

A cosmic background featuring a view of Earth from space, with the Moon in the upper center. The scene is filled with stars, nebulae, and galaxies, creating a deep blue and purple color palette. The text is centered over this background.

THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

THE PLANS OF GOD AND NOAH'S OBEDIENCE GENESIS 6:17-22

Do you ever struggle with God's sovereignty?

- God's plan for man was the recognition of the wrong, repentance, and then salvation! Yet most of humanity chose death over submission.
- For the first time, God here tells Noah exactly what form the coming destruction would take.
- It would be a mighty "*flood of waters*"—***mabbul mayim***—total destruction.

A FLOOD LIKE NO OTHER

- When the Genesis Flood is referred to in the New Testament, the Greek term *KATAKLUSMOS* is uniquely employed. **Matt. 24:39; Luke 17:27; 2 Peter 2:5, 3:6**
- The Flood would not only destroy mankind, but also *“all flesh wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven.”* A total cataclysm.
- This is not a local flood or a tranquil flood.

THE FIRST COVENANT v. 18

A covenant—Hebrew ***BERITH***—two parts

- ***God's part:*** He promises Noah that He will establish His covenant with him and his seed—any and all who accompanied him into the Ark.
- ***Noah's part:*** Noah is to build and furnish the Ark so that life could be preserved through the coming Flood.
- Sovereignty and choice working side by side.

IT ONLY SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE v. 19-21

- Here are the instructions for the preservation of the animals in the Ark. Are you kidding me?
- According to biological taxonomy, there are less than 18,000 “species” or “kinds” of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians living today.
- Go to the San Diego Zoo, the largest and most complete zoo in the world today, and you’ll find they only have 67 animals that weigh over 2,000 pounds.

GENETIC PROGRAMMING WITHIN “KINDS”

Natural selection and random mutations are a fact and do indeed cause diversity within “*kinds*,” but they do not cause *new* kinds! ***Birds remain birds.***

THE FLIGHT MIRACLES OF MIGRATORY BIRDS

- The migratory habits of the ***Golden Plover*** in Hawaii is an example of this migration programming at work.
- If we take a closer look at this phenomenon, we encounter two miracles: **energy** and **navigation**.

THE GOLDEN PLOVER— PLUVIALIS DOMINICA FULVA

First, the fuel/energy issue. This bird migrates from Alaska to Hawaii for the winter.

- This flight of over 2,400 miles (depending on its starting point) involves an incredible 250,000 consecutive wing beats and lasts at least 88 hours.
- How can it travel that far on 70 grams of fuel?
- Ask any NASCAR driver why he drafts behind other cars . . . 23% fuel reduction! **AKA LOGOS.**

NOW THE SECOND PART— THE NAVIGATIONAL MIRACLE

A slight deviation off course while crossing the Pacific Ocean would mean certain death for the Golden Plover.

- 1/10 of one degree of error at the start equals approximately 1,100 miles off course in a journey from Alaska to Hawaii.
- It can't miscalculate and then loop back, or land on a rock; there are none; it does not have enough fuel!
- It must be perfect on the first flight! **AKA LOGOS.**

GOD'S PLAN

To save the righteous and give man a second chance to be a good steward of all His creation.

- He programmed the animals for after the Flood genetically with Logos—His divine imprimatur.

“Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.” v. 22

- Because Noah listened to God—was obedient to His word—God blessed Noah. ***Oh, how I want the same!***