

The Flood

Genesis 6-11

[Read Genesis 6:1-8]

Genesis 6:4 - There were giants in those days, the *Nephilim* (“fallen ones”).

Two main theories:

1. The righteous line of Seth married unbelieving women from the line of Cain. However, this passage seems to suggest that something really weird happened from these unions, though when an unbeliever marries a believer, their offspring is normal.
2. Angels came down from heaven (sons of God) and had sex with human women which produced the weird offspring. Jesus says that angels are not given in marriage. Marriage in that culture implied the sexual union of husband and wife. It wasn't just a ceremony.

Genesis 6:4 - LXX – gigantes → giants – however gigas literally means “earth born” AKA Titans.

Satan and fallen angels cannot create life. He can only do tricks or the semblance of miracles. He is probably the greatest scientist to ever have lived. When you have really complex science, it looks like a miracle.

Peter and Jude in the NT talk about angels that sinned. These aren't demons. These are a special class of angels that are being held in chains until judgment. These angels could have went into the pregnant women at this time and messed around with genetics. We have ideas about designer babies today, and they may have had designer babies back then and afterwards. It's just complicated science, not a miracle.

Here we see something that makes men worse, so that every thought of their heart was evil. In the New Testament, we see the inverse of this:

John 1:12-13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

[Read Genesis 6:9-12]

6:9 Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. The implication is that his genealogical record hasn't been messed with.

[Read Genesis 6:13-22]

Is this a local flood? The text specifically says God will destroy all the flesh that breathes, everything will die.

Every culture in the world has a flood legend. A guy and his family have to load up a canoe or a boat and maybe save the animals. The Bible is the only book that ties the flood in with a wider narrative.

[Read Genesis 7:1-6]

God tells him to take 7 pairs of every clean animal and a pair of unclean animals. How did Noah know what was clean and unclean? This is about 2,000 years before Moses. However, when you line up the deaths in Genesis 5, you'll find out that Noah's dad, Lamech, was alive while Adam was alive. Lamech could have learned stuff directly from Adam and passed it on to Noah. (See next page for figure.)

Note: These are “kinds” of animals. There are over 330 different species of dog, but they're all a kind of dog. From this dog “kind,” we get all the different breeds. From the cat “kind,” we get all sorts of different breeds. The ark was really big, equivalent to about 450 semi truck trailers.

In 6:14, God says to coat it inside and outside with pitch. Why waterproof the inside?

[Read Genesis 7:13-24]

Genesis 7 details the flood itself. Notice that in 7:16, God shut the door.

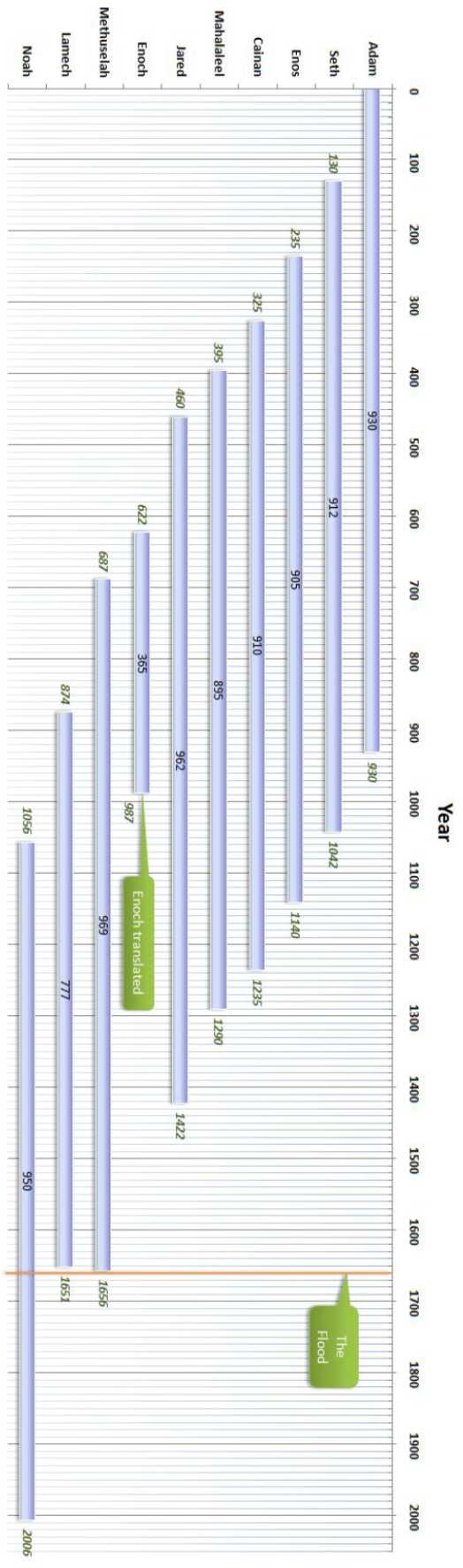
[Read Genesis 8:1-5]

