

NOAH AND THE FLOOD (II)

Introduction

- 1) **Genesis 6-9** – historical account of **Noah and the Flood**
 - 2) Previous lesson looked at the evil world of Noah’s day and the faithful obedience of Noah in building an ark as commanded by God for salvation from the universal flood (6:17-18)
- I) **Biblical Arguments for a Universal, World-Wide Flood**
- A) **Depth of Flood** (Genesis 7:17-20)
 - 1) All mountains covered by at least 15 cubits (ca. 22 ft.) of water
 - B) **Duration of Flood** (7:24)
 - 1) Waters prevailed for five months; seven more months until they could disembark (slightly over one year in the ark [7:11; 8:13-16])
 - C) **Geology of Flood** (7:11-12)
 - 1) Fountains of the deep were broken up and rain continued for forty days and forty nights
 - 2) Catastrophic effects of destruction and geological changes on the earth
 - D) **Size of Ark** (6:15)
 - 1) 95,700 square feet – not designed for a small or short local flood
 - E) **Need of Ark** (7:7)
 - 1) Went into ark because of “the waters of the flood”; why not migrate to an unflooded safe area of the world if only a local flood?
 - F) **Testimony of Jesus and Peter** (Lk. 17:27; 2 Pet. 3:6)
 - 1) Jesus confirmed the death of all mankind (Gen. 6:7, 13, 17; 7:21-23)
 - 2) Peter compares the final judgment to creation and flood (vv. 5, 7 – all universal events)
 - G) **Purpose of Flood** (6:7, 13)
 - 1) Fulfilled 7:21-22; God promised never to do it again (9:11), yet local floods often happen
- II) **Destruction of the Flood** (Genesis 7:1-8:12)
- A) Final instructions (6:18-21–7:2-5); extra clean animals for sacrifices after flood (8:20)
 - B) Eight souls obey God’s command to be saved (7:7)
 - C) Catastrophic events to produce a worldwide flood (7:11-20)
 - 1) Earth itself underwent immense changes due to these events; these facts are ignored by modern science devoted to *naturalism* (matter is all that exists) and *uniformitarianism* (present conditions and processes is the key to understanding the past)
 - D) God’s will always comes true; too late for those who refuse to hear (7:21-23)
 - 1) No entrance once the door of salvation is shut (7:16; Matt. 25:10-12)
 - E) God always mindful of the faithful and cares for their needs (8:1; Heb. 13:5)
 - F) Floodwaters receded from the earth (8:2-13)
- III) **God’s Covenant** (Genesis 8:13-9:17)
- A) Noah, his family, and all the animals exit ark onto dry ground (8:13-19)
 - B) God promises not to destroy all living things again by a flood; command given to multiply, permission to eat meat, abstain from blood, and respect human life (8:20-9:7)
 - C) God gives the **rainbow** as a sign of His covenant not to destroy all flesh from the earth again by a flood (9:8-17)
 - 1) God will destroy the present heavens and earth by fire in the last day (2 Pet. 3:7-13)

Conclusion

The judgment of God is sure and final. In God we find safety from His wrathful punishment on the wicked. Only the righteous who find God’s grace in Christ will be saved today. Will you seek His ark of safety in a wicked world today?