

Brave New World Study Guide

The Brave New World BNW: Message One (000416PM)

Genesis 8

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. Let's 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 oldest[1] 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:

Only[3] 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 Deluge. There is no record of a tree, or any other living thing, being older than any reasonable date for the Deluge.

1. Only God's Word Records the Dawn of The Brave New World of Noah and His Sons

Now ponder the remarkable[4] 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).

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 Paleolithic[6], 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 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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5. God has warned us by Canaan: and The Curse of Sin 9:20-29
6. God has traced Genealogies: and The Table of the Nations 10:1-30

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!

[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.

[4] Adapted from Henry Morris, *The Bible and Ancient History*, Creation Trilogy, Master Books.

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

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God Remembers

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Just about 5,000 years ago, God says He destroyed the Earth's entire human population. All but eight humans were killed in the flood. No one could escape the Flood because God caused the earth's crust to break up at the start of the Flood. Huge eruptions under the oceans for thousands of miles literally boiled the ocean and released steam into the air along with volcanic ash. Immense tidal waves were also created. The steam and the ash that went up precipitated as rain for the entire period of the eruptions. All that are familiar with volcanic eruptions knows this phenomenon. There would be a cooling down of the earth's atmosphere as well due to the blockage of sunlight. Then oceanic waters not only boiled off and gave the rain, but also swept across all landmass with such force, that the soil and all the trees were uprooted into a muddy soup.

No one escaped, the Lost World perished in the Genesis Flood engineered by God. This is the event we will read about in God's Word. And this event directly caused the death of every man woman, and child on Earth, except 8. It devastated all the forests of earth. It drowned, or suffocated every land animal on earth. It killed every massive and powerful dinosaur. It destroyed every human being. And it left its footprints globally. Noah and his family rode out the first global catastrophe in a wooden boat! They were locked inside and had no way to see what was happening. Can you imagine the emotions they experienced? Fear, dread, anxiety, stress, claustrophobia, nausea, sea-sickness, second thoughts and so much more. But abandonment may have been the worst thought.

Try to think of the most alone and forgotten you have ever felt. Think about what it would have been like to have felt that for a year. Now you are only starting to feel what Noah felt as we examine his life this evening!

Tonight as we open to Genesis 8 we are opening to the darkest hour of Noah's life. As far as Noah could tell they were all alone and adrift over fathomless swirling black waters. They had no rudder, no sail, no chart and no compass.

God had personally spoken to them and asked them to come in and join Him inside the Ark. They had responded and had been in here for over a year, but there had been no word from God for over a year. Every member of his family was dead except his 3 boys and their wives. Every inch of his hometown was under a mile of rock and three miles of water. Noah's world was gone, ruined, wrecked. Noah was alone and felt forgotten and abandoned. On top of that the door was sealed shut, and the ark was floating somewhere that none inside could see.

The good news of this chapter is that God had not forgotten them. They were not abandoned. God has a perfect plan for the universe and me. He is working out that plan with infinitely accurate timing. God moves at the correct moment even if we don't.

Welcome to the Brave New World of Noah and His sons. As they stepped off the Ark as far as they could see was the devastation of a flooded earth. The hills, valleys, mountains all were scarred. The trash that floats in a storm was strewn across the hillsides. The bloated and decomposing bodies of doomed creatures that were carried about by the waters were dotting the landscape just starting to green up with trees and grasses. Then there was the ominous sound of the new world with the storms, thunder and lightning of the hydrological cycle. The Brave New World of Noah and His sons was a world where everything reminded them that God had destroyed the Old World that Perished in the Genesis Flood.

So why did God remember Noah? Because of His grace. Before the Flood God made a sovereign choice, He chose to love Noah. Look for a moment at Genesis 6:9. And when God puts His grace upon us, He loves us. So the theme of Genesis 8 is God remembers, and He remembers in LOVE. Here is a quick outline of the chapter:

God's Love Remembers. v. 1-5

- God Remembers Noah
- Lessons from Noah remembering God.
- Lessons from the Resting Ark

God's Love Purifies. v. 6-14

- Lessons on holiness: Ravens feast on uncleanness and doves don't. No qualms about resting in an unclean place.
- Lessons on waiting

God's Love sacrifices. v. 15-22

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- Lessons on God's Promises

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What did Noah remember about God?

- God deserves our obedience so he obeys (8:18)
- God deserves our attention, so he built an altar (8:20a).
- God needs a substitutionary offering to be approached, so he shed blood and offered it to God (8:20b)
- God loves sacrifice, so he gave him 1/7th (8:20c)

Lessons from the Resting Ark.

1. The ark rested because it had been working for 5 months saving Noah and his family from a sinful world and God's Holy Wrath.

2. God RESTED (finished) the work of Creation. Gen 2.2-3. The Ark RESTED (finished) the Work of Rescue Gen. 8.4 (Christ rose on the 7th month and the 17th day according to Exodus 12.2). Christ Rested (finished) the work of Redemption. John 19.30

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- Lessons on holiness: Ravens feast on uncleanness and doves don't. No qualms about resting in an unclean place.
- Lessons on waiting: They were in the ark for 371 days or exactly 53 weeks. Why? God has perfect plans! Ararat is the geographic center of earth's land areas.

The schedule of the flood is clearly given in the record. If we count the year of Adam's creation as 1 then Noah was born in the year 1056 after the Fall. Gen. 6:3 indicates that God gave Noah 120 years to preach and build the ark (I Peter 3:20), which means he was 480 Years old when he started (7:11). This would be the year 1536 after the Fall. The flood came in Noah's 600th year, which would be 1656 after the Fall; and on the 27th day of the second month in the year 1567 AF, Noah and his family were back on dry ground (8:13ff). The daily schedule would look like this:

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| 1. Month 2 (November) Day 10 | They enter the ark (7:1-9) |
| 2. Month 2 (November) Day 17 | The floods come (7:10-11) |
| 3. Month 3 (December) Day 26 | The rains end (7:12) |
| 4. Month 7 (April) Day 17 | The ark rests (8:1-4) |
| 5. Month 10 (July) Day 1 | Mountain-tops seen (8:5) waits 40 days |
| 6. Month 11 (August) Day 11 | Sends out raven and dove (8:6-9) waits 7 days |
| 7. Month 11 (August) Day 18 | Dove brings branch (8:10-11) waits 7 days |
| 8. Month 11 (August) Day 25 | Dove fails to return (8:12) waits 36 days |
| 9. Month 1 (October) Day 1 | Noah opens ark (8:13) waits 8 weeks |
| 10. Month 2 (November) Day 27
(8:14ff) | Then God opens the door, they leave the ark |

Love Sacrifices. v. 15-22

- Lessons on Obeying God's Call

There is a striking parallel between God's calling Noah out of the ark	And God's call of Abraham
Genesis 8:15-20	Genesis 12:1-7
a. Then God said to Noah (8:15)	a. The Lord had said to Abram (12:1)
b. Come out from the ark (8:16)	b. Leave your country (12:1)
c. So Noah came out (8:18)	c. So Abram left (12:4)
d. Then Noah built an altar to the LORD (8:20)	d. So [Abram] built an altar there to the

	LORD (12:7)
e. Then God blessed Noah (9:1)	e. "And I [God] will bless you" (12:2)
f. "Be fruitful and increase"(9:1)	f. "I will make you into a great nation"(12:2)
g. "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants" (9:9)	g. "To your offspring, I will give this land" (12:7)

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- Lessons on Remembering God
- Lessons on God's Promises

God wants us to remember Him all through our lives

WHEN WE ARE YOUNG: Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":

WHEN WE ARE ALONE: Jeremiah 51:50 You who have escaped the sword, Get away! Do not stand still! Remember the Lord afar off, And let Jerusalem come to your mind.

WHEN WE ARE NEARING THE END: Jonah 2:7 "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple.

WHEN WE ARE TRANSFORMED: Luke 17:11-17 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

WHEN WE ARE STRUGGLING: Habakkuk 3:17-19 Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls -- 18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. 19 The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills. (NKJV)

Imagine with me some of worst events our present high tech society could get. How would we respond as Christians if confronted with utter economic, political, social catastrophe .. and personal adversity? In the format of Habakkuk's declaration:

Though I lose my life's savings through a crash, down turn, bad investment or bank failure, or never have saved anything,

Though America has another Depression, my company folds, restructures or downsizes me out the door,

Though I lose my job, my husband loses his, or I am single and unemployed and our government's safety net fails, my benefits run out, and there is no one to care for me in old age, sickness and aloneness,

Though global famine wipes out food supplies in supermarkets, and my cupboards are bare at home and my family is suffering,

Though my loved ones never get saved, and my children turn from God, get pregnant, on drugs or in jail,

Though earthquake, flood, famine, fire, tornado, hurricane, drought or mudslide sweep away all that is precious to me,

Though my car quits and I can't afford a new one, used one of even to repair it,

Though my health fails, insurance folds, marriage ends, or I get cancer,

Though my mate has a heart attack, and I suddenly find myself alone,

Though America falls to a foreign power, our liberties cease and we are plunged into chaos,

Though Christianity is outlawed, our property confiscated, our loved ones arrested and we are incarcerated without hope in prison,

Could I still say, YES, LORD,

- I accept Your loving, sovereign hand on national affairs and in my Personal life?
- Could I affirm, YES, LORD, come what may, I believe Your promise: " I know the plans I have for you ... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future... " (Jer. 29:11).
- "The Lord is ready to assume full responsibility for the life wholly yielded to Him" (Andrew Murray).

God will work all things for my good and for His glory!

How Do We Remember God?

TREMBLE AT HIS WORD Habakkuk 3:16 When I heard, my body trembled; My lips quivered at the voice; Rottenness entered my bones; And I trembled in myself, That I might rest in the day of trouble. When he comes up to the people, He will invade them with his troops. (NKJV)

- Like David Psalm 119:120 My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments. (NKJV)
- Like Isaiah 6:5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." (NKJV)
- Like Jeremiah 23:9 My heart within me is broken Because of the prophets; All my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, And like a man whom wine has overcome, Because of the LORD, And because of His holy words. (NKJV)
- Like Daniel 7:15, 28 I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. 28 "This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart." (NKJV)
- Like John Revelation 1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. (NKJV)

PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME. The Scriptures teach us to praise God by two special activities:

Echoing his attributes. Praise expresses the character of God. Some Christians study the New Testament almost exclusively because it reveals many truths that were mysteries in the past. But one great reason to study the Old Testament is that it powerfully reveals the character of God, enabling us to praise Him better.

- Habakkuk praised God for his character, that He is a Holy, Almighty, Eternal, Covenant Keeping God (Hab. 1:12-13) -and that praise solved a great problem in his own heart. He didn't understand why God was going to judge Israel by sending the evil Chaldeans to conquer them (1:6-11). Habakkuk wanted God to revive and restore His people, but they had overstepped the limit of His patience.
- In the midst of his confusion, Habakkuk remembered this: God is holy-He doesn't make mistakes. God is a covenant keeping God-He doesn't break His promises. God is eternal-He is outside the flux of history. Following his praise, Habakkuk affirmed what we have been learning throughout this chapter, that "the righteous will live by his faith" (2:4).
- He felt better even though his circumstances hadn't changed. God did allow the Chaldeans to overrun Israel for a time, but Habakkuk knew his God was strong enough to handle any circumstances.
- Instead of worrying about problems we cannot solve, we should say, "Lord, You are bigger than history. You own everything in the entire universe. You can do anything You want to do. You love me and promise I will never be without the things I need. You-said You would take care of me as You take care of the birds and the flowers. You have promised that Your character and power are at my disposal." That kind of praise glorifies God.

Echoing his actions. God's attributes are displayed in His works. The psalms are filled with lists of the great things God has done for His people. They praise Him for parting the Red Sea,

making water flow from a rock, feeding His people with manna in the wilderness, destroying their enemies, making the walls of Jericho fall, and many other powerful works.

- After reevaluating his problem, Habakkuk praised God for His works, trembling at the power displayed in them (3:16). He affirmed that he would rejoice in the Lord even if everything crumbled about him (w. 17-18). Why? Because God had proved Himself in the past. That's why the Old Testament contains such an extensive history of God's works-so we can know specifically how God has proved faithful.
- If you have a problem facing you that you don't know how to solve, remember to praise God. Say to Him, "Lord, You are the God who put the stars and planets into space. You are the God who formed the earth and separated the land from the sea. Then You made humanity and everything else that lives. Although humanity fell, You planned our redemption. You are the God who carved out a nation for Yourself and preserved it through history, performing wonder after wonder for that nation. You are the God who came into this world

FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF HABAKKUK

- WHEN Burdened talk to God.
- WheN Bended listen to God.
- WheN Blessed Praise God.

Why Should We Remember God?

Because God rewards FIVE ACTIONS. These are things God remembers for good! In order written in Bible:

GOD CROWNS THOSE WHO DENY THEIR FLESH: 1 Cor. 9:27 Follow Him, not self.

GOD CROWNS THOSE WHO BRING HIM PEOPLE: 1 Thess. 2:19 God crowns those who bring Him what He wants. God wants people, not houses, plaques, collectibles. "No U-Haul behind a hearse."

GOD CROWNS THOSE WHO WATCH FOR HIM: 2 Tim. 4:8 Look for Him.

I'll always remember the parsonage window in Rhode Island. When I drove up to the garage Bonnie would have the little ones watching. With wide eyes they would sound the coming home of dad. My joy is such a tiny example of God's longing for our attention!

GOD CROWNS THOSE WHO LOVE HIM: James 1:12 God crowns those who love Him. God wants your heart!

Love only counts to God if it's first place, priority #1 love, more than hobbies, money, professional achievements, scholastic honors, sports victories, possessions.

Do you place a higher priority on God or:

1. - Your job
2. - Your house
3. - Your recreation
4. - Your finances (spend more time with investments on earth or heaven?)

GOD CROWNS THOSE WHO SERVE HIM: 1 Pet. 5:4 Serve Him.

Seven stages Bible overview, summary= creation, corruption, catastrophe, confusion, cross, church, consummation

The Brave New World

1. **Ancient History: The Brave New World Overview**
2. **The Covenant: God's Plan of the Ages and a Map of History 8:1-22** God has a plan of the ages. He has given the first piece of it as "no more global floods". The last piece is a new Heaven and a new Earth. In between is the age-old war between God and Satan, man and demons, and The Seed of the Woman vs. The Seed of the Serpent. Genesis 8 lays the scene for all future prophetic events.
3. **Caveman: The Descent of Man 9:1-19** From digs across the world come bone fragments, teeth and strange pictures depicting apelike creatures fabricated from a few fragments. Where did modern man come from? Where do cave dwellers, fossils, and cave drawings fit into all this? Learn of the Descent of Mankind from Genesis 9 and Romans 1.
4. **Canaan: The Curse of Sin 9:20-29** Noah stumbles, Ham sins, and Canaan gets cursed. What is going on here? What was the curse that fell on Canaan? Why did they all (the Canaanites) need to be exterminated? Is the present Arab/Moslem hostility a part of Satan's long war on God? The last few verses of Genesis 9 explain the Curse of Sin to us.
5. **Genealogies: The Table of the Nations 10:1-30** Across the face of our world seethes ethnic rivalry, genocide, ancient hatred, religious and regional warfare. Nationalism is rising from the Balkans to the Orient. Terrorists seek to cause concessions to gain independence in the Basque country, Northern Ireland, Palestinian areas and other places. How did all this start? Genesis 10 gives the birth of the nations.
6. **Babel's Astrology: The Sign Posts to God 11:1-9** Over your head this evening are the bright dots of light we call stars. Many in our world live by the stars, astrologically depending upon the stars for daily guidance. God condemns all such activity as occultic. But do the stars trace an ancient even divine pathway to God? Genesis 11:1-9 shows us the Signposts to God.

Just as significant as the associations of this passage with the Creation account, however, are the several close associations between Noah's altar and Moses' altar at Mount Sinai following the Exodus (Exod 24:4-18). A brief list of some key parallels gives a sense of the verbal and thematic similarities:

- The building of the altar in both accounts follows a major act of God's salvation--God's rescue of Noah from the Flood and God's deliverance of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt;
- The altar and the offering in both accounts mark the establishment of a "covenant" (*berith*) with God (Gen 9:9; Exod 24:7);
- The outcome of both covenants is God's "blessing" (*wayebarek* Gen 9:1; *uberak* Exod 23:25);
- The central provision in both covenants is protection from "beasts of the field" or "wild animals" (*hayyat ha'ares* Gen 9:2; *hayyat hassadeh* Exod 23:29) and human enemies (Gen 9:5-6; Exod 23:22);
- Specific mention is made that the "earth" will be preserved from destruction (Gen 9:11; Exod 23:29);
- In Genesis the visible "sign" of the establishment of the covenant is the rainbow in the "clouds" (*be`anan* 9:13-17), and in Exodus the conclusion of the covenant making is marked by the appearance of the glory of God in the "cloud" (*he`anan* 24:15) that covered the mountain;
- In both covenants stipulations are given to which the people must be obedient (Gen 9:4; Exod 24:3).

The Facts and Lessons of the Flood

The Heart of God	He Grieves for Fallen Man
The Wrath of God	He Destroys by Holy Judgment
The Love of God	He Saves by Sovereign Choice
The Truth of God	He Reminds by Divine Revelation: the rainbow, conscience, creation and the Word!
The Sin of Mankind	Reminds us we are sinners
Deafness to the Message	Warns us to Listen because we lack sensitivity.
Response of Noah	Challenges our Availability
Second Chance for Mankind	Offers Hope for All to be pure and new!

- Genesis 8:1-5 says God was destroying the earth.
- Genesis 8:6-14 says God was refining Noah.
- Genesis 8:15-19 says God was restoring the earth.
- Genesis 8:20-22 says God was renewing His plan.
- Genesis 8:1-5 says God Remembers in Holiness as He was Destroying the earth.
- Genesis 8:6-14 says God Remembers in Mercifulness as He was refining Noah.
- Genesis 8:15-19 says God Remembers in Graciousness as He was restoring the earth.
- Genesis 8:20-22 says God Remembers in Worshipfulness as He was renewing His plan.

Overview--Genesis 1-10

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Genesis 8-11

Our Bibles begin at Genesis looking into Eternity past as God the Creator speaks all of creation into existence. The conclusion of Creation is the fashioning from dirt a creature made in the very image of God. As the crowning point of His creation, we as humans are offered eternal fellowship and communion with God our Creator

Genesis lays the foundations for most major Bible Doctrines: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, man, sin, redemption, covenant, promise, Satan and angels, kingdom, revelation, Israel, judgment, and blessing.

The literary structure of Genesis is built on the frequently recurring phrase "the history/genealogy of" and is the basis for the following outline.

1. The Creation of Heaven and Earth (1:1-2:3) and then The Generations of the Heavens and the Earth (2:4-4:26)
2. The Generations of Adam (5:1-6:8)
3. The Generations of Noah (6:9-9:29)
4. The Generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth (10:1-11:9)
5. The Generations of Shem: Genealogy of Shem to Terah (11:10-26)
6. The Generations of Terah (11:27-25:11)
7. The Generations of Ishmael (25:12-18)
8. The Generations of Isaac (25:19-35:29)
9. The Generations of Esau (36:1-37:1)
10. The Generations of Jacob (37:2-50:26)

Dr. Griffith-Thomas in his excellent book *Methods of Bible Study* suggests that the OT is a book of:

- unfulfilled prophecies
- unexplained ceremonies
- unsatisfied longings

In the NT we have the fulfillment of these prophecies, the explanation of these ceremonies, and the satisfying of these longings; and, of course, all of this was accomplished through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.[1]

One final theme of both theological and historical significance sets Genesis apart from other books of Scripture, in that the first book of Scripture corresponds closely with the final book. In the book of Revelation, the paradise which was lost in Genesis will be regained. The apostle John clearly presented the events recorded in his book as future resolutions to the problems which began as a result of the curse in Gen. 3. His focus is upon the effects of the Fall in the

undoing of creation and the manner in which God rids His creation of the curse effect. In John's own words, "And there shall be no more curse" (Rev. 22:3). Not surprisingly, in the final chapter of God's Word, believers will find themselves back in the Garden of Eden, the eternal paradise of God, eating from the tree of life (Rev. 22:1–14). At that time, they will partake, wearing robes washed in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 22:14).[2]

Genesis 1-2 In The Beginning

Message # 1: The Ten Most Important Words (1:1)

So these God's Word tell us GOD initiated this Cosmos by His own will. God's Word tell us the Universe had a start and God existed forever before that beginning. God's Word tell us our Creator designed this world and the universe around it leaving His fingerprints everywhere! He left the only gateway to the True God, the True Creator and the Only Redeemer. God's Word are the Foundation of our ORIGIN, PURPOSE and DESTINY! God's Word are the only proper way to understand Geology, Anthropology, History, Philosophy and so on. God's Word are the only authoritative guide to the origin and purpose of male, female, marriage, family, government; and they alone records the start of sin, evil, cultures, language, Israel and all.

