*Flood Waters**

Genesis 7:11-20 (11) In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.
(12) And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.
(13) In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;
(14) They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.
(15) And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.
(16) And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.
(17) And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.
(18) And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.
(19) And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.
(20) Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.
There are doubters that Noah's flood ever covered the highest point on earth by 15 cubits, however, I surmise the doubters lack the right stuff to understand the creation or Noah's flood, but Christians do; Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen

were not made of things which do appear. (Heb 11:3). *We understand that God created by fiat command, and each time He spoke, the commanded action followed. Not only did God create the universe of time, space, and matter, He did it by His own power, omnipotence and spoken will, turn with me to;*
Psalm 33:6-9 (6) By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
(7) He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.
(8) Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
(9) **For he spake, and it was done**; he commanded, and it stood fast.
With this, human reasoning must defer completely to faith in an eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, God. Such a God is an adequate uncaused First Cause to explain the existence of the universe; but nothing else is. By faith we understand the world that then was, perished. Turn with me to;
2Peter 3:3-6 (3) Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
(4) And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
(5) For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:
(6) Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:
Scoffers being "willingly ignorant," that is, "dumb on purpose" fall into a category wise Solomon spoke of; Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea further; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it (Ecc 8:17).
Though a wise "willingly ignorant" man think to know it, truth

is, he cannot, because the Bible tells us so. This leads us to the topic for discussion, turn with me to;
Luke 17:26-29 (26) And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.
(27) They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.
(28) Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;
(29) But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.
Jesus taught the flood of Noah's time as fact, however scoffers will try every way they can think of "to rub Christians the wrong way." God willing, we shall seek an answer, consider;
Where Did All of the Flood Waters Go? by Eric Lyons,M.Min.
{According to evolutionist Bill Butler, "The greatest geologic fiction that the Creationists adhere to is Noah's Flood" (2002). The idea that water ever covered the entire Earth, including the highest hills and mountains (Genesis 7:19-20), supposedly is unthinkable (and impossible). Evolutionists propose several questions when expressing their unbelief in the Noahic Flood. One such question was raised by Butler in his article, "Creationism = Willful Ignorance." He asked: "If the earth's surface were covered by an additional 29,000+ feet of water, how do you get rid of it?" If Mt. Everest reaches a height of over 29,000 feet, then the Bible allegedly indicates that the Flood waters reached even higher—approximately 23 feet higher than the peak of Mt. Everest (Genesis 7:20). If such is the case, where did all of the water go?
First, the Bible is more specific about who caused the waters to subside, than where exactly all of the waters went. Genesis 8:1-3 says, "God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided…. And the waters receded continually from the earth." Years later, the prophet Isaiah recorded how Jehovah compared a promise He made to Israel with His

promise "that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth" (Isaiah 54:9). Although these passages do not tell us exactly where the waters went, for the Christian who believes that the Bible is God's inspired Word, such revelation should be adequate—God did something with the Flood waters.

Second, the skeptic's assertion (that there presently is not enough water on the Earth for there ever to have been the kind of flood described in Genesis 6-8) is based upon invalid assumptions. The truth is, we are unaware how high the mountains were in Noah's day, nor do we know the depth of the ocean valleys. Thus, one cannot know how much water was on the Earth during the Noahic Flood. Psalm 104:6-8 indicates that, at some time in the past, God established new heights and depths for the Earth's mountains and valleys. While directing his comments to Jehovah, the psalmist proclaimed: You covered it [the Earth—EL] with the deep as with a garment; **the waters were standing above the mountains**. At Your rebuke they fled, at the sound of Your thunder they hurried away. **The mountains rose; the valleys sank down to the place which You established for them**" (NASU, emp. added).

Just as God miraculously altered the Earth's topography during the creation week (Genesis 1:9-13), and just as He miraculously sent flood waters upon the Earth, it appears that God miraculously caused the waters to subside. In all likelihood, the antediluvian world was vastly different from the Earth of today (cf. 2 Peter 3:6). It seems probable (and reasonable to believe) that the mountains of Noah's day were much smaller than, say, such peaks as Mt. Everest or Mt. McKinley that are so well known to us. Thus, the Flood did not have to rise to levels of 29,000+ feet to cover everything on the Earth. We know, according to the Scriptures, that the waters rose above the mountaintops; however, we simply cannot know the heights reached by the antediluvian mountains. (Interestingly, marine fossils have been found near the top of Mt. Everest.)

