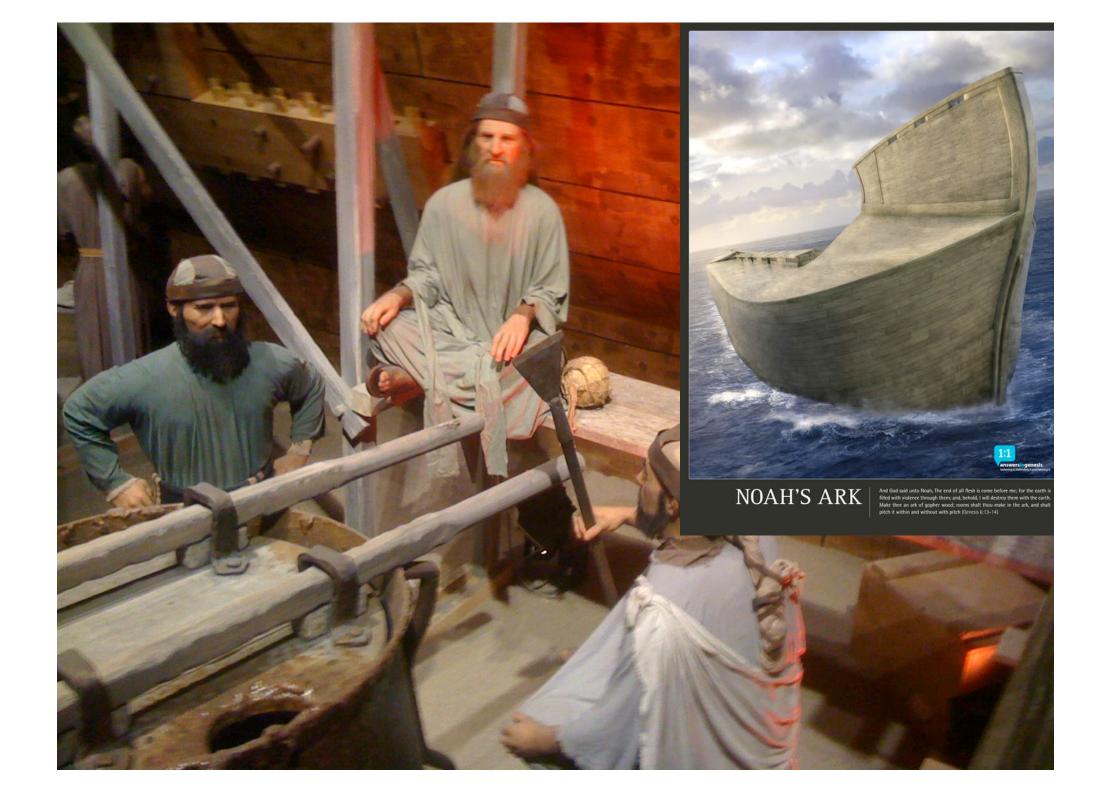


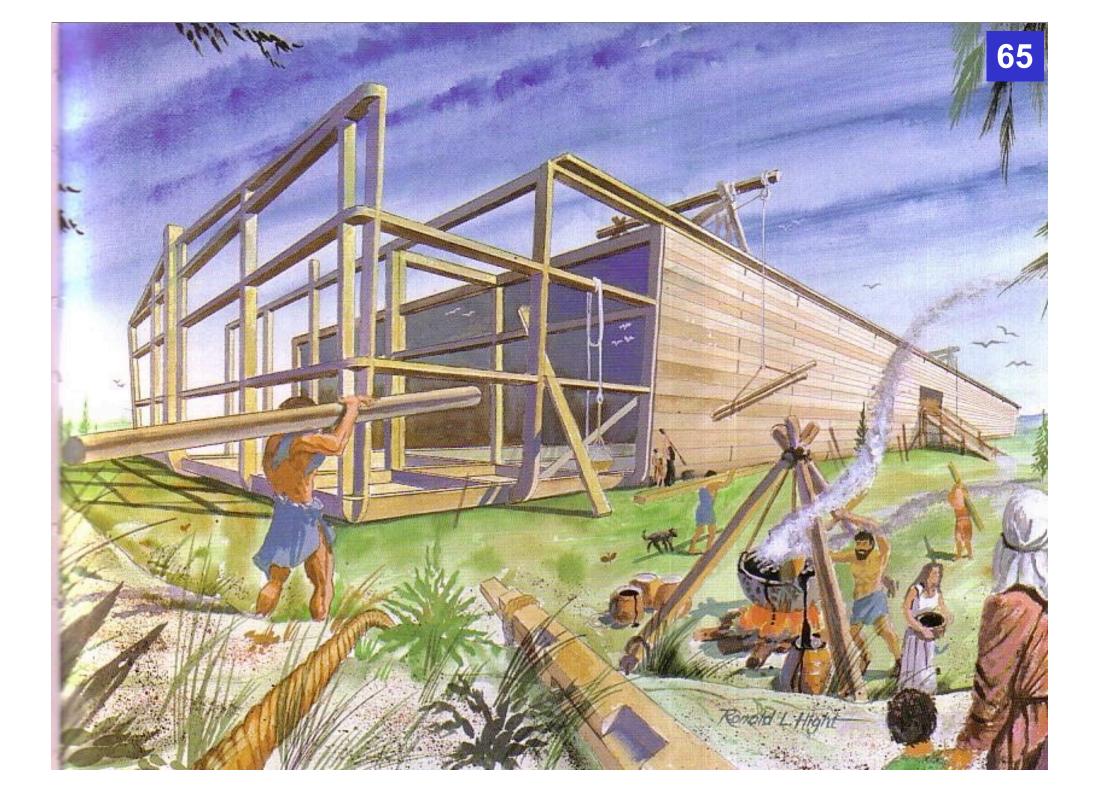




"It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith" (Heb. 11:5 NLT)

"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)









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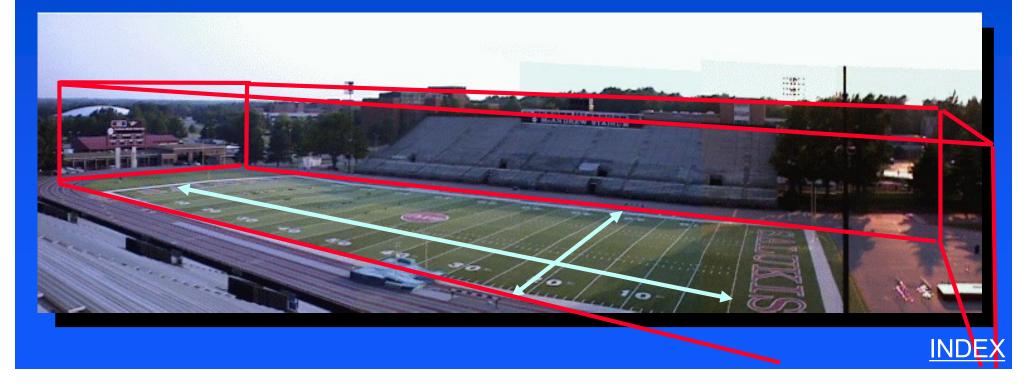
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Noah's Ark Size

The ark was 300 cubits long (450 feet), 50 cubits wide (75 feet) and 30 cubits tall (45 feet) Gen 6:15







Flood Chronology





Day

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God Shuts the Door

Noah and his family sealed within the ark (Gen 7:16).

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Waters trapped deep in the ground break open on the land in 40 days of hard rain with volcanic eruptions, erosion, earthquakes, and more (Gen 7:12, 17). Waters cover the whole earth (Gen 7:18-20). All land creatures die (Gen 7:21-22).

40

Days



Day 47 of Flood—Intense Rainfall Ends

For 110 more days, the waters cover the earth (Gen 7:24), as the rain and eruptions continue. Many layers of mud laid down, full of dead things. They have now turned into rocks and fossils.

Finally, the water begins to go down.

110

Days



Ark Lands on New Ararat Mountains (Gen 8:4)

For 74 days, Noah and his family wait while the water continues to go down. A great wind (Gen 8:1) helps to drive the water off the land. The mountains continue to rise and valleys form. The flood waters continue to collect in the new oceans.



Flood ChronologyDayDayDayDay







Other Mountains Appear

For 40 more days, all in the ark wait while plants begin to grow (Gen 8:7).

40

Days



299

Noah Sends Out a Raven (Gen 8:7) After each of four 7-day periods, Noah sends out a dove (Gen 8:8, 10, 12). The water level keeps dropping.

