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I. THE BELIEVABILITY OF THE GENESIS FLOOD FROM A SCRIPTURAL VIEWPOINT

A. New Testament testimony concerning the Flood

Matt 24:37-39

(Many today believe we will work things out. If you tell them that God is going to judge with Tribulation and that Jesus is coming back, they think you're as crazy as someone who takes the Noahic Flood as fact.)

Lk 17:24-27; Heb 11:7 (note vs 1-3,6); 2 Pet 3:5-6

(How many believe God is going to ultimately destroy this present heaven and earth by fire? About as many as believe that the Naohic flood is real 2 Pet 3:7).

B. Present day geological processes, with the present land masses, mountains, and oceans etc, could not produce a worldwide, mountain-covering flood!

There is no "known" force or combination of forces in the earth's crust sufficiently powerful to elevate all the oceans' floors and to submerge all the continents and then reverse the process within one year! This fact in no way makes the Genesis Flood a myth!

1. God did not use natural processes to accomplish the Genesis Flood. The Scripture presents the Flood as a unique, once-for-all, never-to-be-repeated event in earth's history. The only event comparable in magnitude and significance to the Genesis Flood will be the Final Judgment of the world.
Gen 8:20-22; 9:1-17; Matt 24:37-39; 2 Pet 3:5-7

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2. In essence, they who disbelieve the Flood, as recorded in Genesis, forget that the God of the Bible is the Almighty of Creation, miracles and judgment. We are not dealing with belief. We are dealing with a personal God.
Matt 22:29
3. I wonder why a person would have trouble believing The Genesis Flood and then have no trouble believing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ for belief in our Lord's resurrection is necessary for deliverance.
Rom 10:9; 1 Cor 15:1-10

II. THE ACCOUNT OF THE FLOOD ITSELF AS RECORDED IN GENESIS TEXT

Gen 6:5-8:22

A. The Conditions Preceding the Flood and Thereby Making The Flood Necessary

1. God had created man in unconfirmed righteousness, and had run man through a test of obedience. Man chose to disobey God and therefore became a Fallen Race, totally prone to evil (possessing a sin nature) Rom 5:12-21 & 7:14-25. Adam "knew" Eve and the human race began, Gen 4:1. We have the development of the human race recorded, Gen 4:16-5:33
 - a. There were some godly descendants such as Enoch and some of the descendants of Seth.
 - b. Not all who were born are recorded. Only those which God chose to use to unfold His plan of redemption. (Cain married his sister).
 - c. The moral and spiritual conditions in the antediluvian world deteriorated with the passing years.
 - d. We have the extent to which this deterioration

progressed with Gen 6: 1,2,4

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i. "Sons of God" (bene elohim) has reference to angels. Only those creatures that were created and not born, are referred to as "sons of God".

- ◆ Adam – Luke 3:38 as a direct creation of God
- ◆ Angels – Ps 148:2,5; Ps 104:4; Heb 1:6-7; Col 1:16 are a direct creation of Christ
Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7 they are referred to as sons of God.

NOTE:

- ◆ BELIEVERS are referred to as "sons of God" in the New Testament because they are the result of a direct creation of God. (Died and been raised again as a new creation)
- ◆ The Septuagint renders the phrase "sons of God" as angels of God. This was the Old Testament version used and quoted by our Lord and His Apostles.
 - ii. The action taken by these angels (fallen) was that of possessing human males and cohabitating with women. Possibly even the women were controlled by evil spirits. These particular satanic angels therefore, compounded their original sin in following Satan in his rebellion against God by now leaving the bounds that God had established for their kind as angels and they "went after strange flesh". These angels have been confined where they are "to be reserved for judgment".
Jude 6-7; 2 Pet 2:4
 - iii. Giants were born of these relationships. Gen 6:4
Paleontologists (those who study fossilized remains of creatures) occasionally find giant human footprints, indicating that there were giants in the earth in those days.

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Also, we find numerous other ancient books, which speak of giants inhabiting the earth. Although the myths built

up around these giants are obviously false, the fact that giants existed is beyond dispute.

