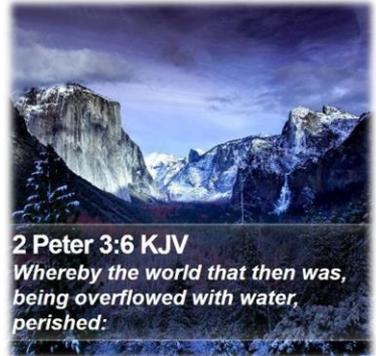


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The Universal Flood and its Implications Today

As Christians, we believe in not just supernatural Creationism but also Catastrophism which is equally important. Anthropologists have found ancient flood legends from all over the world. The ancient Babylonians, Australian Aboriginals, Aztecs, Romans, Greeks, Chinese, Mayans, among others recorded flood stories. Their accounts have many similarities to the Genesis account,

including a Deity who destroyed many people and one family who survived the flood in a boat. The Universal Flood of Noah is central to the understanding of the geology and topography of the earth today and it is a judgement of God that covers the whole surface of the earth upon a depraved and fallen world. Here are some relevant facts of this historic event below.



1. Holy Indignation of God in the Depraved Era of Noah (Genesis 6:5-7).

- The world is in fact sinking deeper and deeper into iniquity as the years go by, as evinced by the increase of sin, natural disasters the depravity of man and evil, prevalent around us today.
- The inherent wickedness of Noah's generation, manifested in their persistent sinfulness, was what led to God's wrath and judgment with the devastating great flood. We too must constantly recognize that we live in a corrupt and utterly depraved generation (Jeremiah 17:9). Luke 17:26 tells us, "*And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.*"
- Romans 3:9-18 describes the situation during the time of the apostle Paul, where immorality, deceitfulness, violence and godlessness abounded. Our generation today is not too different from then, as we witness increased in homosexuality, abortion, divorce, transgenderism, euthanasia, selfishness, and other such social and ethical phenomena that are becoming increasingly pervasive in our postmodern society. (Interesting note: Our first set of parents, Adam and Eve, fell by eating; our second set of parents, Noah fell by drinking as he was drunk. (See Gen 9:21-24)

2. Noah Believed and Obeyed God’s Command Before the Devastating Flood (Genesis 6:22, 7:9).

- The Chinese character for *boat* accurately depicts the situation of Noah and his family of 8 during the great flood. (1Pet 3:20)
- Noah was the only man who found grace in the sight of God (Genesis 6:8) and was therefore spared from the flood, eventually living until the ripe old age of 950 years. (People who existed before the flood had much longer lifespans due, in part, to the water canopy surrounding the earth (Genesis 1:6-8) that



protected its inhabitants from harmful radiation. This same canopy was one of the sources of the floodwater, which also came also from *the fountains of the great deep* over all the earth under heaven (Genesis 7:11).

- The flood explains, among others, two things to us:
 - the presence of fossil records of marine life forms found atop mountains, and
 - the formation of geologic wonders like the Grand Canyon caused by powerful hydrodynamic forces of a colossal proportion.

EVIDENCES FOR A GLOBAL FLOOD

GRAND CANYON

#1: Layers made in rapid succession
We find an entire series of sedimentary layers—nearly a mile deep at Grand Canyon—that together folded without fracturing. This is possible only if a flood laid down all these layers in rapid succession and then the layers were folded quickly, while still soft and pliable, not over millions of years.

Example | Sedimentary rock layers at Grand Canyon are folded but not fractured. This indicates that the layers were laid down in rapid succession and then folded quickly, while still soft and pliable.

#2: Sea animals far above sea level
How did sea creatures get inside rock layers thousands of feet above sea level? These marine fossils, found on every continent, are a silent testimony to the ocean waters that once flooded over all the continents in a worldwide cataclysm, carrying sea creatures with them.

Example | Fossils of shells and other sea animals are found in Grand Canyon walls, over 6,000 feet above sea level.

