

"Creation or Evolution?, Part 8"

- ↳ We saw last time the evidence of Noah's flood. Strong historical evidence; population statics agree; vast amounts of geological evidence and global patterns in layers and fossils. Something happened on this planet between 4 and 5 thousand years ago that we cannot explain by any current phenomena.
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1. The Ark and the Flood: Genesis 6:13-22.

- ✓ The Ark was of optimum design characteristics: 6 to 1 ratio of width to length making it incredibly stable. The dimensions of the ark became the basis for modern ship building. But not all ships, a battleship on these dimensions would be too slow, which made it a bad battleship but an excellent barge. Mockups of the ark have been constructed and tested, the ark would have been able to withstand waves as high as 200 feet without capsizing, could endure an 89% roll without rolling over. The ark had a tendency to orient parallel to a wave front thus not being caught with the ends on the top of waves and the middle unsupported.
- ✓ How could it have been big enough? Only land animals were aboard. They were there by kind and not by species, cats are a kind but a tiger is a species; dogs are a kind but a wolf is a species. There were anywhere from 20 to 40 species in a kind with 35,000 species in the world at 100 species per kind, gives us only 350 kinds that had to be on the Ark. How did they care for these animals that long? There were no windows in the ark, dark for year! Dark for a good length of time changes animal behavior. Hibernation limits animals' needs greatly. How did they know to come to the Ark? God brought them. Mount St. Helens eruption in 1980, they expected a tremendous decimation in the Elk herd on the mountain and surrounding area. They lost a lot of Elk in the aftermath, but not near what they thought they would have given the enormity of the event. 24 hours before the eruption, there was a mass exodus of Elk from off the mountain, how did they know?

2. The weird thing is that majority position in Christian academia is that evolution is true, the earth is ancient, there was no flood of Noah. What kind of issues are involved in saying this?

- 1) They are claiming that God is liar or best misinformed, Genesis 9:11. God promises to never do this again, so if this was only a local flood, then God had broken His promise thousands of times. The Bible predicts this modern amnesia, 2nd Peter 3:3-7. The flood was so different than anything that the world had seen before or since that it could be easily misjudged by current standards.
- 2) They are claiming the Bible doesn't say what it clearly does say. Every mountain was covered; every living thing killed; the text uses 30 some-odd universal terms to refer to the scope of this event. Thus, either it was universal, or the text is an outright lie, Genesis 7:1-24. More than a year of water and 150 days for the flood with water over the mountains equals thousands of feet of water. "Just the mountains they knew about were flooded." Okay, Mount Ararat, 16,800 feet above sea level, is where the Ark came to rest, Genesis 8:4. If this was even halfway up its slope, the base starts somewhere around 4,000 feet above sea level, that would mean that the earth was covered by thousands of feet of water. Most of earth is closer to sea level than the top of Ararat, the average height of dry land today is 1500 feet above sea level. There is also tons of evidence that sea level was much lower back then than it is now, great rivers often have cuts in the bed rock that extend out to the continental shelf demonstrating that water levels were quite a bit lower in the past.
- 3) They are claiming that they were better informed than Jesus or the New Testament writers. He condemned the world not just his general area, Hebrews 11:7 and 2nd Peter 2:5-10. The enormity of what is coming upon the world has a clear and precise prototype, the universal flood Jesus believed in and referred to the flood. Jesus ties His judgement of the world at His return to thoroughness of the flood event, Matthew 24:37-39.

Either Jesus was fooled about the past and what's coming in the future, or we are.