28

Days



Last Dove Sent Does Not Come Back

Noah waits 22 more days while the earth continues to dry.

22

Days



Day

321

Most of the Water is Off the Land (Gen 8:14).

For 57 more days, the land dries until it is dry enough for animal life (Gen 8:14).

Days

378

Day

Leaving the Ark

Noah, his family and the animals leave the ark to make homes on the changed land.



Noah Builds Altar (Gen 8:20)

Rainbow (Gen 9:14)

Flood Chiasm

7 days of waiting for flood (7:4) 7 days of waiting for flood (7:10) 40 days of flood (7:17a) 150 days of water triumphing (7:24) God remembered Noah (8:1) 150 days of water waning (8:3) 40 days of waiting (8:6) 7 days of waiting (8:10) 7 days of waiting (8:12)

> - Gordon Wenham, *Genesis 1–15,* Word Biblical Commentary (Dallas: Word Books, 1994)

Ages of people when	they died	90
Adam	930 Years	
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AFTER EDEN

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I JUST TURNED 969 YEARS OLD AND PEOPLE KEEP TELLING ME HOW OLD I AM. I TELL THEM I'M NOT OLD! THE EARTH IS OLD! IT'S ALMOST 700 YEARS OLDER THAN I AM!

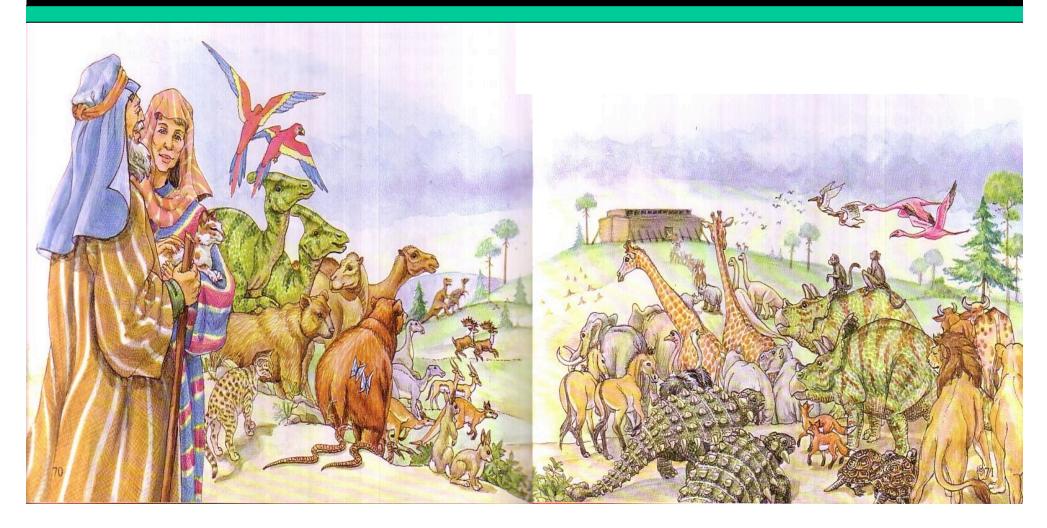
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Methuselah

Methuselah believed in an "Old Earth."

Genesis 6:19 NIV

You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.



Noah's Character

"And the LORD said, 'I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them. ⁸But Noah found favor with the LORD" (6:7-8 NLT).

Noah Wasn't Perfect

"Ham, the father of Canaan, saw that his father was naked and went outside and told his brothers. ²³Then Shem and Japheth took a robe, held it over their shoulders, and backed into the tent to cover their father. As they did this, they looked the other way so they would not see him naked" (9:22-23 NLT).



Noah Wasn't Perfect

"When Noah woke up from his stupor, he learned what Ham, his youngest son, had done.²⁵Then he cursed Canaan, the son of Ham:

'May Canaan be cursed! May he be the lowest of servants to his relatives'" (9:24-25 NLT).



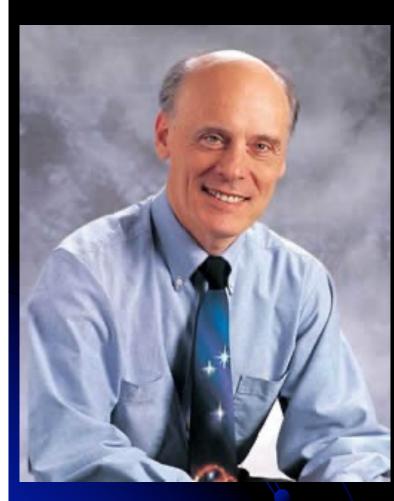


Does it really matter if there really was a universal Flood?



