

**GENESIS**

**Chapter SIX**

**THE DAYS OF NOAH**

**Genesis 6:1-4**

"Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful;

and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown."

### An Unusual Passage Of Scripture

- Chapter Six of Genesis begins with a cryptic, concise statement of the moral decay and corruption that had gradually filled the earth since the children of Adam and Eve began to populate the Pre-flood world.
- Chapter Six of Genesis is one of those odd portions of Scripture that is often avoided but is necessary to our overall Biblical understanding of the Pre-flood world.
- The proper interpretation for this section of Scripture is to attempt to understand it through the eyes of the biblical writers. What are they trying to communicate to us? What did the ancient Jewish people understand from Genesis 6?

### The Sons Of God

- Some people have proposed that the sons of God were those from the line of Seth, and the daughters of men were from the line of Cain, and this passage describes an ungodly union, with a godly union; something forbidden by God( Deut. 7:1-4; 2 Cor. 6:14)
- This idea leads to some unanswered questions: Why would this union make God so angry that He would destroy the whole world? Why did this union produce unnatural children? Why did non of the godly line believe Noah's message of repentance and the coming flood?

### Problems With The Sethite View:

- "Sons of God"-*b' nai ha elohim* ; this term is uniquely used of angels in the Old Testament . ( Job 1:6; Job 2:1; Job 38:7)
- The translators of the Septuagint translated every time "sons of god" as "angels"
- Why did the text not simply say sons of Seth?
- Seth was not God, nor was he a son of God (angel), he was a son of men, made in the image and in the likeness of his father Adam.
- "And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth."-Genesis 5:3

### The Daughters of Cain View

- These were "daughters born to men", not just Cain, as the text reads very clearly.
- This means that the Sethite view of the text is supported by something that is not there in the text which is the very essence of bad exegesis.
- "....When men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them....."-Genesis 6:1
- It is false to assume that all of Cain's descendants were ungodly. Is sin genetic, and only within certain people groups? NO!!!!

### Lines Of Separation

- National and racial lines did not come about until God's intervention in Genesis 11, as a result of man's disobedience to God's command to scatter and multiply upon the earth.
- Genesis 6:12, clearly indicates that "all flesh" had become corrupted.
- "So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for **all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.**" - **Genesis 6:12**
- There is no indication that the lines of Seth were kept separate from the corruption that had infiltrated the men of earth.

### The Unnatural Offspring

- Another logical flaw of the Sethite view does not allow for unnatural offspring.
- Procreation of parents of differing religious views does not produce an unnatural offspring.
- Monsters yes, but not "superhuman" or "giant".
- The passage indicates Noah was considered *tamiym*, a term used to describe without physical blemishes. (Genesis 6:9)
- The word for "perfect" in Genesis 6:9, "*tamiym*" means: "pure in stock"; "without blemish"; used 46 times of sacrificial animals for bodily perfection. It can also mean, "whole", "complete", or "sound".

### Angels And Sex

- One objection to the Genesis 6, interpretation is the assumption that angels cannot engage in sexual intercourse and Matthew 22:23-33, is used as a reference.
- "The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. Last of all the woman died also.

- Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her." Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. **For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.** But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching." - **Matthew 22:23-33**
- The text does not say that angels cannot have sexual intercourse. It simply says that they don't.
- The context of the discourse is the resurrection and procreation after the resurrection. Apparently there is no need for procreation or increasing the human population in the final renewed earth since everyone will have an immortal resurrection body.
- This passage in Matthew is not very helpful as a commentary for Genesis 6:1-4.

### The Book Of Enoch

- Although the Book of Enoch is not considered to be in the same league as the inspired Word of God it is quoted by both Peter and Jude and is considered to be a valid work of Jewish and ancient history. Ancient fragments of it were discovered in the Dead Sea Scrolls.
- "It happened after the sons of men had multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them, elegant and beautiful. And when the angels, the sons of heaven, beheld them, they became enamoured of them, saying to each other, Come, let us select for ourselves wives from the progeny of men, and let us beget children. Then they took wives, each choosing for himself; whom they began to approach, and with whom they cohabited; teaching them sorcery, incantations, and the dividing of roots and trees. And the women conceiving brought forth giants..."-Book of Enoch 7:1-2;10-11

- The Book of Enoch seems to suggest that not only did the fallen angels engage in sexual intercourse with human women but they also taught man evil "sorceries and incantations".
- "According to 1 Enoch 16, the angelic transmission of heavenly knowledge to earthly humans can also be understood as a contamination of distinct categories within God's orderly Creation. As inhabitants of heaven, the Watchers [Angels] were privy to all the secrets of heaven; their revelation of this knowledge to the inhabitants of the earth was categorically improper as well as morally destructive."-Reed

### Doctrines Of Demons

- "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy..."-1 Timothy 4:1-2
- "Moreover Azazel taught men to make swords, knives, shields, breastplates, the fabrication of mirrors, and the workmanship of bracelets and ornaments, the use of paint, the beautifying of the eyebrows, the use of stones of every valuable and select kind, and of all sorts of dyes. And the sons of men made them for themselves and for their daughters, and they transgressed and led astray the holy ones. And there was much godlessness upon the earth, and they made their ways desolate. Amazarak taught all the sorcerers, and dividers of roots: Armers taught the solution of sorcery; Barkayal taught the observers of the stars; Akibeel taught signs of the earth; Tamiel taught the signs of the sun. And Asaradel taught the motion of the moon. And they all began to reveal mysteries to their wives and to their children. And men, being destroyed, cried out; and their voice reached to heaven."-1 Enoch 8

### New Testament Understanding

- "For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly"-2 Peter 2:4-5
- Here in this passage the Days of Noah are linked to the falling of these, "the angels who sinned..." and the Flood which was brought upon the "ungodly" which would have included the line of Seth as well.

- "And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode. He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." **Jude 6, 7**
- The sin that caused the Flood was sexual in nature and is placed here by Jude in the same context of Sodom and Gomorrah.

### Sodom's Depravity

- "Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground...Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally." **Genesis 19:1,4-5**
- It is clear from the reading of this particular passage that Jude was equating the men of Sodom going after the strange flesh of the two angels with the Genesis six angels going after the daughters of men.

### Understanding Jude

- "Left"; "*apoleipo*": to leave behind, to forsake, to desert (compare 2 Tim 4:13,20)
- "Proper Domain"; "*oiketerion*": literally own habitation or spiritual body; used in 2 Cor 5:2 of the resurrected body of men
- "Strange"; "*eteros*": different in kind
- These angels, i.e. "sons of God" in Genesis 6:2, left behind for good their spiritual bodies; to lust after strange flesh; different than their own kind.

