

Genesis 7-8

Genesis 7:6-7 ⁶ Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. ⁷ And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood.

❖ Introduction

➤ Today

- Will be a little bit of a different sermon than you are accustomed to...
- This is because the content requires a different approach

➤ Let me First Admit

- I am not a Geologist, Paleontologist, Biologist, or any other kind of Scientist
 - Not officially or unofficially...
- **So... Some of the things I am going to share with you...**
 - They come from other people that are qualified to give this information...
 - And I am not saying they are necessarily right about all of their findings...
 - I would doubt that anyone is 100 percent right
- **I do however want to present you with some other options...**
 - A different option that what is being pushed down our throats today...

➤ Important thing to Remember:

- **Our schools today do NOT teach an alternative to Evolution**
 - It is taught as fact in some schools
 - Creation is glossed over as far as I know, if it is even mentioned...
- **I am almost certain that schools today... maybe some private schools...**
 - Don't speak a word about Noah's flood...
 - Noah's flood is the single most cataclysmic event in the history of the World...
 - ◆ And we don't give it a minute in schools today
- **We are constantly being fed this idea that what we see around us**
 - Happened over millions and millions and even billions of years
 - Yet... if any scientist is honest... None of them were around billions of years ago...
 - Therefore they are left to speculate based off of theories...

➤ You may say... Now preacher... who are we to disagree with Scientists?

- **And I would say... You are a person with a brain... a person who has been given the Holy Spirit**
 - And a person who has a Bible...
 - And if the teachings of the world contradict God's Word...
 - Then you should object...
- **This is also... not the first time modern science has been wrong...**
 - It was wrong when it taught that the earth was flat
 - It was wrong when it taught that the earth was the center of the universe
 - It was wrong when it taught that the sun was the center of the universe...

➤ Outline:

- 1) What is Happening in Genesis 7 and 8
- 2) Proofs of the Flood
- 3) What Can We Learn About God through the Flood?

➤ I hope you see the importance of Genesis 7 and 8 in your life and your children

- I hope you see how important it is to teach your kids Biblical History

➤ I simply intend to show you that there are other ways to look at the world around us...

- I am not going to stand here and tell you I know the earth is very young like 6-10,000 years
 - Ill say it is possible

- But it could also be much older
- There is good debate back and forth on this issue...

➤ **I will tell you this:**

- God spoke the world into being in 6 days... and it was formed and ready to go...
- And He sent a worldwide flood to destroy living kind from the face of the earth
- Because of their great sin...

❖ **Background and Context (Let's Remember what we have learned so far)**

➤ **Genesis is written as a polemic...**

- Which means it is an argument against the wrong teachings of its day...
- This is written to set the record straight about God and man...
- And if you notice... God is the hero of the story... not man... (that is a huge distinction)

➤ **In Gen 1 we see the days of creation...**

- In Genesis 2 we see the creation of man and woman
- IN Genesis 3 we see the fall of man into sin and death
- In Genesis 4 we see the first son Cain... rise up and kill his brother Abel
- Genesis 5 gives us a genealogy of Adam to Noah
- **Then in Genesis 6 we see corruption over the whole earth...**
 - We see God is not happy with His creation because it had become so evil
 - We realize the Noah's Ark story is not a feel good story...
 - It is a story of judgment against sin...
 - ◆ But... I don't want you to think it ends there...
 - ◆ It does end in Mercy and Grace...

❖ **1) What is Happening in Genesis 7 and 8**

➤ **Genesis 7:1-5** Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. ²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, ³and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." ⁵And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

➤ **So... at the age of 600 years... Noah went into the ark with his Family...**

- Ham, Shem, Japeth and their wives and his wife... 8 in total
- They go into the ark... and then they wait for seven days before the rain comes...
- I am not sure why they were there seven days... but there are many speculations
- At the end of the seven days... it says... "And the Lord shut him in"

➤ **The Scripture says... after those 7 days...**

- **Genesis 7:11-12** on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

➤ **So... the rains came... and the waters rose... and the ark rose high above the earth**

- God's Word says the waters covered even the mountains...
- The mountains were covered by 22.5 ft of water...
- Everything on the earth died... they were blotted out...

➤ **But in the middle of judgment...** chapter 8 begins with: "But God Remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark"

- So... God makes a wind blow to help cause the waters to subside...
- The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were closed... the rain stopped

- After 150 days the waters were abated... meaning they had decreased
- And it was enough that the ark came to rest on the Mountains of Ararat....
- **Noah would send out birds to see if they could find dry land... and finally they did**
 - So Noah removed the covering of the Ark and saw the dry ground
 - **God says to Noah:**
 - Genesis 8:16 ¹⁶ “Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”
- **God then makes a covenant with Noah and all of mankind as well**
 - Noah builds an alter unto God... A place to monument the occasion of God’s saving them
 - An offering of thanksgiving and faith...
 - **God makes a promise to Noah there:**
 - Genesis 8:21-22 “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²² While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”
 - **Then in chapter 9 we see that God gives us a sign of the promise of His covenant...**
 - And this is so significant church... God is reminding us consistently...
 - Of His judgment and hatred of sin... but also of His mercy toward mankind...
 - Genesis 9:13-14 I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,
- **God has left us with proof of His character... He hates sin enough to destroy...**
 - But He loves man enough to save them...
 - The earth is our proof... look around at the after effects of the flood...
 - And... Look to the sky to see the Rainbow... the promise of His covenant...

