

The Global Flood
Genesis 7:10-12;17-20
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Thesis:

- Intro: 1. Water, while necessary, can cause tremendous amounts of damage and can be deadly.
2. Events such as floods, hurricanes, tsunami's, cause tremendous damage and loss of life. (Several slides until "what kind of food was it slide).

I. What kind of Flood was it?

A. How would you describe a local flood?

1. What kind of words, descriptions & details would you use?
2. The term flood in Genesis is unique when compared to how it is used elsewhere in the Bible.

B. How is the term flood used in the Bible?

(The Term flood is used about 35 times in the Bible.)

- i. 12 Times in Genesis chapters 6-11; used to refer to "The Great Flood"
- ii. 22 times in the Old Testament, it comes from a different Hebrew word.
- iii. The Hebrew word as found in Genesis 6-11, is the only Hebrew word used to describe "The Great Flood".
- iv. The N.T. uses a unique word to describe this event.
 - a. The greek word used in the N.T. means "Cataclysm". This word is defined as "something that causes great destruction"; "a flood or deluge". (**Lk 17:27**)
 - b. **Luke 6:48** – a flood local in nature; a different term than that used in Luke 17:27

II. The Completeness...

A. of the flood (**Gen 6:17**)

1. The word "all" is used 30 times, the word "every" is used 37 times.
2. Notice also the absence of "limiting words"; such as – local, regional, partial, portion, few, & some.

AA. of destruction

1. **Genesis 6:7**
2. **Genesis 6:17** (slide of flood waters after verse)

B. of preservation

1. Noah & His Family on the ark
2. The Animals on the ark (**Genesis 6:19-20**)

C. of coverage

1. Gen 7:19-20, all the hills under the whole heaven were covered.
 - a. The mountains were covered by 15 cubits of water. Remember the creatures sent out to find land? (slide of the dove; **Genesis 8:6-9**)
2. the whole earth covered (**Gen 8:9; image of water covered earth afterwards**)

D. Of the Promise of Preservation

1. the promise (**Gen 9:16**)

2.

III. What we learn about the flood from the size of the ark.

- a. The size of the ark implies the totality of the flood.
- b. If the flood was local, such large vessel, with all animals, etc would not be necessary.
- c. A local flood would of allowed the animals to simply migrate to another area.
- d. A local flood would of allowed Noah's family to simply move to higher ground.

B. Scientific Evidence of a Global Flood

1. Fossils around the world, showing rapid burial in water deposited layers.
2. Such layers are found around the world.
 - a. all of which show sudden, and complete, destructive forces.
 - b. From low elevation regions (Sahara desert), to higher elevation areas of the Tibetan plateau in Asia.
 - c. From deep caves (in North America) & even in Antarctica.

C. Ancient Stories of a "Great Flood"

1. **Use the slides**
2. **Finish with rainbow slides**

Application & Conclusion:

1. The Flood is not some "story" but shows us how God is real, and how the flood was real!!
2. True science & history supports God, the Bible, & all the events recorded within its pages
3. Full Invitation

God's plan for the alien sinner

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9