### The Result Of This Union Between Sons Of God And The Daughters Of Men

- "There were giants on the earth in those days..."--Gen 6:4
- "Giants": "*nephilim*": fallen ones; they were giants in size and ungodly in nature.
- Unnatural monsters of iniquity.
- "*Nephilim*" used only here and Numbers 13:33.
- The Septuagint uses "*gigantes*" which means "earth-born".

"But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the giants [nephilim] (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."--**Numbers 13:31-33**

### The Post-Flood Implications

- "Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown"-Genesis 6:4
- "...mighty men..." - "*Gibborim*" (Hebrew)
- "...men of renown..." - "*Shem*" - Literally: "men of a name"
- "...who were of old..." - "*Owlam*" - "of time long past"
- "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature."-**Numbers 13:32**

### Israel Refuses To Enter Canaan

So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."- **Numbers.14:1-4**

### Mighty Men Of Renown

- "Moreover, we have in these mighty men, the "men of renown," the explanation of the origin of the Greek mythology. That mythology was no mere *invention* of the human brain, but it grew out of the traditions, and memories, and legends of the doings of that mighty race of beings; and was gradually evolved out of the "heroes" of Genesis 6:4. The fact that they were supernatural in their origin formed an easy step to their being regarded as the demi-gods of the Greeks."--Bullinger, Companion Bible

Nephilim	Rephaim	Anakim	Emin	Zamzummin	Giants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 6:4</li> <li>• Num. 13:33</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 14:5</li> <li>• Deut. 2:10-11</li> <li>• Deut. 2:20</li> <li>• Deut. 3:11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Num. 13:33</li> <li>• Deut. 1:28</li> <li>• Deut. 2:10-11</li> <li>• Deut. 9:1-2</li> <li>• Josh. 11:21</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 14:5</li> <li>• Deut. 2:10-11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 14:5</li> <li>• Deut. 2:20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Sam. 17:4-7</li> <li>• 2 Sam. 21:16,22</li> <li>• 1 Chron. 20:4-8</li> </ul>

### Names For Giants In Scripture

- ***N e-phil'-im***, which means ***fallen ones*** (from ***naphal***, to fall).
- ***Anakim***, from one Anak (Deut. 2:10,11; Josh. 15:14)
- ***Rephaim***, from Rapha, in the sense of invigorating; a giant: (2 Sam. 5:18,22; 2 Samuel 21:15-22)
- They generally inhabited the land of Canaan
- Genesis 12:4-9; 14:5-12

### Meaning Of Nephilim

Strong #	Hebrew	Strong's Hebrew Definitions	Brown-Driver-Brigg's Hebrew Lexicon	Theological Word Book of the OT	New Restored Text
5303	גִּבּוֹרִים גִּבּוֹר	גִּבּוֹרִים <b>nephil yim</b>  Same Word: #5307 גִּבּוֹר #5308 גִּבּוֹר #5309 גִּבּוֹר  (P: the) (S: plural)	#5303 - bully; tyrant;  #5307 - to fall, cast down self, cease, die, fail, fall away; inferior; butt, be judged; overthrow; etc.; overwhelm, perish; slay; smite; throw down;  #5308 - fall down;  #5309 - an abortion; an untimely birth, something fallen,	#5303 - giant;  #5303 - Theological Word Book of the Old Testament: (Actually, the translation "giant" is supported mainly by the LXX (Greek Septuagint) and may be quite misleading. The word may be of unknown origin and means "heroes" or fierce warriors" etc. The RSV and NIV transliteration "Nephilim" is safer and may be correct in referring the noun to a race or nation.)  #5307 - to fall; be cast down; cause to fall;  #5308 - to fall; to fall down;  #5309 - untimely birth; abortion; miscarriage	Nephilim (tyrants and bullies),

### The Giants In Scripture

- **Og**, king of Bashan **Deuteronomy 3:11**
- "For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants (rephaim). Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length(13.5') and four cubits its width(6'), according to the standard cubit.
- A Standard cubit is 18", however some thought 21-25"

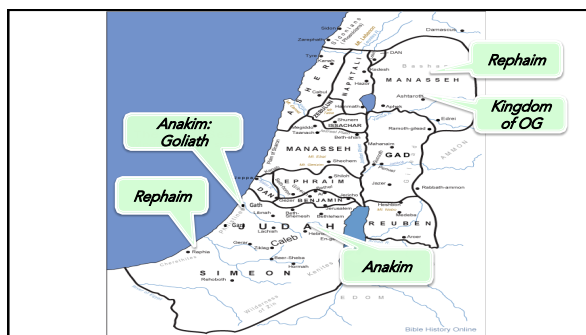
- **Goliath**

- "And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span (9.5-10.8'). He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze (**125lbs**). And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. Now the shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels (**15lbs**); and a shield-bearer went before him."-**1 Samuel 17:4-7**

- **Unnamed Giant: Rapha**

- "Yet again there was war at Gath, where **there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number**; and he also was born to **the giant**. So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him. These four were born to the **giant** in Gath, and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants."- **2 Samuel 21:20-22**
- Philistines were in the land of Canaan; modern day Palestine

- "These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants."-**1 Samuel 21:22**
  1. "Then **Ishbi-Benob**, who was one of the sons of the giant"
  2. "Then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed **Saph**, who was one of the sons of the giant."
  3. "Again there was war at Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed **the brother of Goliath the Gittite**, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam."
  4. "Yet again there was war at Gath, **where there was a man of great stature** who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the giant. So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him."
- "Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, **whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was as strong as the oaks**; Yet I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath."-**Amos 2:9**

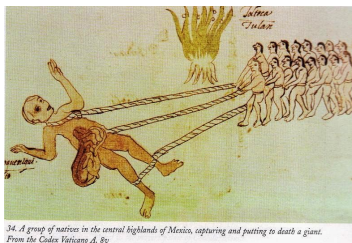




- One of the most disturbing aspects of the Old Testament is God's command to destroy every man, woman, and child in the Land of Canaan. This is difficult to swallow without a and an "extreme wickedness problem"
- Josephus wrote that some of the bones of the ancient giants were still in evidence in his day, about A.D. 80. Josephus was commissioned by the Roman government to write the History of the Jews.
- How did they make it through the flood to live after the flood? Maybe Ham's wife since all of the giants existed within the Hamitic communities in Canaan son of Ham.

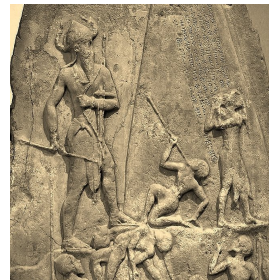
- Another possibility is that other sons of God fathered Nephilim after the flood. The result of the flood destroyed the original Nephilim.
- The phrasing of Genesis 6:4, may suggest this theory, "There were giants on the earth in those days, **and also afterward, when** the sons of God came in to the daughters of men..."
- Nevertheless the giant clans existed post-flood in Canaan and resulted in spiritual failure by Israel's fear of them causing them to wander forty-years in the desert.