- B. God Determines to Judge Mankind * Gen 6:3
 - 1. God's Spirit (the Holy Spirit) will only strive with this antediluvian race until Noah builds the Ark. 2 Pet2:4-5
 - a. The Lord emphasizes that man was flesh.
The ministry of God's Spirit from the time of the Fall until the present time has been one of "convicting the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." Jn 16:8-11
 - b. The spiritual character of the antediluvian world degenerated to such an extent that man had become hopelessly corrupt. Men were ignoring the witness of God's Spirit to them. There was no purpose to be served any longer in maintaining his physical life and continued multiplication.
 - 2. God looked out over men and they were totally given over to the sins of the flesh Gen 6:13; therefore "all flesh died", including both man and animals Gen 7:21-22.
 - a. The works of the flesh Gal 5:19-21 are different than the works of the devil 1 Jn 3:8. The works of the devil are directed against God. The works of the flesh are directed against God and man, himself. 1 Cor 6:15-20
MAN WILL ANSWER FOR HIS SIN, NOT THE DEVIL!
 - b. The natural, carnal, fleshly nature hates God Rom 8:5.

2. God was longsuffering. Though all had rejected Him, He still granted 120 years to mankind to “come to repentance” 1 Pet 3:18-20; as Noah built the ark 2 Pet 3:9.

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CONCLUSION: One hundred and twenty years before the Flood came, God revealed to Noah His purpose to destroy the earth by water and instructed him to build an ark that would be the instrument for saving not only his family, but also the seed of all air-breathing creatures in the world. Heb 11:7; Gen 6:13 – 7:10

C. The Design Of The Ark * Gen 6:13-17

1. The God-revealed dimensions recorded in Genesis constitutes
 - a tremendous “proof” for the divine inspiration of the book of Genesis. If Moses had simply invented the story, he would never have come up with such a perfect structure, so suited for the purposes stated. Gen 6:20 (all air-breathing animals)
 - a. Peter Jansen of Holland, along with the Danish government, modeled and built barges after the design of the Ark in Genesis. The models proved that the Ark had a greater capacity than present day vessels. They also found them to be very seaworthy and almost impossible to capsize.
 - b. Dr. Henry Morris of the Creation Research Society, did a study on the stability of the Ark and concluded that it would have to be turned completely vertical before it could be tipped over.
 - c. In the same study, Dr. Morris found that the great length (six

times it's width Gen 6:15) would tend to keep it from being subjected to wave forces of equal magnitude.

- d. These, along with other findings, show that the Ark , as designed, was highly stable, and very suited for its purpose of riding out the storms of the year of the Great Flood.

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2. As a flat-bottomed barge, not designed to move through the water, but simply to float, it had one-third more carrying capacity than a ship with sloping sides of similar dimensions.
 - a. The available floor space of the 3 decks (Gen 6:16) was over 95,000 square feet, and its total volume was 1,396,000cubic feet.
 - b. The capacity of the Ark was equivalent to 520 modern railroad stock cars. It would have been sufficient in size to carry 2 of every species of air-breathing animals in the world today on only $\frac{1}{2}$ of its available deck space.
 - c. The remainder would have been for Noah and his family along with the 5 additional pairs of each of the comparatively few clean animals that would be used for sacrifice, and food for any that needed it. Gen 6:21, 7:2, 8:20
- D. The Gathering of The Animals * Gen 6:7,17,19-21; 7:2-3,13-15,etc.

1. Noah was to save all of the air-breathing animals of the world.
2. God supernaturally gathered the animals for Noah and God was the One who led them to the Ark. Gen 6:20
3. The weather was completely different before the Flood. Geologists know that “at some time in the past” the whole world had a tropical type weather. There have been over 3 dozen different explanations attempted to answer this problem, none being sufficient for all.

Note: The Bible explains why this would be so with the vapor canopy that was established by God on the 2nd day of Creation. Geologists have found thousands of square miles of frozen animals that were fossilized in ice in Siberia. There is every imaginable type of animal found in these fossil beds, indicating an even distribution of animals before the Flood.

