

## Noah's Story - The Flood

### Genesis 7-8

**Introduction:** Noah's story is the final days of the old earth, the world that began in the Garden of Eden and ends with God's first judgment of mankind.

First, the great quantity of water led to erosion across the planet.

Second, there was likely a source of water entirely different than now exists.

Third, the water likely enlarged the oceans and shrunk the land mass. Psalm 104:5-9

Fourth, earthquakes, tidal waves and volcanoes would have created sedimentary rock layers.

Fifth, fossils on the highest mountains demonstrates that the flood waters had a catastrophic effect on the landscape during the flood.

Sixth, scientists agree that fossils remain puzzling.

Seventh, the uniformitarianism of geology must be challenged by the flood event.

**Summary:** First, science is exploratory and spends time testing and confirming what it has theorized and discovered. Second, all evidence matters and must be addressed with a heart pursuing truth that conforms to God's word.

Genesis 7:1-24 – We have no way of knowing how many animals came on the ark; but I assume there were fewer breeds of animals and classes of birds than exist today.

Genesis 8:1-22 - (Genesis 1:22, 28; 8:17; 9:1, 7) The command to be fruitful and multiply is for all life; essential for all life and spiritually applies to all believers. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Noah may have discovered changes after leaving the ark: First, the oceans grew; second, the land mass shrunk; third, temperatures began to differ; fourth, mountains were taller while valleys were changed; fifth, wind, storms, heavy rains and snow normalized for certain regions; sixth, the sun's radiation challenged outside life; seventh, glaciers, rivers and lakes developed where they did not exist before; eighth, the earth's crust developed earthquakes and volcanoes; ninth, parts of the earth's surface became barren; tenth, the earth's rotation speed may have changed.

**Conclusion:** We are not trying to make Genesis fit into the data and theories that populate science; instead we take the data and theories and filter them through the teaching of scripture and if we cannot make sense of it, we take more time to discover what God already knows.

In Genesis 7:1 God called Noah into the ark and in 8:16 God called Noah out of the ark and these two commands point to the words of Jesus in Matthew 11:28 and Matthew 28:19-20. The ark points to the loving care of God for his people and that care is illustrated in the local Church; but the words of Jesus in Matthew 28 challenge us to carry the good new to the ends of the earth.

Noah is charged with beginning again. The flood changed things; it changed the surface of the earth, the seasons and climate of the earth and it identified the three family lines of Shem, Ham and Japheth. Their DNA is scattered in the population of the world today and makes us all relatives.