

Genesis 7:17-8:22 – Flood

Was the flood truly a global flood?

-Language of Genesis 7:16-24 is all inclusive.

-Much of the account of Noah makes no sense if the flood was local.

Belief in a global flood is reasonable based on what we see in the world.

SCIENCE NOTE #1. Evidence of catastrophic flood in secular literature.

“It was this event that Pitman and Ryan believe could be the flood recorded in the Book of Genesis. The salt water poured through the deepening channel, creating a waterfall 200 times the volume of Niagara Falls (anyone who has ever traveled to the base of the falls on the Maid of the Mist will have a sense of the power involved). In a single day enough water came through the channel to cover Manhattan to a depth at least two times the height of the World Trade Center, and the roar of the cascading water would have been audible at least 100 miles away. Anyone living in the fertile farmlands on the northern rim of the sea would have had the harrowing experience of seeing the boundary of the ocean move inland at the rate of a mile a day.”

-James Trefil, Evidence for a Flood, Smithsonian Magazine, April 1, 2000,

SCIENCE NOTE #2. Fossil 'Graveyards' around the world.

There are many, many areas in the world that contain, side by side, fossils of marine creatures, insects, birds, reptiles, mammals and plants. These areas are all thin (that is, only a few feet deep), and extensive (that is, they stretch for miles in all directions.)

Belief in a global flood is wise based on what we hear from God.

“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.”

-Luke 17:26-27

“I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.”

-Job 42:2