### Cultural Evidence



34. A group of natives in the central highlands of Mexico, capturing and putting to death a giant. From the Codex Vaticanus A, 80v.

Aztec codices are books written by pre-Columbian and colonial-era Aztecs. Note that the giant pictured below has a name near him, the text reads Quinametzin, one of the old ones



Victory Stele of Naram-Sin, King of Akkad, celebrates the triumph of King Naram-Sin over a mountain people, the Lullubi. King Naram-Sin appears to be exceptionally tall.

## Giant Human Footprints



- Giant human footprints compared to present day footprint from the Paluxy River Bed in Texas. Giant human footprints are also found in Arizona, New Mexico and California!!

## Native American Legends

- Several Native American tribes, all separated by some distance, have a similar legend: that a race of white giants once walked the Earth but were eventually wiped out.
- **Comanches:** Chief Rolling Thunder of the Comanches, a Great Plains tribe, once gave the following account of a race of white giants in 1857: "Innumerable moons ago, a race of white men, 10 feet high, and far more rich and powerful than any white people now living, here inhabited a large range of country, extending from the rising to the setting sun. They excelled every other nation which was flourished, either before or since, in all manner of cunning handicraft—were brave and warlike—ruling over the land they had wrested from its ancient possessors with a high and haughty hand. Rolling Thunder stated that the Great Spirit wiped out the white giants when they forgot justice and mercy and became too proud.

- **Navajo:** The Navajo also spoke of a race of white giants, called the Starnake people. Their legend describes them as a "regal race of white giants endowed with mining technology who dominated the West, enslaved lesser tribes, and had strongholds all through the Americas. They were either extinguished or 'went back to the heavens.'"
- **Manta:** According to the Manta people of Peru, there were once giants that lived among them. According to their legend: "There arrived on the coast, in boats made of reeds, as big as large ships, a party of men of such size that, from the knee downwards, their height was as great as the entire height of an ordinary man, though he might be of good stature. Their limbs were all in proportion to the deformed size of their bodies, and it was a monstrous thing to see their heads, with hair reaching to the shoulders. Their eyes were as large as small plates." The natives believe that heaven wiped them out due to their sexual habits, which the natives found revolting.

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## The Heroes of Greek Mythology

- **Titans:** They are part heavenly being and part earthly being who rebelled against their father Uranus (heaven), after a prolonged battle were confined to Tartarus by Zeus.
- "...The thought is of spirit beings (fallen angels, demonic powers) cohabitating with women of the human race producing what later became known in pagan mythologies as demigods, partly human and partly superhuman. This is not myth but the truth of the intermixture of the human race with the angelic creation from which later mythology developed...." (Merrill f. Unger)

### **Genesis 6:3**

"And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

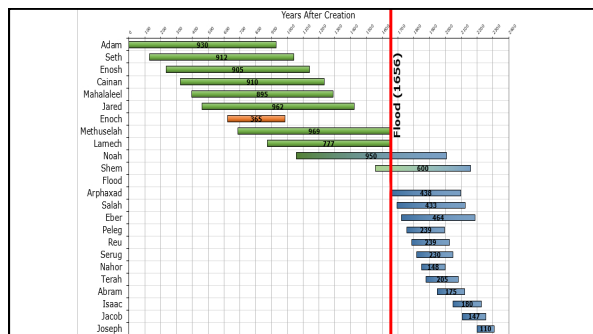
### **God's Warning To Man**

- Men and women continued to live longer than 120 years after the proclamation by God in Genesis 6:3, therefore, Genesis 6:3, is a warning that God will not tolerate man's sin forever and not a statement about the longevity of man's life.
- "The judgment is that God will not endlessly and forever permit his life-giving spirit to enliven those who disorder his world. The breath of life (Gen. 2:7; Ps. 104:29-30) remains his to give and to recall."-Brueggemann

### **A Prophecy On Adam's Life**

- Genesis 6:3, could also possibly be a prophecy that the Lord placed upon Adam's life that he would only live to see 120 more years. This would fulfill the prophecy that God said to Adam in Genesis 3:19
- "In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return."-**Genesis 3:19**

- "...Strive with (*ha-adam*) man", literally: "The man Adam"
- Since Adam lived to be 930, this prophecy to him must have occurred when he was 810 years old.
- The flood did not occur until 726 years later, but was preached about by Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech and finally Noah. Methuselah lived to the end: "his death shall bring" the flood occurred in the year 1656.



- This corruption could possibly have been going on for at least 846 years.
- Many people say that this 120 year period was the period of God's grace, but the period of God's grace was the life span of Methuselah-969 years.
- Also, this 120 years could not have been a prediction to the flood because Jesus said that no one knew when the flood would happen.

- "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, **and did not know until the flood came and took them all away**, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."-Matthew 24:36-39

### The Days Of Noah

- Genesis 6:4 says "in those days".
- What days are they possibly referring?
- Jesus referenced "those days" as "the days of Noah": "But as the **days of Noah** were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."-Matthew 24:37
- The conditions of the world in Noah's day will be like the conditions at the return of Jesus.
- Conditions of that world:
  - Enoch was raptured....By faith-(Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5)
  - Noah preached righteousness but no one listened, not one repentance (2 Peter 2:5).
  - Demonic activity.
  - The wrath and judgment of God.

### The Purpose Of God's Wrath

- The reason that God pours out His wrath on mankind during this period is to move people to repentance.
- "The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; the sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness. The LORD gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; for strong is *the One* who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it? "Now, therefore," says the LORD, "turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm." -Joel 2:10-13

### The Abyss Is Unlocked

- In the day of God's judgment upon this present world an angelic being "...[is] given the key to the bottomless pit.
- "For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly" --2 Peter 2:4-5
- The fallen angels who are cast there are said "to be reserved for judgment".
- They are not only to be judged themselves but are executors of God's judgment when the bottomless pit is unlocked.

### Revelation 9:20-21

But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

### Acts Of Unrepentant Mankind

- The rest of mankind did not repent of the work of their hands which is the making of gods in their own image.
- The making of idols from the creation rather than worshipping the Creator who gives life. (**Romans 1:18-23**)
- The killing of the people and sorceries.
- The sexual immorality and thefts.
- The reality is that if they repented of all these things the God of compassion would forgive them and accept them as a child of God but as in days of Noah they refuse to repent.

- "...if we understand the inspired pages of Biblical history, we recognize the reality of the events attending the Genesis Flood and the tower of Babel. What man has had the capability of doing in the past can easily be repeated in the future. To those who suggest that "modern man" has thrown off such shackles, we answer with just a few words: *Chairman Mao, Stalin, Hitler, holocaust*. These were not isolated individuals, but entire *historical movements* supported by countless others. The capability of the same and worse lies before us in the pages of the book of Revelation." -Garland

### **Genesis 6:5-6**

"Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart."

