

“The Flood and a New Creation”
Bible Stories, Pt. 5: Genesis 6-9

I. The Flood Story is a *Global Flood Story*.

- A. Was the Flood local? No!
- B. Biblical evidence for a global flood:

Genesis 7:18–20 - ¹⁸ The water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. ¹⁹ The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens [lit. “which were under all the heavens”] were covered. ²⁰ The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher [22 ft], and the mountains were covered.

2 Peter 3:6 - By these waters also the world of that time was flooded and destroyed.

II. The Flood Story is a *True Flood Story*.

- A. The Flood was not just caused by rain.

Genesis 7:11 - In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.

- B. This large-scale geologic catastrophe is what accounts for geologic features all around us and the fossil record.
- C. See “*Is Genesis History?*”
- D. Would the Ark have had enough room for the animal kinds?
 - 1. 450 ft. long by 75 ft. wide by 45 ft high = 97, 500 sq. ft deck space.
 - 2. There would have been room to spare.

III. The Flood Story is *Not a Cute Kids Story*

- A. The Flood was not like the common cartoon depiction.
- B. The Flood was brought on because of a depraved and demonic world.
- C. The God rich in mercy, abounding in lovingkindness, was moved to kill every living thing on dry ground (outside the Ark).
- D. It was a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God (Heb. 10:31).

IV. The Flood Story is a *New Creation Story*

- A. Just like at the first Creation, God's Spirit moved over the face of the Flood waters (Gen. 8:1).
- B. God repeats the commission given to Adam and Eve:
Genesis 9:1 - And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."
- C. Noah's sacrifice leads to God's promise of gracious patience with sinful humanity.
- D. This covenant was symbolized when God hung his war bow in the sky, pointed up.
- E. These events point forward to Christ, the Greater Noah.
 - 1. He was plunged under the full waters of God's eternal wrath as the final sacrifice for sin.
 - 2. He will lead His people to the New Heavens and New Earth.