

NOAH'S FLOOD - LOCAL OR WORLDWIDE?

**In the Bible, in the book of Genesis,
there is an account given of a flood.**

**We're all familiar with the main
character of the story - his name is
Noah. We are also told that when the
flood came, he got his wife and his three sons and their wives,
and went aboard the ark.**

**After a period of time,
The waters dried up and they found
themselves on dry ground once again.**

**NOW SOME PEOPLE ARE SAYING THAT THIS FLOOD WAS ONLY
A LOCAL
EVENT AND THAT IT DIDN'T
HAPPEN WORLDWIDE.**

WELL, WHAT REALLY DID HAPPEN?

In this article, we'll answer the following questions (and others):

1. Why did God send a flood?
2. How long were they on the ark for?
3. Did the whole earth get covered by the flood waters?

“ O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and OPPOSITIONS OF SCIENCE FALSELY SO CALLED: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.”

(1 Timothy 6:21)

For all our answers we'll look into the flood account as given in the King James Bible.

1. WHY DID GOD SEND A FLOOD?

We are clearly told:

“And God saw that the WICKEDNESS OF MAN WAS GREAT IN THE EARTH, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

([Genesis 6:5](#))

“THE EARTH WAS ALSO CORRUPT BEFORE GOD, AND THE EARTH WAS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt for ALL FLESH HAD CORRUPTED his way upon the earth.” ([Genesis 6:11](#))

Questions:

Was this great wickedness just local or worldwide? **ANSWER:**
Worldwide

Was the violence local just local or worldwide? ANSWER:
Worldwide

Was corruption of flesh just local or worldwide? ANSWER:
Worldwide

2. WHAT DID GOD PROPOSE TO DO ABOUT THIS?

“And the Lord said, I WILL DESTROY MAN WHOM I HAVE CREATED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air...” ([Genesis 6:7](#))

“And God said unto Noah, The end of ALL FLESH is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I WILL DESTROY THEM WITH THE EARTH.” ([Genesis 6:13](#))

“And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, TO DESTROY ALL FLESH, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven, and EVERYTHING THAT IS IN THE EARTH SHALL DIE.” ([Genesis 6:17](#))

“...and EVERY LIVING SUBSTANCE that I have made will I destroy off the face of the earth.” ([Genesis 6:4](#))

Questions:

Did God propose to destroy man locally or worldwide? ANSWER:
Worldwide

Did God say to Noah that the end of local flesh is “come to him” or worldwide flesh? ANSWER: Worldwide

Does everything mean local or worldwide? ANSWER: Worldwide

Was every living substance just local or worldwide? ANSWER:
Worldwide

3. HOW LONG WERE THEY ON THE ARK FOR?

“And it came to pass AFTER SEVEN DAYS, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. In the SIX HUNDREDTH YEAR of Noah’s life, IN THE SECOND MONTH. THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.” ([Genesis 6: 11](#))

“And it came to pass in the SIX HUNDRETH AND FIRST YEAR. IN THE FIRST MONTH. THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH, the waters were dried up from off the earth ...And in the SECOND MONTH. ON THE SEVENTH AND TWENTIETH DAY OF THE MONTH, was the earth dried. And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth from the ark...” ([Genesis 8:13-15](#))

Questions:

How long did Noah have to wait for the flood to start? ANSWER: 7 days

When did the flood start? ANSWER: it started on the 17th day of the 2nd month of Noah’s 600th year

When did they get off the ark? ANSWER: On the 27th day of the 2nd month of Noah’s 601st year.

Length of time on the ark?

ANSWER: 7+ 1 year + 10 days = 377 days. (A Jewish year has 360 days)

Comment: This would seem to be a bit of a long time if the flood was just local.

4. DID NOAH HAVE TO CONDUCT A WORLD WIDE HUNTING PARTY TO COLLECT ALL THE ANIMALS?

No. God said that they would come to him. *“shall come unto thee...”*

[\(Genesis 6:20\)](#)

5. DID THE WHOLE EARTH GET COVERED BY THE FLOOD WATERS?

“And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and ALL THE HIGH HILLS. THAT WERE UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN, were covered. FIFTEEN CUBITS upwards did the waters prevail; and the MOUNTAINS WERE COVERED. And ALL FLESH died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of EVERY CREEPING THING that creepeth upon the earth, and EVERY MAN. ALL IN WHOSE NOSTRILS WAS THE BREATH OF LIFE, of all that was in the dry land, died. And EVERY LIVING SUBSTANCE was

destroyed which was upon the face of the ground...” ([Genesis 6:19- 23](#)).

Questions:

Does this sound like local hills or worldwide hills? **ANSWER:** Worldwide

How high were the worldwide hills covered? **ANSWER:** Nearly 22 feet.

Does all flesh, every creeping thing, every man, all with the breath of life, all that was in the earth and every living substance sound like local or worldwide. ANSWER: Worldwide

6. WHAT WAS GOD'S PLAN AFTER THE FLOOD?

“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.” ([Genesis 9:1](#))

Question:

Does this sound like repopulating the local area or the whole earth?
ANSWER: Worldwide

7. WHAT WAS GOD'S PROMISE AFTER THE FLOOD?

“...neither shall ALL FLESH be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there anymore be a flood to DESTROY THE EARTH.”

([Genesis 9:11](#))

Question:

Does this sound like local flesh or worldwide flesh? ANSWER:
Worldwide Does this sound like local earth or worldwide earth?
ANSWER: Worldwide

8. WHO WAS GOD'S PROMISE

MADE TO?

“And I will remember my covenant which is between ME AND YOU AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE OF ALL FLESH: and the waters shall no more become a flood TO DESTROY ALL FLESH.” ([Genesis 9:15](#))

Questions:

Does this sound like local living creatures of all flesh or worldwide creatures of all flesh? ANSWER: Worldwide

FURTHER QUESTIONS:

1. If the flood was just local, why couldn't Noah just get all the local animals and clear off to where it was going to be safe? Wouldn't a simpler plan be to move to higher ground somewhere?
2. Why would God bring animals from all over the world to place them in an ark for a local flood, if the flood waters weren't going to touch them anyhow in their original habitats?

CONCLUSION

There are many clever people in the world today that won't believe the King James Bible is God's infallible word. They would rather consult archeologists, climat-ologists, biologists and all the other “ologists” as to whether they think Noah's flood was worldwide. *“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” ([Romans 1:22](#))*

AN INTERESTING QUESTION:

Why was the world's population only approximately 6 billion people in the year 2008? If as the experts say, the world's population doubles (conservatively speaking) every 70 years (taking into account wars, disease etc.) why do we not have trillions living on earth?

ANSWER: The earth is of a very young age and Noah's worldwide flood, which wiped out everybody (except Noah and his family), was very recent.

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