Where did all of the Flood waters go? The most logical answer in light of the Scriptures appears to be that God made room for the waters by adjusting the Earth's topography. Much of the water from the Flood likely has retreated into the deeper ocean trenches—valleys that, in places, are over seven miles deep. (Apologetics Press, Copyright © 2002)**}**

From; **Water in the Earth's Mantle** by Eric Lyons, M.Min.

{Livescience.com staff writer Ker Than reported that "scientists scanning the deep interior of Earth have found evidence of a vast water reservoir beneath eastern Asia that is at least the volume of the Arctic Ocean" (Than, 2007, emp. added). "The discovery," Ker Than added, "marks the first time such a large body of water was found in the planet's deep mantle" (2007, emp. added). Butler criticized the biblical Flood account because the Flood waters supposedly "would not drain below the surface" of the Earth, yet a large amount of water has been discovered "in the planet's deep mantle." (Copyright © 2008 Apologetics Press)**}**

Closer to home is the Ogallala Aquifer, it is a vast yet shallow underground water table aquifer located beneath the Great Plains in the United States. One of the world's largest aquifers, it covers an area of approximately 174,000 mi² under portions of eight states, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas. In the Pacific the Mariana Trench is almost 7 miles deep at the greatest depth.

In order to better illustrate the actual depth of the Mariana Trench, consider this; if Mount Everest, which is the tallest point on earth at 29,035 feet, was set in the Mariana Trench, there would still be 7,166 feet of water above it's peak! Still some ask, how could the flood have covered Mt. Everest?

Did Noah's Flood Cover the Himalayan Mountains? by John D. Morris, Ph.D.

{Few doctrines in Scripture are as clearly taught as the global nature of the Great Flood in Noah's day. Genesis clearly teaches

that "the waters . . . increased greatly . . . and the mountains were covered" (Genesis 7:18-20).

Through the centuries, few Christians questioned this doctrine. The Bible said it, and that was enough—until the late 1700s that is. For the first time the globe was being explored—the extremely lofty Himalayan Mountains were surveyed, capped by Mt. Everest at 29,035 feet in elevation. Did the waters cover them? Is there enough water on the planet to do so? The questions seemed so far-fetched that many European churchmen dismissed the idea that the Flood was global, adopting the local flood concept which still dominates Christian colleges and seminaries today. Like dominos, other doctrines soon began to fall—the young age for the earth, the special creation of plants and animals, and the inerrancy of Scripture.

We now know, of course, that the earth has plenty of water to launch a global flood. It has been calculated that if the earth's surface were completely flat, with no high mountains and no deep ocean basins, that water would cover the earth to a depth of about 8,000 feet. But is there enough water to cover a 29,035 foot mountain?

The key is to remember that the Flood didn't have to cover the present Earth, but it did have to cover the pre-Flood Earth, and the Bible teaches that the Flood fully restructured the earth. "The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished" (II Peter 3:6). It is gone forever. The earth of today was radically altered by that global event.

That Flood accomplished abundant geologic work. Eroding sediments here, redepositing them there, pushing up continents, elevating plateaus, denuding terrains, etc., so that the earth today is quite different from before. Today even mountain ranges rise high above the sea.

Mt. Everest and the Himalayan range, along with the Alps, the Rockies, the Appalachians, the Andes, and most of the world's other mountains are composed of ocean-bottom sediments, full of marine fossils laid down by the Flood. Mt. Everest itself has

clam fossils at its summit. These rock layers cover an extensive area, including much of Asia. They give every indication of resulting from cataclysmic water processes. These are the kinds of deposits we would expect to result from the worldwide, world-destroying Flood of Noah's day.

At the end of the Flood, after thick sequences of sediments had accumulated, the Indian subcontinent evidently collided with Asia, crumpling the sediments into mountains. Today they stand as giants—folded and fractured layers of ocean-bottom sediments at high elevations. **No, Noah's Flood didn't cover the Himalayas, it formed them!**

Thus we find the Biblical account not only possible, but also supported by the evidence. A pre-Flood world with lessened topographic extremes could have been covered by the Great Flood. That Flood caused today's high mountains and deep oceans making such a flood impossible to repeat. This is just as God promised, back in Genesis. (Institute for Creation Research)**}**

About 70% of modern earth's surface is covered by water. It is unreasonable to reject the Genesis Flood account because one assumes the floodwaters could not have relocated.