Message # 2: God Made The Heavens (1:1b)

Genesis 1 is the most amazing composition in all the world's literature, using only 76 different word-forms fundamental to all mankind, arranged in a wonderful poetic pattern yet free from any highly colored figures of speech. It provides the perfect opening to God's Word, and establishes all that we really need to know of the facts of creation. No man could have invented it: it is as great a marvel as a plant or a bird. It is God's handiwork, sufficient for Hebrew children or Greek thinkers or Latin Christians; for medieval knights or modern scientists or little children; for cottage dwellers or cattle ranchers or deep sea fishermen; for Laplanders or Ethiopians, East or West, rich or poor, old or young, simple or learned . . . sufficient for all! Only God could write such a chapter, and He did[3]."

Message # 3: God Made The Earth. (1:1c)

Have you looked around to see God's signature all over this planet. From the depths of the oceans to the heights of our atmosphere, this planet teems with life. In the deepest seas there are volcanic vents spewing superheated water heavy with poisonous metals and acids; incredibly there is an amazing flourishing of countless exotic and unique creatures. In every biome and ecosystem life overflows this planet. Water is preeminently[4] the seat of life. There is not a bay or creek, not a shelf or a sound on the face of the earth that does not teem with life. Even a drop of ditch water can hold 500 million microscopic creatures so small that a teaspoonful of water would be to them what the Atlantic is to us. God is truly a God of variety. Half a billion *infusoria* can live comfortably in a single drop. They appear in a thousand species, some are herbivorous, some carnivorous, some have shells, and some have none. They possess mouths, teeth, muscles, nerves, and glands. Some species have between one to two hundred sacks or stomachs, connected by an intestinal canal. The thickness of the membranes that line those stomachs have been estimated to be one fifty-millionth part of an inch!

Message # 4: In Six Days! (1:31)

This is the Creator's record. This is His explanation of the timing and it is six solar days! There is only one perfect science book in the world, you hold it in your hands (or at least I hope you do, always bring your copy of God's Word !) All other science books are flawed in that they have not been able to personally record a first hand observation of say the birth of a star, or the origin of a volcano in the earth's center. There is only one perfect history book in the world, you are holding it in your hands. All others are gathered and collected and have the marks of frail, fallen and fallible humanity all over them. But God has heard every word, seen every event and flawlessly captured what He wants us to know. So why don't we just look at the record of God's Word which detail the Creation.

Message # 5: The Signature of God! (2:1)

This morning God has written His Creative signature across this world. The Heavens and the Earth are crying out in testimony to HIM. This morning, I want you to check out the signature of God across our world. If you look closely with me you will see that there is no way that this world could have come into existence in any way but by the finger of God. First among the awesome fingerprints of God upon birds are their shapes and forms. When Jesus drew the attention of His listeners to the sparrows He was pointing at Himself. For even the lowliest or most common of the bird family are more advanced aerodynamically than our fiercest and most advanced, fighter warplanes. A bird has been well described by scientists as a "living wedge". If you could sail alongside a bird in flight and noticed its form as it flew you would be witnessing from beak to the last tail feather, an absolute study in complete streamlining. In all the world of biology no creature is more perfectly equipped to resist the laws of gravity than birds. A bird can float through the air like the down of a milkweed pod and yet weigh in at as much as twenty pounds!

Message # 6: The First Week (1-2)

There is a path which starts just outside of Eden. It is a path down which Cain began to walk just before he killed his brother. It is the path of human achievement. It the pathway of looking to myself, the pathway of religion and of self-help. It is the path that leads to the Tower of Babel, the path that runs through all the world's religions, the pathway is named atheistic evolution and that pathway heads straight to hell.

Another path leads from Eden. Abel walked it first followed by a countless multitude who looked to the Lamb not themselves. This path leads away from the world and toward God, it passes by a hill called Calvary and leads to Heaven where the Maker of Heaven and Earth calls all His creatures to worship and obey Him.

Paradise Lost Series Genesis 3

Message # 1: Paradise Lost (3)

What ever happened to Paradise? There was a perfect earth with no sin when Genesis 2 ends. What a place it must have been with all of the glow of Creation unshrouded by sin. Every creature was good, every part of the universe was singing the glory of God. No groaning under the burden of sin was yet present from the creation. But then something drastic happened. What? Adam's and Eve's sin. Look at Genesis 3 with me.

Message # 2: Pride: The Weakness of Satan. (3:1-2)

God is in an all out war against PRIDE this morning. He wants to stamp it out in our lives this morning. Let's let Him give us an exam this morning and help us cure our "I" problem today! Humility is an ingredient of all spiritual blessing. Just as every sin has its roots in pride, every virtue has its roots in humility. Humility allows us to see ourselves as we are, because it shows us before God as He is. Just as pride is behind every conflict we have with other people and every problem of fellowship we have with the Lord, so humility is behind every harmonious human relationship, every spiritual success, and every moment of joyous fellowship with the Lord.

Message # 3: AVOIDING THE DEVIL'S TRAP (3:1-5)

Now, to the scene of the last Adam. How unlike the 1st Adam is this last Adam.

- The Devil challenged the first man. The Last Man challenged the Devil.
- The Devil ruined the first Adam. The Last Adam spoiled the Devil.
- The First Adam involved the Race in his defeat. The Last Adam included the Race in His victory.
- The 1st Adam dealt a temporary defeat to God's Creation. The Last Adam brings Everlasting Righteousness.
- he First Adam stood as the head of the race and falling, dragged the race down with him. The Last Adam stood as the Head of the new race, and being victorious, lifted that race with Him.
- The 1st Adam's work of causing death could be undone and was at the Cross. The Last Adam's work can never be undone for He brought endless life.
- The 1st Adam did the work of man. The Last Adam did the Work of God.

Message # 4: The Four Spiritual Flaws (3:3-5)

Satan is in an all out attack to make you and me doubt, reject and become deafened to the voice of Jesus. We are not listening to the voice of Jesus when we think wrongly about God! Will you listen to that voice? Adam and Eve chose to not listen to God. Satan wants us to Doubt God's Word, Doubt God's Goodness, God's Authority, and Doubt God's Plan.

Message # 5: DOUBTING God (3:6-8)

GOD has FOUR truths that destroy Satan's 4 lies. We would do well to heed God's Word:

1. TRUST His Word. Psalm 119:89 Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. NKJV

2. REST in His Goodness Psalm 73:1 Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart. NKJV
3. SUBMIT to His Authority. James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. NKJV
4. FOLLOW His Plan Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. NKJV

Message # 6: Running From God (3:9-24)

Now, lets stand and ask God to illumine our hearts as we read these verses. Genesis 3:9-24. And as we stand together, listen to God's flawless record of the spiritual death of Adam and Eve as evidenced by their running and hiding!

As Soon as the word came to God's Throne that Adam and Eve had fallen to the Tempter's lies God the Savior set off for the Garden. It was God who went looking for His fallen creatures. It is God who today seeks and saves those who are lost. It is God's will that all should come to the truth of His salvation, but so many do not. When God came seeking, Adam and Eve ran and hid. In fact, the most glaring reality of our lostness and fallen-ness is the way we run and hide from God. That is one of the reasons many do not come to where God's Word is taught. When God's Word is taught God is near. When God is near, sinful and fallen man runs and hides. People even to this day still do not seek after God.

The Lost World Genesis 4-5

Message # 1: The Lost World (4-5)

Not long after God created Adam and Eve and put them in His beautiful garden, where every one of their needs was met, they decided to do the one thing that He had told them not to do. They ate from the tree of knowledge and fell, and the rest of creation fell with them. The whole earth was cursed. Our first parents lost their fellowship with God and were exiled from Eden. Very soon after that, the first murder was committed, when Cain killed his brother Abel. Corruption, violence, polygamy, incest, lying, stealing, adultery, idolatry, and every other sin became common and increasingly worse. Mankind, in fact, became so terribly debauched that God destroyed all people, except for the eight in Noah's family

Message # 2: Coming Into God's Holy Presence (4:1-4)

In rich earth flew beneath the chubby feet of the boys. It was Saturday again. Every Saturday mom and dad always took them back to that high wall and the little place outside the wall called the altar. There Cain and Abel would watch each week as in tearful reverence their parents killed a beautiful white lamb. And with crimson stained hands placed the lifeless body of that innocent lamb on the blackened rocks piled up. Pouring the blood around the base of the altar, they burned that lamb atop a pile of wood atop those rocks.

The family had done this same thing every week for as long as the little minds of Cain and Abel could recall. Each time it was the same story retold by Adam to his family.

- The Wonderful walks with the Creator.
- The fateful day they chose to disobey.
- The awful eviction from Paradise.
- The growing curse of the thistles and weeds in the soil of the planet.
- But every week it all came back to this part. And with wide eyes the boys heard about how God had set up this altar and told Adam and Eve this was the only place they could meet with Him. And, this bloody sacrifice was the key to pleasing Him and covering their sins whatever those were.

The one part that never got old was those amazing cherubim. With those four faces, they always seemed to be looking right at you no matter which direction you came from. Those guardians of God Holy presence from Whose presence one of their former members, the anointed cherub Lucifer had fallen. Now they remain guardians of God's Holy Presence.

Message # 3: Restless Cain (4:5-9)

This morning our text is Genesis chapter 4. Our focus is the first man who was ever born on this planet. His name was Cain. His tragic choices led him out of the shadow of Paradise, away from the place of God's presence and into an eternity of restlessness.

Message # 4: Righteous Abel (4:10)

Last week we watched as Cain departed, God didn't drive him out, his own hardness, fear, guilt, grief, and shame drove him away! Abel offered a better sacrifice because it represented the obedience of faith. He willingly brought God what He asked, and he brought the very best that he had. In Abel's sacrifice, the way of the cross was first prefigured. The first sacrifice was Abel's lamb-one lamb for one person. Later came the Passover-with one lamb for one family. Then came the Day of Atonement-with one lamb for one nation. Finally came Good Friday-one Lamb for the whole world

Message # 5: WALKING WITH GOD (5:1-20)

What an unbelievable life that man had. He lived in the worst time on earth. There were only 8 Noahans and 1 Enoch out of upwards of 5 to 7 billions of human beings who were spiritual and righteous. The world was so bad God had to sweep it all away. And through it all there was a light shining that never went out. There was a voice speaking that never was silenced. There was a life lived that could not be bought out, bribed, or wasted with selfish gratification, Enoch was God's man. Enoch will forever be the example of how to stand alone for God.

Message # 6: Enoch's Walk of Faith (5:20-24)

Here is the great and grand point: Enoch lived in dark, hostile days that were uncongenial to his faith. Life was so inhospitable that finally, in the time of Noah: Now the earth was corrupt in

God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth." (Genesis 6:11–13). However, Enoch resisted the sinful gravity of his culture and walked with God for over 300 years! He set his goal on the city of God—God's *place*; so he walked the same *path*—striding in step with God's *pace*. Three hundred years of faithfulness! The question is, do we truly believe God like Enoch

The World That Perished in The Genesis Flood Genesis 6-8

Message # 1: No Time For God (6:1-5)

No time for God, what a dangerous condition. This morning we begin a study of the World that Perished in the Genesis Flood. The entire world had come to the dangerously deadly state of having no time for God. God has told us that one of the final stages of terminal cancer of the soul is when humans have no place for their Creator in their hearts, minds, or lives.

Message # 2: No Regard for the Creator (6:6-7)

The fact that the entire World Perished in the Genesis Flood has been scoffed about for thousands of years. Even today there are men and women scientists and educators who systematically deny that there was a Global Flood of Noah as described in the Bible. What is it that they are trying to remove? God's compelling testimony of Global Death through a catastrophic flood. He has placed on every continent, every land and under every sea the vivid record of a global flood.

Message # 3: No man Like Noah (6:8-12)

Noah was the only dad on earth who saved his family from drowning in the great flood. He was unique. We are all unique. God created Adam and Eve in such a way that it would be impossible to ever have two descendents exactly alike. When God breathed a soul into Adam He made him one of a kind. Every human born in Adam's descent has shared this uniqueness. But among Adam's generations, God introduces us this morning to a man we can truly say was one in a billion. His name was Noah and his world was on the brink of destruction, eaten by the cancer of sin to the point of being hopelessly, completely and irreversibly evil.

Message # 4: No Testimony More Vivid (6:13-22)

That huge box, sitting in the back of Noah's home with rivers of animals marching two-by-two from every corner of the globe was hard to miss. Yet, in their hardness the whole world missed the message, refusing to even listen! No scene so powerful as ark. So all who entered survived; none were lost, none perished. God preserved them all and perfectly portrays our Lord Jesus. While the door was open, anyone and all who believed God's word could come in. but once the door was shut, no one else could come in. However, there is one little phrase in the account which is often overlooked. It is the record that when the door was shut, no one could get out again; and once they were in, God shut them in so that they were secure

Message # 5: No Escape From God's Wrath (7:1-22)

No one could escape the Flood because God caused the earth's crust to break up at the start of the Flood. Huge eruptions under the oceans for thousands of miles literally boiled the ocean and released steam into the air along with volcanic ash. Immense tidal waves were also created. The steam and the ash that went up precipitated as rain for the entire period of the eruptions. All that are familiar with volcanic eruptions knows this phenomenon. There would be a cooling down of the earth's atmosphere as well due to the blockage of sunlight. Then oceanic waters not only boiled off and gave the rain, but also swept across all landmass with such force, that the soil and all the trees were uprooted into a muddy soup. No one escaped, the Lost World perished in the Genesis Flood engineered by God. This is the event we will read about in God's Word. And this event directly caused the death of every man woman, and child on Earth, except 8. It devastated all the forests of earth. It drowned, or suffocated every land animal on earth. It killed every massive and powerful dinosaur. It destroyed every human being. And it left its footprints globally.

Message # 6: No Event More Catastrophic (7:23)

No event compares to the catastrophic flood of Noah's day. When Noah walked up the ramp and into the Ark there was no turning back. Noah turned his back on his world, his possessions, his treasures. Instead of grasping what would be destroyed, he walked into the place of God's Will. He left all and follows the Lord. What about those who stayed back on earth? What did those who were unwilling to leave all behind to go into the ark? They lost everything. All that lasted had to be in the ark. Nothing he left behind would survive.

The Brave New World of Noah and His sons Genesis 8-10

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. Let's trace the chapters and what we will study in the next few weeks.

The Brave New World

1. Ancient History: The Brave New World Overview
2. The Covenant: God's Plan of the Ages and a Map of History 8:1-22 God has a plan of the ages. He has given the first piece of it as "no more global floods". The last piece is a new Heaven and a new Earth. In between is the age-old war between God and Satan, man and demons, and The Seed of the Woman vs. The Seed of the Serpent. Genesis 8 lays the scene for all future prophetic events.
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5. Canaan: The Curse of Sin 9:20-29 Noah stumbles, Ham sins, and Canaan gets cursed. What is going on here? What was the curse that fell on Canaan? Why did they all (the Canaanites) need to be exterminated? Is the present Arab/Moslem hostility a part of Satan's long war on God? The last few verses of Genesis 9 explain the Curse of Sin to us.
6. Genealogies: The Table of the Nations 10:1-30 Across the face of our world seethes ethnic rivalry, genocide, ancient hatred, religious and regional warfare. Nationalism is rising from the Balkans to the Orient. Terrorists seek to cause concessions to gain independence in the Basque country, Northern Ireland, Palestinian areas and other places. How did all this start? Genesis 10 gives the birth of the nations.

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 oldest[5] 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? [6]

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:

Only[7] 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 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 remarkable[8] 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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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 worshiping “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.

The Witness Recorded in the Stars

The most important of these primordial truths seem actually to have been impressed upon the very stars themselves. It almost seems as though certain antediluvian prophets, in view of the impending destruction of the earth and its civilizations in the coming Flood, desired to preserve these revelations by engraving them upon the only indestructible systems they knew about—namely, the starry heavens.

The heavens were filled with distinctive groupings of stars that had become familiar to all who looked at the night skies. These constellations proceeded month-by-month across the heavens, returning again in the same order the following year. Accordingly the idea presented itself 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.

The Bible, of course, does not say which of the antediluvian patriarchs may have undertaken the task of inscribing the great prophecies on the heavens. Josephus, the Jewish historian, recorded an ancient tradition that this had been done mainly by Seth and Enoch.

It is even possible that God Himself was the author of this sidereal “Bible.” The creation record does state that one of the purposes of the heavenly bodies was to be “for signs and seasons” (Genesis 1:14). The Scriptures also indicate that the stars were given names by God (Psalm 147:4; Isaiah 40:26).

In fact, the Bible actually refers by name to a number of the stars and their constellations. This is especially true in the book of Job, probably the oldest book in the Bible, if not in the world. Job mentions “Arcturus with his sons” (38:32), the “sweet influences of Pleiades” (38:31), the “bands of Orion” (38:31), the “crooked Serpent” (26:13), and the “chambers of the south” (9:9). There are many other references scattered through the Bible.

Perhaps the most important Biblical reference to this subject is Job 38:32: “Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season?” The fact that these words were spoken to Job directly by God, in the context where they are contained, strongly implies that the “bringing forth of Mazzaroth” each season was something that had been designed and established by none other than God Himself.

The significant fact is that the word Mazzaroth means the twelve signs of the Zodiac and their associated constellations. All scholars and commentators are in agreement on this.

Thus, there is good reason to believe 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.

4. Nevertheless, there are still so many points of similarity between the themes of mythology, including astrology, and the prophetic themes of Scripture, that it seems the former must be corruptions of an original revelation, rather than raw inventions of either men or devils. Thus, to whatever extent we can still recognize the remnants of that primeval revelation, to that extent we have an additional evidence of the truth of the Bible and Christianity.

The Signs of the Zodiac

The most important of the star symbols are, of course, the twelve signs of the Zodiac, the mazzaroth of Job 38:32. Each sign corresponds to a given month of the year and is referenced to the group of stars which is located on the sun’s “ecliptic” (its apparent path through the sky) during that month. These continually change, of course, as the earth makes its annual revolution around the sun.

As a matter of fact, because of the slight “wobble” of the earth’s axis, the equinoctial points (the “equinox” is one of the two points during the year when the ecliptic crosses the celestial equator and the days and nights are equal) gradually shift from one year to the next. This “precession of the equinoxes” causes the months corresponding to the respective signs likewise to change very gradually.

If the purpose of the Zodiac is to relate a story in the stars, it would, therefore, be important to know the point at which to begin the story. There is no reason to suppose, for example, that the present-day sign corresponding to the month of January would be the starting-point.

Furthermore, there are many other constellations that may have been utilized along with the twelve major signs. The Zodiacal system has been in use since the dawn of history, and usually the ancient Zodiacs (whether in Egypt, India, Greece, Israel, China, or elsewhere) not only exhibit the same twelve major signs, but also thirty-six additional “decans,” or “side-pieces,” three secondary constellations accompanying the major constellation for each month.

For reference purposes, these 48 constellations are listed in the table below.