### **The Lord Is Grieved**

- The wickedness of man had grown to the point that when the Lord looked at their heart, "...every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."- **Genesis 6:5**
- It "grieves or hurts" the Lord when man refuses a relationship with Him.
- He sees how people are hurting themselves and His creation through their wickedness.

### **The Heart of Man Is Evil When God's Word Is Ignored**

"Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'In this manner I will ruin the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem. This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who follow the dictates of their hearts, and walk after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be just like this sash which is profitable for nothing.'" -**Jeremiah 13:8-10**

- “This does not mean that creation was out of control, nor does it mean that God hoped for something better but was unable to achieve it. God knew all along that this was how things would turn out, but our text tells us loud and clear that as God sees His plan for the ages unfold, it affects Him. God is not unfeeling in the face of human sin and rebellion”.-Guzik

### **Genesis 6:6-7**

“So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”

### **God’s Judgment Of Mankind**

- God knew in his heart that there would be no more returning to him.
- It is God’s right to create and destroy that which he has created.
- These people had been warned through four generations of prophecy in regards to the judgment of God (Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah) 1034 years worth of prophecy.

- Our God is a God of judgment as well as love.
- All of creation is subjected to the sin of man, as well as, all of creation looks for the revealing of the sons of god.
- “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

- For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now".-**Romans 8:18-22**

### God Cannot Tolerate Sin

- It is true that God is love, but it is not a love like what is being taught in the world today as a love without consequences. God is love, but He is also judgment and wrath, as well as holiness. **God cannot tolerate sin. His love allows man to choose, and if man does not choose the work of Jesus on the cross, then His love will judge man as well; because love without justice is simply sentimentality, and justice without love is dictatorship.**

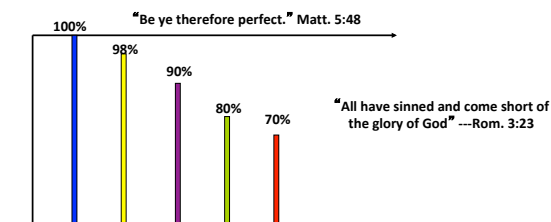
### God Is Longsuffering With Man

Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old,

and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance".-2 Peter 3:1-9**



## The Divine Measure



- Being rewarded for our efforts is part of our human experience and expectation.
- This is why it becomes confusing when we transfer this to our relationship with God.
- It is not FAIR: If I'm good I should get to go to heaven!
- Justice demands that if I'm good I deserve heaven!
- This is the wrong assumption that is common to all work based religions. The idea that acceptance and rejection depends on the moral standing of the individual's good behavior.
- The notion of good behavior adding up to being a good person is the value system of a culture that says, "I am good if I do more good than bad; therefore, I should be accepted by God and get to go to heaven".

- However if we compare ourselves to God!
- If we measure ourselves against the only One Who is good, "Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?'"-**Proverbs 20:9**
- No one can say that they are pure in heart; meaning perfect or sinless.
- "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."-**Proverbs 28:13**

## Noah Chosen by Grace

- God's grace is the most amazing truth in all of Scripture.
- Noah was chosen by grace.
- He did nothing to be chosen it was simply the grace of God that kept him and his family safe.
- Abraham, Israel, David and the believer today are all chosen through grace of God.
- It was true in the days of Noah and it is true today, "where sin abounded, grace abounded much more".-**Romans 5:20**

### **Genesis 6:9-12**

"This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

### **Noah's Genealogy**

- The word for "Genealogy" is "toledah".
- Toledah means:
- Descendants, results, proceedings, generations, genealogies
- An account of men and their descendants
- A genealogical list of one's descendants
- One's contemporaries
- The course of history (used of creation, etc.)
- **Toledah implies the telling of a story**
- The Hebrew word "dor" is predominately word used in Scripture for Generation. It is used here in verse 9.

### **Noah was a just man**

- Noah is our example of faith in a corrupt world (**1 Corinthians 10:11**).
- The nature of Noah's faith: 2 Peter 2:5—only eight people were saved from this world that possibly had a population of at least 7 billion people.
- Noah's faith demonstrates to us that it is possible to walk with God even in the darkest of days.
- **Hebrews. 11:7:** "by faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by which he condemned the world, and **became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.**"

### **Noah Was Perfect**

- We obviously know that Noah was not perfect in his behaviors. He was chosen by grace.
- The Hebrew word used here for "perfect" is "*tamiym*" which means: "pure in stock ; without blemish; bodily perfection".
- It is used 46 times of sacrificial animals.
- "If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish (*tamiym*); he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD."- **Leviticus 1:3**
- Noah was perfect in the sense that he was not affected by the corrupt seed of the Nephilim which is important information concerning the lineage of the promised seed, Jesus.

**Noah was a preacher of righteousness for approximately 100 years as he built the ark. During that time Noah was proclaiming the word of God to the people to repent and enter into obedience to God's word, but they rejected God's word, thus rejecting God Himself**

### **"Noah walked with God..."**

- Walking with God means we agree with Him about his plan of redemption according to His Word.
- "Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?"---  
**Amos 3:3**
- Abel agreed with God about how to bring a sacrifice, thus walked with God.
- Enoch agreed with God about his being "taken away" thus he walked with God.
- Noah agreed with God about the things to come upon the earth and prepared an ark, thus he walked with God.

- Today, the believer agrees with God about his position in Christ, therefore walks with God.
- **There can be no walk with God until we agree with him through His word.**
- A walk with God signifies the whole round of the believers life in agreement with God.
- Since we are surrounded with a great cloud of witnesses (Abel, Enoch, Noah, etc.) the believer needs to receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save his soul. Everyday pressing on to take hold of him who took hold of you, **walking** by faith, not by sight and growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 12:1; James 1:21; Php. 3:12; 2 Cor. 5:7; 2 Peter 3:18)

### **Genesis 6:11-13**

**"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.**

And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

### **The Earth Is Filled Violence**

- The pre-flood earth was corrupt "before God" (vs.11).
- Remember it was God Who was grieved over the state of the earth, not man.
- What man had corrupted before God was "his way" (vs. 12).
- "He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, but he who is perverse in his ways despises Him." - **Proverbs 14:2**
- "There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death." - **Proverbs 14:12**

### **A World That Has Lost Its Way**

- Jesus said, "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold." - **Matthew 24:12**
- A world without God at it's center is a world that will literally become non-human with violence reigning supreme.
- Survival of the fittest!
- The vileness of man has no end!
- It is an act of divine mercy for God to intervene and save man from himself.