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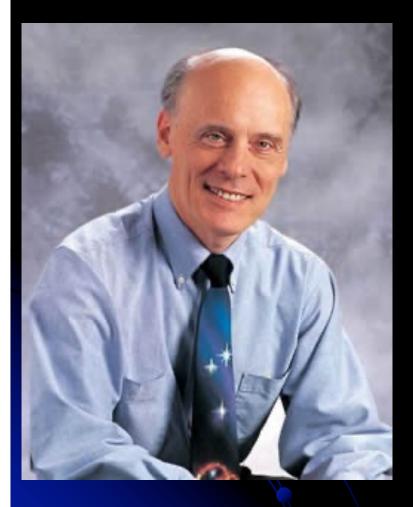
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"The Genesis Flood may well have extended beyond Mesopotamia. Most of the place names recorded in Genesis 2–8 are associated with locations within Mesopotamia, but some are not. The notable exceptions are the Pishon and Gihon rivers, which flowed from the southern part of the Arabian Peninsula. It seems possible that the Genesis Flood inundated not only all of Mesopotamia but also the entire Persian Gulf region and much of southern Arabia as well."

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Why does Ross advocate a limited flood?

- 1. Presupposition of old earth
- 2. Meaning of "world" in other OT passages

57j But why not a local flood? • If the Flood was local, why did Noah have to build an ark? He could have walked to the other side of the mountains and missed it.

 If the Flood was local, why did God send the animals to the ark so they could escape death? There would have been other animals to reproduce that kind if these
 Ken Ham & Terry Mortenson, What SWrong With Progressive Creationism?" in *The New Answers Book 2* [http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/nab2/whats-wrong-with-progressivecreation]

But why not a local flood?

 If the Flood was local, why was the ark big enough to hold all the different kinds of vertebrate land animals? If only Mesopotamian animals were aboard, the ark could have been much smaller.

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 If the Flood was local, why would birds have been sent on board? These could simply have winged across to a nearby mountain range.
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But why not a local flood?

If the Flood was local, how could the waters rise to 15 cubits (8) meters) above the mountains (Genesis 7:20)? Water seeks its own level. It couldn't rise to cover the local mountains while leaving the rest of the world untouched.



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How high was the water?

¹⁸ The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. ¹⁹ They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. ²⁰ The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet (Gen. 7:18-20).

But why not a local flood?

• If the Flood was local, people who did not happen to be living in the vicinity would not be affected by it. They would have escaped God's judgment on sin. If this had happened, what did Christ mean when He likened the coming judgment of all men to the judgment of "all" men in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37–39)? A partial judgment in Noah's day means a partial judgment to come.

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> MY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PROFESSOR SAID THAT NOAH'S FLOOD DIDN'T COVER THE ENTIRE EARTH.

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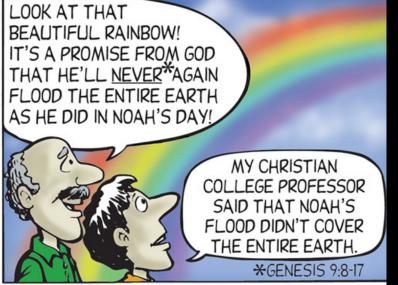
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SO HE BELIEVES THAT GOD PROMISED TO NEVER AGAIN SEND A "LOCALIZED" FLOOD?

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A local flood?

 If the Flood was local, God HAS repeatedly broken His promise never to send such a flood again!

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The study of catastrophic plate tectonics (CPT) provides clear insight into how the earth's seven continents may have taken shape out of the supercontinent God created on Day 3 of Creation Week. This developing field of science takes an in-depth look at the earth's plates from a biblical perspective. For a look at the possible history behind the earth's modern formation, see the chart on the reverse side and the products above.

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Rodinia—The World That Perished The transformation of Adam's

world into today's world

In Genesis 6–8 we read of a catastrophe that impacted the earth in a way unlike any other disaster since that time. Such a catastrophe would impact not only the earth's atmosphere and inhabitants but also its very foundations. The earth's landmass during Adam's day was extremely different from the seven continents of our modern world. But what caused it to change so drastically? Catastrophic plate tectonics (CPT) is one possible contributing factor.



