

It is one of the events which seems to be familiar to the most distant nations—in Australia, in India, in China, in Scandinavia, and in the various parts of America. It is true that many look upon the story as it is repeated in these distant regions, as either referring to local floods, or as the result of contact with civilized people, who have brought it from historic countries, and yet the similarity of the story is such as to make even this explanation unsatisfactory.” Stephen D. Peet, “*The Story of the Deluge*,” *American Antiquarian*, Vol. 27, No. 4, July-August 1905, p. 203. (Verified - Charles).

The existence of Flood Legends is not only an external verification of the Genesis story of Noah and the Flood, but adds authenticity to the other early chapter of Genesis as well.

Conclusion:

The Devil’s strategy has been to surround this subject with fraudulent discoveries that obscure the real archeology. We recommend extreme caution.

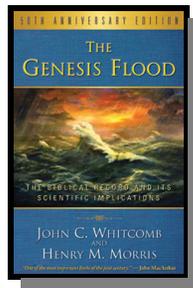
Application to us: 1 Peter 3:20 - “. . . to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ . . .”

Baptism must not be marginalized because Peter plainly says, “It saves you ...” Of course, Noah was already a man of great faith.

Further reading:

Those who prefer books may find *The Genesis Flood* by Whitcomb and Morris to be very useful. It is available from *Amazon*.

Information at the *Answers in Genesis* website is conservative and reliable.



GENESIS CHAPTER 7

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This is tablet 4 and ends in 10:1
- Signed by Noah’s Sons

Space does not allow us to provide extensive external information for this chapter, but it is available. We have used some material from Ed Werner’s course on the Flood from NCBible.info. The entire 15-lesson course is free and available for simply registering. We will provide some excerpts here.

(1) The LORD then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. (2) Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, (3) and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth.

- God may have spoken in a dream. There were no other prophets available.
- God had somewhere described a *clean animal*. Noah knew what they were, but the text does not say. There were revelations from God that were not recorded for posterity. We do not need them.

(4) Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.”

- God is quoted just once in this chapter. His comments are severe.
- Even the seven days allowed more time for other people to change their minds. Some of this time could have been used settling the animals and making last-minute arrangements for them.

(5) And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.

Scandinavia, Sumatra, Peru, and Polynesia) all have their own versions of a giant flood.

These flood tales are frequently linked by common elements that parallel the Biblical account including the warning of the coming flood, the construction of a boat in advance, the storage of animals, the inclusion of family, and the release of birds to determine if the water level had subsided. The overwhelming consistency among flood legends found in distant parts of the globe indicates they were derived from the same origin (the Bible's record), but oral transcription has changed the details through time.

Perhaps the second most important historical account of a global flood can be found in a Babylonian flood story in the Epic of Gilgamesh. When the Biblical and Babylonian accounts are compared, a number of outstanding similarities are found that leave no doubt these stories are rooted in the same event or oral tradition.

BABYLONIAN	GENESIS
Take the seed of all creatures aboard the ship	Gen. 6:19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.
I boarded the ship and closed the door.	Gen. 7:1 Go into the ark . . . Gen. 7:16 Then the Lord shut him in.
I sent out a dove . . . The dove went, then came back, no resting-place appeared for it, so it returned.	Gen. 8:8 He sent out a dove. . . But the dove found nowhere to perch . . . and it returned.
Then I sent out a raven . . .it was the waters receding, it ate, it flew about to and fro, it did not return.	Gen. 8:7 . . . sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth.

(10) And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth. (11) In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month - on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. (12) And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

- It may have never rained before.
- Probably the main volume of water came from "the springs of the great deep," supplemented by the rain fall. Rain can deliver a large volume of water by itself.
- When we think of the volume of water and where it came from, we think of the earth as it is today. The ocean depth may have been much different and the mountain heights were not the same as today. The crust of the earth underwent tremendous change during the time of the flood.

(13) On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. (14) They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings.

- Both wild animals and domestic livestock.

(15) Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. (16) The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

- God put an instinctive desire in the creatures to come to the ark and suppressed their natural sex instincts and their appetites for smaller creatures that were nearby. On the other hand, they may have been individually caged.

- This is a powerful lesson for us. It was faith in God that motivated Noah to obey God and be saved. It is that same kind of faith that will enable us to be saved, too.
- God’s commands seemed so unreasonable. This is why others of Noah’s time were lost.

(6) Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. (7) And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood.

- We are all related through this family.

(8) Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, (9) male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah.

