

THE BRAVE NEW WORLD OF GENESIS 8-11

Under our feet tonight lays the result of Noah's Flood. Sometimes more than a mile deep is a sedimentary layer cake that shows the global extent of the destruction of the Lost World by the Flood. All that remains of the World that Perished in the Genesis Flood is underneath upwards of a mile of rock layers under our feet. No city, no walls, no towers, no villages remain from the Lost World, they all perished when God destroyed mankind. All remains of humanity from the World that Perished in the Genesis Flood have been buried a mile deep. So that means the Brave New World was the world that Noah stepped into when he exited the Ark. The Brave New World of Noah and His sons was a fresh start for man. Every Stone Age tool, every caveman artifact, and every archaeological ruin on the surface (less than a feet deep) of the earth, all are from the Brave New World of Noah and his sons. Nothing on earth survived the Flood in the World that Perished in the Genesis Flood.

This evening we are going to survey what is probably the most intriguing, fascinating, and informative part of the Bible. Genesis 8-11 lays the foundation for every person on this planet. Every nation, every culture, every legend and myth all come to us from the Brave New World of Noah and His sons. Lets trace the chapters and what we will study in the next few weeks.

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WE ARE PART OF THE BRAVE NEW WORLD OF NOAH AND HIS SONS

As we look around us in this planet we find there is no remnant of mankind that can be verified that predates the World that Perished in the Genesis Flood. What that means is, there is no remaining building of any civilization, no pottery fragment, no tool, no giant living tree, no ancient fragment of writing - nothing on the planet older than 4,600 years ago! All scientific study leads to the conclusion that something wiped out surface life on planet earth about 5,000 years ago!

We live in the Brave New World that was founded by Noah after the World that Perished in the Genesis Flood. It is well known that the

oldest¹ living things on Earth are trees. Many of the giant sequoias are known to be over 3000 years old and except for unusual catastrophe, seem to be immune to disease and pest attack. A remarkable fact is that these still-living trees seem to be the original trees that grew in their present stands. Note the following very interesting observation:

Perhaps the most intriguing of the unanswered questions regarding longevity in conifers has to do with *Sequoia gigantea* trees, which, some believe, may enjoy perpetual life in the absence of gross destruction, since they appear immune to pest attack.... Does this mean that shortly preceding 4000 year ago, (if John Muir's count was correct) all the then living giant sequoias were wiped out by some catastrophe? ²

Has God left a marker that points to the World that Perished in the Genesis Flood? There is no living member of the nearly immortal sequoia trees that dates past the Flood of Noah. All living things date back to the Brave New World of Noah and His sons.

Consider the advance in the study of ancient trees. All findings only further the proof of a recently settled Brave New World. The dendro-chronological laboratory at the University of Arizona recently discovered a stand of trees older than the sequoia trees. These trees are in the White Mountains of California, and are a group of bristle cone pines. Their discoverer says:

Only³ recently we have learned that certain stunted pines of arid highlands, not the mammoth trees of rainy forests, may now be called the oldest living things on earth. Microscopic study of growth rings reveals that a bristle cone pine tree found last summer at nearly 10,000 feet began growing more than 4,600 years ago and thus surpasses the oldest known sequoia by many centuries...Many of its neighbors are nearly as old; we have now dated 17 bristle-cone pines 4,000 years old or more...

So now think with me. Since these, as well as the sequoias and other ancient trees, are still living, it is pertinent to ask why these oldest living things apparently have had time to develop only one generation since they acquired their present stands at some time after the

¹ Whitcomb, John C., and Morris, Henry M., *The Genesis Flood: The Biblical Record and Its Scientific Implications*, Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing CO., Phillipsburg, New Jersey, 1961, p.392.

² Edmund Schulman: "Longevity Under Adversity in Conifers," *Science*, Vol. 119, March 26, 1934, p. 399. Of course, no actual evidence of catastrophe was noted, but only the remarkable absence of evidence of any trees of a generation previous to those now growing.

³ Edmund Schulman: "Bristlecone Pine, Oldest Living ting," *National Geographic Magazine*, Vol. 113, March 1958, p. 355.

Deluge. There is no record of a tree, or any other living thing, being older than any reasonable date for the Deluge.