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THE WORLD THAT PERISHED





Break-Up

Pangaea



Transitional Period

Flood Period

The worldwide Flood covered the entire globe-over the highest mountains of that day by more than 15 cubits (up to 26 ft [8m]) (Genesis 7:20).

Rodinia

Most secular and biblical geologists believe that all the land has been together more than once. One of these supercontinents is called "Rodinia" (from the Russian word for "motherland"). Although scientists continue to debate its exact shape, when God spoke the dry land into existence on Day 3 of Creation Week (Genesis 1:9-10), He may have created a landmass similar to Rodinia

"fountains of the great deep" and an opening of the "windows of heaven" (Genesis 7:11; see below). This may have been the result of the breakup of the original supercontinent into huge plates of the earth's crust. These plates split, moved, and collided throughout the duration of the Flood.

Pangaea

that, after the breakup, the land again smashed together, forming another supercontinent called Pangaea. This temporary supercontinent formed and broke up entirely during the Flood.

Transitional Period

Still during the flood, Pangaea broke apart, first into Laurasia and Gondwana and finally into the continents we have today. At the end of this period the Indian subcontinent slammed into the Eurasian plate, forming the Himalayan mountains.



Today's World

Today, we are left with evidence that the continents moved apart in the past. For example, the coastlines of South America and Africa fit together, like pieces of a puzzle.

Catastrophic plate movement also explains the fascinating magnetic pattern found in ocean floor rocks. These rocks record a "zebra stripe" pattern of magnetic pole reversals. switching back and forth between north and south (see below).

"Fountains" and "Windows"

of animals were safely aboard the Ark, the steam. This formed a line of steam jets (possibly the "windows of heaven"). Flood began

beneath) rose to fill the voids between feet into earth's atmosphere. Significant These simultaneous activities resulted the splitting plates. When this 2,000°F amounts of seawater were also lifted into in the dramatic shifting of the earth's crust (1.093°C) rock contacted the cool sea- the atmosphere. For several weeks, this to produce today's seven continents,

Thousands of miles of the earth's crust sibly the "fountains of the great deep"). crust also resulted in a temporary rise in (surface rock plates) split apart along lines The immense and incredibly power- the global sea level, causing the oceans traversing the globe. The mantle (hot rock ful steam jets shot tens of thousands of to flood the continents.

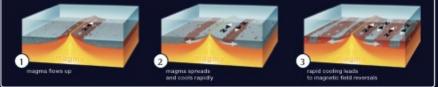
When Noah, his family, and their cargo water above it, the seawater flashed into fell to the earth as intense global rain

along the boundaries of the plates (pos- The rising of the mantle through earth's

Magnetic Reversals

rapidly lost from earth's outer core. This cooling resulted in with short periods of reversed magnetization. Illustrations the earth's magnetic field quickly reversing during the Flood. 1-3 show how the reversals were expressed as a "zebra These magnetic reversals were expressed at the earth's stripe" pattern on either side of the mid-ocean ridge

Within the catastrophic plate tectonics model, heat was __surface as short periods of normal magnetization alternating



This chart and associated text is based on the work of numerous scientists and is more fully described in Dr. John Baumgardner's DVD. Putting the Puzzle Pieces Together: Global Tectonics and the Flood

Flood Significance
God's righteous judgment
God's gracious redemption
Water baptism (1 Pet. 3:20-21)

NLT 1 Peter 3:20 those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. ²¹And this is a picture of baptism...