Constellations	
Zodiacal Sign	Decans
Virgo, the Virgin	Coma, the Infant (or Berenice's Hair) Centaurus, the Horse-Man Bootes, the Shepherd
Libra, the Scales	Crux, the Southern Cross Victima, the Slain Victim Corona, the Northern Crown
Scorpio, the Scorpion	Serpens, the Serpent Ophiuchus, the Serpent-Fighter Hercules, the Serpent-Crusher
Sagittarius, the Demi-God Archer	Draco, the Dragon Ara, the Burning Altar Lyra, the Harp-Eagle
Capricornus, Half-Goat, Half-Fish	Sagitta, the Arrow Aquila, the Pierced Eagle Delphinus, the Dolphin
Aquarius, the Water-Pourer	Piscis Australis, the Southern Fish Pegasus, the Flying Horse Cygnus, the Swan
Pisces, the Fishes	The Band, or Bridle Cepheus, the King Andromeda, the Chained Queen
Aries, the Ram	Cassiopeia, the Enthroned Queen Cetus, the Sea-Dragon Leviathan Perseus, the Breaker
Taurus, the Bull	Orion, the Huntsman

	Eridanus, the Fiery Stream Auriga, the Charioteer
Gemini, the Twins	Lepus, the Hare Sirius, the Dog, or Prince Procyon, the Second Dog, or Redeemer
Cancer, the Crab	Ursa Major, the Great Bear, or Fold Ursa Minor, the Lesser Bear, or Fold Argo, the Ship
Leo, the Lion	Hydra, the Fleeing Serpent Crater, the Bowl of Wrath Corvus, the Raven

Four Reasons for Suggesting that the Narrative in the Heavens Was Intended to Begin Each Year With the Sign of the Virgin:

1. Since the primeval promise of the Gospel was contained in Genesis 3:15, it would be appropriate to begin the story with a symbol of the Woman whose miraculous seed would some day crush the Serpent.

2. In the key reference to the Zodiac in Job 38:32, God had asked the rhetorical question: “Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?” This seems to be a case of Hebrew parallelism in which “bringing forth Mazzaroth (the Zodiac) in his season” is essentially synonymous with “guiding Arcturus.” It is, therefore, significant that the star Arcturus is one of the brightest in the sky and is adjacent to Virgo, in one of her decans.

3. The symbol of the Sphinx is frequently encountered in ancient cultures, and is found on certain ancient Zodiacs. It seems always to be represented as a creature with the body of a lion and the head of a woman. It is shown inside the Zodiacal circle, with the woman’s head facing toward Virgo and the lion’s tail pointing toward Leo.

4. If the story begins with Virgo, it must end with Leo, the Lion. This also is appropriate; the Lion represents the King (in the Bible, Christ is called the Lion of the tribe of Judah), and the Zodiacal figures show Leo as springing on the head of Hydra, the great fleeing Serpent, to destroy him.

However, on the other hand, Satan has historically always worked as a corrupter of religion, rather than an innovator. The tragic story of man’s decline from the true knowledge of God to abominable idolatries is summarized in Romans 1:21-32. It is thus much more probable that

astrology is essentially a Satanic corruption of an original representation in the heavens of God's true message to man.

If so, it may still be possible to discern the outlines of that primeval revelation, even after millennia of pagan distortions. It is obvious, for example, merely from a glance at the names of the 48 constellations above, that the story of the cosmic conflict between the Serpent and the Deliverer is the keynote of the entire narrative. It appears again and again in various ways, and this can hardly be a naturalistic accident.

The most ancient Zodiacs are probably closest to the original. Certain important differences are noted on some of these. For example, Gemini may originally have been a united man and woman, rather than two male twins. Similarly, Cancer, the Crab, seems originally to have been an enclosure into which people came from all sides. No doubt there have been many such modifications from the original symbols.

To try to recover the original story, we must, of course, adhere firmly to later written revelation, knowing that God would not contradict Himself. Also, we should in so far as possible, try to think in terms of what would be meaningful to the antediluvian patriarchs who presumably first received and transmitted this information.

With appropriate reservations, therefore, a narrative such as the following might be inferred from the twelve main signs and their respective decans.

1. Virgo. "A Deliverer will come into the human family someday, born as a man, yet supernaturally conceived of a virgin, seed of the woman, yet son of God."
2. Libra. "Since man is a sinner and under the curse, an adequate price must be paid to redeem him and balance the scales of divine justice."
3. Scorpio. "The price of redemption must be the death of the Deliverer, since man is under the condemnation of death, and yet, in dying, He must also destroy the Serpent who led man into sin."
4. Sagittarius. "To prevent the coming of the Deliverer in the human family, the great Dragon will seek to corrupt mankind into a race of demon-possessed monsters and murderers."
5. Capricornus. "Man will finally become so sinful as to leave no remedy but complete inundation of his entire world."
6. Aquarius. "The floodgates of heaven will pour forth waters to cleanse an evil world, but representatives of the land animals will survive to fill the earth again."
7. Pisces. "From the waters will emerge the true people of God, as God retains His kingly throne despite all the attacks of Satan."

8. Aries. “In the fullness of time, the seed of the woman will come, ready to die as the sacrifice for man’s sins, paying the great price to redeem His Bride and destroy the works of the Dragon.”

9. Taurus. “Having paid the price, the slain Ram will rise as the mighty Bull, to execute judgment on all ungodliness and to rule supreme.”

10. Gemini. “As both Son of God and Son of Man, the second Adam will claim His bride as did the first Adam, taking her to Himself forever.”

11. Cancer. “All the redeemed will come to Him from all times and places, secure eternally in His presence, enjoying His love and fellowship.”

12. Leo. “As eternal King and Lord of Lords, He will utterly vanquish and destroy the Serpent and all his followers, reigning forever and ever.”

This suggested original message of Mazzaroth is not, of course, considered to be certain, but in view of all the unknown factors involved, seems to be a reasonable reconstruction, consistent both with what is known of primeval revelation and with later Scripture. In any case, there seems to be sufficient correlation to indicate the divine origin of this “Gospel in the stars.”

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The Descent of Mankind

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Only God's Word explains the Brave New World of Noah and His sons - and gives the framework to sort out all these alleged finds of cavemen, etc.

There Are Two Walls between Which Lies Everything Ever to be Found on This Planet

1. The first is Genesis 8:18 that declares the only land living, air breathing creatures that survived the Flood, and repopulated the Earth were on the ark - all humans but eight perished!
2. The second is Genesis 9:19 which states that all living creatures including the highest of God's creation - humans- have descended from Noah, his family and the creatures aboard the Ark!

All over the world paleontological research digs are turning up more and more fragments of bones, teeth, skulls, and tools. Once unearthed, fantastic claims of bridge species, missing links, and new examples of someone theories are trumpeted instantly by internet news providers globally. In their wake come seasoned, science fiction soaked, illustrators that imaginatively -- and to the delight of museums and book sellers -- illustrate these fragments as thick boned, protruding foreheaded apelike creatures. Introducing the caveman. Caveman is a world largely imaginative, and the product of the spinners of evolutionary thought.

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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.

So what is the truth? Who, or what were these creatures? When did they live? How do they fit in the framework of God's Word and Christ's Creation that was "good" and sinless on the 7th and final day when God rested from His creation of everything from nothing, instantaneously over six normal 24 hour days? What are we to believe, teach our children, and defend?

May I demonstrate all this by a new and some old reports? First the news of March, 2000 was at last the link from man to ape was found! Here was the headline:

Micro-Primates...A Transitional Form Discovered!

Let's examine the story and see what was found. In the Book[1] of Genesis, God makes it very clear that man was created special on the sixth day of the Creation Week. Rejecting the Genesis account of history, evolutionists must search desperately to find an alternative explanation for man's origin. Discoveries, such as the recent "micro-primate" fossil fragment, demonstrate the great lengths to which evolutionists will go to connect humans and animals.

According to these evolutionists, man belongs to a group of mammals known as primates. So-called higher primates are the man-made grouping of humans, apes and monkeys; while lower primates or prosimians, include lemurs and tarsiers. Now, some researchers led by Northern Illinois University paleontologist Dan Gebo claim to have discovered the smallest ever primate, thumb-sized and weighing 10 grams or $\frac{1}{3}$ of an ounce. They also claim that it is a probable 'missing link' between lower and higher primates. They reported their research in Journal of Human Evolution (London), April 2000.

This fossil was found in tons of muddy rubbish from a commercial limestone quarry 100 miles west of Shanghai, and the limestone is a Triassic rock 'dated' at 220 million years old. This is right at the beginning of the alleged 'Age of Dinosaurs', so is unacceptable as a date for a primate. So the fossil is assigned the more acceptable date of 45 million years old (Eocene), because the limestone has some fissures that 'date' to that age.

The researchers deduce some amazing things about these creatures. To quote[2] the report: 'The researchers say the tiny primates were tree dwellers that relied on a steady diet of insects, fruit and nectar to fuel their high metabolisms. Unlike contemporary higher primates, the tiny primates likely were nocturnal and solitary creatures. "The implication is staggering," Gebo said. "You would think that early higher primates would have a lot of characteristics of later higher primates, which were social creatures that occupied a daytime niche. It probably means we're getting close to the transition between higher and lower primates."'

However, what are all these claims based on? It turns out that they had no complete skeletons, but only foot bones, each about the size of a grain of rice! The fossil of what is claimed to be the smallest ever primate, is actually a heel bone discovered by team member Marian Dagosto, Gebo's wife.

Creationists have no objection to tiny fossil primates, and these heel bones may well be correctly identified. But we are justifiably skeptical of such grand conclusions about their lifestyle and 'missing link' status based on a few fragments of the skeleton.

That evolutionists get so excited about such tiny bits of bone underlines the general lack of transitional fossils, which should be abundant if the evolution story were correct. Where fairly complete fossil skeletons are found, they are clearly not transitional, but where small bits are found and a lot of imagination can be applied, evolutionists are able to see transitional forms. Is there really evidence that man descended from the apes?

Currently Fashionable Ape-Men

These are the ones that adorn the evolutionary trees of today that supposedly led to Homo sapiens from a chimpanzee-like creature.

Australopithecus - there are various species of these that have been at times proclaimed as human ancestors. One remains: Australopithecus afarensis, popularly known as the fossil 'Lucy'. However, detailed studies of the inner ear, skulls and bones have suggested that 'Lucy' and her like are not on the way to becoming human. For example, they may have walked more upright than most apes, but not in the human manner. Australopithecus afarensis is very similar to the pygmy chimpanzee.

Homo habilis - there is a growing consensus amongst most paleoanthropologists that this category actually includes bits and pieces of various other types - such as Australopithecus and Homo erectus. It is therefore an 'invalid taxon'. That is, it never existed as such.

Homo erectus - many remains of this type have been found around the world. They are smaller than the average human today, with an appropriately smaller head (and brain size). However, the brain size is within the range of people today and studies of the middle ear have shown that Homo erectus was just like us. Remains have been found in the same strata and in close proximity to ordinary Homo sapiens, suggesting that they lived together.

There is no remnant of mankind that can be verified that predates the World that Perished in the Genesis Flood on our planet. Assuming, therefore, that all archaeological sites really relate to post-diluvian (After the Flood) cultures, there are essentially only three chapters of the Bible (Gen. 9 - 11) that contain information related to the so-called Paleolithic (i.e., "Old Stone Age"), Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age) and Neolithic (New Stone) Ages of archaeology. The world was already well into the so-called Bronze Age by the time of Abraham. Actually, the older "Ages" are largely hypothetical, based on evolutionary assumptions. It is obvious that a given tribe may have a Paleolithic culture, using only crude stone implements and tools, at the very same time that nations in other parts of the world enjoy an advanced civilization. The obvious proof of this statement is that such tribes exist in the world today.

The Bible of course indicates that before the Flood man did have a high degree of culture and technology. He was able to build cities (Genesis 4:17), practice agriculture (4:2) and animal husbandry (4:20), fabricate and play musical instruments (4:21) and work in brass and iron (4:22). These few references would certainly imply that he also could read and write and had a system of weights and measures, as well as accomplish many other things (e.g., build a gigantic vessel capable of withstanding the violence of a worldwide flood for a whole year).

All the world that existed before the Flood, The Lost World, perished (2 Peter 3:6) in the Deluge. When the eight ancestors of all post-Flood men emerged from the Ark, they of course had to face a drastically changed environment with only the knowledge 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. It is no wonder that they were forced for some little time 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. Many naturally made use of caves 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 commentaries on the difficult struggle to survive by small tribes of post-Flood men in the early centuries following the great Flood.

We Live in the Brave New World That Was Founded by Noah After the World that Perished in the Genesis Flood

Now ponder the remarkable^[4] antiquity of the Bible you hold in your hands this morning. What this book records is seldom appreciated as it should be.

- Modern historians often refer back to the Greek writer Herodotus as the “father of history.” So when did he live and write? His writings are actually only contemporary with those of Nehemiah and Malachi, the very last of the 27 Old Testament^[5] writers!
- The supposed ancient writer of the Illiad and Odessy, Homer, whose works are quite a mixture of mythology and history. Yet they date from the same period as the sober and archaeologically reliable histories of Samuel.
- Most of the other great historians of antiquity—Manetho, Berosus, Josephus and others—all date from much more recent periods. In their writings it is essentially impossible to discern where history ends and legend begins.

And yet the Bible records detailed and accurate histories as far back as Abraham and beyond. Abraham’s time was at least a thousand years earlier even than Homer! In all the world, there is no other book like this. 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.

There is every reason to believe, and no reason to doubt (except for evolutionary bias), that the traditional dates and authors were correct and that we have in the Scriptures what amounts to first-hand, eye-witness, accounts of all these great events at the dawn of human history. Yet from digs across the world come bone fragments, teeth and strange pictures depicting apelike creatures fabricated from a few fragments. Where did modern man come from? Where do cave dwellers, fossils, and cave drawings fit into all this? We can learn of the Descent of Mankind from Genesis 9 and Romans 1. **Conclusion:** There is no fossil evidence that man is the product of evolution. The missing links are still missing because they simply do not exist. The Bible clearly states, "then the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." (Genesis 2:7).

Evolutionary Thought Misses the Purpose

We are even here today! In no other historical book do we find so many and such valuable statements of purpose for man as in the Bible. For example:

1. Man was God's target in creation Gen. 1:27-28 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”
2. Man was God's target in redemption Isaiah 53:5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.
3. Man was God's target in the mission of God's Son 1 John 4:9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.
4. Man was God's target of God's inheritance. Titus 3:7 that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
5. Man was God's target for Heaven's wonders 1 Peter 1:4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.

God Made ALL OF THE Universe:

- John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- Acts 14:15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, (NKJV)
- Acts 17:24 “The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;
- Colossians 1:16-17 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him and for Him.¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
- Hebrews 1:10 And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. (NKJV)
- Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (NKJV)
- Revelation 14:7 and he said with a loud voice, “Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”

• [1] Apologetics feature by Answers in Genesis.
 • [2] <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2000/03/000316071008.htm>
 • [3] Quoted from an electronic edition of Henry and John Morris, Creation Trilogy.
 • [4] Adapted from Henry Morris, The Bible and Ancient History, Creation Trilogy, Master Books.
 • [5] That means that before Herodotus wrote we have the perfectly preserved histories of: Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Solomon, Ezra, (Job), and the prophets from Isaiah to Zechariah!

Cavemen

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The **key to the past history of planet Earth** is the **Bible**. The key that unlocks all the mysterious past events in human history is God's Word. The key to open the vistas of future history for the destiny planet Earth hurtles toward is the Word of God.

Across the face of our world seethes ethnic rivalry, genocide, ancient hatred, religious and regional warfare. Where did the races and nations come from? Nationalism is rising from the Balkans to the Orient. Terrorists seek to cause concessions to gain independence in the Basque country, Northern Ireland, Palestinian areas and other places. How did all this start? Genesis 10 gives us the birth of the nations. So, the Bible is the key to the present, which is written in God's Word in the past!

Open with me to perhaps the most fascinating chapter in the Bible, The Table of the Nations. God's map of all the human family. The ultimate geneology. All of our relatives are found in just one chapter of God's Word!

As we look over these 32 verses tonight you will come to the same conclusion I have. Namely, the Biblical explanation[1] of national and tribal origins is far superior to any evolutionary ideas, both morally and genetically. Note that the Bible does not mention the concept of "race" at all, only languages, peoples, tribes and nations. The most important difference between groups of men, of course, is not skin color, but language. It is only the language barrier that could enforce isolation and inbreeding among men, and it is only such inbreeding that could have produced the many distinctive physical characteristics of the different groups.

Now turn back to Isaiah 40-41 and stand as we read perhaps the 10 greatest verses on the Majesty of our Great God! They are 40:8, 12, 15, 18, 22, 26, 29, 31; 41:4, 10. Why study Genesis 10? To know how truly great Thou our God Art!

God created Adam and Eve the first couple of humans in the History of Earth, they had 2 sons, 2 lines, God chose one Abel's. Only one of Abel's line survived the Flood. So God again chose one couple - the Noah's to start over with, they had 3 sons. God worked down one line Shem's to one man - Abraham, through a son of promise Isaac, to a son of election Jacob, to 12 sons of which one was Judah through whom came Jesus the Christ! WOW! God is in charge and directs the affairs of humans who as they make absolutely responsible choices, do His will.

Now to Genesis 10. As far as the early nations are concerned, the three major groups of nations naturally stemmed from the three sons of Noah. Seventy original nations are listed in Genesis 10, extending evidently to sometime soon after the scattering of the people from Babel.

In general, the Table shows the descendants of Japheth (10:2-5) migrating into Europe, those of Ham (10:6-20) southward into Africa, and those of Shem (10:22-32) remaining in western Asia. Although not certain, it seems probable that the Far East was later settled by certain groups from the Hamitic and Japhetic nations. In any event, there is certainly nothing in either Genesis 10 or Genesis 11 that has been disproved by archaeology.

Origin of Races and Nations[2] 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.

Several[3] major European royal genealogies can be traced all the way back to Noah's sons, and the **Table of Nations** listed in: Genesis, chapters 10-11. This is another important evidence points us directly back to our true ancient history; one which is on the order of thousands of years and in concurrence with the Bible's true record of our ancient history. Bill Cooper, of Middlesex, England, wrote and edited "**After the Flood**" in 1995 after spending over 30 years carefully researching ancient European genealogies. "**After the Flood**" is a compiled summary of this extensive research; all of which is independently verifiable from within the archives of several national libraries.

Listen to Dr. Cooper, "When applied to the Table of Nations, this healthy historical research yields some surprising facts, surprising that is, in the light of what most commentaries go to such great lengths to assure us of, namely that Genesis is not to be trusted as accurate history. The Table of Nations is a simple genealogy, I wanted to see how many of its names were attested in the records of other nations in the Middle East, which included for my purposes all the nations of Mesopotamia, Arabia, Egypt, Turkey and even Greece. Over the years[4], little by little, pieces of corroborative evidence came together and a picture began to build up that revealed the tenth and eleventh chapters of Genesis to be an astonishingly accurate record of events. The Table of Nations had listed all the families and tribes of mankind in their correct groupings, whether those groupings were ethnological, linguistic or geographical. All the names, without exception, were accurate, and in more than twenty-five years of searching and analysing, I uncovered not one mistake or false statement of fact in the Table of Nations. "

The Japhetic Races [5] (10:1-5)

In His governmental dealings with mankind, God saw to it that the races were dispersed over the globe. The confounding of human speech at Babel was intended to force the nations apart and hasten their distribution over the face of the planet. The table of nations begins with the Japhetic races. In all, fourteen Japhetic families are listed in v. 2-5, thirty Hamitic families are listed in v. 6-20 and twenty-six Semitic families in v. 21-32, making a total of seventy families altogether.

A summary of the nations of the Middle East concerning the descendants of Japheth, show the trend of that evidence in vindicating the Genesis account. Moreover, the Japhetic line is the briefest in the Table of Nations. The Japhetic list in the Table of Nations looks like this when set out as a conventional genealogy:

Very briefly then, as we consider just a few of the names in the Japhetic[6] list, we find that in the mythology of the old world, Japheth was regarded as the father of many peoples, particularly the Indo-European nations. The pagan Greeks perpetuated his name as Iapetos, the son of heaven and earth and again the father of many nations. We find his name in the vedas of India where it

appears in Sanskrit as Pra-Japati, Father Japheth, who was deemed to be the sun and lord of creation, the source of life in other words for those descended from him. Later, the Romans were to perpetuate his name as that of Ju-Pater, Father Jove, later standardised to Jupiter. We shall see also that the early Irish Celts, the early Britons and other pagan European races traced the descent of their royal houses from Japheth, including the Saxons who knew him as Sceaf (pr. sheaf or shaif). And all these peoples, we must remember, were pagans whose knowledge or even awareness of the book of Genesis was non-existent.

Thus it comes about that, throughout the entire Table of Nations, whether we talk about the descendants of Shem, Ham or Japheth, every one of their names is found in the records of the early surrounding nations of the Middle East, even the many obscure names of certain remote Arab tribes that are otherwise not evident in any modern history book of the times, and enough is available for a detailed history to be written about them. It is a phenomenon of immense implications.