#3: Sand carried across the continent
Geologists have traced some of the sand and limestone at Grand Canyon to rocky sources many hundreds of miles away (as far away as the Appalachian Mountains). No river could strip away sand and carry it across an entire continent—only a worldwide flood.

Example | Sand grains in the Grand Canyon were traced back to the Piedmont Plateau north of the Allegheny Mountains, over 600 miles away.

#4: Layers over entire continents
Many of the rock layers at Grand Canyon can be traced over vast regions of North America and into Europe and the Middle East. Only a worldwide flood could reasonably carry sediments from one end of a continent to the other.

Example | The Rockwell Limestone is part of a continuous layer that crosses the United States. Its thickness and continuity further seal the flood.

#5: No slow and gradual erosion
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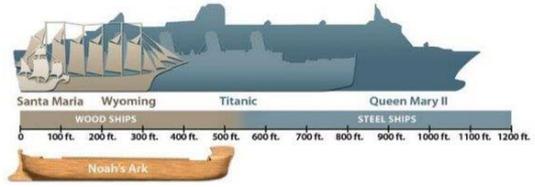
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- To build an ark on dry land, and to preach for 120 years about water falling from the heavens, would have been considered a mockery in the days of Noah.

- i. **On the Ark:**
Modern naval engineers have determined (from the biblical account of the dimensions of Noah's ark) that the ark would have

Size of Noah's Ark

The Ark was taller than a 3-story building and had a deck area the size of 36 lawn tennis courts. Its length was 300 cubits (450 feet, or 135 meters); its width was 50 cubits (75 feet, or 22.5 meters); it had three stories and its height was 30 cubits (45 feet, or 13.5 meters).



been of ideal proportions for a seagoing vessel. About the size of an aircraft carrier, the ark was able to carry pairs (for clean animals, sevens) of animals every kind on board, whether as mature animals or as young. Scientific evidence points to the conclusion that the ark was designed to carry its intended cargo.

- ii. **On Noah's preaching:** The people of Noah's generation had 120 years to respond to God's warning of impending judgment and call to repentance by Noah. *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance* (2 Peter 3:9). 2 Peter 3:5-7 reminds us also of the final destruction of the world that is to come, this time not of water, but fire. We must therefore pray for God to move in the hardened hearts of non-believers whenever something is preached or shared, peradventure some may be saved.

- It must be noted, from Gen 7:16, that it was the Lord Himself who closed the door of the ark (shutting in Noah's family of 8), preventing anyone else from entering in once the destruction began. Likewise, God will one day also shut the gates of Heaven from non-believers when the day of grace is over – only the Master has the right to grant anybody entrance into His kingdom.

3. Global Catastrophic Flood Destroyed Every Living Thing Except for Noah and His Family, (Genesis 7:17-19).

- Henry Morris and John Whitcomb, in their celebrated book, *The Genesis Flood*, (Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing 2012) cited 7 reasons/characteristics of the flood to prove why it was NOT a local or regional flood as propounded by some liberal scholars:
 - I. Depth of the flood: 15 cubits / 23 feet, draft covering all the mountains by this dimension
 - II. Duration: 150 days (water remained for 371 days on earth)

- III. Language used to describe the flood and its consequences: see Genesis 7:18-24 (destroyed all living things on the earth)
- IV. Size of the ark: 95,000 square feet of deck area, 1.3 million cubic feet of space
- V. The need for an ark to be built, as opposed to simply migrating out of Mesopotamia
- VI. Language and testimony of Peter in describing the flood: 2 Peter 2:5
- VII. If the Noah's flood had been local, God would have broken His covenant, and we would be making Him a liar as there are many localized floods today

The historical event of the global flood can be evidenced in the discovery of many fossil remains of marine animals at the top of many major mountain range in the world, including the Himalayas

4. God made a covenant with Noah, and the generations of his descendants (Gen 9:9-16).

- The Rainbow we see in the sky after the rain is a token of God's covenant, and a sign that it has and will continue to be kept that God will not destroy the world by a global flood again.



