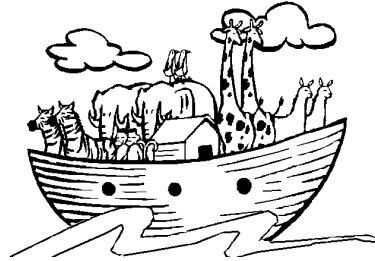


FLOOD THEOLOGY

What do you think of when you consider Noah's Ark? Is it a smallish boat with giraffe's long neck sticking out and monkeys dancing on the roof? Is it the wallpaper in your kid's nursery? Is it the picture in a children's book? Is it the movie *Evan Almighty*?



Actually, the flood is a **TERRIFYING** and **DREADFUL** event!!!

→ The ark represents: **SALVATION!** (Gen. 7:7, 23)

→ From what?? **DIVINE JUDGMENT!** (Gen. 6:5-7, 13)

→ Upon whom? **ALL MANKIND**

→ Why? (Gen. 6:1-4)

The flood is a story of death!

When we consider the billions of creatures and millions of people who lost their lives in the flood, we realize what a sad story it is – and we MUST consider this death.

If we don't, we completely miss the point:

there can be no salvation without something from which we need to be saved!!!

* Who are the "Sons of God" and "Daughters of men?" The "Nephilim?"

opt. 1 – Angels married human women and produced a super-human race. (similar to "demigods")

opt. 2 – "Sons of God" rep. **GODLY HUMANITY**

ex: Genesis 5 demonstrates Seth's godly family line (see Gen. 4:26)

"Daughters of men" rep. **UNGODLY HUMANITY**

ex: Gen. 4:17-24 describes Cain's rebellious family line

The "obedient" began to intermarry with the "rebellious," resulting in ??? (see 2 Cor. 6:14)

The "Nephilim" – mighty men who were of old, the men of renown

→ **1000-YEAR SINNERS**

→ Men with scary reputations, based on a long lifetime of sin **W/OUT CONSEQUENCE!**

→ The Ark is a **TYPE OF CHRIST!** (John 10:9; Matthew 24:37-39)

*There are numerous scriptures that make no sense unless the flood was a **worldwide, universal** flood!*

(1) John 14:7 – In keeping with the ark / flood as a type of Christ, then Christ’s statement would make no sense unless the flood is worldwide.

– If the flood were local, how might people have been saved from death?

1- those living in another part of the world would be unaffected

2- mass fleeing to another part of the world

– Jesus says, “I am the way ... no man comes to the Father but by me.”

* He claims that there is **no other way!**

(2) Matt. 24: 39 – “ ... until the flood came and took them **all** away.” (*emphasis mine*)

(3) Gen. 9:11-17 – The Noahic covenant – “**never again**”

– Q: Have there been floods since the time of Noah?

* If Noah’s flood was local, God would have **BROKEN HIS PROMISE** over and over again!

(4) Gen. 6:6-7 – “I will destroy man ... for I am sorry that I have made them.”

– There is no question that God’s Word is referring to **all mankind** – not just one locale!

Jesus believed that the flood killed every person not on the Ark. Peter compares the divine judgment of the flood with the coming judgment by fire. A partial judgment in Noah’s day would mean a partial judgment to come ... which makes no sense!

Instead, we are to consider what happened because of sin! When we see the result of sin, its destructive power, its universal scope ... what should our reaction be? (2 Peter 3:1-14)

Q: What was Jesus’ feeling about dealing with personal sin? (Mt. 5:29-30)

Q: What could elicit such a reaction?

Conclusion: Our understanding of sin and the Salvation that frees us from sin’s penalty, death, hinges on the Biblical description and explanation of Noah’s flood.

It ...

(1) Opens our eyes to the **SERIOUSNESS** of sin!

(2) Demonstrates God’s **MERCY** in the midst of judgment!

(3) Sets the stage for JESUS, as the **EMBODIMENT** of the Ark!