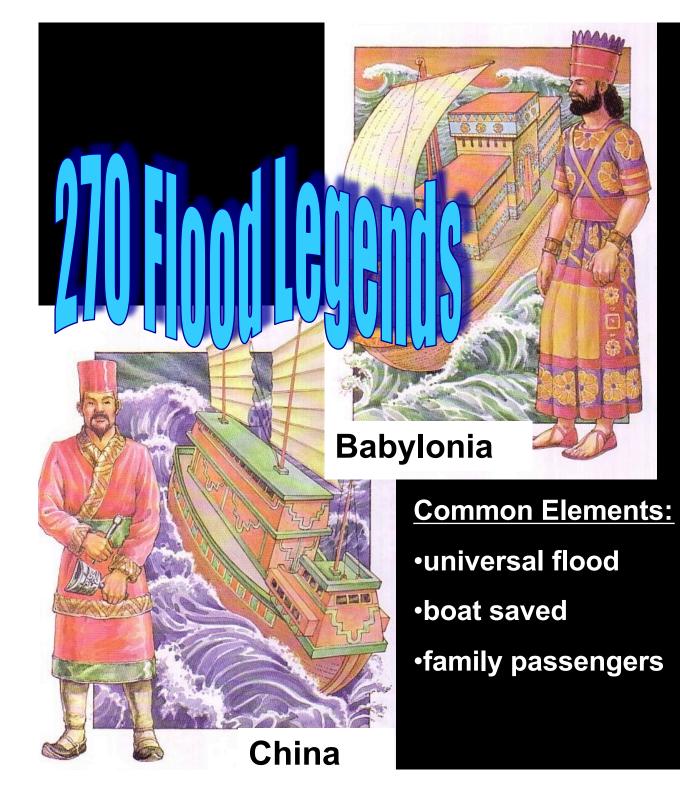
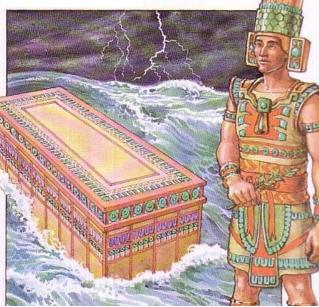


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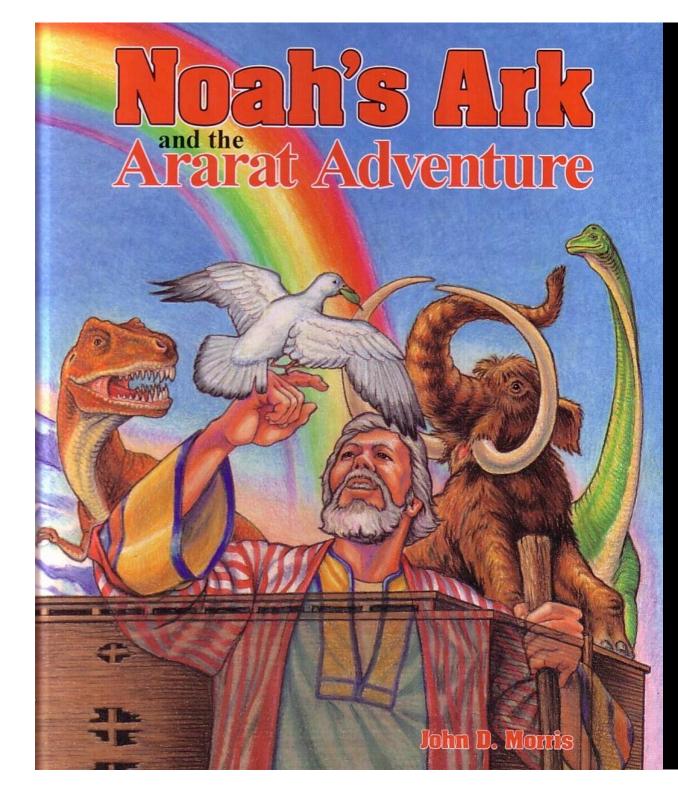


"First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, 'Where is this "coming" he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

2 Peter 3:3-4 (NIV)

Scoffers Believe in Uniformitarianism

"But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men." 2 Peter 3:5-7 (NIV) Scoffers Doubt the Flood



Why Not Dinosaurs on Noah's Ark?

Dinosaurs Lived Recently

 Behemoth--giant vegetarian (Job 40:15-24)



- Leviathan--ferocious meat eater (Job 41)
- British King Morvidus was killed by a monster by being "gulped down... as a big fish swallows a little one" (336 BC)
- A monster was killed in 1693 in Bedd-yr-Afanc, England
- Monsters have been reported in nearly 200 places in England alone

Beowulf & the Creatures of Denmark

- Danish poem extols Beowulf (AD 495-583)--later king for 50 years
- The monster Grendel ("grinder, destroyer") preyed on Danes 12 years (AD 503-515)
- This hero cleared monstrous animals from the sea lanes between Denmark and Sweden
- He then pulled out Grendel's small arm, who retreated to his cave and bled to death

Japanese Fisherman's Dead Monster (*The Times* 21 July 1977)

- Two tons & ten meters long
- Caught at 330 meters deep ocean near Christchurch
- Plesiosaurus: huge, small-headed reptiles with long neck and four fins
- Photographed and sketched by marine biologist Michihiko Yano
- Captain threw it back into sea for fear of contaminating his fish.
- Soon after BBC reported it to be a shark (30 July 1977)!