ONLY GOD'S WORD RECORDS THE DAWN OF THE BRAVE NEW WORLD OF NOAH AND HIS SONS

Now ponder the remarkable⁴ antiquity of the Bible you hold in your hands this morning. What this book records is seldom appreciated as it should be.

- ✓ The Greek writer Herodotus is known as the "father of history," and yet his writings are contemporary with those of Nehemiah and Malachi, the very last of the Old Testament writers!
- ✓ The writings of Homer are a mixture of mythology and history, and the line of demarcation between them is quite nebulous, but they date from the same period as the sober histories of Samuel, 3,000 years ago.
- ✓ And yet the Bible records detailed and accurate histories as far back as 42 centuries ago. This is the world of Abraham and beyond. Abraham's time was at least a thousand years earlier even than Homer!

In the entire world, there is no other book like this. God's Word recording the dawn of the Brave New World of Noah and His sons stands alone. The sacred books and the ancient records of other nations fade into dim tradition and sheer mythology only a few hundred years before Christ, but the Hebrew Scriptures incorporate great sections of sober history stretching back to the days before Abraham and, for that matter, back to the very Creation itself! No other writing of such antiquity is at all comparable as a book of history, entirely apart from the question of its divine inspiration.

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"I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done" (Isaiah 46:9-10).

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed" (2 Peter 1:19).

But no man or angel or demon can predict specific events and personages that will appear scores or even hundreds of years in the future. Only God can do this, because it is He "who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (Ephesians 1:11). Consequently, it is in His Word, the Holy Scriptures, and only there, that prophecies of this sort are found.

The Histories of Nations

The nations of the world come and go, and God controls their rise and fall. "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, He taketh up the isles as a very little thing" (Isaiah 40:15). "The Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will" (Daniel 4:17). Various nations have accordingly frequently been the subject of Biblical prophecies.

The Sequence of Empires

A remarkable fore view of world history was given in Daniel 2, in the form of a dream, which came to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon.

The Miracle of Israel

The continued existence of the Jews, after centuries of dispersal and persecution unique in human history, is a mute but eloquent testimony to fulfilled prophecy. The restoration of Israel as a nation among nations in our own generation is merely the most recent in a long line of prophecies dealing with the Jewish people, which finally came to pass.

When the nation was first founded, through Abraham, God promised: "I will make of thee a great nation... and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:2-3). Not only did Israel become a great nation under David and Solomon, but also it is destined for even greater days in the future. The nations that have befriended the Jews (notably the United States and, to a lesser degree, England, France and others) have indeed been blessed. Those that have persecuted the Jews (Egypt, Babylon, Assyria, Rome, Spain,

Nazi Germany and others—Russia's time is coming!) have eventually gone down to defeat and humiliation.

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The subject of human origins has been severely distorted for over a hundred years by the theory of evolution. Popular displays in museums and magazines, and unfortunately even in school textbooks, have persuaded most people that man has an animal ancestry, leading back through a long line of intermediate stages to some form of ape-like creature which was also the ancestor of the modern apes.

The reason why Neanderthal Man was somewhat stooped and brutish in structure was not because he was newly evolved from the ape, but because he had health problems.

"August 8, 1970, issue of *Nature* shows that Neanderthal Man was evidently the victim of his decision to move too far north at the wrong time, which was to deform him for thousands of years to follow."⁵

This picture of Neanderthal Man fits well with the concept of early post-diluvian man struggling to cope with a difficult environment. The glacial period followed soon after the Flood, and was brought on by the changed climatic conditions occasioned by the Flood, prior to which there had probably been a global mild, sub-tropical climate everywhere. The most probable explanation for such a universal mild climate, which is suggested by the characteristics of the sedimentary rocks and their contained fossils in all the so-called geologic "ages" prior to the late Tertiary, is a worldwide "greenhouse effect." Such an effect could be produced only by a worldwide canopy of some sort, the most likely nature of which would be a vast thermal blanket of invisible water vapor above the troposphere. Such a canopy is suggested by the "waters above the firmament" of Genesis 1:7, the complete absence of rain suggested in Genesis 2:5, and the establishment of the rainbow only following its dissipation as one cause of the Flood (Genesis 7:11; 9:13).

⁵ 20-9. "Neanderthal Man, Victim of Malnutrition," *Prevention* (October, 1971), p. 116.