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Consequently, God would have gathered the animals (all kinds) from the vicinity where Noah built the Ark. They would not have needed to migrate over thousands of miles.

4. The climatic change that occurred at the Flood would have been too much for some of the animals to adjust to, so that after the Flood, they would have become extinct.
5. Gen 8:1 says that God “remembered” Noah and all the animals. When the Old Testament says that “God remembered” it combines the ideas of faithful love Jer 31:20, and timely intervention: God’s remembering always implies His movement towards the object of His memory. Gen 19:29; Ex 2:24,25

God supernaturally cared for those upon the Ark; whether by a yearlong hibernation or what, God cared for them!

E. The Uplift Of Oceanic Waters * Gen 7:11

1. ALL the fountains of the great deep were broken up!
ALL on the Same Day! This was a unique day in world history!
On that day God completely upset the delicate balance of the primeval continents and oceans and initiated a catastrophe so gigantic that the “world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished”. 2 Pet 3:6
2. This uplift of the ocean basins with a corresponding sinking of the
Continents continued for 40 days until the waters of the flood attained its maximum, mountain-covering depth (7:20); and this depth was maintained for another 110 days (7:24) until the waters had destroyed every living thing on the continents.
Gen 7:17-24

F. The Release Of Waters From Above * Gen 7:11

1. This can refer to nothing less than the collapse of the vapor Canopy that existed before the flood, because it required 6 weeks for this water to pour down upon the earth.

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2. By Contrast, if all the water vapor and clouds in the present atmosphere were precipitated to earth, the rain would only last a few hours and would produce an average depth of less than 2 inches.
3. Peter tells us that the world before the flood, because of this canopy, was very different from the world which now is.
2 Pet 3:7
4. Noah heard what God said. He had never seen rain Rom 4:17-25.
However, he believed God and acted upon it Heb 11:7

Gen 2:5-6. He was delivered (saved).

5. God caused the water above the firmament to fall to the earth in a never-to-be-repeated, Universal Rain! This was the first time that these waters had been on the earth since the Second Day of Creation.

G. The Waters Receded With The Formation Of Our Present Ocean Basins

*Gen 8: 2-3

1. Since the breaking up of the fountains of the deep involved the uplift of ocean floors, the stopping of these “fountains” must refer to a reversal of this action (much deeper reservoirs would be needed for both waters). Gen 1:7
2. The continents would emerge from the oceans again, similar to that which happened on the 3rd Day of Creation.
3. Ps 104:6-9 Not only were new and deeper ocean basins formed, but also “the mountains rose”. This passage tells us that God supernaturally pushed up great mountains to balance the new depths in the ocean basins. Mountains are not built by accumulation of changes, but rather appeared by a stupendous work of God. Much of the sedimentary strata which we find would simply be a result of the complex of currents during the FLOOD year.

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NOTE: The Flood was Universal in nature, not localized – Gen 7:19-20 (15 cubits or about 22 feet would have been the drought of Noah’s Ark, ie that part of the Ark which was submerged). 2 Pet 2:5 Lk 17:27...etc.

H. The Duration Of The Flood

1. There were 40 days during which the rain fell.

Gen 7:12, 17

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- 2. Throughout another 110 days the waters continued, Making 150 days for their prevailing, in all. (7:24)

NOTE: One hundred and fifty days after the Flood began, the waters started to subside and the Ark grounded on the very same day that the waters began to decrease – Gen 7:11; 8:1-4 (5 months with 30 days per month – lunar calendar = 150 days).

- 3. The waters occupied 74 days in their “going and decreasing”. This was from the 17th day of the 7th month, to the 1st day of the 10th month (8:5). There being 30 days to a month, the figures in days are 13 + 30 + 30 + 1. 74
- 4. Forty days elapsed before Noah sent out the raven. 40
- 5. Seven days elapsed before Noah sent out the dove for the first time (8:8). This period is necessary for reaching the total and is given by implication from the phrase “other seven days” (8:10).

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- 6. Seven days passed before sending out the dove for the second time (8:10).

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- 7. Seven days more passed before the 3rd sending of the dove.