❖ 2) Proofs of the Flood

➤ 1) Flood Myths

- There are over 200 legends of a catastrophic flood found all over the world
- From Africa to Asia... to North America and South America....
- The Incans, the Tupi, Sumerian and Mesopotamia, China, India, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Europe, Irish, Welsh, Norse, Finish, Hawaii, and Polynesia
 - Why so many stories of a huge flood if it never happened?

➤ 2) The Grand Canyon

- **This is not one without controversy... But the Grand Canyon is such a great picture...**
 - Of the devastation a flood can cause...
- **Modern Science would have you believe that the Grand Canyon was carved out by the Colorado River over millions of years...**
 - Honestly... All you have to say is... Millions of years... and that makes them right...
 - Who can argue with that... of course... anything can happen over millions of years right...
 - It is like a magical pixie dust...
- **But... this seems to be impossible... since the River would have had to flow up hill...**
 - And rivers NEVER do that...
 - Although the river flows down hill to the bottom of the canyon...
 - ◆ It starts at 2800 ft and ends at 1800 ft.... this seems right...
 - ◆ [SHOW PICTURE HERE>>>>](#)

- **But... that is the bottom of the canyon... if it carved out the canyon... it had to start at the top**
 - But the top of the canyon tells a different story...
 - There is a point on the top of the canyon down a bit from the beginning of the River...
 - Where the height of the canyon is 6900-8500 ft high....
 - ◆ this is higher than where the river begins....
 - ◆ There is no way the river carved the canyon...
- **There are also so many more interesting facts about the grand canyon...**
 - That lead us to believe it was caused by a giant flood...
 - But I don't have time... let's see how a canyon could be carved....

➤ 3) Canyon Lake Gorge

- [Show Canyon Lake Picture...](#)
 - Notice this picture... Notice this beautiful lake... and the damn that holds it back...
- **Then... they received A lot of rain that caused it to rise a bit...**
 - And the levees broke in 2002.... About 15 years ago...
 - [Show Levee break pictures](#)
- **Before the levee broke... the land behind the lake...**
 - Was just a normal looking forest...
 - [Show trees picture](#)
- **In a matter of just days... this was formed**
 - [Show the video...](#)
- **They have found tons of fossils and hidden rock layers...**
 - Also... buried under all of that dirt was something very interesting...
 - Dinosaur footprints... What buried all of this and preserved the fossils and prints?
 - Could it have been a worldwide flood?

➤ 4) Marine Fossils on Mountains

- They find marine life fossils on the top of mountains... Lots of them... millions of them...
- Shells and fish and even part of a whale.... A WHALE!... even dinosaurs with marine life...
- How did they get there?
- [Show pics... 1-2-3-4](#)

➤ 5) Large Deposits of Dead Animals/Dinosaurs

- Under the earth... the decaying of animals and specifically dinosaurs...
- Are where we get our energy today... this is where oil comes from...

➤ 6) Fossil of Trees through Rock Layers

- The claim my evolutionists is that rock layers formed over billions of years...
- And let me say... I don't know how old the rock layers are...
- I don't know how long they took to form
- I do know that rock layers can be exposed in a matter of days...
- I also know we can create hard rock like concrete in hours....[And God could speak it!](#)
- **But if these rock layers formed over millions of years...**
 - why are we finding fossils standing right through them
 - [Show pics...](#)

➤ 7) This just scratches the surface...

❖ 3) What Can We Learn About God through the Flood?

➤ 1) God is not a God to be Trifled With

- He brought Judgement once... and He promises to bring it again...
 - The Scriptures teach that before the future judgment...
 - It will be like it was in the days of Noah...

- Matthew 24:36-39 “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

- **Isn't that interesting... gives us insight into Noah's day...**
 - I don't think any of us would look at the world around us and say its doing well
 - We would all agree that the rampant evil and violence deserves judgment from God

➤ **2) God is a God of Love and Mercy**

- Noah found compassion in the eyes of God... He found favor...
- The scriptures teach us that he found favor because He was righteous before God...
 - We learn in Hebrews that his righteousness was due his Faith...
 - He... like Abraham... Believed God and it was accounted to him as righteousness
- God offers mercy today...

➤ **3) Jesus is the Ark today**

- In the same way that Noah entered into the ark and was saved from the flood
- **We can enter into Christ today...**
 - We can be found in Christ... if we believe on Him...
- **Although the Old Testament is a true account of things that actually happened...**
 - The stories are prophetic in many ways...
 - They are Pictures of Jesus... They foretell the Salvation of God in Jesus Christ...
- **Jesus is our Salvation....**

❖ **Invitation: Why are these things so Important?**

➤ **Just like in the days of Noah... people are carrying on their lives...**

- **Paying no mind to the coming judgment...**
- **We are paying no mind to the coming judgment...**
- **Are you right with God today?**
 - I'm not asking if you were baptized 10, 20, 30 or 50 years ago...
 - Are you right with your God today....

➤ **Heed the warning of Peter...**

- **He tells us people will scoff in the last days as they follow their sinful desires...**
 - He says they will question the coming of Jesus...
 - They will say things continue as they always have...
 - They will overlook that the earth was created by the Word of God
 - And they will not believe that the waters around and in the earth flooded the earth

➤ **2 Peter 3:7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.**

- **Are you right with God today?**