THE FLOOD

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- Biblical references for worldwide Flood
 - 1. Ge 6-9; Mt 24:38-39; Lk 17:26-27; He 11:7; 2 Pe 2:5; 3:5-6
- Biblical information of worldwide Flood (over 270 Flood accounts)
 - 1. Flood's depth--more than 20 feet over all mountains (Ge 7:19-20)
 - Enough water for covering land 1.7 miles underwater
 - 2. Flood's duration--371 days (Ge 7:11; 8:14)
 - Rain for 40 days/@6 weeks (Ge 7:17)
 - Mountains covered for 150 days/@16 more weeks (Ge 7:24)
 - Mountains appear after @10 weeks (Ge 8:5)
 - Noah leaves Ark after another @21 weeks (Ge 8:14-16)
 - 3. Flood's source--all springs of great deep & floodgates of heaven (Ge 7:11)
 - 4. Ark's size (Ge 6:15-16)
 - 450 ft. long x 75 ft. wide x 45 ft. high
 - Over 1.5 million cubic feet of space (522 boxcars)
 - Food & water @25% of volume
 - Dimensions & ratios very seaworthy—righting effect in 200 ft. waves
 - Time to build--120 years (Ge 6:3)
 - 5. Ark's necessity--no other escape
 - 6. Humanity's destruction (Ge 6:11-13)
 - Noah's exception (Ge 6:17-18; 7:23; Mt 24:38-39;1 Pe 3:20; 2 Pe 2:5)
 - God's covenant (Ge 9:8-17; Is 54:9)
 - 7. Peter's testimony--people purposefully ignore Creation & Flood evidence (2 Pe 3:3-7)

Arguments against worldwide Flood

- 1. Indians in America (10,000 B.C.)?
 - Reliability of dating method
- 2. Mankind from Noah's family?
 - 8 on ark had genes for all races
 - Ge 10 doesn't speak of races
- 3. Words of text meant in limited sense?
 - Context & repetition of terms
 - Ge 1-11 mankind's origin; Ge 12-50 Hebrews' origin
- 4. Animals' care during Flood?
 - Animals came to Noah (Ge 6:20; 7:9, 15; 8:1)
 - @7000 animals (take young for size & care & breeding)
 - Hibernation
- 5. Freshwater & saltwater fish survival?
 - Adaptation
 - Layering of fresh over salt
- 6. Animals over all continents?
 - Land bridges; earth divided later (Ge 10:25)

Geological implications before Flood

- 1. Warmer climate worldwide (Ge 1:6-8)
- 2. Rainless sky (Ge 2:5-6)
- 3. Lower mountains (Ps 104:5-9)
- 4. Shallower oceans (Ps 104:5-9)

Geological implications after Flood

- 1. Larger, deeper oceans (Ps 104:5-9)
- 2. Higher mountains & seismic upheavals (Ge 7:11; Ps 104:5-9)
- 3. Mountains with marine fossils
- 4. Sedimentary rock
- 5. Coal & oil deposits
 - From plant & animal burial
- 6. Fossil graveyards
 - Quick burial
 - Right conditions
 - Extreme pressure

Ice Age

- 1. Defintion--glacial activity that covered large area (30%; today 10%)
 - Length 700 years (500 to cover; 200 to melt)
- 2. Cause
 - Seismic upheavals & volcanic activity from Flood
 - Volcanic dust & particles in atmosphere for years (ice cores show this)
 - Sunlight reflected back to space, causing cool temperatures over land
 - Warm Flood waters evaporate & snow heavily over poles

Where did the different races come from?

- 1. Reality: is that there's one race—human (homo sapiens)
 - The genetic difference between any 2 people is only 0.2%
 - There are different people groups, with culture the biggest difference
- 2. Adam: & Eve were the ancestors of all
 - " 'From one man he made every nation of men..." (Ac 17:26)
 - Eve is the "mother of all the living" (Ge 3:20)
 - Noah's ark had 8 people on board & refilled the earth
- 3. Color: of all people is the same; just different shades
 - Amount of melanin determines skin shade (along with eye & hair color)
 - The genetic difference between people groups (skin shade & eye shape) is only 0.012%
- 4. Explanation: is that Adam & Eve, Noah & the other 7 were middle brown shade
 - Their children could range from very light to very dark skin shades
 - The scattering at Tower of Babel split gene pool & explains languages
 - In heaven are humans "from every nation, tribe, people and language" (Re 7:9)

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