Seven Founders of the Japhetic Nations

First the founders of the Japhetic nations are listed, beginning with Gomer.

- In Genesis 10:2 Gomer's descendants are often identified with the Cimmerians who first settled on the shores of the Caspian and Black Seas and who later spread into Europe as far as the Atlantic, leaving marks of their presence in Germany and Wales. they were later driven away by the Elamites. The prophet Ezekiel, during the time of the Captivity, referred to them as those who dwelt in the uppermost parts of the north. They appear in Assyrian records as the Gimirraya whose defeat under king Esarhaddon is duly noted. They appear also in the annals of the reign of Ashurbanipal of Assyria around 660 BC. The people of Ashchenaz are found in earliest times in Armenia, and later Jewish writers associate them with the Germanic races (Germanic Jews to this day are called Ashkenazim). They appear also in the 6th century BC records of Assyria as the Askuzas who allied themselves with the Mannai in a revolt against Assyria, an event also mentioned in Jeremiah (51:27) whose prophecy incidentally confirms the identity of the Askuzas with the Ashkenazim. ... and so on.
- Magog comes next. His were a fierce and warlike people ruled over by princes who bore the royal appellation "Gog" (comparable to "Pharaoh" or "Caesar"). Their descendants are thought to be the Scythians and their territory to be in the Caucasus. We would identify them today with the Russians.
- Madai is the third founding father listed. His descendants are thought to be the Medes, and their territory is linked with the southwest shore of the Caspian sea.
- Javan became the father of the Greek peoples.
- Tubal found their home in northern Armenia and, again, would today be identified with the Russians.
- Meshech found their home in northern Armenia and, again, would today be identified with the Russians.
- Tiras is thought to have been the ancestor of the Thracians or of certain tribes who found their home around the Taurus.

Seven Founding Families of the Japhetic Nations

Having listed seven founding fathers, the narrative goes on to describe seven founding families beginning with the sons of Gomer in 10:3-4.

- In Genesis 10:3 the first named is **Ashkenaz**. Jewish commentators believe that his descendants founded Germany. To this day Jews from Germany and central Europe are referred to as Ashkenazis. **Riphath** gave his name to the Rhiphaean mountains on the north of the Caspian. (Is it coincidental that perhaps the largest single discovery of gas and oil ever-worth TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS- may have been found last year in this Caspian Sea area?) The descendants of **Togarmah** are generally identified with the Phrygians, the Cappadoceans, the Armenians, and the Taurians inhabiting the Crimea. It is significant that a number of those peoples are identified by Ezekiel with the hostile, antisemitic nation that bursts out of the "uttermost parts of the north" in the last days to descend in battle array upon Israel (Ezekiel 38-39). Magog, Meschech, Tubal, Gomer, Togarmah are all to be members of that anti-God alliance of the last days.
- In v. 4 the sons of **Javan** come next into prominence beginning with **Elishah**, thought by some to be Elis in the Peloponnesus, but in any case a maritime people of Grecian stock. **Tarshish** is frequently identified with southwest coast of Spain. It became famous in Bible times as a wealthy and important seaport. Prophetically, it stands for the "uttermost parts of the west," the western world. **Kittim** is identified with Cyprus, but also with the shores of Italy and Greece. The identification of **Dodanim** is obscure. It is interesting that many of the sons of Javan are depicted by Ezekiel as opposing the invasion of Israel by Russia in a coming day.
- The statement concerning the Japhetic nations closes with a summary (10:5) of the geographical, philological, tribal, and national divisions of the "Gentiles" (goyim). Those are the nations that came to power after the fall of Babylon and that have controlled the world ever since. Positive identification of some of the peoples and territories cannot be made. Scholars differ on the matter.

The Hamitic Races [7] (10: 6-20)

The table next turns to the Hamitic races. In the early dawn of human history they were the vigorous, aggressive peoples, the early empire builders, the controllers of human destiny. It must have seemed to the old world skeptics that God's prophetic word through Noah regarding the enlargement of Japheth was singularly at fault. Not so. God's prophecies are frequently long-range and take time to mature. With those ancient skeptics it was their perspective that was at fault, not prophecy.

The Hamitic list begins with notable names (10:6-7), the first of which is Cush.

1. In Genesis 10:6 the original settlements of **Cush** might have been on the upper Nile, and he is most generally identified with Ethiopia, although some of his descendants are thought to have migrated to Arabia, Babylonia, and India. The Bible depicts the Cushites as being black (Jeremiah 13:23) and tall (Isaiah 45:14).
2. **Mizraim** founded Egypt. The word is a dual word and would thus embrace both Egypts, upper and lower, sprawling along the length of the Nile. The original name for Egypt was Kem, thought by some to be a reference to Ham.

3. **Phut** founded the nation of Libya on the African coast. **Canaan** occupied the territory that afterward bore his name and that, for a period, was a province of Egypt.
4. In genesis 10:7 a number of the **sons of Cush** are listed, most of whom settled the country between the Arabian Sea and the Persian Gulf or else Ethiopia. **Seba's** descendants seem to have occupied Nubia in northern Ethiopia.
5. The sons of **Havilah** are identified with what was essentially Semitic territory between the Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf. That vast territory was large enough to accommodate peoples from both major races. The sons of Sabtah are linked both with Ethiopia and Arabia. Both **Raamah's** and **Sabtechah's** descendants are linked with the Persian Gulf. Two of Raamah's sons are listed. **Sheba's** name has been linked with the great city of that name in Arabia and **Dedan's** name is associated with the Persian Gulf.

In Genesis 10:8-12 **Nimrod** whom we covered in our RCC and Revelation study became a kingdom builder and the founder perhaps of idolatry, astrology, and all the black arts.

Next Moses begins to point toward the origins of God's Nation of Israel[8]. First **Mizraim's** descendants are listed. They are all peoples associated with Egypt. The writer gives the added note in v. 14 that the Philistines originally sprang from Egyptian stock. The word "Philistim" is said to be derived from an Ethiopic root meaning "to emigrate."

The descendants of Canaan are listed last.

1. In Genesis 10:15 the first and foremost of those was **Sidon** (10:15) who founded the oldest Canaanite city which, together with its sister city, Tyre, became a famous commercial and maritime center. Phoenician explorers and colonists set forth from those cities. Carthage, the ancient rival of Rome on the African coast, was a colony of Tyre.
2. In Genesis 10:16-20 **Heth** founded the Hittite nation. The **Jebusites** held Jerusalem until David's mighty men wrested it from them. The **Amorites** entrenched themselves on both sides of the Jordan and in the mountains that afterward belonged to Judah. Little or nothing is known of the **Girgashites**. The **Hivites** were villagers or "settlers in cities." The **Arkites** and the **Sinites**, the **Arvadites** and the **Zemarites** together with the **Hamathites** complete the list of Canaanite tribes. Those were the peoples whose culture and religion were so vile that God later commanded their complete extermination.

The Semetic Races [9] (10:21-32)

Having dealt with the other peoples, Moses concentrates on the Semitic races. Very little is known about Shem, where he lived, what he did, the size of his family, the convictions that he had. Abraham was a distant descendant of Shem 7 GREATS! (his great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandson if the chronologies are complete), and Abraham lived an utter pagan in thriving Ur of the Chaldees.

One supposition is that Shem and Melchizadek were one and the same persons, though there is little proof to substantiate that. But, if it were so, if the famous Melchizadek of Salem were indeed the long-lived Shem, then Abraham must have doubly felt his loss. The list is carried

down to Peleg and Joktan, in whose day the great sundering of mankind took place, doubtless a reference to the confusion of tongues at Babel.

In Genesis 10:22 the first of Shem's sons was **Elam**, who settled the mountainous district east of Babylonia. **Asshur** comes next; he founded the nation of Assyria. **Arphaxad's** territory is said to be north of Assyria. The descendants of **Lud** were the Lydians of Asia minor, having migrated there from countries more closely identified with Shem. The **descendants of Aram** settled in Damascus and Mesopotamia.

In v. 23 we see four of **Aram's** descendants are named. The land of Uz was settled by his firstborn. **Uz** was a tract of territory southeast of Palestine in the Arabian desert, famous as the place where Job lived. His other sons, **Hul, Gether, and Mash**, are thought to have settled in Armenia.

In v. 24 Shem's third son, **Arphaxad**, is the most important in the entire list of nations because it was through him the royal line led to Abram and thence to Christ. Nothing is known of **Salah**, Shem's grandson, except that his name means "extension," implying, perhaps, that he was an early colonist. His importance lies in the fact that his son was **Eber**, the father of the Hebrew people. The name "Eber" means "emigrants." His descendants came from "the other side of the flood" (that is, the Euphrates) to Canaan (Joshua 24:2-3, 14-15).

In v. 25 **Eber's** two sons both rank high in the list. **Peleg's** name means "division," appropriately enough. The division of mankind into nations and the curse of tongues at Babel are commemorated in his name. At that point Moses leaves the royal line for a while and ends the table of nations with a brief summary of the related line that ran through **Joktan**[10].

In v. 26-31 **Joktan** is thought to be the father of the Arabians. His thirteen sons are listed. **Almodad** is thought to have founded Yemen, **Ophir** is probably Oman on the Persian Gulf. The other sons are all more or less linked with Arabia.

In v. 32 while concluding the table of nations, Moses gives a brief summary. "these are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided (the word means 'disrupted,' emphasizing man's disruption in judgment) in the earth after the flood: (10:32). The whole chapter emphasizes the completeness of man's dispersal and the picture it gives, although some of its details may be uncertain today, is certainly one of worldwide dispersal.

Idolatry and the occult runs clearly through all the cultures of the great past empires. Each had an underlying belief in astrology. This was the cohesive force which bound together all the witchcraft, sorcery, and magic. Kings would seldom make a move without consulting advisors steeped in the ancient art of Babylonian religion. The ancient priests enjoyed royal stature and power, especially in Egypt.

So even before the first[11] major historic kingdom, *Assyria*, with its occult-mad capital city of Ninevah (see Nahum 3:4) – mankind was already idolatrous. This idolatry only increases with the second major kingdom *Egypt*, which devoted much of its total wealth to the construction of

pyramids, all built according to astrological specifications. Egypt was also given to black magic (see Exodus 7:11, 22; 8:7, 18; 2 Tim. 3:9). The third was the *neo-Babylonian* empire of Daniel's day, which really perfected the black arts. The fourth was *Medo-Persia*, which conquered Babylon but was in turn enslaved by the Babylonian religion. The fifth was the *Greek* empire. One visit to Greece and her ancient temple sites will convince you of the sway which idolatrous religions held there!

This is the reason why every nation and tribe of the past or present (except those whose cosmogony is based on Genesis 1 and 2, such as Christianity, Judaism, and Islam) has a religious system which is fundamentally:

- Pantheistic (believing that the physical universe rather than the transcendent Creator of that universe, is the ultimate reality),
- Polytheistic (believing that this deified cosmos manifests itself locally as various forces and systems of nature, which are personified as "gods" and "goddesses"),
- Idolatrous (believing that these gods and goddesses, or personified forces and systems of nature, should be worshiped through images constructed to represent them and which they then possess and energize). This monstrous system of evolutionary, polytheistic, pantheistic, spiritistic, astrological idolatry has permeated practically every culture in the world in one form or another. Even modern evolutionary scientism is nothing but this same ancient paganism in more sophisticated garb. All religions and philosophies except those founded on special creation as revealed in Genesis worship and serve the creation more than the Creator (Romans 1:25) and thus are under God's condemnation. They are either
- Evolutionary (believing that these personified forces of nature somehow generate higher and higher orders of beings, including man and--in many cases--even spirits),
- Animalistic/spiritistic (believing that the spirits so generated, including the spirits of dead men and women, continue to survive and perhaps evolve into still higher beings),
- Astrological (believing that the highest beings so developed either inhabit or are identical with the starry host of heaven, so that these stars control events on earth), and
- Humanistic (worshiping man as the highest attainment of the cosmic process)

Idolatry is Foolishness Isaiah 44

- Those who make an image, all of them *are* useless,
- And their precious things shall not profit;
- They *are* their own witnesses;
- They neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed.
- Who would form a god or mold an image
- *That* profits him nothing?
- Surely all his companions would be ashamed;
- And the workmen, they *are* mere men.
- Let them all be gathered together,
- Let them stand up;
- Yet they shall fear,
- They shall be ashamed together.
- The blacksmith with the tongs works one in the coals,
- Fashions it with hammers,

- And works it with the strength of his arms.
- Even so, he is hungry, and his strength fails;
- He drinks no water and is faint.
- The craftsman stretches out *his* rule,
- He marks one out with chalk;
- He fashions it with a plane,
- He marks it out with the compass,
- And makes it like the figure of a man,
- According to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house.
- He cuts down cedars for himself,
- And takes the cypress and the oak;
- He secures *it* for himself among the trees of the forest.
- He plants a pine, and the rain nourishes *it*.
- Then it shall be for a man to burn,
- For he will take some of it and warm himself;
- Yes, he kindles *it* and bakes bread;
- Indeed he makes a god and worships *it*;
- He makes it a carved image, and falls down to it.
- He burns half of it in the fire;
- With this half he eats meat;
- He roasts a roast, and is satisfied.
- He even warms *himself* and says,
- “Ah! I am warm,
- I have seen the fire.”
- And the rest of it he makes into a god,
- His carved image.
- He falls down before it and worships *it*,
- Prays to it and says,
- “Deliver me, for you *are* my god!”[12]
- ***Idols and the True God***
- Hear the word which the Lord speaks to you, O house of Israel.
- ² Thus says the Lord:
- “Do not learn the way of the Gentiles;
- Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven,
- For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.
- For the customs of the peoples *are* futile;
- For *one* cuts a tree from the forest,
- The work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.
- They decorate it with silver and gold;
- They fasten it with nails and hammers
- So that it will not topple.
- They *are* upright, like a palm tree,
- And they cannot speak;
- They must be carried,
- Because they cannot go *by themselves*.
- Do not be afraid of them,
- For they cannot do evil,
- Nor can they do any good.”

- Inasmuch as *there is* none like You, O Lord
- (You *are* great, and Your name *is* great in might),
- Who would not fear You, O King of the nations?
- For this is Your rightful due.
- For among all the wise *men* of the nations,
- And in all their kingdoms,
- *There is* none like You.
- But they are altogether dull-hearted and foolish;
- A wooden idol *is* a worthless doctrine.
- Silver is beaten into plates;
- It is brought from Tarshish,
- And gold from Uphaz,
- The work of the craftsman
- And of the hands of the metalsmith;
- Blue and purple *are* their clothing;
- They *are* all the work of skillful *men*.
- But the Lord *is* the true God;
- He *is* the living God and the everlasting King.
- At His wrath the earth will tremble,
- And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.
- Thus you shall say to them: “The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens.”
- He has made the earth by His power,
- He has established the world by His wisdom,
- And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.
- When He utters His voice,
- *There is* a multitude of waters in the heavens:
- “And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth.
- He makes lightning for the rain,
- He brings the wind out of His treasures.”
- Everyone is dull-hearted, without knowledge;
- Every metalsmith is put to shame by an image;
- For his molded image *is* falsehood,
- And *there is* no breath in them.
- They *are* futile, a work of errors;
- In the time of their punishment they shall perish.
- The Portion of Jacob *is* not like them,
- For He *is* the Maker of all *things*,
- And Israel *is* the tribe of His inheritance;
- The Lord of hosts *is* His name

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.

“Now, at long last, thanks to the investigations of Dr. Francis Ivanhoe of London, who published his findings in the August 8, 1970, issue of *Nature*, the Neanderthal puzzle may have been solved. His review of the currently available anthropological and medical evidence shows that Neanderthal Man was evidently the victim of his decision to move too far north at the wrong

time, the onset of a glacial age. In doing so, contends Dr. Ivanhoe, he lost sufficient contact with the ultra-violet rays of the sun and because his diet did not provide the missing nutrient, he contracted rickets, the Vitamin D deficiency disease, which was to deform him for thousands of years to follow.^{20-9[13]}

BINGO! Now enters God's Word! This picture of Neanderthal Man fits well with the concept of early post-Flood man struggling to cope with a difficult environment. As the Book of Job (38:30 "waters harden like stone, the surface of the deep is frozen" NKJV) may allude to, the glacial period followed soon after the Flood. As we learned in World that Perished in the Genesis Flood, all this was brought on by the changed climatic conditions occasioned by the Flood. Before God destroyed the Old World, there had probably been a global mild, sub-tropical climate everywhere. The most probable explanation for such a universal mild climate was 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).

When the canopy was precipitated at the Flood, the present global 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.

Thus Neanderthal Man may not have been quite the equal in ability or intelligence of those tribes who were living farther south, but he was certainly a true man, no more different from other groups of modern men than various tribes of modern men today are from each other.

"He had a brain with a capacity sometimes larger than that of modern man. He was a talented toolmaker and successful hunter, even dabbled in art and, most importantly from a cultural standpoint, developed a rudimentary social and religious consciousness."^{20-10[14]}

There seems little of substance remaining in the old evolutionary ideas that man is merely an evolved animal. Both physiologically and behaviorally, man has always been man and the ape has always been an ape. Except for the exaggerated chronologies still employed by the evolutionists, all that we really know of man's early history fits in perfectly well with the Biblical implications of the nature and migrations of men after the Flood.

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Prophetic Map from Genesis to Revelation

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Isaiah 46

The Lord has claimed that He ALONE can declare the future. "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).

Genesis and Revelation form the greatest testimony to the Sovereign hand of God in the entire Bible. Taken apart they give the clearest pictures possible of the beginning and ending of planet earth. Taken together, they form the greatest map of God's Plan unfolding in this universe.

One[1] of the strong evidences of divine inspiration of the Bible (not found in other religious books of either past or present) consists of its hundreds of fulfilled prophecies. These are not vague or ambiguous (as in various occult writings) but are specific and detailed, often made hundreds or thousands of years in advance of the event. Many are being fulfilled today, thereby indicating the probable soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, the most powerful evidence that God wrote the Bible is the phenomenon of fulfilled prophecy. The Bible is unique among all the religious books of mankind in this respect. Some of them contain a few vague forecasts, but nothing comparable to the vast number of specific prophecies found in the Bible.

There has never been any person, angel or demon who could 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.

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TEN KEYS THAT UNLOCK THE FUTURE GOD HAS MAPPED OUT

❖ **Number One: The Coming of Christ** (God picked a Man to reveal His Glory: MESSIANIC PROPHECY)

There are hundreds of prophecies fulfilled in connection with the first coming of Christ. There are over ninety such Old Testament Messianic prophecies specifically quoted by New Testament writers. Tonight we will trace only a few of the best-known prophecies.

○ **The family tree of the Messiah** was successively prophesied to be:

1. First God promised that Messiah would come in the human family, and through a virgin birth (Genesis 3:15),
2. Next God narrows the line then through Shem (Genesis 9:26),
3. Abraham (Genesis 22:18),
4. Isaac (Genesis 26:4),
5. Jacob (Genesis 28:14),
6. Judah (Genesis 49:10) and, finally,
7. David (2 Samuel 7:12-16). The fact that in addition to His human lineage He would also be uniquely the Son of God was predicted in Psalm 2:6,7. He was called "the mighty God" in Isaiah 9:6, "whose goings forth . . . [were] from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).

Think about how remarkable the prophecy of Genesis 49:10 really is. Jacob, while dying, predicted that Judah would be the one of his twelve sons who would exercise the rule over his brethren and from whom the Messiah would come. There was nothing in the immediate situation to warrant this prediction, and indeed it did not begin its fulfillment until David was crowned king 600 years later. How did Jacob know? He could, of course, simply have guessed. Since he had twelve sons, he would have had a chance of guessing correctly equal to one out of twelve. If he had tried to reason it out, or to go by his feelings, he would probably have picked either his oldest son, Reuben, or his favorite son, Joseph. Instead he picked Judah.