Flood science: Answers in Genesis, Genesis Apologetics – The Ark and the Darkness Movie

The flood rearranged the entire earth. Continental drift happens a couple of inches per year, whereas during the flood, it was a complete restructuring of the entire earth. Tsunamis rose and fell against the land masses for the first 150 days, going up and retreating. Earthquakes and volcanoes occurred during subduction as the mantle is broken and rearranged.

Subduction: *Subduction is a geological process in which the oceanic lithosphere and some continental lithosphere is recycled into the Earth's mantle at the convergent boundaries between tectonic plates. Where one tectonic plate converges with a second plate, the heavier plate dives beneath the other and sinks into the mantle.*

The flood story gives reasons why we find sea creatures at the top of mountains. The mountains were raised up out of the ocean and sea creatures were caught in that movement.



1 st Adam	2 nd Adam (Noah)	3 rd Adam (Israel)	Last Adam (Jesus)
Created by God	Found favor with God	Chosen by God	God in the flesh
Rest in the garden	“Noah” means “rest”	Rest in the land	Rest in salvation
Sinned in the garden	Sinned in his tent	Sinned in the land	Tented among us, arrested in the garden, crucified in the land
Sinned fruit of the tree	Sinned fruit of the vine	Vine of God that bore bad grapes (Isa 5)	The true Vine, hung on a tree
Aware of nakedness	Exposed naked	Exposed nakedness by God to nations (Hosea 2:3)	Naked on the cross
Was cursed by God	Pronounced curse	Was cursed by God	Became cursed
Worked garden	Worked ground	Worked for salvation	Completed the work
Sword between sons	Sword between Babel and Zion	Sword between north and south	Sword between believers and unbelievers
Leads to flood	Lead through flood	Judged by flood (Assyrians, Babylon, end times)	Saves us from the flood of God's judgment
Preserved by sacrifice	Preserved by Ark	Preserved in Babylon	Preserves those who accept Jesus' sacrifice, they are “in Christ,” and become foreigners in the world
Be fruitful and multiply in the garden	Be fruitful and multiply after the flood	Be fruitful and multiply in the land	Make disciples of all the nations (be fruitful and multiply)

[Genesis 10]

Here we have another genealogy and we find out where all the nations in the Bible come from. We're also introduced to a man by the name of Nimrod. He was a mighty hunter against the Lord. He starts a kingdom called "Babel" in the land of Shinar. It's from him that we'll get Babylon. Babylon will follow us from Genesis 10 through Revelation. We also see Assyria and Nineveh in this list as well.

The curse of Ham will produce nations that will oppose the people of God. Egypt is the land of Ham. Assyria and Babylon also come from him.

[Genesis 11:1-9]

We have the tower of Babel. The whole earth had one language. As they journeyed from the *east*, they came to the plain of Shinar and dwelt there. They're supposed to go into all the earth and multiply and subdue it, yet they decided to camp here. Just like Cain. These people wanted to name themselves.

At this time if you wanted to worship a god, you'd go up on a mountain to get closer to that god. Instead of going up on a mountain, they decide to build a mountain whose top is in the heavens. I wonder if they didn't want to set themselves up as gods. God had to come down to see what they were doing. They refused to go into all the world and God confuses their language, forcing them to spread out. Now we have the different ethnic groups.

In Acts, at the feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit comes down and the disciples talked to everyone in their own language. It's like a reversal of Babel. Christians are supposed to go out to Judea, Sumeria, and go into all the nations baptizing them and teaching them to observe all the things Jesus commanded. Be fruitful and multiply and subdue the earth. But the disciples camped in Jerusalem until the temple was destroyed and then they had to scatter abroad.

We have another genealogy in this chapter and it goes from Shem down to a man named Abram. He's one of the most important people in the Bible.

It's important to know the first 11 chapters of Genesis, because a lot of the ancient writings use their creation stories as a template for their narratives. It was a common practice. If you know the creation story, you know how the story is supposed to go. So being familiar with the first 11 chapters can really help you out when studying the rest of scripture.