When the canopy was precipitated at the Flood, the present latitudinal and continental extremes of temperature became established, snow began to fall and the great continental ice caps gradually developed. The resulting glacial epoch probably persisted for many centuries in the northern latitudes, at the same time there were pluvial climates and great civilizations developing in the lower latitudes.

ONLY GOD'S WORD EXPLAINS THE BRAVE NEW WORLD OF NOAH AND HIS SONS

Two chapters of the Bible (Genesis 10 and 11) that contain the Divine Record of the so-called Paleolithic⁶, Mesolithic and Neolithic Ages of archaeology. The world was already well into the so-called Bronze Age by the time of Abraham. We also know that all the older "Ages" are conjectural, and only based on evolutionary assumptions. We know that even today some primitive tribes have a Paleolithic (i.e., "Old Stone Age") culture, using only crude stone implements and tools, at the very same time other parts of the world enjoy an advanced civilization.

In our study of the Lost World we saw man did have a high degree of culture and technology in the pre-Flood world. When all these things perished (2 Peter 3:6) in the Deluge, Noah's family became the ancestors of all post-Flood history. When the Brave New World of Noah and His sons emerged from the Ark, they faced a drastically changed environment. Armed only with what they had learned and retained in their own minds, along with whatever records and equipment they may have been able to store on the Ark.

At first they were forced to make use of stone and wooden implements, at least until they could discover veins of metallic ores in the rocks of newly formed lands of the world. Caves were often a first resort for shelter, until they could find time and materials with which to build more suitable dwellings. No doubt a considerable part of their time had to be devoted to the essential task of providing food for their sustenance. It is remarkable that they could survive at all, let alone set about to develop great civilizations once again. No doubt a great many of the evidences of the so-called Paleolithic and Neolithic cultures of early man, when rightly interpreted, are merely

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commentaries on the difficult struggle to survive by small tribes of post-Flood men in the early centuries following the great Flood.

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The Bible is clear in teaching that all present races and nations, tribes and languages, have been derived from Noah's three sons and three daughters-in-law in the few thousand years since the great Flood. It was shown in the previous chapter that the development of the present world population from this beginning is quite reasonable and conservative. However, it might be questioned whether such extreme variations in physical and linguistic characteristics among different groups of men could develop so rapidly. Presumably before the Flood, all men spoke the same language and were of the same race. At any rate, this was true of Noah's family at least.

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Could God have directed that revelations about Him be engraved upon the only indestructible systems they knew about—namely, the starry heavens. And could it be that the distinctive groupings of stars that had become familiar to all who looked at the night skies were an early set of Signposts to God? These constellations proceeded month-by-month across the heavens, returning again in the same order the following year. Did God present to someone that these star groups and movements could be utilized to record the great cosmic narrative. Since the stars would be permanent, so would the great saga, and so, hopefully, the primeval revelations and promises would be preserved for all time to come.

But the key Biblical reference to the Signposts of God may be Job 38:32:

“Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season?”

We know the word Mazzaroth means the twelve signs of the Zodiac and their associated constellations. All conservative scholars and commentators agree on this. But the context shows that God spoke these words to Job, strongly implies that the “bringing forth of Mazzaroth” each season was something that had been designed and established by none other than God Himself. From this we can conclude that the various star groupings and their symbolic counterparts were originally used, and perhaps even designed, for the purpose of conveying a continuing message to people of all places and times, that message consisting essentially of God’s plans and promises concerning man’s redemption.

THE BRAVE NEW WORLD OF NOAH AND HIS SONS DESCRIBES THE DANGERS IN ASTROLOGY

No matter what the Bible has revealed about the stars, fallen man has taken it in the opposite direction.

1. God always condemns the modern system of interpretation of star meanings—that is astrology—in the Bible so that we must by all means avoid any association with these particular teachings.

2. God always condemns the modern system of astrology as essentially synonymous with ancient polytheistic paganism.
3. God always condemns the modern system of worshipping "the host of heaven" as worship of the fallen angels, or demons, so that whatever evangelical use may have originally been intended by the "signs" in the stars, they have long since been thoroughly corrupted to the ends of paganism and demonism.

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Lets study in the next few weeks these truths and let them encourage our faith in our Great God who gives us His Divine Word!