Is This a Shark?!

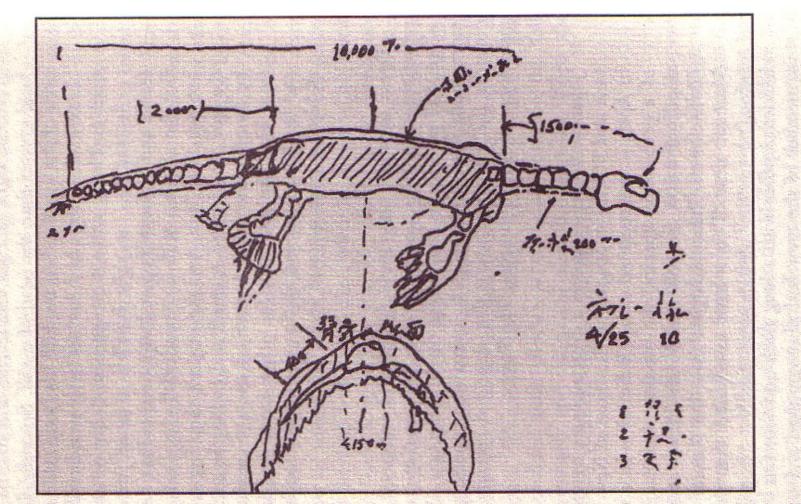


Figure 10.1 The drawing and measurements made by Michihiko Yano of the creature's skeleton that was dredged up off the New Zealand coast in 1977, and which the BBC and British Museum of Natural History would assure us was the body of a dead shark.

Bill Cooper, After the Flood, 140

Mt. Ararat

A view from space of snow-covered Mt. **Ararat and Little** Ararat--inactive volcanoes located in eastern Turkey. **Mount Ararat rises** over 3 miles above sea level. This mountain is the traditional resting place of Noah's ark.

NASA Photo



Worship & the Rainbow

To see "Noah" or not to see?

Key Verse

"Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your home or welcome him. Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work" (2 John 9-11).



How do Christians aid heresy?



- Encouraging itinerate heretics
- Giving money to cults (radio, TV, etc.)
- Buying heretical books
- Attending movies that violate Scripture
- Accepting literature from false evangelists

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared" (21:1а NLT).

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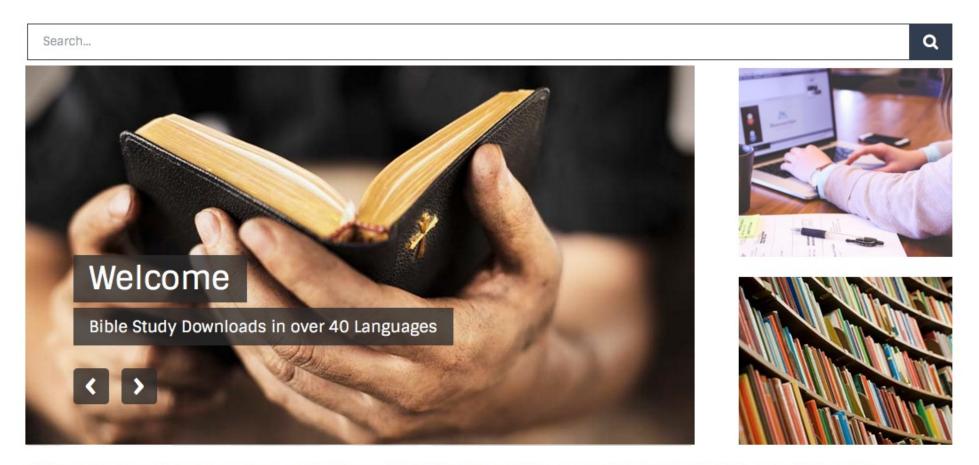
<u>Genesis 1–3</u>

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (1:1) Revelation 20–22 "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth" (21:1)

"Yes! I am coming soon!" Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen" (22:20-21 NIV).

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