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- 8. Up to this point, 285 days are accounted for, but the next episode is dated the 1st of the first month in the 601st year. From the date in 7:11 to this point in 8:13 is a period of 314 days; therefore an interval of 29 days elapses. 29
- 9. From the removal of the covering of the Ark to the very end of the experience, was a further 57 days (8:14)

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- 10. Apparently Noah waited for God to tell him to leave the Ark

TOTAL

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III. An Important Fact Can Be Seen From A Study Of The Genesis Flood

- A. Although the Flood was supernatural and thereby a miraculous display of God's power, it is important to note that not every aspect of the Flood was miraculous. For example, God did not create an Ark for Noah. In harmony with the entire pattern of Scripture material substances, natural processes, and human talents already available were used and directed by God for the accomplishment of His special purposes. Since Noah had the ability to construct an Ark, given adequate instructions and time, God refused to make one for him.
- B. In the same way, the Lord Jesus Christ refused to employ the power of God to remove the huge stone from the entrance to Lazarus' tomb or even to loosen the grave clothes from his body. Those who stood by were perfectly able to accomplish such tasks. BUT the one thing that they were absolutely unable to do, JESUS DID, when He commanded Lazarus to come forth from the tomb.
- C. This is the biblical pattern all the way through the Bible. God does
Not do miraculously what men or natural processes can do through His providential direction.
- D. Applying this principle to the Flood itself, we find that apart from
the specific miracles mentioned in the account, the Flood accomplished its work of destruction by purely natural processes that are capable of being studied to a certain extent today in hydraulic laboratories and in local flood situations, along with applying true "scientific" principles that can be applied. With this in mind, we will now "list" several of the many scientific discoveries or explanations, which are found to substantiate the Genesis Flood.

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IV. Geological Evidences That Substantiate the Noahic Flood

A. The Destructive Power Of Moving Water

Local floods and tidal waves have been known to annihilate the areas hit by them. Death and destruction from these forces are ranked with the worst the world has known. Whole islands have been covered with the families and villages instantly wiped out by the wall of water. One tidal wave that swept the Bay of Bengal in India is estimated to have killed over a million people.

Modern river floods have been known to carry boulders weighing hundreds of tons, for great distances in a matter of hours and to cut deep gorges and sweep away entire forests.

If local floods can do this kind of destruction, what of the Noahic Flood, so gigantic that it rose above the highest mountains and swept over the entire earth for 22 weeks before it even began to subside.

B. The Stratagraphic Effects of the Flood

1. Henry M. Morris, who received his PH.D. from the University of Minnesota (1950), in hydrology and hydraulics, with minors in geology and mathematics, served 3 years as a hydrological engineer with the US government and has spent 29 years in university teaching and research. From 1957 to 1970 he was Professor of Hydraulic Engineering and chairman of the Dept of Civil Engineering at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

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2. Dr Morris has pointed out that according to the law of hydrodynamic selectivity, a flood of the magnitude described in Genesis, with its unbelievably vast complex of sediment-saturated currents, would of necessity, produce horizontal, superimposed layers of materials, selected by the moving waters according to their specific gravity and sphericity.

As each current of water slowed down and deposited its load, another current would come from perhaps a different direction, carrying somewhat different types of materials, depositing them on top of the first layer without disturbing it. Thus, as various currents moved across the earth during the months of the Flood, a great series of sedimentary strata would be formed in various parts of the earth; in some cases, to depths of many thousands of feet.

3. The Grand Canyon is a prime example of just such sedimentary strata.

Dr. Clifford Burdick, a geologist who has devoted a number of years to the study of the Grand Canyon formations, explains some of the insurmountable problems that confront the standard uniformitarian interpretation of these rocks:

Below the Mississippian in most places, the Devonian is not present and no where does the Silurian or the Ordovician appear, which means that the Red wall formation which is Lower Mississippian, actually rests upon the Cambrian Muav limestone, a time gap of over 50,000,000 years. Surely in this immense space of time we would expect to find effects of very extensive erosion, perhaps warping and folding with angular discordance, but what do we actually find? The appearance of a perfectly conformable series

of beds, laid down in fairly quick succession. Surely there is cause for astonishment!!!