### **2 Timothy 3:1-5**

"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"

### **Genesis 6:14-16**

“Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.”

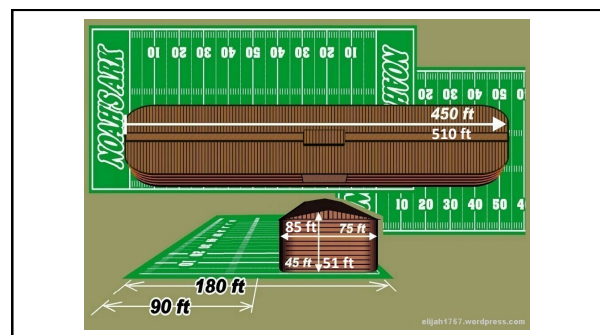
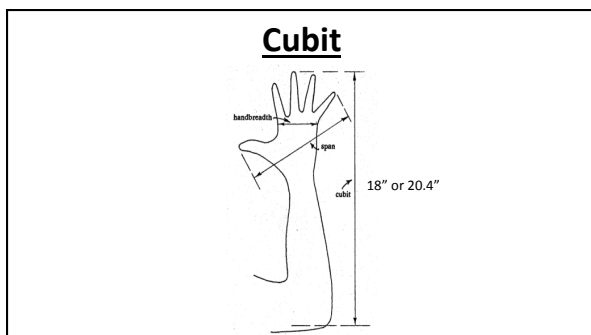
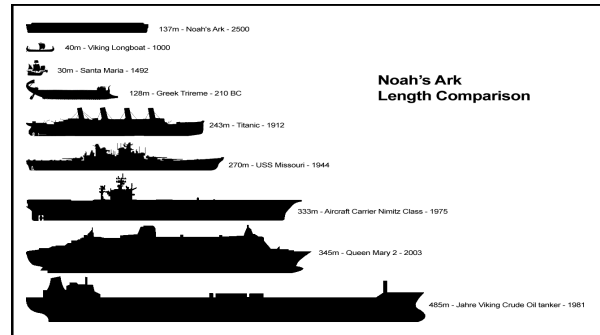
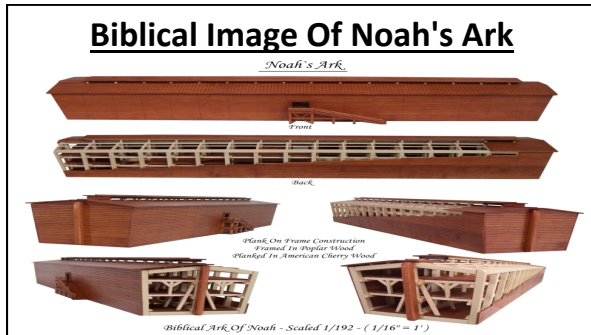
### **"Make yourself an ark..."**

- The ark was to be Noah's project;
- God was the designer of the ark but Noah had to build it.
- Ark: literally a "box"
- Also used of Moses' boat when his mom hid him from the Egyptians and floated in the Nile
- This is because the ark was shaped like a shoe box.

### **Children's Sunday School Image Of Noah's**

#### **Ark**





### **The Design Of The Ark**

- If Noah used the small cubit of 18", the Ark would have been 450 feet long; 75 feet wide and 45 feet tall.
- If a long cubit of 20.4", then the Ark would have been 510 feet long; 85 feet wide and 51 feet tall.
- It had an 18 or 20.4 inch window at the top for ventilation.
- There was a door exactly in the center.
- The Ark was only meant to float not sail because it did not have a rudder
- Noah and his family were at the mercies of God and the seas during this time.

- It would have been roughly the size of the Titanic.
- The ark had a ratio of (length (x) width (x) height) of 30 x 5 x 3; according to ship builders, this ratio represents an advanced knowledge of ship-building since it is perfect for rough seas.
- The ark was virtually impossible to capsize; since it would have to be tilted over 90 degrees.

- The capacity of the ark was about 522 railroad cars.
- It would only require 188 railroad cars to hold a pair of the 17,600 species known to man today.
- Only air breathing animals would have been on the ark.
- If we doubled the amount of species that we know about and add for the clean animals there would be 75,000 total animals on the ark.

- The average size of an animal is the size of a sheep, there would be enough room on the ark for 125,000 sheep; but most animals are smaller than a common house cat.
- If Noah only took two pair of "kinds" as the text says, then there would have been more than enough room to accommodate the animals.
- The human passengers would have only been eight total (2 Peter 2:5).

### **“GOPHER WOOD”**

- Gopher wood refers to a type of tree or plant, **we lack sufficient evidence to determine its identity.**
- Some think that it is cypress from the Hebrew word: "kupar" gopher.
- Another supposed evidence for “cypress” is based on the fact that cypress trees are large and strong, and in the post-Flood earth, at least, once grew abundantly in Chaldea and Armenia. Armenia is where the ark is believed to have landed, in the mountains of Ararat.

### **Pitch Inside And Out**

- Pitch: "kopher"
- It is a bitumen product.
- Bitumen is a black, oily, viscous material that is a naturally-occurring organic byproduct of decomposed organic materials. Also known as asphalt or tar, bitumen was mixed with other materials throughout prehistory and throughout the world for use as a sealant. The material was also useful in waterproofing canoes and other water transport.

### **Real Event Or Fiction**

- “The majority of modern biblical scholars interpret the flood story allegorically; for example, they see it as a lesson of God's mercy toward the faithful (Noah and his family). To be fair, his mercy was pretty thin on the ground for every other human on the planet. Fundamentalists, as usual, miss the forest entirely and end up focusing on the *leaves* of the trees, insisting on the literal historicity of the flood account because if this was made up, then the *entire* Bible *must* have been made up... Many other flood myths have existed throughout history in many cultures, but most of these likely arose independently, as virtually all of them were written by societies that resided near regularly flooding bodies of water. Generally the myth of the global flood refers to the one of Noah and the Ark in Judeo-Christian mythology.”-rationalwiki.org

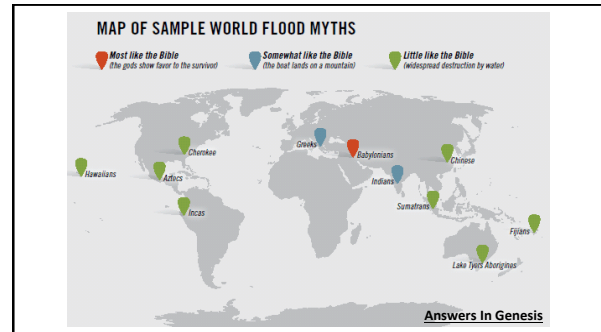
### **Noah In Scripture**

- “For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.”-**Isaiah 54:9**
- “Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” says the Lord GOD.”-**Ezekiel 14:14**
- “...even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live,” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.”-**Ezekiel 14:20**
- Isaiah, Ezekiel, the Psalms, Jesus, Hebrews, and Peter all believed in a historical Noah and the flood account. As believers, we are to believe the revelation given to us in Scripture and not believe in the vain imaginations and speculations of fallen man and their ideas.