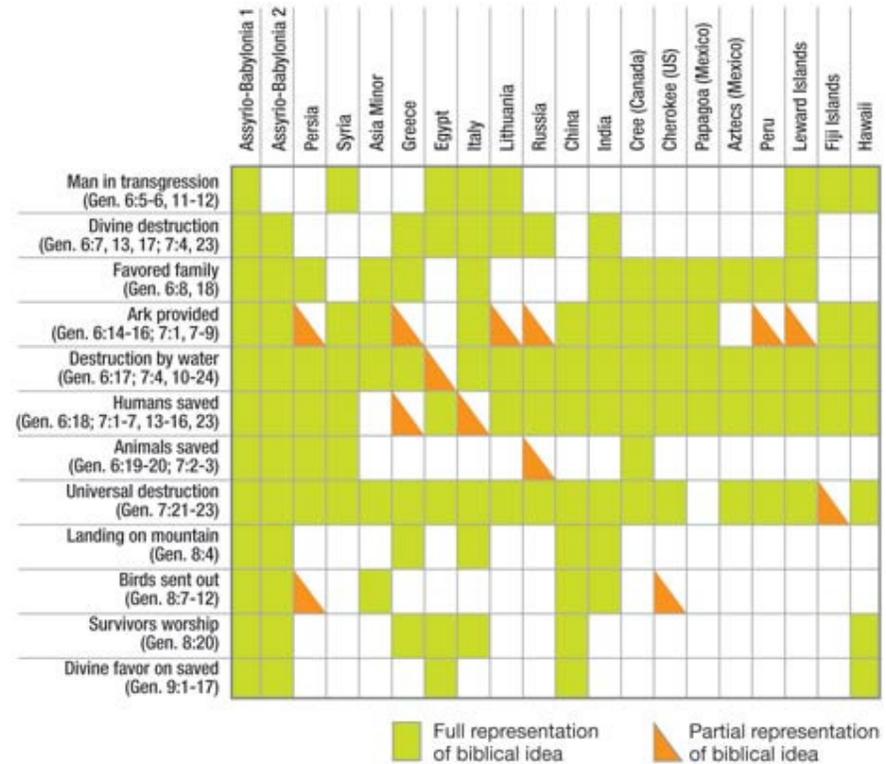
Ed Werner writes that there are 3,500 mammals, 8,600 birds and 5,500 reptiles and amphibians. (See his course to see how he arrived at these numbers.)



Since every known “species” of living animals, birds, reptiles and amphibians can be housed in the equivalent space of 150 double-deck railroad stock cars, then the capacity of another 100 railroad stock cars would be more than adequate to carry the few dinosaurs and prehistoric animals that once roamed the earth. So, we would need an ark with at least the capacity of 250 double-deck railroad stock cars to house all the existing and prehistoric air-breathing creatures.

The 1,515,750 cubic feet capacity of the ark is the equivalent capacity of not 250 railroad stock cars, but of 522 railroad stock cars! All the animals would fill the ark less than half full!

I made a libation on the peak of the mountain.	Gen. 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord (on the mountain) . . . and sacrificed burnt offerings.
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“... there are many descriptions of the remarkable event [the Genesis Flood]. Some of these have come from Greek historians, some from the Babylonian records; others from the cuneiform tablets, and still others from the mythology and traditions of different nations, so that we may say that no event has occurred either in ancient or modern times about which there is better evidence or more numerous records, than this very one which is so beautifully but briefly described in the sacred Scriptures.

- There is no indication that the seas, that we know today, were seas then, making a barrier for the animals.
- Noah did not lock out anyone.

(17) For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. (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 fifteen cubits.

- 15 cubits times 18 inches equal 22.5 feet.
- If the flood had been local, why would God have instructed Noah to build the ark? It would have been far simpler to tell him to move to higher ground. Compare Lot in Sodom.

Werner writes, “Imagine, if you can, the enormous earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, etc., that must have happened as the layers of sedimentary rocks formed by the flood waters were uplifted, forming massive high mountain ranges. Just one earthquake in Anchorage, Alaska in 1963 created a tsunami hundreds of miles south destroying (part of) the city of Crescent City, California! Also the more recent tsunami in Indonesia created massive destructive tidal waves throughout that part of the globe. The turbulence of the water must have been unbelievable in Noah’s day, when enormous quantities of water began rushing into the newly formed depressions as the mountains were being thrust skyward and the valleys were dropping dramatically!

“There would clearly be sufficient forces for that water to gouge out every canyon and river valley in the entire world, including our own Grand Canyon, the Niagara Gorge, the Snake River Canyon, the Columbia River Gorge, the Royal Gorge, and every river canyon in the



Skywalk at the Grand Canyon

world! Also the mountains that ‘rose’ would create much higher ranges than existed before the flood.”(21) **Every living thing that moved on land perished - birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. (22) Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. (23) Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. (24) The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.**

Native global flood stories are documented as history or legend in almost every region on earth. Old world missionaries reported their amazement at finding remote tribes already possessing legends with tremendous similarities to the Bible’s accounts of the worldwide flood. H.S. Bellamy in *Moons, Myths and Men* estimates that altogether there are over **500 Flood legends worldwide**. Ancient civilizations such as (China, Babylonia, Wales, Russia, India, America, Hawaii,