○ **The coming of the Messiah** was successively prophesied to be:

1. His virgin birth was clearly prophesied in Isaiah 7:14 and intimated in several other passages.
2. His birthplace in Bethlehem was given in Micah 5:2.
3. The ministry of His forerunner, John the Baptist, was described in Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1.
4. Various aspects of His teaching and healing ministries were given in Isaiah 61:1,2; Isaiah 42:1-4, Isaiah 9:1,2; Psalm 40:7-10, and others.
5. His so-called "triumphal entry" as the promised King of Israel, riding upon an ass, was prophesied in Zechariah 9:9,10; the rejection of His coming was prophesied in Psalm 118:22-24.
6. The date of His official coming as Judah's promised Prince was clearly spelled out in the great prophecy of the seventy weeks, given in Daniel 9:24-26. Micah predicted it would be in Bethlehem and he made this prediction 700 years before it came to pass (Micah 5:2). He could presumably have guessed the Messiah would be born in the land of Judah, since the kings at that time were descended from David and ruled over the land of Judah.

Of course, it would have been quite possible for the coming king to be born anywhere in the world, and still to have been a descendant of Judah, and of David, in view of the extensive world trade carried on by Solomon and his descendants, and in view of the already-prophesied dispersion. It would be reasonable to say he had a one-in-two chance of being correct in assuming the Messiah would be born in the land of Judah. But what about predicting not only the place and the family, but even the time of Messiah's birth? In Daniel 9:24-26, we have just such a prediction. Although there may be some uncertainty about the exact chronology (some scholars have maintained, quite convincingly, that the fulfillment occurred on the precise day indicated by the prophecy), there can be no reasonable question as to, say, at least the century when it was fulfilled.

Seventy weeks ["seventy heptads" or "seven-year periods"] are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, . . . from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end wars and desolations are determined.

The starting-point of the prophecy is believed by most conservative scholars to be the date of the decree of Artaxerxes permitting the rebuilding of Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:1-8), known from secular history to be approximately 446 B.C. The seventy weeks total 490 years. The first 49-year period was occupied in rebuilding the city and completing the Old Testament Scriptures (the book of Malachi was written about 400 B.C.). The "seven year" periods probably were meant to be understood as seven years of 360 days each, as this was the customary Jewish and prophetic reckoning.

A 434-year period, added to the 49 years, gives 483 years (or $360/365 \times 483 = 476$ years) from the starting date to the coming of Messiah as prince. This comes to about A.D. 30. Christ was actually born about 4 B.C., so that He was 33 years old (His probable age when He was crucified) in about A.D. 30. Note that there was no year "0," so that only one year separated 1 B.C. and A.D. 1.

Although there is some uncertainty about the exact dates involved, it is clear that the prophetic period terminated at very close to the time when Christ officially offered Himself for reception as King of Israel. Instead of being crowned, however, He was crucified, "cut off, but not for Himself."

Sometime after that, "the city and the sanctuary" were destroyed by "the people of the prince that shall come" -- that is, the Roman people, of whom the great anti-Christian prince frequently mentioned in Daniel will eventually come. Furthermore, the "end thereof" was "a flood." This word literally means "overflowing" and can apply both to overflowing waters and to overflowing armies or peoples. In this case it probably refers specifically to the long-prophesied worldwide dispersion of the Jews.

Finally, "unto the end, wars and desolations are determined." Ever since the world (both Jews and Gentiles) rejected and crucified the Lord Jesus Christ, lasting peace has been an unknown.

This great prophecy alone, made hundreds of years before its various fulfillments, is clear and unanswerable proof that "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21).

- **The sacrificial, substitutionary death of the Messiah** was successively prophesied to be:
 1. Biblical prophecy was focused more clearly and intensively on the crucifixion of Christ than on anything else. The details prophesied include the piercing of His side (Zechariah 12:10), the darkness (Psalm 22:2), the vinegar (Psalm 69:21), the mocking (Psalm 22:6-8), the nakedness (Psalm 22:17), gambling for His vesture (Psalm 22:18), the unbroken bones (Psalm 34:20), the great cry from the cross (Psalm 22:1) and the broken heart (Psalm 22:14).
 2. The substitutionary and sacrificial nature of His death on the cross was graphically portrayed in Isaiah 53, especially verses 4-6,10 and 12. The shedding of His blood, as an offering for sin, was forecast in all of the Levitical offerings. The burial of Christ in a "rich man's grave," yet in proximity to the "wicked," was prophesied in Isaiah 53:9.
 3. Finally, the resurrection of Christ from the grave was forecast in Psalm 16:10; Hosea 6:2; Psalm 30:3, 9; Isaiah 53:10; Psalm 40:1,2; and others. His ascension to sit at the right hand of the Father was then described in Psalm 110:1; Psalm 68:18; Proverbs 30:4; Psalm 16:11; Psalm 24:3-10. And still there remain hundreds of fulfilled prophecies we have not even mentioned.

❖ **Number two: The Nation of ISRAEL** (God picked a Nation to show His glory: THE MIRACLE OF ISRAEL)

When the nation was first founded, God promised through Abraham, "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 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.

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 fulfilled prophecies dealing with the Jewish people.

Through the Holy Scriptures (almost all written by Jews) and through Jesus Christ, the seed of Abraham has indeed become a blessing to all families of the earth. Some from every nation have found salvation and blessing through faith in Him.

- **Scattered:** God promised the children of Israel great blessing in the land of promise if they would remain faithful to Him. He also predicted great suffering, persecution and worldwide dispersion when they forsook Him. These prophecies came to pass. Some of these warnings were as follows:
 - "The LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; . . . And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life" (Deuteronomy 28:64,66).
 - "And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth, for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them" (Jeremiah 24:9).
 - "My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto Him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations" (Hosea 9:17).
 - Numerous other such prophecies exist concerning specific judgments and sufferings. But with all this, they would not be like so many other nations of antiquity (indeed like all other nations who were driven from their homeland). "Though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee" (Jeremiah 30:11).
- **Regathered:** Even more impossible than the fact that a people could retain its identity without a homeland for two thousand years is the fact that they should then return and establish their ancient nation once again. Yet this is exactly what the Bible had predicted.
 - "Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land" (Ezekiel 37:21).
 - "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time [note, the second time -- the first was when He brought them back from the Babylonian captivity] to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, . . . and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth" (Isaiah 11:11, 12).
 - The "wandering Jews" were without a national home for "many days" (Hosea 3:4, 5) and it seemed impossible that such prophecies as these could ever be fulfilled.

Even many Bible-believing Christians thought for centuries that God was through with Israel and that all the Old Testament promises to Israel should be spiritualized and applied to the church. But now, with the return of the Jews and the re-establishment of their nation, it is evident in a unique way that God's Word means exactly what it says.

- **Survival:** We have already noted what is probably the most important of these end-time prophecies, namely, the re-establishment of Israel as a nation in its ancient homeland. It is almost impossible that a nation could survive as a distinct nationality, regain its homeland and be recognized as a viable nation once more after being completely destroyed as an organized entity by an invading army (as Israel was by the Romans, in A.D. 70). Its people were either slaughtered or

scattered from one end of the world to the other; its land occupied and ruled by aliens for over 1900 years. Israel's survival is amazing, but even more so is the fact its survival was predicted many centuries earlier.

When Israel, including Judah, first went into captivity, in 588 B.C., the period known as "the times of the Gentiles" began. Babylonia, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome were successive world empires and their domain included the land of Israel. After Rome destroyed the city and the temple in A.D. 70 (as predicted by Christ Himself in Luke 19:41-44), the people of Israel were scattered "among all people, from the one end of the earth unto the other" (Deuteronomy 28:64).

- **Future agenda:** In this context, we come to a remarkable prophecy made by Jesus Christ: "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

Since the word "fulfilled" is the same word in the Greek as "finished," this prophecy clearly means that the times of Gentile world-rule will be ended when Jerusalem is no longer under Gentile control. But this can only be accomplished when Christ returns to banish the Gentile nations from Jerusalem and to establish His own world-kingdom capital there. Thus, the restoration of Jerusalem to the chosen people is necessarily accompanied by the coming of their Messiah to reign there. This is also clearly indicated in Zechariah 12-14 as well as other Scriptures.

- **The saga of the Jews:** The Jews began to return to Palestine in small numbers in the early part of the twentieth century, and then in much larger numbers after World War I and the Balfour Declaration. Jerusalem was still under British rule, however. After World War II, the Israeli nation declared its independence in 1948 and was soon recognized by most of the nations and by the United Nations. The new city of Jerusalem indeed did go back to the Jews at this time. However, the old city, including the all-important temple site on Mount Moriah, remained in the hands of the Jordanian Arabs.

In the "six-day war" of 1967, Israel finally recaptured the old city of Jerusalem, and the Israelis insist they will never let it go again. At this writing (1995), they have retained possession of all of Jerusalem for twenty-eight long years, and there is no indication at all that the Arabs are going to recapture it.

- **What is left to happen?** Yet, the Lord has not come! The times of the Gentiles are still in full sway, even though Jerusalem has apparently gone back to the Jews. However, there is one exception. This exception makes all the difference and indicates with what fine lines the Holy Spirit inscripturates His Word. Jerusalem is not, in God's judgment, a collection of houses and streets, like other cities. It is a temple where God dwells, where His people approach Him through sacrifice, and where He meets with them.

As Solomon built the temple, God said: "I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there" (2 Chronicles 6:6). But long before this, God had first spoken through Moses: "There shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there, thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD" (Deuteronomy 12:11).

This place was not just any place in Jerusalem; it was an exact spot, chosen by God. It was on Mount Moriah (2 Chronicles 3:1), the spot which God told David to purchase from Ornan the Jebusite and to set up the altar there (1 Chronicles 21:18). This was the same spot where Abraham had, almost a thousand years before, prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac (Genesis 22:2). It is only a short distance from Calvary itself.

This spot, to the Jews and to God, is Jerusalem! And, amazingly, this one spot is the only spot in Jerusalem still controlled by Gentiles. It is on Mount Moriah that the Arabs have built their famous Dome-of-the-Rock, the second most holy place in the Muslim world. The Jews, for political or other reasons, have not yet dared to expel the Arabs from this site, raze it, and proceed to rebuild their temple, as they surely desire to do.

It is apparently by this exceedingly slender thread, therefore, that the "times of the Gentiles" are still suspended. As the Lord Jesus said, "One jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18).

❖ **Number three: Fulfilled Prophecy (THE HISTORIES OF NATIONS)**

Egypt was, with Babylonia, one of the two greatest nations of antiquity. Noph (Memphis) was the ancient capital of lower Egypt and No (Thebes) the capital of all Egypt. Their grandeur, especially the magnificent temples and images, was tremendous. Yet Jeremiah says, "Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant" (Jeremiah 46:19), and Ezekiel says, "No shall be broken up" (Ezekiel 30:16). The prophecies were fulfilled centuries later. Of Egypt as a whole, Ezekiel says, "It shall be the basest of kingdoms" (Ezekiel 29:15). Egypt continued as a great and powerful nation for many centuries after the prophecy was written, but finally it became a backward, impoverished, weak nation and has remained so ever since. It was not condemned to extinction, however, as were many other ancient nations. Actually, it is amazing that the most ancient of nations, Egypt, is still in existence after over 4000 years. Many Scriptures (for example, Isaiah 19:21,22) indicate prophetically that Egypt is still a nation in the last days.

Edom (Idumea) was a small, but powerful, nation descended from Esau. Its stronghold was in Mt. Seir, and its capital was Petra, the rock-walled city, veritably impregnable, as well as rich. Yet many prophecies had been uttered against it, and all have been fulfilled. Obadiah 18, for example, says, "there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it." Today, the Edomites are gone without a trace.

The same is true of the Philistines. Though Philistia continued to prosper until about A.D. 1200, Zephaniah says, "the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I

will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant" (Zephaniah 2:5). The Philistines have now long since vanished.

What about Babylonia, the first great world-empire? The Greek historian, Herodotus, had reported that Babylon was 15 miles square, surrounded by walls 350 feet high and 87 feet wide. Its avenues, parks and public buildings were a beautiful sight to behold. Yet Jeremiah prophesied: "The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire" (Jeremiah 51:58). Many other prophecies were directed against her, and eventually they came to pass.

The Assyrian empire, with its great capital of Nineveh, was another colossus of antiquity. But God said, "He will stretch out His hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness" (Zephaniah 2:13). Nothing could have seemed more unlikely than this when Zephaniah wrote, but it has been fully accomplished.

The two great cities of the Phoenicians were Tyre and Sidon. Of Tyre, God said, "They shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea" (Ezekiel 26:4,5). Today, fishermen mend their nets on the barren rock where Tyre once stood. God also said in Ezekiel 26:14, "Thou shalt be built no more." The site of ancient Tyre is quite suitable for habitation, but the prophecy has stood fulfilled now for over 2000 years, and Tyre has never been rebuilt.

Tyre's sister city, Sidon, was the object of a different type of prophecy. "For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side" (Ezekiel 28:23). Although Sidon has continued to exist as a city down even into the present, she has suffered more warfare and bloodshed than almost any other city in history. Sidon has been destroyed and rebuilt many times and still exists today in spite of all her suffering. Tyre, on the other hand, has never been rebuilt, thus confirming the prophecies.

Ashkelon was another great city, the birthplace of Herod the Great. It continued as a great city until finally destroyed in 1270 A.D. For, long before, Zephaniah had prophesied, "Ashkelon shall be a desolation" (Zephaniah 2:4). The same prophecy had also warned of destruction upon two other Philistine cities, Ekron and Gaza. In both cases, the prophecy was fulfilled.

Similar judgments were forecast for Bethel (Amos 3:14, 15), Samaria (Micah 1:6, 7), Jericho (Joshua 6:26) and, in the New Testament, for Capernaum, Bethsaida and Chorazin (Matthew 11:20-23). All have been fulfilled as written.

Many other prophecies dealing with these and other nations have been fulfilled. There are also many other prophecies dealing with individual cities in the nations. Their fulfillment is strong witness to divine inspiration.

THE SEQUENCE OF EMPIRES

A remarkable overview of world history was given in Daniel 2 in the form of a dream which came to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. As interpreted by Daniel, the metallic image of the dream represented the entire subsequent course of world history, as influenced by four successive empires. Daniel's interpretation, recorded in Daniel 2:37-45, indicated the first empire was the golden head of the image, Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian empire. The second would be the breast and arms of silver (fulfilled in the Medo-Persian empire) and the third, the mid-section of brass (fulfilled in the Greek empire of Alexander the Great). The fourth was the Roman empire, represented by the iron legs, including the hips.

The order of metallic succession indicates both a successive decrease in value and a successive increase in strength. The former probably refers to the degree of personal control exercised by the emperor over the human and material resources of his kingdom, the latter to the power of his armies and extent of his conquests.

The Roman empire was not only the strongest of all but was to last the longest, as indicated by the greater lengths of the legs of the image. Its eventual twofold split into eastern and western divisions, with capitals at Rome and Constantinople, was pictured by the two legs. The break in continuity at the knees intimates the shift from political to religious unity of the two divisions, as maintained for so long by the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches.

Thus, although the Roman empire did not persist indefinitely as a political unit, it still does persist in the present east-west division of the heirs of the Roman empire, western Europe and America in the west, Russia, eastern Europe and the middle eastern states in the east. The legal systems, the educational systems, the military systems, the religious systems, and many other facets of modern society are direct descendants of Rome, still retaining the same spirit and much of the same form.

The feet, however, indicate a decided change in direction, and the mixture of iron and clay clearly speaks of the mixture of Roman-style imperialism with mass revolutionary movements. The final form of this succession is indicated by the ten toes representing ten kingdoms, five in the east and five in the west. These will be destroyed and superseded by the kingdom established by Christ Himself over all the world when He returns.

This remarkable prophecy has been almost completely fulfilled. The sequence of world empires is now undoubtedly in the revolutionary "foot" stage. Next it will assume the "ten-toed" form prior to the establishment of Christ's kingdom.

While the great image prophesied the great sweep of empires throughout history, the prophecies given directly to Daniel himself, in the 8th and 11th chapters, forecast many of the specific details of the development of the Medo-Persian and Greek empires. They also predict numerous events to take place in contacts with Egypt, Syria and Israel. The prophecies in these chapters are so numerous and so specific that they constitute the main reason critics refuse to accept the authenticity of the book of Daniel, insisting it must have been written after the events had taken place.

However, conservative scholars (for example, Dr. Robert Dick Wilson, of Princeton University, in his classic *Studies in the Book of Daniel*) have thoroughly refuted all such critical arguments and confirmed the traditional date of authorship. The one and only reason today for questioning Daniel's genuineness today is the reluctance to believe in fulfilled prophecy. This, of course, is exactly the point. These prophecies confirm clearly and emphatically the fact of divine inspiration.

❖ **Number four: Global Powers**

There are many other prophecies dealing with the alignment of the Gentile nations in the last days. The emergence of an alliance of Eastern European and Muslim nations under the leadership and domination of Russia, all arrayed in opposition to Israel and the western nations, is prophesied in Ezekiel 38:1-16. The rise of a vast oriental confederacy of nations is described in Revelation 16:12. The development of a European union of nations comparable to the ancient Roman empire is suggested in Daniel 7:19-24 and other passages.

❖ **Number five: Global Disasters**

In response to the question, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matthew 24:3-8), the Lord Jesus answered, "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows" (or, more accurately, "the first birth pains"). The Hebrew idiom conveys the thought of a worldwide state of war. Thus the prophetic sign entails a world war, accompanied by great physical calamities, as the initial sign that a new world is about to be born. This was clearly fulfilled in the decade from 1914 to 1924, when the first world war, followed by the world's greatest pestilence (the influenza epidemic of 1918), the world's greatest famine (leading to the starvation of hundreds of millions, especially in Russia and China, after the war and the communist revolution), and the world's most calamitous earthquakes (in China in 1920 and Japan in 1923), all took place. The world since that time has continued to experience these "birth pains," with World War II, the Cold War, great numbers of local wars, the Great Depression, continued deadly earthquakes, epidemics of polio, cholera, AIDS, and other diseases, and innumerable other "troubles" (Mark 13:8).

A fulfilled prophecy of an entirely different sort is found in 2 Peter 3:3,4. "There shall come in the last days scoffers, . . . saying, . . . all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

❖ **Number six: Global Evolutionism**

This is the doctrine of evolutionary uniformitarianism. It professes to explain the origin and development of all things in terms of the uniform operation of the same natural laws and processes which still "continue" today. The rise of this dogma took place in the 19th century and for a hundred years it has been the basic philosophy of the educational and scientific establishments. There was no way that Peter could have foreseen this development, 1800 years in the future, apart from divine inspiration.

❖ **Number seven: Global Technology**

In relation to the realm of science and education, it was prophesied in Daniel that, at "the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4). The Hebrew words imply a vast increase in both frequency and speed of travel, as well as other forms of communication and great advances in science and technology.

❖ **Number eight: Global Exploitation**

Conflict in the economic and social realms in the last days is forecast in James 5:1-6. For ages, in all nations, the poor have been exploited by the rich, the working classes by the privileged classes. The uprising of the laborers in the latter days, leading to a "day of slaughter," is not only specifically predicted by James, but also implied in Daniel 2:41-43, Revelation 18:1-19, and other passages. These prophecies have been fulfilled in part, first in the French revolution, later in the Russian revolution and other communist-led upheavals. More is undoubtedly yet to come, especially when the ill-fed, poorly housed masses of the world come to realize that even their own revolutionary movements are financed and controlled in large measure by those "kings and merchants of the earth" who traffic in the "souls of men."

❖ **Number nine: Global Hedonism**

Moral conditions of the last days are prophesied to descend into the degradation of the "days of Noah" (Luke 17:26). But perhaps the most striking prediction associated with moral conditions in the last days is that the characteristics of professing religious people, in the realm of Christendom, will be essentially the same as those of the heathen in the old pagan world. That is, the catalog of the sins of those in the last days who have "a form of godliness" (2 Timothy 3:1-7, especially verse 5), is practically identical with that of the ancient godless rebels of Romans 1:28-31. Again, it seems impossible that Paul could have anticipated such a strange and sad development except by inspiration.

❖ **Number ten: Global Apostasy and Global Demonism**

Religious apostasy in the ranks of professed Christian leaders is also prophesied in other Scriptures. Not only would false teachers deny the second coming of Christ (2 Peter 3:3), they would even "deny the Lord that bought them" (2 Peter 2:1). Not only would they, despite much education ("ever learning"), still never come "to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7), but even "turn away their ears from the truth and be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:4). All of these prophecies are being fulfilled today throughout the "Christian" world.