## Cultural Evidence

- There are hundreds of legendary accounts from all around the world.
- There are many commonalities within these diverse legends that have been identified.
- Man in transgression, destruction from a divine being, a hero and a favored family, a vessel of some sort for survival, destruction by water, humanity and animals saved, landing on a mountain, birds sent out, and divine favor on those saved.
- Although there are similarities between the differing accounts the Biblical record is the most detailed concerning dates, ages, and plans for the ark.



## Eye Witness Accounts

- In 275 B.C., Berosus, a Babylonian historian wrote: “but of this ship that grounded in Armenia some part still remains in the mountains....And some get pitch from the ship by scraping it off”.
- Around 75 B.C., Josephus said that the locals collected relics from the ark and showed them off to his very day. He also said that all the ancient historians he knew of wrote about the ark.

- In 180 A.D., Theophilus of Antioch wrote: “the remains [of the ark] are to this day to be seen...in the mountains.”
- An elderly Armenian man in America said that as a boy he visited the ark with his father in 1856, with three atheistic scientists. Their goal was to disprove the ark’s existence, but found it, and became so enraged that they tried to destroy it, but could not because it was too big and had been petrified.

- In 1918, one of the atheistic scientists (and Englishman) admitted on his death bed that the whole story was true.
- In 1876, a distinguished British statesman and author, James Bryce, climbed Ararat and reported finding a four-foot long piece of hand-tooled timber at a height of more than 13,000 feet.
- Six Turkish soldiers claimed to have seen the ark in 1916.

- In the early part of this century, a Russian aviator named Vladimir Rokovitsky claimed to have seen the ark. He was stationed in southern Russia near the Turkish border and mount Ararat. He was testing a plane when he saw a huge battleship like vessel sticking out of the mountain, and that there was an opening for a door in the center about 20 feet square. He radioed his commander who in turn dispatched an expedition to find the ark and photograph it. The report was forwarded to the Czar, who was soon overthrown and the report and the photos perished.

- In 1936, a young British archaeologist named Hardwick knight was hiking across Ararat when he discovered interlocking hand-tooled timbers at a height of 14,000 ft.
- During World War Two, two pilots photographed what looked like the ark.
- Politics have hindered recent attempts to discover the ark.
- Because the verse mentions pitch (a petroleum product) John D Rockefeller looked for and found oil in the middle east region.

### Chinese Writings



## Noah And Nuwah

- “Chinese hero [of the flood] escapes destruction with his wife, three sons and three daughters...additional legends found on the mainland of China contend that all Chinese are direct descendants of an ancient ancestor called Nu-wah, who was known for having overcome a great flood”. A fascinating aspect in connection with this Chinese flood story is that ancient Chinese writing contains words that can be traced only to “Nu-wah” and the Flood”- Rene’ Noorberger, Secrets of the Lost Races

### Toltec

Found in the histories of the Toltec Indians of ancient Mexico is a story of the first world that lasted 1,716 years and was destroyed by a great flood that covered even the highest mountains. Their story tells of a few men who escaped the destruction in a “xiptelocalli,” which means a cloud chest. Following the great flood, these men began to multiply and built a very high “tzaoli,” or a great tower, to provide a safe place if the world were destroyed again. However, the languages became confused, so different language groups wandered to other parts of the world.

The Toltecs claim they started as a family of seven friends and their wives who spoke the same language. They crossed great waters, lived in caves, and wandered 104 years till they came to Hue Hue Tlapalan (southern Mexico). The story reports that this was 520 years after the great flood.



## Hark—the Ark?



- Bob Cornuke says, “The bottom line: Noah’s Ark was for yesterday, but Jesus is the Ark today. That object over there, whatever it is, is decaying. But we have a living Ark today, and we can go aboard. Trust Jesus for salvation!”

Answers In Genesis

## Genesis 6:17

"And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die."

### Universal Flood?

- “Since the geographical perspective of ancient people was more limited, it is possible that the flood, while universal from their viewpoint, did not cover the entire globe. Many interpreters argue that a huge regional flood may have been all that was necessary for God to destroy all humans.”-ESV Study Bible

### Mountain Top Fossils



A fossil of the dolphin-bodied marine reptile known as an ichthyosaur, discovered with a giant cache of nearly 20,000 fossil reptiles, shellfish and a host of other prehistoric creatures unearthed from a mountain in China.

- “Mt. Everest and the Himalayan range, along with the Alps, the Rockies, the Appalachians, the Andes, and most of the world's other mountains are composed of ocean-bottom sediments, full of marine fossils laid down by the Flood. Mt. Everest itself has clam fossils at its summit. These rock layers cover an extensive area, including much of Asia. They give every indication of resulting from cataclysmic water processes. These are the kinds of deposits we would expect to result from the worldwide, world-destroying Flood of Noah's day.”-Morris

### God Brings The Flood

- This is the third time God has made His point about destroying the earth: v. 7;v.13;v.17.
- Flood: *mabbul*: destruction at a cataclysmic level
- *Kataklusmos* is used in Matt. 24:39; Luke 17:27; 2 Pet 2:5; 3:6
- This was a flood of great magnitude that destroyed every thing that breathes air. Except Noah and his family.
- Was it a worldwide flood? Why build such a big boat? Noah could have made a row boat if it was a local flood.

### The Breath Of Life Destroyed

- Water born animals would have died through sediment engulfing them, not drowning.
- In the Scopes Monkey trial Clarence Darrow humiliated William Jennings Bryan by asking him if he believed every word of the bible. When Bryan said he did, Darrow asked him how fishes drowned in the flood. Bryan didn't know the answer; he gave a great and confused speech, and died the next day.

If he would have only known the Bible better, he would have known that it was only the ones that had the breath of life in their nostrils that died; the fish did not die through the flood only land breathing animals did.

- We are called to always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that we have in Jesus Christ; William Jennings Bryan was not ready, will we be ready?