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C. The Formation Of Fossil Beds

1. Not only do sedimentary deposits demand the dynamics of a gigantic flood for adequate explanation, but so also do the fossils of billions of plants and animals that are found within them; for large-scale fossilization is not occurring anywhere in the world today. When animals die they do not become fossils. Instead, they either decompose or are picked to pieces by scavengers.
2. In contrast to this lack of fossilization going on in the world today, consider the almost unbelievable amount of fossilization that has occurred in the past. It has been estimated that more than 100,000 different species of fossils have already been found. Some rocks are composed almost entirely of the remains of marine animals. Nothing could be more obvious than the fact that billions of crustaceans, fishes, land animals, and plants, many of them almost perfectly preserved in huge sedimentary deposits, could not have been buried by processes observable in the world today.
3. A startling illustration of the fact that a great catastrophe once struck this planet may be found in the four or five million mammoths and other large animals which were destroyed in the north polar regions, many of them frozen instantly and preserved whole and undamaged, and in some cases either standing or kneeling upright!

NOTE: Ivan T. Sanderson, a prominent field zoologist who spent many years studying these phenomena, had attempted at first to explain the mass destruction of Arctic mammoths in non-catastrophic terms. But a special study of the Beresovka Mammoth, which Russian scientists had transported from Siberia to the Leningrad Museum, caused his position to be “almost completely reversed”.

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“First the mammoth was upright, but it had a broken hip. Second, its exterior was whole and perfect, with none of its two-foot long shaggy fur rubbed or torn off. Third, it was fresh; its parts, although they started to rot when the heat of fire got at them, were just as they had been in life; the stomach contents had not begun to decompose. Finally, there were buttercups on its tongue.

4. Animals as large as mammoths would require several hundred pounds of food daily, just to survive; and there were many millions of them in this region where very little vegetation grows today. In order to freeze animals of this size in such a way that large crystals would not form within their body cells, temperatures of 150 degrees below zero would have to descend upon them instantly. Such conditions could very well have existed in various places within the higher latitudes at the early stages of the collapse of the antediluvian vapor canopy (Gen 7:11). One thing is certain – all uniformitarian interpretations have failed dismally.
5. Concerning our existing coal deposits: In the volume titled, “Why Not Creation?”, you will find a remarkable photograph of a large tree trunk turned into coal, penetrating vertically through several layers of

sedimentary strata. Surely this constitutes the final blow to the uniformist theory of coal formation, for no tree could have remained in an upright position for thousands of years while sediments built up around it.

6. Another remarkable discovery is the perfectly preserved tracks of many kinds of animals, including dinosaurs. Among these dinosaur tracks have been found the footprints of human beings of great stature.

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D. Catastrophic Phenomena In Geology

1. Huge mountain ranges give every evidence of sudden and comparatively recent up thrust; and yet, in the words of Dr. A.J. Eardley, "the cause of the deformation of the earth's outer layers and the consequent building of mountains still effectively evades an explanation.
2. The presence of enormous masses of igneous (volcanic) rock all over the world is another problem for uniformitarianism. Often they are found intruding into previously deposited sedimentary rocks or on the surface covering vast areas of earlier deposits.

CONCLUSION CONCERNING THE GENESIS FLOOD

The universal Flood explains far better than any man-made explanation,

the features of the earth's crust that we find today. Why doesn't the larger part of the scientific world accept these conclusions?

The Apostle Peter tells us: 2 Peter 3:5

"They willingly are ignorant of (AV)

"They deliberately ignore (RSV)

"They willfully shut their eyes to the fact that" (TCNT)

As Christians who believe that the Word of God speaks to us with final authority, not only in the realm of the spiritual, but also in the realm of the historical and the scientific, it is our infinite privilege, by the grace of God in Christ, to test all things by this infallible revelation of truth. Only then may we expect to be delivered from the terrible bondage of error into the realm of light that is the exclusive domain of the God of Creation and Revelation.