A particularly ominous form of apostasy is to be found in the rapid rise of demonism in the last days. "In the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons" (1 Timothy 4:1). Jesus said: "There shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders" (Matthew 24:24). During the great tribulation period of the last days, these trends will culminate in a worldwide return to Satan worship (Revelation 13:4, 8). Before that, they will "worship demons, and idols" (Revelation 9:20) and do so especially in connection with the use of drugs (the word "sorceries," in Revelation 9:21, is

a Greek word from which we actually transliterate our English word "pharmaceutical," and means "magical incantations by the ritual use of drugs").

The amazing upsurge of spiritism, astrology, witchcraft and Satanism all over the world in the past few years, along with the tremendous increase of drug use, especially by young people, certainly is an ominous sign of the imminent advent of the Antichrist. But at the same time it is a striking fulfillment of prophecy. That an age of scientific enlightenment could be followed so quickly by a widespread revival of paganism and occultism would seem paradoxical, but that is exactly what has happened, just as the Bible predicted.

We have only scratched the surface. There are scores of other Biblical prophecies that either have already been fulfilled or are presently in process of fulfillment. There is no other book like the Bible.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of men: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21).

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The Flood: A Silent Witness

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As an 11 year old Jr. High student I sat at the feet of Dr. John Whitcomb as he said:

- *We have been living in an age of deep skepticism. A century of evolutionary philosophy, with its seeds of naturalism and atheism, has yielded the bitter fruits of revolution, non-moralism, and despair. Nevertheless, even in such an age as this, God has "left not himself without witness, in that he did good and gave you rain from heaven, rains and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17).*

There is also another silent, yet eloquent, witness in the very rocks of the earth's crust. In every nation, in the land beneath our feet, and in the hills and valleys through which we travel reposes a vast cemetery. Therein lie the bones and shells, the teeth and trails of innumerable animals, along with the compressed and carbonized remains of immense forests that once filled a beautiful world. Here and there, scattered widely throughout the rocks, can be found artifacts or other fossil evidences even of the human life of long ago.

Modern speculation has managed to distort the testimony of this sedimentary graveyard into a fictional record of slow evolutionary development over a billion years of imaginary earth history. This strange notion has indeed today become accepted and taught as scientific fact in most of our educational institutions all around the world.

Fossils, however, speak of death-not development! Their witness is one of extinction-not evolution. The God who created all things is a God of both power and mercy. He need not and would not have used the principles of suffering and death (especially the massive and violent death implicit in this fossil witness) as implements of creation.

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As people run amok in sin and every form of debauchery and ungodliness, they will become more and more impervious to God's truth and resentful of His standards of righteousness. They will be so vile, wretched, and preoccupied with sex, drugs, alcohol, materialism, and pleasure

seeking that they will believe every explanation for the end-time signs except the one given in Scripture. Rather than turning to God in repentance, they will curse Him (Rev. 9:21).

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Spurgeon said, "He who does not believe God will punish sin will not believe that he will pardon it through atoning blood." Many people are glad to hear about God's gracious promises but want

to hear nothing of His judgment. Spurgeon went on to say, “I charge you who profess the Lord not to be unbelieving with regard to the terrible threatenings of God to the ungodly. Believe the threat even though it should chill your blood. Believe though nature shrinks from the overwhelming doom. For if you do not believe, disbelieving God at one point will drive you to disbelieve God upon the other points of revealed truth.”

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TOPIC: "The Flood" Genesis 5-8

These chapters deal with the flood and the faith of Noah. It is impossible for us to mine all of the spiritual treasures here; we will limit ourselves to a fourfold study of this important event in Bible history.

THE FLOOD CONSIDERED HISTORICALLY

The Genesis record proves the fact of the flood.

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- The prophet Isaiah in 54:9 "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. (NKJV).
- The apostle Peter 1 Peter 3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while [the] ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. (NKJV); 2 Peter 2:5 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; (NKJV) 2 Peter 3:6 by which the world [that] then existed perished, being flooded with water. (NKJV) Archaeologists tell us that every ancient civilization had a flood tradition with details paralleling the Genesis account. It is likely that these stories (involving their fanciful gods and goddesses) were corruptions of the original history of the flood that was handed down from generation to generation.

The Purpose of the Flood

The purpose of the flood is stated in Genesis 6:5-13. Man had become corrupt, the earth was filled with violence, and God had to destroy mankind. There must always be judgment and death before there can be a new beginning. We will study the details later.

The Method of the Flood

The ark was not a boat, but was rather a "floating box" made of cypress wood and pitched with bitumen. If we use a 24 inch cubit, its size would be 600' long, wide, and 60' high. With an 18-inch cubit the size becomes 450 x 75 x 45. In either case, the ark was large enough to hold the collection of animals, the food, and Noah's family. We do not know how many species of animals there were in that day. Note that 6:20 indicates that God brought the animals to Noah. There were three levels to the ark, with a window either in the roof of the top level or running all around the top level (6:16); and there was one door.

The flood itself was caused by the falling rain and the erupting of water from under the earth (7:11). One can well imagine the tremendous effects these would have on the surface of the earth, as well as on the climate. Gigantic tidal waves followed these eruptions. Gen. 2:5-6 suggests that the falling of rain was a new thing on the earth, which makes the faith of Noah even more wonderful.

The Schedule of the Flood

The schedule of the flood is clearly given in the record. If we count the year of Adam's creation as 1 then Noah was born in the year 1056. Gen. 6:3 indicates that God gave Noah 120 years to preach and build the ark (I Pt. 3:20), which means he was 480 Years old when he started (7:11). This would be the year 1536. The flood came in Noah's 600th year, which would be 1656; and on the 27th day of the second month in the year 1657, Noah and his family were back on dry ground (8:13ff). The daily schedule would look like this:

Month 2 (November) 1656	Day 10	They enter the ark (7:1-9)
Month 2 (November)	Day 17	The floods come (7:10-11)
Month 3 (December)	Day 26	The rains end (7:12)
Month 7 (April) 1657	Day 17	The ark rests (8:1-4)
Month 10 (July)	Day 1	Mountain-tops seen (8:5)
Month 11 (August)	Day 11	Sends out raven and dove (8:6-9)
Month 11 (August)	Day 18	Dove brings branch (8:10-11)
Month 11 (August)	Day 25	Dove fails to return (8:12)
Month 1 (October) 1657	Day 1	Noah opens ark (8:13)
Month 2 (November)	Day 27	They leave the ark (8:14ff)

We shall see later that the year 1656, and the date that the ark rested on Ararat, are very important.

THE Message of the FLOOD

CONSIDERED TYPICALLY the ark is a wonderful picture of our salvation in Christ.

- It was planned by God, not invented by man.
- There was only one way of salvation; there was only one door in the ark.
- The ark was made of wood, speaking of the humanity of Christ: He had to be born as man in order to save us.
- The word for "pitch" in 6:14 is the same as the word "atonement" used later in the OT.
- God invited Noah and his family into the ark (7:2); and once they were in, God shut them in so that they were secure (7:16).
- The ark not only saved mankind, but also the creatures within it; just as Christ's death will one day deliver creation from the bondage of sin.
- The ark saved them from judgment; Christ saves us from the wrath to come. First Peter 3:18-22 connects the ark with the resurrection of Christ; the waters buried the old world but raised Noah to a new life.

If you will check the Flood schedule, you will see that the ark rested on Ararat on the 17th day of the 7th month. The first month in the Hebrew calendar is October, so the 7th month would be April; and April 17th (three days after Passover, Exodus 12:1-3) is the day our Lord arose from the dead! April was made the first month of the religious year at the Passover, but October remains the first month of the civil year.

The Flood--The Longest Week in History **BNW: Message Nine (960721AM)**

Perhaps the greatest word in the Bible as far as we who are saved are concerned is the word GRACE. God introduces us to grace with an astoundingly vivid backdrop. You see the Lord has planned to pour out His wrath against sin two times on earth. First at the Flood secondly at the Tribulation. Both are fantastic pictures of His Grace.

GOD SENT A WARNING

In the flood times God sent Enoch a preaching prophet who told the world.

Jude 14-15 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 "to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." (NKJV)

Then He sent Methuselah son of Enoch, whose 969 years were the longest human life span and whose name meant "when he dies it comes". Then he sent Noah a preacher of righteousness!

THE LONGEST WEEK IN HISTORY

The longest seven days in history may have started with the loud thud of the massive entrance to the ark slamming shut. With no other means of exit other than a 45-foot plus drop from the deck, Noah and his family were trapped. Day one the crowds yelled, jeered and called out for the flood. Day two and growing animal smells and sounds, passed slowly, more yells and jeers as the crowd grew larger. Many people along the roads had followed the incredible river of animals walking quickly and orderly two by two. Crossing Noah's field they went up the ramp into that huge building Noah had built over the past 120 years. Day three was really hard, nothing happened except it was getting warm in here. The animals seemed to be all quieting down almost like they were going to sleep. Days four through six passed with constant heckling drifting up the walls to the family quarters atop the Ark. Then on Day seven November 17th, 1656 a loud thud was heard on the roof, and then another as massive drops of rain began to pelt the earth. . . the flood had come.

A massive splat of water hit Mr. & Mrs. Scoffer sitting in their lawn chairs in their back yard. They have sat here on and off over the last century drinking and jeering that old neighbor and his kids that had gone off the deep end. This guy who lived next door was crazy. He was ruining the neighborhood. His farm was now a construction site. A massive 450 foot long building, 75 feet deep and nearly five stories high was out in his pasture. When he wasn't out there dragging wood around he would loudly preach to all of the spectators that gathered to watch about some crazy disaster coming. Water was going to fall on us and cover all of us up? He claimed some deity somewhere was offended by our demon worship, drunkenness and murder. Splat, another wet object jarred Mrs. Scoffer awake. She had been dozing after the effects of last night's revelry.

ON THE GROUND IN THE FLOOD

In fact most of the hundreds of milling towns people were still red eyed. It was almost exactly seven days since Noah and all his family went up that ramp into their wooded building. Some say that the ramp had lifted itself up and sealed the entrance. All we out here know is that the building had no visible entrance left. And now it was getting had to see, as the sky had grown darker and darker. Animal sounds were the only sign of life coming from the small windows at

the top. All of them were starting to get their mocking banter going when the huge clear missiles started arriving from the sky. It was fun at first. The water was cool and drenched our seats and us. Then as the tempo increased it became uncomfortable to stand under them so we began to retreat out of old Noah's yard and back across the field to our homes. As we walked by the piles of lumber, saws and scaffolding the water raining down on us was like a thick curtain. We could hardly see to walk.

At almost the same instant they stopped and with ashen faces shouted to one another, "Is this the FLOOD old Noah was talking about so long?" Then a blinding flash of fire from the sky lit up the countryside like noonday. A deafening boom followed and with terror filled steps they all turned and ran to the huge building Noah had built. Climbing up the scaffolding they pounded frantically on the place the door used to be. The thick sawed gopher wood absorbed the blows and the gooey black pitch stuck to their hands. In the alternating blackness and blinding flashes and booming explosions they crawled home. Soon the ground began to be covered with water and all their deepest fears were confirmed the FLOOD arrived and they were wrong.

A FLOOD PREVIEW

On November 17th, 1656 the most disastrous event that has ever happened on earth began. There have been killer quakes over the centuries killing thousands, but nothing like this. There have been deadly plagues over the years killing millions, but never has there been a time that all the inhabitants of the planet except EIGHT were eliminated.

What happened on the ground must have been beyond description. It was not only rain that fell. The fountains of the deep must certainly describe the volcanic activity that surrounded the FLOOD. A brief description of EXPLODING MOUNTAINS SINCE THE FLOOD[1] can give us a little insight into what the earth did during those horrifying days of judgment. In August of 1883, the island of Krakatoa in the Netherlands East Indies (now Indonesia) "burst with a roar heard more than 2,000 miles away; the resultant aerial vibrations circled the globe several times. Volcanic dust blocked out the sun for a radius of 100 miles. Some of it eventually sifted to earth 1,000 miles from Krakatoa; the rest, ejected with a force that drove it into the stratosphere, dispersed over the entire planet, causing spectacular sunsets through the closing months of 1883. Finally came the culminating horror-the tidal waves. More than 100 feet high and with a velocity in excess of 50 miles an hour, they ravaged the nearby coasts of Java and Sumatra. In places they raged inland of 1,000 yards and were still 30 feet high. They swept away entire towns and villages, almost 300 of them. This disaster crushed the life from more than 36,000 people" [2]

BEYOND IMAGINATION

Multiply these crustal paroxysms by hundreds of thousands and a mental picture of the early phase of the Flood year will begin to emerge-"on the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up ... and every living thing was destroyed" (Gen. 7:11, 23).

MODERN SCOFFERS

For just a moment consider the scoffing of our modern days. The apostle Paul asks, "Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?" (I Cor. 1:20). Foolishness in the Biblical sense of that term-is a willful refusal to accept God's explanations of reality in favor of mere human explanations. Uniformitarian geologists today are far less rigid than their nineteenth-century counterparts. They speak of their new freedom and flexibility, even to the point of tolerating major catastrophes. But the trend is somewhat dangerous for their uniformitarian/evolutionary model of earth history.

- Can their system absorb the discovery that the earth's magnetic field began less than 15,000 years ago because of its present rate of dissipation?
- Or the lack of helium in the atmosphere in spite of rapid accretion through radioactive decay processes?
- Or the lack of meteoritic dust on the moon and earth in spite of its present rapid rate of accumulation?
- Or the discovery that oil reservoirs are of recent origin because of the impossibility of long maintaining high fluid pressures under the observed permeabilities of reservoir and trap formations?
- Or the necessarily sudden and recent formation of all of the earth's vast coal deposits?
- Or the rapid formation and excavation of the Grand Canyon, together with the presence of pollen grains in its lowest strata?
- Or the presence of human footprints in the same rock layers with the footprints of huge reptilian dinosaurs?

WHAT GOD WANTS US TO REMEMBER—THE FLOOD CONSIDERED TYPICALLY

The ark is a wonderful picture of our salvation in Christ.

- **TRUE SALVATION IS DIVINE** [6:13-14]: It was planned by God, not invented by man. John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and [that] your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. (KJV); Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, (NKJV); Revelation 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (NKJV)
- **TRUE SALVATION DEALS WITH SIN** [6:14]: The word for "pitch" in 6:14 is the same as the word "atonement" used later in the OT. Matthew 1:21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." (NKJV); John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (NKJV); 1 John 3:9-10 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. 10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor [is] he who does not love his brother. (NKJV)

- **TRUE SALVATION IS PERSONAL** [7:1]: The ark was made of wood, speaking of the humanity of Christ: He had to be born as man in order to save us. Philippians 2:7-8 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, [and] coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to [the point of] death, even the death of the cross. (NKJV); John 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (NKJV); Acts 3:16 "And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which [comes] through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. (NKJV); Acts 26:18 'to open their eyes, [in order] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' (NKJV)
- **GOD SAVES BY INVITATION**: God invited Noah and his family into the ark (7:2). John 6:37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. v. 44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. (NKJV)
- **TRUE SALVATION IS EXCLUSIVE** [7:13-15]: There was only one way of salvation; there was only one ark and only one door in the ark. John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (NKJV); Acts 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (NKJV).
- **GOD SAVES ETERNALLY** [7:16]: and once they were in, God shut them in so that they were secure Jude 24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present [you] faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, [Be] glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen. (NKJV); Hebrews 7:24-25 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (NKJV)
- **TRUE SALVATION LIBERATES THE COSMOS**: The ark not only saved mankind, but also the creatures within it; just as Christ's death will one day deliver creation from the bondage of sin. Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. (NKJV)
- **TRUE SALVATION PROTECTS US FROM GOD'S WRATH**: The ark saved them from judgment; Christ saves us from the wrath to come. First Peter 3:18-22 connects the ark with the resurrection of Christ; the waters buried the old world but raised Noah to a new life. 1 Thessalonians 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, [even] Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come; 5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, (NKJV)
- **TRUE SALVATION ALWAYS POINTS TO CHRIST**: If you will check the Flood schedule, you will see that the ark rested on Ararat on the 17th day of the 7th month. The first month in the Hebrew calendar is October, so the 7th month would be April; and April 17th (three days after Passover, Exodus 12:1-3) is the day our Lord arose from the dead! April was made the first month of the religious year at the Passover, but October remains the first month of the civil year. Luke 24:44-45 Then He said to them, "These [are] the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be

fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and [the] Prophets and [the] Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. (NKJV)

[1] World that Perished, pp. 86-87.

[2] Spyridon Marinatos, "Thera: Key to the Riddle of Minos," National Geographic Magazine, May, 1972, p. 715.

Demon Intrusion--Why God Flooded the Earth **BNW: Message Ten (960728AM)**

Genesis 6

Satan the Adversary has tried to mess up God's plan over and over. There are at least 7 times He tried to do so.

1. He tempted and led to sin Adam & Eve in Genesis 3. But God promised a seed. A deliverer who would redeem humanity.

2. He incited self-righteous Cain to kill faith-righteous Abel in Genesis 4.
3. In our text this morning Genesis 6, he tried to corrupt the entire race, and thus erase the promised seed.
4. When God singled out Israel and Moses as the deliverer he tried to get Moses out of the way by riches, then murder then pride, etc.
5. Satan then tried to get God to destroy Israel with the golden calf, Exodus 32-24.
6. He then tried to defile Israel with intermarriage with Midianite women in Numbers 25.
7. Finally he tried to murder Christ in Nazareth, then Jerusalem and finally through Judas.

You see the Lord has planned to pour out His wrath against sin two times on earth. First at the Flood secondly at the Tribulation. Both are fantastic pictures of His Grace. In the flood times God sent Enoch a preaching prophet who told the world;

Jude 14-15 Now Enoch, the 7th from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 "to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." (NKJV)

Noah presents an interesting picture of Christ in His work of redemption. Noah's name means "rest" (see Genesis 5:29 He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed." (NIV), and Christ brings us rest Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (NIV), and redeems us from the curse Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." (NIV).

Noah and Enoch together represent Israel and the Church.

1. Noah went through the judgment and was kept safe, just as the 144,000 and the Jewish remnant will go through the tribulation to establish the Kingdom on the earth.
2. Enoch was raptured before the judgment came (5-21-24, Heb. 11:5), just as the Church will be raptured before the wrath of God is poured out upon the world.

THE FLOOD CONSIDERED PROPHETICALLY

THE DOWNWARD SLIDE: Christ teaches that the days before the rapture and the tribulation will be like the days of Noah Luke 17:26 "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. (NIV), Matthew 24:37-39 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. (NIV). We are living in the "days of Noah" today!

- HUMANS CONTAMINATED Genesis 6:5 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. (NKJV)
- DEMONS RAMPANT Mankind had become largely demon possessed. I believe the "sons of God" who came down and cohabited with the "daughters of men" (Gen. 6:2) were fallen angels, demons (cf. 1 Pet. 3:19-20). Because of this cohabitation, the fallen race fell even further. The evil of man's own nature was compounded, and it became too much for the Lord to bear. Judgment had to come. Donald Barnhouse said, "Hell is as much a part of the love story as God in heaven is." Righteousness and sin cannot coexist. God cannot establish righteousness until sin is destroyed.

❖ THE DEMON INTRUSION OF GENESIS 6

- **THE PURPOSE OF THIS DEMON INTRUSION** Genesis 6:5 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. (NKJV)
- **THE NATURE OF THIS DEMON INTRUSION** Jude 6 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; (NKJV)
- **THE TIMING OF THIS DEMON INTRUSION** 1 Peter 3:19-20 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while [the] ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. (NKJV)
- **THE RESULT OF THIS DEMON INTRUSION** 2 Peter 2:4 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; (NKJV)
- **THE PARALLEL TO THIS DEMON INTRUSION IN THE TRIBULATION** The character of the last generation that precipitates God's intervention is seen in Revelation 9:20 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. (NKJV).
- **THE WARNING OF DEMON INTRUSION** Paul described the drift toward demons as part of the end time last days 1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
MINISTRY IN TIMES OF DEMON INTRUSION

- Enoch preached Jude 14-15 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 "to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." (NKJV)
- Noah preached 2 Peter 2:5 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; (NKJV) his job was to warn the people of his time that God would soon judge them because of their wickedness and unbelief. They had had the same opportunity to

know God and His will as had Noah. The difference between Noah and everyone around him was not a difference in the amount of light but a difference in response to it.