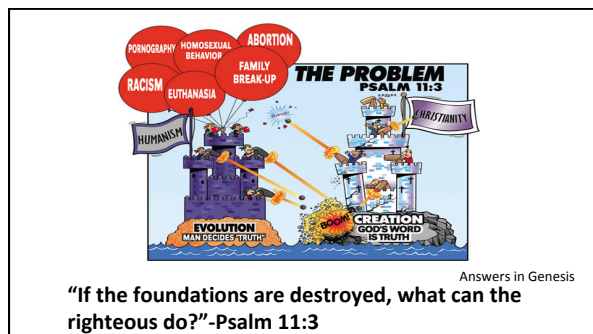
### Diligent In Study

- "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a **worker** who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."- **2 Timothy 2:15**
- The word in the original language for "diligent" is a word that means labor with a determined effort to understand
- This a big problem in our culture today when it comes to the word of God. The most important truth given to man since the beginning of time, yet more people have opinions based on their own ideas.
- Study to be approved based in truth not opinions

### Watch Your Doctrine

"Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will **SAVE** both yourself and your hearers." **1 Timothy 4:16**

- Save: **Sozo**
- "to save, to keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction
- Failing to watch our doctrine closely can possibly lead to our own peril but can also lead people astray from the truth.

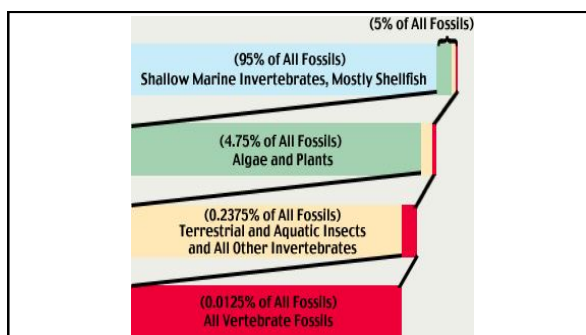


## The Fossil Record

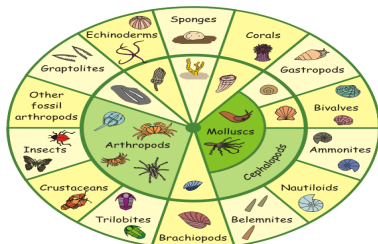
- 95% of all fossils are marine invertebrates, particularly shellfish.
- Of the remaining 5%, 95% are algae and plant fossils (4.75%).
- 95% of the remaining 0.25% consists of the other invertebrates including insects (0.2375%).
- The remaining 0.0125% includes all vertebrates, mostly fish. 95% of the few land vertebrates consist of less than one bone. (For example, only about 1200 dinosaur skeletons have been found)

- 95% of the mammal fossils were deposited during the Ice Age.
- The fossil record is best understood as the result of a marine cataclysm that utterly annihilated the continents and land dwellers.
- Land vertebrates, especially mammals, bloat when dead, and float in water, instead of being buried in sediment beneath the water to form a fossil.

John D. Morris, Ph.D

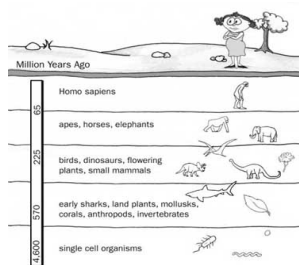


### 95% Of The Fossil Record



### How Old Are You Rock?

- If we were to ask a rock “how old are you?” all of us would get the same answer: “Nothing” because rocks do not speak.
- Evolution scientists date rocks based on the fossil found in the rocks.
- They find a rock with a fossil in it, then they compare the fossil to a predetermined chart that of course has been arbitrarily created by the same scientists.



- “If we begin at the present and examine older and older layers of rock, we will come to a level where no fossils of humans are present. If we continue backwards in time, we will successively come to levels where no fossils of flowering plants are present, no birds, no mammals, no reptiles, no four-footed vertebrates, no land plants, no fishes, no shells, and no animals. The three concepts are summarized in the general principle called the **Law of Fossil Succession**: The kinds of animals and plants found as fossils change through time. When we find the same kinds of fossils in rocks from different places, we know that the rocks are the same age.”-USGS
- “A circular argument arises: Interpret the fossil record in the terms of a particular theory of evolution, inspect the interpretation, and note that it confirms the theory. Well, it would, wouldn't it?”-Tom Kemp

### **Titanic Discover Finds Evidence Of Great Flood**

"The man who tracked down the Titanic and other undersea mysteries has found evidence that the Black Sea was inundated in a giant flood about 7,000 years ago, perhaps the biblical flood of Noah....He found, well out to sea, an ancient coastline and a change from fresh water to saltwater mollusks dating from about 7,000 years ago."

The Associated Press

### **Genesis 6:18**

"**But** I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark — you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you."

### **God's Protection**

- This covenant is for the protection and safety of Noah and his family to bring them through the catastrophic flood.
- Genesis 11:10: Shem was 100 years old **two years after the flood**
- Genesis 8:14: The flood lasted 1 year and 17 days
- Genesis 5:32: Noah was 500 years old when he begat Shem, Ham and Japheth
- Genesis 7:6: Noah was 600 years old when the flood was unleashed upon the earth
- Shem: 97 years old when he went on to the ark
- The building of the ark at the most was 97-100 years plenty of time to build the ark.

### **God's Covenant**

- God says the covenant that He is establishing with Noah is "My covenant".
- This is the first time in Scripture the word covenant occurs.
- The covenant concept is important in God's plan of redemption.
- The word for "establish" is "qum" and refers to a covenant that has already been placed into operation.
- This most likely refers to the covenant God had with Adam and Eve that life will continual through the "Mother of all living" to the promised "seed", i.e. Jesus.



- A covenant is a mutual agreement between two parties either between equals or between superior and inferior parties.
- This covenant that God made with Noah is of the superior party (God) and the inferior party man (Noah and his descendants).
- This covenant with Noah is similar to the Abrahamic and Davidic covenants where the agreement is based upon God's character and promise not man's failure.
- The agreement under which we come to God is non-negotiable we either agree to His plan or reject it.
- God's covenant with Noah and his family would have given them the peace they would need to live through the flood for over a year.

### **Genesis 6:19-21**

“And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind

and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.”

### **The Animals Come To Noah**

- Notice that God brings the animals to Noah, "...two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive."--v.20
- Noah and his family were to gather food and keep the animals alive by feeding and caring for them.
- Not one person or animal would perish in the cover of the ark.
- It is the atonement of the ark that keeps all flesh alive at the appearing of God and His Wrath.
- God protected the animals and the people who dwelt in the land of Goshen during the plagues of Egypt.

- God clearly states the animals and birds will come to Noah. He will not have to seek them out.
- In some animals, God has created a migratory instinct (which can operate in an amazing manner).
- It is no difficulty for Him to miraculously place an urge to migrate to the ark in each pair of animals He planned to be saved in the ark.

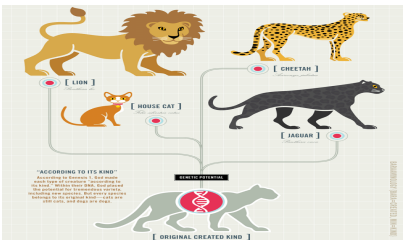
### The Amazing Migration Of The Monarch Butterfly

- In a monarch butterfly's life cycle, it goes through a complete metamorphosis involving four stages: egg, larva (or caterpillar), pupa, and adult. The monarch has a brain the size of a pinhead and yet in the final stage of its life it can pinpoint a location 3,000 miles away and migrate there with an accuracy of 100 feet to start the cycle all over again.