The earth was a raging torrent during the global flood. This was the most violent geological time in the history of the earth because the entire earth was traumatized. The biblical account of the great Flood is one of the more prominent stories in Scripture, with more space allotted to it in the book of Genesis than to the creation of the heavens, and the earth, the sea, and all that in them is. Four of the first nine chapters of Genesis are devoted to the record of Noah, his immediate family, and the Flood. What's more, there are several New Testament references to Noah and the Flood (Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-27; Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5). Yet, the account of Noah, his ark, and the great Flood have been, and still are, a favorite target of Bible critics.

More than a century ago, renowned American agnostic Robert Ingersoll penned his infamous book titled **Some Mistakes of Moses**. *Regarding Noah's ark and the Flood, he wrote:*
{Volumes might be written upon the infinite absurdity of this most incredible, wicked and foolish of all fables contained in that repository of the impossible, called the Bible.**}**
There is a repository called science, that is, actual empirical science, not surprisingly it supports Biblical accounts of the Flood. (1) There are worldwide occurrences of water-laid sediments and sedimentary rocks.
(2) Evidence points to recent uplift of major mountain ranges.
(3) Marine fossils on crests of mountains.
(4) Worldwide distribution of all types of fossils.
(5) Existence of polystrate fossils extending through two or more strata. There are other scientific evidences to confirm the flood in Noah's lifetime, but these are enough to show the legality of the repository we call the Bible. However evolutionary fables will attempt to explain away empirical science. The Bible warns of satan being transformed into an angel of light (2Cr 11:14). Keep that in mind, for the absurdity, wicked and foolish fables that are contained within that repository of the impossible called evolutionary science, of which, there are no observable facts to sustain the theory. For instance, has an ape ever actually been observed evolving into a man? And what about missing links. Has anyone ever found one? No!, they have not, why?, because they are missing for a reason, they do not exist! O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: (1Timothy 6:20).
The repository called the Bible indicates that, at some time in the past, God established new heights and depths for the Earth's mountains and valleys. While directing his comments to Jehovah, the psalmist proclaimed this very thing, turn to; **Psalm 104:5-9** (5) Who laid the foundations of the earth, that

it should not be removed for ever.
(6) Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.
(7) At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.
(8) They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.
(9) Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.
Here we have verification that God set a boundary so that the waters would never again cover the earth. This is the promise that God made to mankind after the Genesis flood, and God established His promise with a covenant and a sign observable unto this day, (Gen 9:11-16). *There are of course local storms and people do perish in flood waters. However there will never be such a storm as was witnessed by Noah and his family. Never again will all the fountains of the deep be let loose at the same time. And just as the Genesis flood washed evil off the face of the earth, the new testament "ordinance of baptism" now saves the obedient believer, turn with me to;*
1Peter 3:18-21 (18) For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:
(19) By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;
(20) Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.
(21) The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:
Without doubt, there are many people that have a good conscience toward God, but only a few have answered it.

*Noah and his family were saved by water, the like figure even baptism doth also now save us. The world underwent a flood of waters and a new world emerged. In like manner a believer is buried in water and a new person will emerge, free of sin, translated out of darkness into the Kingdom of God's Son. The teaching of Christ is, "*ye must be born again."
Turn to;
John 3:1-5 (1) There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
(2) The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
(3) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
(4) Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
(5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
Just as the flood of water and the word of God in Noah's day resulted in a new world, free of sin, so it is with mankind. A man is born again by water and the spirit, that is the ordinance of salvation promised by Jesus Christ both before and after His crucifixion. Therefore only those who first believe the testimony of God, and by faith repent of their sins, and by faith confess Jesus is the Son of the Living God, and by faith are baptized into His death for remission of sins, have the full and explicit testimony of pardon. Have you obeyed the gospel plea?, if you have not, will you obey today? Or if a brother or sister requests prayer, in either case come while we persuade with song.

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