- God waited As always, the Lord's judgment was tempered by His mercy. He is never happy with judgment, no matter how deserved. God was "grieved in His heart" (Gen. 6:6) about man's wickedness and the fact that he would have to be judged so severely. He allowed 120 years for the people to be warned and to repent, thereby staying the judgment (6:3). Actually a type of warning was given when Noah was born, 500 years before he started the ark. As he was being named, his father, Lamech, said, "This one shall give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the Lord has cursed" (Gen. 5:29). And then, while God had Noah build the ark—a dramatic picture of the coming Flood—He also had Noah witness to the people, warning them. "The patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark" (1 Pet. 3:20). In other words, at the same time He was preparing judgment He was also preparing a way of escape.

THE LINE ENDANGERED

We see the multiplication of people in the "population explosion."

- Genesis 6:1 *Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, (NKJV);*

We see the multiplication of violence.

- Genesis 6:11-13 *The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 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. (NKJV)*

Humanity was advanced from the start! Note the expansion of arts and industry.

- Genesis 4:16-22 *Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. 17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son -- Enoch. 18 To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech. 19 Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one [was] Adah, and the name of the second [was] Zillah. 20 And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock .21 His brother's name [was] Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute . 22 And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron . And the sister of Tubal-Cain [was] Naamah. (NKJV)*

We see the multiplication of a lack of conscience, even for murder. Genesis 4:23-24 Then Lamech said to his wives: "*Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me. 24 If Cain*

shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech demon intrusion-sevenfold." (NKJV)

We can see true believers are in a minority.

- Genesis 6:10 *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. (NKJV)*

THE GOOD NEWS

- **THE UPWARD LOOK:** But keep in mind that "than days of Noah" were also days of witness. In fact, God had told Enoch that judgment was coming, and he preached to the people Jude 14-15 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones 15 to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." (NIV) In fact, Enoch named his son Methuselah, which means "when he dies, it shall be sent"; that is, the judgment would come after Methuselah is dead. He was born in the year 687 and lived 969 years. He died in the year 1656 - the very year the flood came! In other words, God gave the wicked world 969 years of grace, and for the last 120 years of that period, Noah was preaching and preparing the ark (Genesis 6:3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years." (NIV); 1 Peter 3:20 who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water. (NIV)
- **THE INWARD NEED:** Today, God warns men that judgment is coming (II Pt. 3 - fire, not water); but few listen, and even fewer believe.

THE FLOOD CONSIDERED PRACTICALLY

- **GOD ALWAYS PUNISHES SIN:** God must punish sin. There must be death to the old before He can establish the new.
- **GOD ALWAYS WARNS SINNERS:** God gives man warnings but eventually His patience ends and judgment comes.
- **GOD ALWAYS SAVES BY GRACE:** God has always saved people the same way: by grace Genesis 6:8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. (NIV) through faith Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. (NIV)
- **GOD ALWAYS EXPECTS OBEDIENCE:** True faith, always brings active obedience (Genesis 6:22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him. (NIV) Genesis 7:5 And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him. (NIV)
- **GOD ALWAYS EXPECTS SEPARATION.** 1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that [is] in the world -- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life -- is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (NKJV) It was difficult for

Noah and his family to remain separated in such a wicked world, but God helped them, and God rewarded them.

THE LESSONS OF THE FLOOD

The Depth of the Sin of Mankind	Reminds us we are sinners
The Incredible Deafness to the Message	Warns us to Listen because we lack sensitivity.
The Great Response of Noah	Challenges our Availability
A Second Chance for Mankind	Offers Hope for All to be pure and new!

What Can We Learn?

1. God is HOLY, He will judge sin. Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (NIV)
2. God is LOVING, He will seek out individuals. Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." (NIV)
3. God is GRACIOUS, He will transform fallen sinners 1 Peter 5:5 Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (NIV)

What Should We Learn from This? Note Peter's words in II Peter 3

- KEEP ALERT: This should encourage a Godly life; live Christly v. 10-11
- BUILD FIREPROOF: This should discourage materialism and encourage us to live expectantly v. 12-13
- LOOK UP: This should develop an expectant Life; live purely v. 14
- STUDY THE BOOK: This should help us to guard our heart and encourage us to live maturely v. 17
- OBEY JESUS: This should encourage us to grow spiritually and to live growingly v. 18

The Origin of Satan

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Late one night in 1521 in a massive stone room of Wartburg Castle, Martin Luther sat in the luminous ring of a flickering candle. Suddenly, Luther scooped up his inkwell and violently flung it at the wall. Satan was an adversary so present he disrupted the translation of the Word. From that turning point in his ministry flowed the words of the greatest song of the reformation.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not His equal*

*Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabbath, His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.*

*And tho' this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thro' us;
The prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Thro'
Him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.*

Satan is alive and well on planet earth this morning. This morning his silent invaders swirl through the air. Around us lurk infernal warriors of the Kingdom of Darkness. These are not science fiction aliens. Rather as super strong extra-terrestrial intelligent beings their aim is clear. Their shocking strategy is so powerful, normal humans would pale if aware of it. These twisted demon hordes as deadly as a terrorist's bomb, are locked on course. Their target is the human mind, the control center of every human being on the planet.

Like hideous locusts they feed on the filth of spiritual wickedness. They find resistance only from those few and far between warriors of the kingdom of light. That's right, you and me this morning are enemies to Satan and his hosts. To even speak of this dark world of evil invites great and inexplicable difficulties. As this truth from God's Word is taught you may experience strange and powerful turmoil.

The confidence we have assures us though that we are "more than conquerors through Christ." As we enter the realm of spiritual warfare, let's pray for peace. As we learn and grow today, we will find Satan is a defeated foe, a weakened adversary, and crushed enemy. We have the victory.

SATAN IS REAL

- **SATAN IS THE AUTHOR OF SIN.** He introduced sin into the universe Ezekiel 28:15 You [were] perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. (NKJV) He incited Adam and Eve to follow his rebellion against God Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What [is] this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." (NKJV) Sin[1] was not a creation but an origination. It came into existence by the aid of that which had prior existence, namely, personality and the power of free choice. God created this being not as the devil, but as a holy angel, who originated sin through disobedience and transformed himself into the wicked Devil which he is today.
- **SATAN IS THE AUTHOR OF SUFFERING** and of many cases of sickness and disease in the New Testament. Note Acts 10:38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (NKJV); Luke 13:16 "So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound -- think of it -- for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" (NKJV). S.F. Luke 13:16. In the final analysis[2] Satan is the ultimate source of all suffering, because he is the ultimate source of all sin, its primal cause. He is also immediately responsible for many individual cases of sickness and disease; of which examples are furnished us in the New Testament.
- **SATAN IS THE AUTHOR OF TEMPTATION** 1 Thessalonians 3:5 For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain. (NKJV); Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (NKJV) S.F. 1 Chron. 21:1 R.V.; Matt. 4:1, 3, 4, 6, 8,9; 1 Cor. 7:5 Satan[3] incites men to sin. He so arranges times and controls events and circumstances as to make the greatest possible appeal to the sinful tendencies of man. He is the tempter.
- **SATAN IS THE AUTHOR OF BONDAGE** 2 Timothy 2:26 and [that] they may come to their senses [and escape] the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to [do] his will. (NKJV); 1 Timothy 3:7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. (NKJV)
- **SATAN IS THE AUTHOR OF DEATH** Hebrews 2:14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, (NKJV); but at

the cross Christ triumphed over death Colossians 2:15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. (NKJV). Satan[4] seems to have the right to use the mighty weapon of death, under special permission. It is true, however, that Jesus Christ at the cross wrested this weapon of death out of Satan's hands and with it won from him a glorious victory. Col. 2:15 (Weymouth): And the hostile princes and rulers He shook off from Himself, and boldly displayed them as His conquests when by the cross He triumphed over them (1 Sam 17:51)

SATAN IS DANGEROUS

- **SATAN MULTIPLIES EVIL DOERS** in Matthew 13:25 "but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. v.38-39 "The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked [one.] 39 "The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. (NKJV)
- **SATAN STEALS** Mark 4:15 "And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. (NKJV)
- **SATAN INVADES** John 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's [son,] to betray Him, (NKJV); Acts 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back [part] of the price of the land for yourself? (NKJV). S.F. Acts 5:3. Satan[5] seems to have the power of mental suggestion, which in the individual becomes auto-suggestion, and which unless halted and hindered by the Word and Spirit of God will also in him be expressed by word and action.
- **SATAN ENTERS** John 13:27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." (NKJV); Ephesians 4:27 nor give place to the devil. (NKJV).
- **SATAN BLINDS** 2 Corinthians 4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. (NKJV). S.F. Weymouth translation. Unbelief[6] of the truth seems to be the same as a special invitation to Satan to bring in the darkness of error and falsehood. He blinds the minds of unbelieving men to prevent them from receiving the light of the gospel.
- **SATAN EMPOWERS WICKEDNESS** in 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such [are] false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore [it is] no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works. (NKJV)

SATAN IS POWERFUL

- **SATAN RESISTS** Zechariah 3:1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. (NKJV)

- **SATAN TESTS** Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift [you] as wheat. (NKJV)
- **SATAN BUFFETS** 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (NKJV); This opposition, however, results in good to them. It keeps them humble and drives them to prayer (2 Cor. 12:8,9). Satan's hindrance[7] of Paul's going to Thessalonica gave to the saints there and to the generations since this precious epistle (Rev. 2:10). Satan buffets, resists and hinders God's servants in every possible way, but God's grace is sufficient to give them the victory.
- **SATAN HINDERS** 1 Thessalonians 2:18 Therefore we wanted to come to you -- even I, Paul, time and again -- but Satan hindered us. (NKJV);
- **SATAN ATTACKS** 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 The coming of the [lawless one] is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (NKJV); Revelation 13:7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. (NKJV)
- **SATAN ACCUSES** Revelation 12:9-10 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. (NKJV)

SATAN CAN BE RESISTED

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Games Demons Play[11] 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

The New Testament is filled with actual cases of demons in contact with humans. Nothing in Scripture informs us that such contact ended with the first century. In fact, 1 Timothy 4:1-3 and 2 Timothy 3:1 link demons to some of the causes of our "latter-day" problems. There is no doubt that demons are as active and aggressive (yet subtle) in our day as in Jesus' day. We shall uncover some of the deceptive ways demons attempt to make contact with humans, what takes place in the process of our becoming "demonized," and how such can be avoided.

Facts About Demons (A Brief Review)

Their Existence - Then and Now (Ephesians 6:10-13). The Scriptures do not set out to prove the existence of demons. Instead, we are warned of their existence and the battle that is going on.

- We are told to "be strong" (v. 10).
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- We are told to "stand firm" (vv. 11, 13).
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Exhortation: Modern-Day Contacts

Amusements to avoid:

- Movies that follow the theme of Satan and his demons.
- Television programs dealing with the occult.
- Music that popularizes demonic activities.
- Plays promoting contact with demons.

Games which encourage contact with demons and their related activities should be avoided and burned! (This is the scriptural method of with such things.)

Literature. The feeding of one's mind on the lewd information and photographs so widely and easily available gives a ground of entrance for the demons of sensuality.

Actual Occult Practice A list of those things which bring with them demonic contact: black magic, astrology, fetishes and talismans, fortune-telling, séance meetings, witchcraft, palmistry, spiritism, ESP (extra-sensory perception), pictures of witches and occult propaganda, voodoo dolls, candles with occult significance, incense, excessive superstition, religious practices that highlight the emotional, cults, Satan worship, tarot cards, ouija boards, crystal balls, black cubes and related occult practices.

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The Equipment: God's armor given us in Christ (vv. 14-18)

Defensive Equipment (vv. 14-17a)

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Offensive Equipment (vv. 17b, 18)

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- **ANGELS:** Worshiping angels is a place for demon intrusion. Paul warns, "Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels" (Col. 2:18). When, overcome with awe, John fell at the feet of the angel who was speaking to him, the angel said, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God" (Rev. 19:10). Angels are created beings and, whether holy or fallen, are not to be venerated or worshiped.
- **DEMONS:** Worshiping demons is a place for demon intrusion, and is closely associated with worshiping images, behind which are often demons. In Satan cults demons are worshiped directly. Speaking of the Tribulation, John foretells that "The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood" (Rev. 9:20).
- **DEAD PEOPLE:** Worshiping dead people is a place for demon intrusion. Referring to a place for demon intrusion that Israel learned from Moab, the psalmist wrote, "They joined themselves also to Baal-peor, and ate sacrifices offered to the dead. Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds; and the plague broke out among them" (Ps. 106:28-29). We do not worship human beings, whether they are alive or dead, saintly or otherwise. Even the great heroes of Scripture—such as Abraham, Moses, David, the prophets, Mary, or the apostles—are never to be worshiped. That is a place for demon intrusion

- **SELFISHNESS:** Supreme loyalty in our heart to anything other than God is a place for demon intrusion. Every person is tempted with ambitions, desires, possessions, recognition, and a host of other such things that easily can become idols. “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also,” Jesus said (Matt. 6:21). The greatest heart treasure, or heart idol, is self.
- **GREED:** Covetousness is a place for demon intrusion. Those who covet or are greedy worship at the shrine of materialism, one of the most popular and powerful idols of our day But Paul says, “For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolator, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God” (Eph. 5:5; cf. Col. 3:5). Acts 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? (NKJV)
- **LUST:** Inordinate desire, or lust, is a place for demon intrusion. Paul speaks of “enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things” (Phil. 3:18–19). The person whose mind, desires, longings, and appetites are set on fleshly things is an idolater.
- **AMUSEMENTS:** exposing your mind to Satanic ideas and stories must be constantly avoided. Some examples are:
 1. Movies that follow the theme of Satan and his demons. Science fiction that portrays superhuman powers available from cosmic sources leave unguarded minds open to endless fantasies about what if . . .
 2. Television programs dealing with the occult directly or indirectly.
 3. Music that popularizes demonic activities, words, and mantras.
 4. Plays promoting contact with demons.
 5. Games which encourage contact with demons and their related activities should be avoided and burned! (This is the scriptural method of with such things.)
 6. Literature. The feeding of one's mind on the lewd information and photographs so widely and easily available gives a ground of entrance for the demons of sensuality.
 7. Actual Occult Practice A list of those things which bring with them demonic contact: black magic, astrology, fetishes and talismans, fortune-telling, seance meetings, witchcraft, palmistry, spiritism, ESP (extra-sensory perception), pictures of witches and occult propaganda, voodoo dolls, candles with occult significance, incense, excessive superstition, religious practices that highlight the emotional, cults, Satan worship, tarot cards, ouija boards, crystal balls, black cubes and related occult practices.

A Defense Against Demons

- We must Confess Jesus Christ as Personal Lord and Savior. (John 12:46) Full deliverance comes only through personally claiming His blood and His victory at Calvary on your behalf.
- We must Cancel All Occult/Demonic Practices. Name the sin specifically and burn every trace of any tangible paraphernalia. A total removal and destruction is the only cancellation that God accepts. Acts 19:11-20 *And God wrought special miracles by the*

hands of Paul: 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. 13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. 19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed. (KJV)

- We must Claim God's Promises. Hebrews 2:14 *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, (NKJV); 1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. (NKJV)*

We Must Use Our Armor

Ephesians 6:11-18 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual [hosts] of wickedness in the heavenly [places.] 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints -- (NKJV)

- Belt of Truth. Implement of battle hung from the belt which held the soldier's robe together. This means "honesty," "truthfulness," "integrity," and "sincerity. Duplicity brings defeat!
- Breastplate of Righteousness. This was a heavy piece of armor that completely enclosed the body. This means personal, daily righteousness maintained by confession of sin. Impurity will bring defeat!
- Shoes of Peace. Soles of the soldier were impregnated with heavy, spike-like hobnails which gave him a good footing. This carries with it the idea of "readiness" or "peace of mind." Anxiety brings defeat
- Shield of Faith. It was a portable door which the soldier hid behind. The shield served as the buffer from the flaming darts of the enemy. Faith extinguishes all the flaming missiles of the evil one. Doubt brings defeat!

- **Helmet of Salvation.** The meaning of the helmet is assurance of salvation. Lack of assurance brings defeat!

Offensive Equipment (Vv. 17b, 18)

- **Sword of the Spirit.** Memorizing the Scripture is essential to effectiveness in battle.
- **Prayer.** This includes petition at all times for others as well as yourself.
- **Alertness.** The good soldier must be ever alert.

[1] Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*, p. 56.

[2] J. Oswald Sanders, *Satan is no Myth*, p. 64-67.

Dinosaurs & Dragons

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REJOICE IN OUR CREATOR GOD

Would you join me at the Creation week? It was quite a world God made! God created the land that flourished with plants v. 9-13. The power of growth in plants is astounding! A sunflower will produce 4,000 seeds from one seed planted. A kernel of corn can do better than that. If every kernel produced by one seed were planted again at the end of the harvest and again at the end of the second year, all of the USA could be planted with the 3rd years crop. That is today. What about then?

What is the THE FOSSIL EVIDENCE[1] of "Special Creation?" As we have seen, the fossils of invertebrates, the most abundant by far of all fossils, do offer strong support for the concept of

creation. But let's look now at fossil evidence from other groups. Fossil Plants are the same today!

Did you even wonder what kind of plants the dinosaurs tromped around on? The answer may surprise you. These unfamiliar animals, now extinct, wandered around among some very familiar plants: oak, willow, magnolia, sassafras, palms, and other such common flowering plants.

In the geologic sequence, the flowering plants first appear suddenly and in great diversity in Cretaceous ("dinosaur") rock. Darwin was aware of the situation and called the origin of these plants "an abominable mystery." As my professor of paleobotany summarized it, nothing has happened in the last 120 years to solve that mystery. As far as the fossil evidence is concerned, we simply find different varieties of the same types of plants we have today, plus extinction in many cases.

In Lincoln County[2], Wyoming, almost perfect specimens of fish, turtles, insects, and mammals have been found together with huge palm leaves, from 6 to 8 feet in length and from 3 to 4 feet wide. Even more significantly, trillions of tons of vegetation much of it perfectly preserved, even to leaves and flowers, have been buried in all parts of the world, including Antarctica in the form of coal. Each foot of coal represents many feet of compressed plant remains, and some coal seams are as much as thirty or forty feet in thickness. Obviously, no such process of coal formation is going on today, and the so-called "peat-bog theory" is a poor attempt to cope with this problem.

In THE EVOLUTION OF A CREATIONIST[3] Dr. Martin explains that scientists have found tropical forests and coal deposits in Antarctica. Ninety-foot Plum trees which were quick frozen and over ninety feet in height with green leaves have been found in the New Siberian islands where, today, only one-inch high willows grow [see Charles Hapgood, The Mystery of the Frozen Mammoths; from Bassett Digby, The Mammoth and Mammoth Hunting Grounds in Northeast Siberia (N.Y.: Appleton, 1926), pp. 150-151].

In these frigid zones many trees, some fossilized and some quick-frozen, have been found with rings, signifying rapid, warm temperature growth. The Evolutionist asks, "How did they get here?" The Creationist says, they grew there before the Flood when the earth was pole to pole greenhouse warm."

God Created Seas That Swarmed With Fish (v. 20-23)

EVOLUTION CHALLENGE OF THE FOSSIL RECORD[4] model contend that it is impossible to account for most of the important geological formations according to uniformitarian principles. These formations include the vast Tibetan Plateau, 750,000 square miles of sedimentary deposits many thousands of feet in thickness and now at an elevation of three miles; the Karoo Supergroup of Africa, which has been estimated by Robert Broom to contain the fossils of 800 billion vertebrate animals;' the herring fossil bed in the Miocene shales of California, containing evidence that a billion fish died within a four-square mile area;' and the Cumberland Bone Cave of Maryland, containing fossilized remains of dozens of species of mammals, from bats to mastodons, along with the fossils of some reptiles and birds-including

animals which now have accommodated to different climates and habitats from the Arctic region to tropical zones.' Neither has the uniformitarian concept been sufficient to explain mountain building nor the formation of such vast lava beds as the Columbian Plateau in the northwest United States, a lava bed several thousand feet thick covering 200,000 square miles.

WHAT IS CREATION SCIENCE [5]? Generally accepted evolutionary dogma of gradualism or uniformitarianism. But several scientists-still evolutionists-recognize that catastrophism, including massive flooding, mountain building, glaciation, and similar catastrophes, is the more logical inference from our scientific observations. Furthermore, catastrophism helps us to explain several features of the fossil evidence.

