

A cosmic background featuring a view of Earth from space, with the Moon in the upper center. The scene is filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy, set against a deep blue and purple color palette.

THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

THE FLOOD OF NOAH – PART 5

GENESIS 8:15-22

The world had not been annihilated by the Flood, but it was drastically changed. **2 Peter 3:6**

- When they left the Ark (*a type of Christ*) that had preserved them through that year of God's awful wrath, Noah and his family landed in a new world.
- The Ark had provided the bridge from the old life of flesh to the new life of faith; "*the heavens and the earth which are now.*" **2 Peter 3:7**

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

- The oceans were much more extensive.
- The land areas were much less extensive than before the Flood, with much of its surface uninhabitable.
- A gradual buildup of snow and ice in the polar latitudes, rendering much of the extreme northern and southern land surfaces uninhabitable—too cold.
- Too hot, too barren, too windy; lots of buried, rotting, dead things—later to be fossils—in a massive jumbled mess all over the earth!

THE GLIMPSES OF GRACE v. 15-19

- The two commands to Noah here in **Genesis 7-8** are not contradictory but complementary, reminding us of two complementary commands of Christ.
- A year and seventeen days earlier, God had said to Noah: *“Come into the ark you and all your house”* (**Genesis 7:1; Matt. 11:28**); **and go** (**Mark 16:15**).
- The Ark had been like the great sheepfold, with Christ the door—they *“shall go in”* to be saved, and they *“shall go...out and find pasture.”* **John 10:9**

THE GREAT MIGRATION BEGINS

All the earth's present animals are descended from those that were on the Ark.

- In like manner, all the present tribes and nations of men are descended from Noah's family.
- Some of their descendants found land bridges across what is now the Bering Strait as well as in Malaysia.
- Micro-evolution, variation, and natural selection begins within the DNA structure of kinds.
- Some extinctions begin to take place.

***TURNING TOWARD THE LORD* v. 20-21**

This is the first mention of “*altar*” in the Bible, and these were sacrifices of both praise and propitiation.

- Noah gave thanksgiving for deliverance from the sin and corruption that had engulfed the whole earth.
- The curse of **Genesis 8:21** is not primarily the Flood, but the curse of **Genesis 3:17**, which will prevail until the new earth of **Revelation 22:3** is created.
- Here we find God responding to original sin and man’s depravity with His grace and mercy.

EVIDENCE OF GOD'S GOODNESS

- Man's perverse and depraved nature has distorted the scientific evidence into a belief system of evolution and uniformity, which factors a benevolent creator right out of the picture. **2 Peter 3:5-9**
- The new hydrologic cycle would produce rains, and sometimes floods; but God assured Noah that there would never again be a worldwide flood which would destroy all life on the land. **Isaiah 55:10; Job 26 & 36; Psalm 33:7**

All of this is God's goodness and grace!