

The Flood: Salvation Through Judgment

Genesis 6:9-8:22

I. Apologetic Issues

a. *Was there really a global flood?*

Four evidences:

1. A local flood could not cover mountains (Gen. 7:19-21).
2. If the flood was just regional, why tell Noah to build an ark? Why not have him migrate?
3. The promise to never flood the earth again (in ch. 9) and the rainbow as a symbol doesn't make sense if it was local.
4. 2 Peter 3:3-7

b. *Does this sound incredible?*

c. *How does this fit with science?*¹

d. *Many flood accounts from people groups around the world.*

e. *Is God just (right) in destroying all creation by a flood?*

II. The Flood – Judgment and Salvation

a. *Scene 1: Noah, the earth, and God (Gen 6:9-22)*

b. *Scene 2: The flood begins (7:1-16)*

c. *Scene 3: The waters increase and prevail on the earth (7:17-24)*

d. *Scene 4: God “remembered Noah” (8:1-12)*

e. *Scene 5 – Creation restarts and so does worship (8:13-22)*

III. Concluding Points

a. *Noah – faith and obedience (6:22, 7:5, 7:9, 7:16, 8:18)*

b. *God is patient, just, and gracious*

c. *Salvation through judgment (1 Pet 3:18-22)*

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, **when God's patience waited in the days of Noah**, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ **Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,** ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

¹ <http://www.icr.org/article/flood-catastrophic-plate-tectonics/>