

Noah

Noah was righteous

Gen 6:1 – 8 and Gen 7:1

Noah born 2,948 BC

The beginning of the world was 4000 BC (approx 6000 years ago)

By the time of Noah, the population of sinners had grown to such an extent that God had to do something drastic.

Noah was the only righteous person.

Verse 8: Noah found grace / favour in the eyes of the Lord.

Noah was old when God called him.

Gen 5:31-32

Noah was 600 years old when God chose him to be his servant in saving the mankind and animal life. He lived to around 900 yrs.

Why did people live much longer in early Biblical times?

Gen 6:1-3 – God decided to shorten the years of human life to 120 because of sin.

Sinful people living to 900 years would have allowed evil to perpetuate to a greater degree.

The Great Flood:

Gen 7:6 - 24

Gen 8: 1 – 21

The flood occurred in 2,348 BC, (4,362 years ago).

The period of time from Creation to the Flood was 1,600.

The water came not just from the rain, but from underground springs.

So in 40 days it was possible for the whole earth to be covered with water.

What evidence do we see of a world-wide flood today?

1. The sea – made of water from the flood – salty. The huge upheaval of the earth caused mountains and valleys. As the flood receded it washed the minerals from the land down into the valleys. Sea now covers 70% of the planet. Before the flood most of the world was land.
2. Fossils – caused by the flood and were not formed over millions of years. Fossils require sudden burial. If the animals had died naturally they would have either been eaten, or decomposed. The fine details we see in fossils don't occur in animals that slowly decompose. There are examples of fossils having lunch and giving birth.
3. In Australia, land formations such as Uluru and the 12 Apostles, (now only 8 left) are evidence of the Great Flood. The 12 Apostles are made of limestone and we see them disintegrating, so they couldn't possibly be millions of years old.

Noah was a faithful obedient servant

He listened to God and heard accurately what God was saying.
Noah was chosen by God as His servant to bring about a special event in history.
Noah obeyed.

Noah delivered a prophetic message:

The message that God wanted to tell the world through Noah:

- God judges sin with death.
- God always judges sin with death.
- No one will get away with sin.
- There will be a day of judgment when all sin will be judged with death.
- Only those who escaped into the ark were saved.
- Only those who escape into God's salvation plan will be saved.

The Bible tells us that Noah was obedient:

Gen 6:22 and Gen 7:5 – Noah did according to all that God had commanded.

Noah was a history maker

Why could we say that this event was the most important so far in human history?

It's remembered in the history of all cultures.

Before the continental shift, all people in the world knew about the true God.

There are Flood stories in every culture – even in Tibet, which has the highest mountain in the world.

After the Flood, Noah's three sons went in different directions: Japeth to Europe, Ham, to Africa and Shem to Asia.

The Godly survivors repopulated the earth and carried with them the story wherever they went.

The history from Adam to Noah was recorded by Moses in the Jewish culture. But the same history was recorded in other cultures.

See the Chinese character for boat.



boat



vessel eight people

The Discovery of Genesis, C.H. Keeg and Ethel Retseke, p. 35

Noah was diligent, intelligent and skillful

Making of the ark:

Ch 6:14 – 16 – God's instructions for building the ark

The ark was not a bath tub or a cute little ark depicted in a children's story.

The proportions were for a most stable vessel: 30 x 5 x 3

This formula has proved to be the most stable dimensions for a water going vessel and there are 2 Nordic ferries made to these dimensions.

It was impossible to capsize,

It was massive in volume.

Noah and his sons had the technology. They were not ape-like men with low intelligence.

How did all the animals fit in?

God sent young or baby animals.
Only 11% of animals are bigger than sheep.
God sent only one pair of each kind – e.g. the horse family included zebra and donkey.

The size of the ark:

A cubit is 1.5 feet. The boat was: 140 metres x 23 m x 13.5 m
Its volume was 43,500 cubic metres.
This is the equivalent of 522 standard railroad stock cars
(One railroad car holds 240 sheep.)

The fact that Noah's ark is plausible shows us that the Bible can be trusted as a historical document.

Noah was strong and courageous.

He kept moving ahead with what he knew God had told him to do. He didn't doubt in the face of scoffers.

What similarities are there between God's calling on us and God's calling on Noah?

Noah kept preaching the same message even though people didn't listen.
God wants us to tell people that there is an escape route. It doesn't matter if people don't listen.

The boat had 3 levels.

These levels represent:
Father
Son
Holy Spirit

The door was on the second level.
Jesus says, "I am the door, by Me if any one enters in he shall be saved."

Only 7 people believed Noah.
But he kept on believing even though he was in the minority.

What similarities / applications are there to end times?

Matt 24: 37 – 39 As in the days of Noah, so will the world be at the time of His coming. As God saved Noah from the disaster, He will save us.

Noah was blessed for his obedience.

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