The second destruction of the earth will come by fire, for which we have to actively anticipate and prepare for by going forth to preach the gospel and present Christ. (2Pet 3:9-12)

Conclusion

In Genesis 7, we are presented with a cataclysmic disaster of global proportions. With the increasing frequency and severity of recent natural disasters like floods, pestilences hurricanes, earthquakes (19 major earthquakes in 2021), we know for certainty that this are the signs of the end times as predicted. Life on earth is temporal, but there is an eternal kingdom to which the doors will eventually be shut one day. Isaiah therefore pleads with us to seek the Lord Jesus in faith and repentance while he may yet be found (Isaiah 55:6) before it is too late one day.



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LORD'S DAY PROGRAMME FOR JUL-SEP 2022

JULY

- 3 Our Salvation & Eternal Hope (1 Pet 1:1-12)
- 10* Sojourning in the Fear of God (1 Pet 1:13-25)
- 17 Of Lively Stones & Royal Priesthood (1 Pet 2:1-10)
- 24 Of Pilgrims & Strangers (1 Pet 2:11-25)
- 31 Guide for The Believers Domestic Life (1 Pet 3:1-9)

AUGUST

- 7 Christian Apologetics in Practice (1 Pet 3:10-15)
- 14* Keeping a Good Conscience (1 Pet 3:16-22)
- 21 Godly Demeanour in Afflictions (1 Pet 4:1-8)
- 28 How to be Faithful Stewards of God (1 Pet 4:9-11)

SEPTEMBER

- 4 When We Suffer for Christ (1 Pet 4:12-19)
- 11* Models in Meek Service (1 Pet 5:1-7)
- 18 Sober and Vigilant Stand Against Evil (1 Pet 5:8-14)
- 25 Seeking Reconciliation with God (2 Cor 5:11-21)



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The Widows Ministry at Mercy Church, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar



Hello Pastor, the Widows Ministry is going well by the Grace of God. We bought for each widow 8 items - Rice, Oil, Salt, Ajono, Fish Box, Eggs, Noodle, Toothpaste. There were 35 widows who received these packs. Thank you so much to all for your gift. We are really glad we can share Gospel with them through you all.



From Sovereign Hope in Christ's Love to the Children & Sick at Gilead Balm Home, Yangon, Myanmar

Dear Dn Dr. Tan,

I am pleased to inform you that I have joyfully received the love gift from SHBPC that you sent through Western Union.

We praise God and thankful to the session and all saints in Sovereign Hope BPC in Singapore for your love and support with a great care. This will be so helpful to our family as we will use it for purchase of medicine and some other needs.

Thank you for your faithful service. God bless all for His glory!

Yours in Him,
Habakkuk Mang.



Tablets medicine for one month dose



Roasted fishes for meal



Frying pan



Rice cooker (7 liters)



Note books & blank paper (ream)



Bed, mattress and mosquito net

Memory Verse

1 Pet 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Bro Joseph Wee speaks this morning on “***Of Lively Stones and Royal Priesthood (1 Pet 2:1-10)***, the start of a new quarterly series on ***Godly Counsel for Pilgrims and Strangers (studies in 1Peter)***.
3. Pastor is preaching and administering the Lord’s Supper at Gospel Light BP Church this morning.
4. Rev Tan Eng Boo speaks next Sunday on “***Of Pilgrims and Strangers (1 Pet 2:11-25)***”. Rev Tan will also stand in for Pastor Jack during the period of the Cambodia Mission Trip for any pastoral assistance needed.
5. Sunday School classes continues after worship service:
 - Westminster Confession of Faith Class – Pastor
 - Studies in Deuteronomy – Dn Kwong Leen
6. Pray for the Mission Team to Cambodia (Jul 18 – 28) comprising Pastor, Angie, Amber and Esther as they minister to 3 churches and a Christian University in Phnom Penh, Sihanoukville and Kampot.
7. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a study on Church History in China on alternate Sundays. Join us for a time of profitable learning.
8. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church.
9. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class will next meet on **Fri 5 Aug 2022, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
10. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
11. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB Account 392-308-825-1**
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