- Bernard Ramm in his book, *"The Christian View of Science and Scripture"* says, **If one wishes to retain a universal flood, it must be understood that a series of stupendous miracles are required.** Further, one cannot beg off with pious statements that God can do anything....There is no question what Omnipotence can do, but **the simplicity of the flood record prohibits** the endless supplying of miracles to make a universal flood feasible." --pp. 243-247
- How does one distinguish between a "Genesis miracle" or a "Daniel miracle" or a "Gospel Miracle"?
- Obviously the flood required a series of miraculous events.

### "...of birds of the air..."

- If not a worldwide flood, then why take the birds that can fly?
- The birds could just migrate to higher ground or to some other place that is dry and habitable.
- God is bringing a worldwide flood not a local flood as some have suggested.



**According to its kind** According to Genesis 1, God made each type of creature "according to its kind." Within their DNA, God placed the potential for tremendous variety, including new species. But every species belongs to its original kind—cats are still cats, and dogs are dogs.---[answersingenesis.com](http://answersingenesis.com)

### Every Living Thing According To Its Kind



### Passengers On The Ark

- Noah could have taken each classification of "genus or kind" on the ark and still preserved the "species" capability.
- Even in some cases a "family" representative could have preserved the "genus" and the "species"
- The dinosaurs did not have to be fully grown t-rexes, they could have been much younger specimens.
- 1,000,000 insect species would require 1,000 cubic meters or 12 train cars if they were each kept in 4 inch cages.
- Insects could have survived outside the ark floating on debris or in egg form.

### Is God Just?

- "What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! For He says to Moses, **"I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."** So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy."-**Romans 9:14-16**

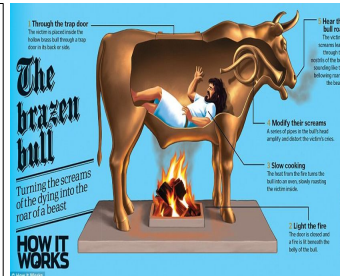
Condition of Man	
The <u>Ultimate condition</u> of man was life before the Fall.	A perfect relationship walking with God in the Garden.
A <u>best condition</u> of man would be New Testament life and values.	A relationship with God through the sacrifice of Jesus and guidance by the Holy Spirit. The spirit of the Law enforced.
A <u>better condition</u> of man would be Old Testament values instituted by God through His Law to mold individuals and nations.	A Law abiding relationship with God for the good of the people. The Law enforced and consequences for disobedience.
The <u>demised condition</u> of man would be ancient cultures living in a total fallen condition of morality.	No relationship with God. A total demise of culture resulting in horrible acts of human behavior. Immorality is the law with no guidance from God.

## Total Demise Of Man

- What is God to do when man: "...call[s] evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" - **Isaiah 5:20-21**
- A world with a demised condition of man living in a total fallen state of morality dictated by fallen human laws enforced and governed by fallen man.
- There is no relationship with God resulting in horrible acts of human behavior and violence **naming evil actions as being good and forming laws that justifies abhorrent evil.**
- "Long live Germany, long live Argentina, long live Austria. I had to obey the laws of war and my flag...I die believing in God. From the legal point of view, as a recipient of orders I had no choice but to carry them out." - Adolf Eichmann, quoted in Hunting Eichmann by Neal Bascomb

## Evil Acts Of Man

Biblical scholars link the design of the Brazen Bull to statues of the Carthaginian deity Baal Hammon (often identified with the Biblical Moloch) in which infants were sacrificed alive within a bronze, calf-headed statue of the deity by being placed on the hands of the statue and sliding down into the bronze furnace. The noises of the child's screams were often drowned out by drumming and dancing since the sacrificial altars did not have the pipes system that the Brazen Bull had. The practices of the city of Tophet are also cited by scholars to be the inspiration for the Brazen Bull.



In the lands of the Middle East and areas around the Mediterranean Sea, this involved the ritual murder of children, often in fire and presided over by a priesthood with the approval of the worshippers.

A child could be placed on an open fire or into an open burning chasm of a metal idol representing gods such as Baal or Molech. Done to appease a god and to gain favor for an abundant harvest, victory in battle or the defeat of one's enemies, these cruel acts litter the ancient world.

One well-known cemetery, full of the bones of thousands of infant sacrifices, has been found at the site of ancient Carthage in North Africa.



### God Acts Justly

- “For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices. But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’ Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward...”.

- “So you shall say to them, ‘This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the LORD their God nor receive correction. Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.’ ‘Cut off your hair and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on the desolate heights; for the LORD has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath.’ For the children of Judah have done evil in My sight,” says the LORD. “They have set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, to pollute it. And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into My heart. Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “when it will no more be called Tophet, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they will bury in Tophet until there is no room.”- Jeremiah 7:22-24;28-32

### Demise Of Society

- There is a direct relationship between the rejection God and the demise of society as a whole and His wrath. (Romans 1:18-32)
- Suppression of truth v. 18
- Intellectual futility v. 21
- Spiritual darkness v. 21
- Professing wisdom but actually foolish v. 22
- Deification of man and nature v. 23
- Gross immorality v. 24-28
- Societal destruction v. 29-31
- Approval and encouragement of evil behavior v. 32

### The Tender Mercies Of God

- “They did not destroy the peoples, concerning whom the LORD had commanded them, but they mingled with the Gentiles and learned their works; They served their idols, which became a snare to them. They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons, and shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood. Thus they were defiled by their own works, and played the harlot by their own deeds... Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry; and for their sake He remembered His covenant, and relented according to the multitude of His mercies.”-Psalm 106:34-39;44-45
- God is tender-hearted full of grace and mercy ready to forgive those who desire to live in the goodness of His plan of redemption.

### **Genesis 6:22**

"Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did."

### **Genuine Faith**

- Genuine faith is demonstrated by actions lived out in the world around us.
- ""Some might try to say that I have the "gift" of works and others have the "gift" of faith. "It's fine for you to have your gift of works and that you care for the needy. But that isn't my gift.""- Guzik
- Genuine faith will be demonstrated by works.

### **The Bible Presents Noah As A Great Hero Of The Faith**

- He was an outstanding example of righteousness (Ezekiel 14:14)
- A preacher of righteousness (1 Peter 2:5)
- Noah condemned the world by offering salvation in the ark that the whole world rejected (Hebrews 11:7).
- The same is for the people of today and our ark is Jesus, and to reject His message of salvation will result in condemnation.

### **John 3:17-18**

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."