First of all, there's the very existence of fossils themselves. Fossils don't form when plants and animals simply die and rot away on the surface of the ground or on the bottom of the sea. To have any chance at all to be preserved as a fossil, a plant or animal must be buried rapidly under a relatively heavy load of sediment. Otherwise, scavengers or the forces of erosion will obliterate the specimen. That's one reason why there's scarcely a trace of the millions of bison slaughtered in America's move westward.

Once a plant or animal is buried deeply enough in the right kind of sediment, there's no special trick involved in turning it into a fossil, and no huge amount of time is required. Minerals simply accumulate in the specimen itself or in the cavity left by the specimen after it rots away. So, fossils could be formed in the laboratory, and they are probably forming here and there today.

But nowhere on earth today do we have fossils forming on the scale that we see in geologic deposits. The Karroo Beds in Africa, for example, contain the remains of perhaps 800 billion vertebrates! A million fish can be killed in red tides in the Gulf of Mexico today, but they simply decay away and do not become fossils. Similarly, debris from vegetation mats doesn't become coal unless it is buried under a heavy load of sediment.

The water[6] vapor canopy may have more than doubled atmospheric pressure on earth. In this environment of heavier atmospheric pressure, healing would be more efficient. Many hospitals have pressurized rooms called Hyperbaric Rooms. Into these rooms oxygen is pumped under pressure and healing is miraculously speeded up. Very sick people and the severely burned are treated in this high pressure environment." In the pre-flood, high efficiency atmosphere, reptiles could have grown to immense sizes, giant flying creatures could have flown more easily, and gigantism would have been much more likely."

For more information about "Hyperbaric Therapy" see: J. C. Davis, "Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy," *Journal of Intensive Care Medicine*, 4 (1989), 55-57. Also: *Textbook of Hyperbaric Medicine*, ed. K. K. Jain (Toronto: Hogrefe and Huber Pubs., 1990), p. 492. Also: *Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy: A Committee Report (UHMS PUB 30 CRHOB)*, ed. J. T. Mader (Bethesda: Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society, Inc., 1989), p. 90. Most of my comments about the effects of the vapor canopy came from Dr. Joseph Dillow's excellent discussion of the effects of the vapor canopy in *The Water's Above: Earth's Pre-Flood Water Vapor Canopy* (Moody Press, 1982).

God Created Animals That Filled the Earth (v. 24-25)

Dinos that range in size from the size of a chicken to 160,000 pound, 80 ton Brachiosaurus, are in 5 groups:

- HORNED Triceratops and Stegosaurus
- DUCKBILLED Anatosaurus 18 feet high with 2,000 teeth!
- MEAT EATERS Tyrannosaurus Rex 20 feet high and 50 feet long.
- SMALL Strut hiomimus [ostrich mimic] ate eggs small reptiles.
- BIG PLANT EATERS Diplodocus [double beamed] 100 feet long; Brontosaurus
>Apatosaurus 80 feet long, 40 tons; Brachiosaurus [biggest] 50 feet high, 80 feet long, 80 tons, nostrils atop dome of head!

THE GREAT DINOSAUR MYSTERY[7] Evolution has a problem called The Great Dinosaur Mystery. Where did the great dinosaurs come from; how did they grow so big; and, if it is "survival of the fittest", why did these powerful creatures become extinct?

A creationist would answer, "no problem." God created the giant reptiles and may have referred to one or two of them which existed in Job's day (see Job 40:15 - 41:34). Reptiles do not have a built-in growth inhibiting factor like other animals and man. The dinosaurs would have continued growing as long as they lived. The older they got, the bigger they grew. Reptiles function best, as cold-blooded animals, in warm temperature climates. God created large reptiles which kept growing in an efficient high pressure atmosphere with plenty of warmth and unlimited supplies of lush vegetation to eat and nothing to eat them. The Bible says, "And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat..... (Genesis 1:30)

A creationist[8] might say that a stable body temperature in a giant cold-blooded reptile is consistent with the creationist view that the earth's temperature was uniformly warm in the tropical pre-Flood heaven and earth system number one. Creationists would expect to find "...remarkable consistency of the oxygen isotopes in the dinosaur's bones..... Apparently these evolutionistic researchers would rather pretend that cold-blooded reptiles were actually warm-blooded than to consider the pre-Flood pole-to-pole greenhouse warm condition of earth (6,000 years ago, not 70 million years ago) as presented by the creationist model.

The giant flying reptiles such as the pterosaurs (pterodactyls and pteranodons) would be unable to fly in our present atmosphere. They needed a heavier atmosphere to get enough air to lift them with their 40 to 50-foot wingspans. Heaven and earth system #1 would have provided the heavier atmospheric pressure necessary for the flight of these huge creatures. Evolutionists say we don't know how these giant reptiles could have flown in our atmosphere. To a creationist, this is not a problem. Heaven and earth system #1, before the water canopy came down at the flood of Noah's day, would have provided the air density needed for these huge creatures to fly. In order to protect their jobs the evolutionists dare not even suggest the global flood of Noah's day as part of the solution to their problems, and yet the Flood supplies the explanation for what we "see".

We even read in our older history books about ancient cultures which taught a global flood. Gigantism was common in the heavy pre-flood atmosphere. Fossil dragonflies with a 32-inch wingspan have been discovered and would be a frightful bug to hit your windshield! The hornless rhinoceros grew to about "...seventeen feet high and nearly 30 feet long!"[9]

Dinosaurs lived alongside people as Job testifies as well as "caveman" drawings. And God created them all!

INSECTS

Among the incredible diversity of members in the insect world none are more pointing to their Creator than the bees. Born of a set of parents that possess none of the features or skills they will use. Yet from day one the worker bee serves its Queen with absolute skills. Never learned, never forgotten, innate and created by God. The worker bee sweats wax. As that vital substance is produced the worker slices, trims and fastens it into the honeycomb renowned for its perfectly engineered strength and utility. Where did it get wax generators, wax cutters, trimmers and a trowel to lay each piece in the right spot? From the God who made "every winged creature"!

FISH with the perfect body shape to sail through its environment, and protective equipment that exactly meet its every need fish live in seeming effortless motion. Distilling from the water its needed oxygen, fitted with eyes that rotate to look ahead, under and behind, with the hi-tech gear it needs to navigate across trackless expanses of water, harvest and multiply. Fish are amazing reflections of an All Wise Creator. Take the scales that are like armor on the exterior edge and yet feather to perfect mesh that is so water tight, no current of water is so swift, no jet of water so powerful that it could ever get past the seams of this aquatic raincoat? Why, God designed the scales to mesh so perfectly, there are no seams to leak. They become a solid wall of individual scales.

PROTOZOA

v. 20 (sharats = lit. "breed abundantly") are the champions of obeying God's order to multiply. Maturing at 12 hours old, these animals can reproduce at the rate of 60 young every 12 hours for the duration of their life time. If one protozoan were to live for a year and reproduce at this rate the total would be more than all the particles in the universe which is 10 to the 130th. Thankfully they don't multiply at that speed at all times. But only an inspired Moses taking the words from the Creator could describe them so perfectly.

BIRDS what a wonder. Can I describe just one? The Pacific Coastal ouzel only lives in those white rapids on Pacific Mountain streams. Studied and found to be the most buoyant of all ornithological family members (birds), they build their nests under waterfalls. Living life floating above (not 1/3 into the water like ducks), these birds defy all laws of nature. In an instant they can plummet to the depths of the stream like a lead sinker and WALK on the stream bed. After filling their beaks with all they can hold, they walk up onto the bank, swallow, and immediately revert to floating like smoke atop the water. How do they do it? God gave them a muscular system that can instantly exhaust all air from their bodies to let them sink. The same system inflates them just as fast!

Dinosaurs were positively a part of those beasts God created. They exhibit a powerful testimony to the Majesty and Power of God.

DINOSAURS ARE IN THE BIBLE

Dinosaurs are not mentioned in the Bible, in the sense that the word appears in the Bible, because that name wasn't invented until 1841, and the Bible was translated into English in about 1600-over 200 years earlier-but I do believe that dinosaurs are described in the Bible! The oldest book of the Bible, the Book of Job, records the existence of several large unusual creatures. In a passage describing a dozen representative animals, we find more space, 44 verses in fact, devoted to two animals that apparently are now extinct. One of these was a huge land animal called a "behemoth"[10], that was also extremely powerful, the largest of all the land animals[11], and impossible to capture. Fanciful attempts to identify him with existing animals are ludicrous. 0930 {be-hay-mohth'} AV - behemoth 1; 1 perhaps an extinct dinosaur, a Diplodocus or Brachiosaurus, exact meaning unknown. Some translate as elephant or hippopotamus but from the description in Job 40:15-24, this is patently absurd.

In Job 40:15-24, we read: Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. He moveth his tail like a cedar. The sinews of his stones are wrapped together. His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron. He is the chief of the ways of God: He that made him can make his sword to approach unto him. Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play. He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens. The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about. Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: He trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth. He taketh it with his eyes: His nose pierceth through snares.

What is the Biblical view of dinosaurs? And whatever really happened to these remarkable creatures?

The Bible records the fact that Dinosaurs did not become extinct "millions" of years ago. They are mentioned in the Bible. Some of them were alive after the Flood of Noah. In Genesis 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind.- and God saw that it was good. The Hebrew tanniyn is translated "whales," but in 20 other places it is translated "dragons," "sea monster", or "serpent". [12]

God also describes a type of sea dragon which is translated "leviathan"[13]. He apparently was a fire-breathing monster with a hide that could not be pierced with sword, spears, or hooks. 03882 livyathan {liv-yaw-thawn'} - leviathan 6; 6 leviathan, sea monster, dragon, large aquatic animal [perhaps the extinct dinosaur, plesiosaurus, exact meaning unknown]. Some think this to be a crocodile but from the description in Job 41 this is patently absurd. It appears to be a large fire-breathing animal of some sort. Just as the bombardier beetle has an explosion producing mechanism, so the great sea dragon may have an explosive producing mechanism to enable it to be a real fire breathing dragon.

It is interesting that some dinosaur fossils have been excavated that show a strange protuberance with an internal cavity on the top of the head. It has been suggested that this might have served as a mixing chamber for combustible gases that would ignite when exhaled into the outside oxygen. It is interesting that the many dragon legends also allude to this "fire-breathing" characteristic.

What Happened to the Dinosaurs?

Dinosaur beds have, of course, been found on every continent, as far north as Spitzbergen in the Arctic Ocean, and as far south as Antarctica. Hundreds of dinosaur tracks and trails have been found all over the world.[14] Most researchers believe that the age of the dinosaurs came to a sudden end as a result of a global catastrophe of some kind. There are numerous theories and conjectures, with no general agreement among scientists.

The Formation of Fossil Beds Not only do sedimentary deposits demand the dynamics of a gigantic flood for adequate explanation, but so also do the fossils of billions of plants and animals that are found within them. This is indeed a serious problem for evolutionary uniformitarianism, for large-scale fossilization is simply not occurring anywhere in the world today. When fishes die in the oceans they do not sink to the bottom and become fossils. Instead, they either decompose or are picked to pieces by scavengers. Likewise, as one prominent geologist has pointed out, "The buffalo carcasses strewn over the plains in uncounted millions two generations ago have left hardly a present trace. The flesh was devoured by wolves or vultures within hours or days after death, and even the skeletons have now largely disappeared, the bones dissolving and crumbling into dust under the attack of weather." [15] The Old Testament indicates that Palestine was infested with lions for centuries (Job 38:39, Prov. 22:13, 11 Kings 17:25), but no fossil of a lion has yet been found there. [16]

In contrast to this lack of fossilization going on in the world today, consider the almost unbelievable amount of fossilization that has occurred in the past. "It has been estimated that more than 100,000 different species of fossils have already been found. Some rocks are composed almost entirely of the remains of marine animals.[17] " Nothing could be more obvious than the fact that billions of fossils of crustaceans, fishes, land animals, and plants, many of them almost perfectly preserved in huge sedimentary deposits, could not have been buried by processes observable in the world today.

A startling illustration of the fact that a great catastrophe once struck this planet may be found in the four or five million mammoths and other large animals which were destroyed in the north polar regions, many of them frozen instantly and preserved whole and undamaged, and in some cases either standing or kneeling upright!

Ivan T. Sanderson, a prominent field zoologist who spent many years studying these phenomena, had attempted at first to explain the mass destruction of Arctic mammoths in non-catastrophic terms.[18] But a special study of the Beresovka mammoth, which Russian scientists had transported from Siberia to the Leningrad Museum, caused his position to be "almost completely reversed."

First, the mammoth was upright, but it had a broken hip. Second, its exterior was whole and perfect, with none of its two-foot long shaggy fur rubbed or torn off. Third, it was fresh; its parts, although they started to rot when the heat of fire got at them, were just as they had been in life; the stomach contents had not begun to decompose. Finally, there were buttercups on its tongue.[19]

Animals as large as mammoths would require several hundred pounds of food daily just to survive; and there were many millions of them in this region where very little vegetation grows today. In order to freeze animals of this size in such a way that large crystals would not form within their body cells, temperatures of 150 degrees below zero would have to descend upon them instantly.

MAMMOTHS[20] An estimated 5,000,000 mammoths, whose remains are buried all along the coastline of northern Siberia and Alaska, were frozen and buried not many thousands of years ago. "The Siberian deposits have been worked now for nearly two centuries. The store appears to be as inexhaustible as a coalfield. Some think that a day may come when the spread of civilization may cause the utter disappearance of the elephant in Africa, and that it will be to these deposits that we may have to turn as the only source of animal ivory"[21]

"One mine in Siberia reportedly yielded twenty thousand tusks. When Vitus Bering, the Danish explorer of the Arctic, visited Bear Island, north of Siberia in the Arctic Ocean, he reported it was composed of two ingredients, mammoth remains and sand. But the predominant ingredient was mammoth bones. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, reports occasionally came in of mammoths found in frozen state. Some of these reports were investigated by the Tsarist governments, and a few mammoths were exhumed and brought to St. Petersburg. They were rather sensational evidences of the time when Siberia had had a much more temperate or subtropical climate. When Baron Toll explored Bennet Island, some three hundred miles north of the Siberian mainland, he reported finding a quick-frozen mammoth, in a land where today, during the height of the Arctic summer, willows will grow perhaps two inches high. . . . And yet here, Baron Toll found evidence of former life under conditions which today could not possibly exist. Concerning mammoth bones in Russia, Pallas claimed that there was not a river bed in all Russia, from the Don to the Bering Strait, which did not contain mammoth bones. Other writers have observed that, strangely enough, the farther one goes north, the more numerous are mammoth remains"[22]

The fact that only a catastrophe of the proportions described in Genesis 6-9 could have suddenly destroyed these vast numbers of large animals is becoming more and more obvious to unprejudiced investigators.

The Flood of Noah would easily fit the requirements. There are many scientists who have become creationists and are convinced that the Biblical flood provides a more plausible explanation than the traditional geological-age conjectures. Remember that all animals known can fit on Noah's ark. How? 60% of all known creatures are aquatic so wouldn't have been on board. Of the 40 % of animals that are land bases, 70 % are insects. So only 12% of animals had to ride and they fit including all dinosaurs! In fact that totals only 20,000 present land animals

and if 20,000 are now extinct that means 40,000 animals x 2 = 80 thousand with an average size being a sheep. That would take only 1/2 the ark!

Certainly the antediluvian population would have been well acquainted with their existence. Noah and his descendants would certainly have continued the numerous tales of their exploits.

Survival in the post-flood world would also account for the many dragon stories embellished throughout the centuries[23]. There are some scientists that believe that some dinosaurs may have survived into the Middle Ages. As recent in history as 1500 AD a textbook of animals known as *Historiua Animalium*, published in Europe, listed five animals as alive in Europe that we know as dinosaurs today.

ARE THERE DINOSAURS TODAY?

There are also some that believe that dinosaurs still survive in isolated regions, deep oceans and lakes of the world. The famous plesiosaur-like creature dredged up near New Zealand in 1977 is one example[24], and the numerous native accounts of a brontosaur-like animal in the swampy interior of the Congolese rain forests[25] are difficult to ignore. Inverness, Scotland, the location of Loch Ness, which also has been the subject of continuing sightings of the legendary monster even in recent history. Despite substantial efforts, with highly advanced equipment, to locate the fabled creature, the results have been inconclusive.

RESIST THE DRAGON OF OLD

Dragons throughout history: The term "dragon" comes from the Greek drakon, which was used originally for any large serpent. (The term "dinosaur" is derived from the Greek meaning "terrible lizard," alluding to its gigantic size.)

The notion that dinosaurs were extinct "millions of years ago" doesn't seem to explain the prevalence of the "dragons" so prevalent throughout early history.

The dragon of mythology, despite whatever shape it later assumed, was essentially a serpent.

In the Middle East, the serpent or dragon was symbolic of evil. The Egyptian god Apepi was the great serpent of the world of darkness.

The Chaldean dragon tiamat had four legs, a scaly body and wings.

The Greeks and the Romans also at times conceived the drakontes as beneficent powers dwelling in the inner parts of the Earth.

Their protective and terror inspiring qualities led to their adaptation as warlike emblems on shields, prows of ships, etc.

The Chinese dragon, lung, was a majestic mythological beast that dwelt in rivers, lakes, oceans, and roamed the skies. They were generally depicted as four-legged animals with scales, snakelike body, horns, claws, and large, demonic eyes. They were regarded as the source of power and commonly adopted as imperial emblems.

Ancient Chinese cosmogonists defined four types: Ten Lung, "Celestial Dragon," who guards the heavenly dwellings of the gods; Fu Tsang Lung, "Dragon of Hidden Treasure"; Ti Lung, "Earth Dragon," who controls the waterways; and Shen Lung, the "Spiritual Dragon," who controls the winds and rain.

Both Chinese and Japanese dragons are usually wingless, but were also regarded as being able to change their size at will, even to the point of becoming invisible. It is remarkable that they were also referred to as the "power of the air," which is also a provocative Biblical reference.[26]

THE BIBLICAL "DRAGON"

The Nachash, or "Shining One" of Genesis 3 is, of course, well known.[27] Here we encounter the "anointed cherub" that is rendered a serpent as a result of the curse.

Leviathan Re-examined. The passage describing the "leviathan" in Job also goes beyond his denotative zoological characteristics and alludes metaphorically to him as a malevolent evil spirit.[28] In fact, "He beholdeth all high things: he is king over all the children of pride." [29]

This secondary allusion technique is repeatedly employed to describe the background and career of Satan.[30] He, indeed, is the father of the children of pride.

In the Book of Revelation, Satan is also presented as the "Red Dragon"[31]. This identification with the "dragon" seems to be also picked up in the prophecies in Isaiah: Isaiah 27:1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea. (KJV)

(It is interesting that in the Book of Revelation, we notice that the two final players are also presented as "beasts" that rise out of the sea and land, provocatively parallel to the two large creatures highlighted in the book of Job.)

REMEMBER THE PLAN OF GOD

In the Book of Revelation, we also view Satan's doom:

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled.- and after that he must be loosed a little season..... the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Revelation 20:1-3, 10

The Reality. So there is a real "dragon" far more fearful than any "cloned dinosaur" of Jurassic Park fame. His destiny, fortunately, is sealed as result of the empty tomb that we celebrate each Easter morning. The next time someone brings up "dinosaurs," then why not really get into it. (After all, he brought it up.) It can be a great witnessing opportunity if you do your homework.

WE MUST WORSHIP OUR CREATOR

Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." (NKJV)

The Eternal Gospel is a gospel that reveals God as Creator Revelation 14:7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." (NKJV) = We must respond to our CREATOR

Our Creator is the Judge first by water then by fire 2 Peter 3:3-7 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 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." 5 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, 6 by which the world [that] then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 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. (NKJV)

Christ as creator is the head of the Church and He alones gives us the order for Leadership, home, church, role of men and women, standards of modesty, etc. Colossians 1:15-18 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. (NKJV)

Creation Groans waiting for Redemption Romans 8:20-22 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected [it] in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. (NKJV)

Adam's sin cursed the world Romans 5:12, 19 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned -- 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. (NKJV)

The decline and descent of man versus the ascent of Darwin's man Romans 1:18-320

We need to:

- Let our eyes see the Majesty of our Creator
- Let our hearts overflow with worship of our Creator
- Let our mouths be confessing Him as Creator

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