

Noah's Global Flood: Genesis 6-9 – Part I

**The World before the Flood
GENESIS 6**

Introduction

1. The global flood stands as a witness to the trustworthiness of God's Word (2 Pet. 3:6).
 2. The global flood stands as a witness to the judgment of God as the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Matt. 24:36-41).
- I. The pre-flood world was the worst world that ever existed.
- The world of Noah was filled with demonic beings (fallen angels) who infiltrated the human population ("sons of God").
 - The world of Noah was plagued by wicked human women ("the daughters of men").
 - The Holy Spirit was active in restraining sin ("my Spirit shall not contend/strive with men forever")
 - God extended His grace for a hundred and twenty years.
 - A race of wicked giants menaced the world and filled it with violence (6:4, 11, 13, "the Nephilim were on the earth in those days").
 - The world of Noah's day was filled with wickedness, violence, and corruption.
 - A summary
 - Population explosion
 - Indifference to and rejection of divine revelation

- Widespread cruelty and brutality
- Demonic activity
- Rapid advances in technology (Gen. 4:22)
- Preoccupation with physical appetites (life consisted of merely eating and reproducing)
- Uniformitarian philosophies (Heb. 11:7)
- Breakdown of the home, defiance of the divine pattern for marriage (e.g. Lamech)
- A shrinking number of truly righteous people
- Preaching of coming judgment (Jude 15; 2 Pet. 2:5) and righteousness

II. The flood of Noah's day was a worldwide catastrophe.

- The depth and duration of the flood
- The physical causes for the flood
- The need for an ark
- Destruction of all mankind
- Promise of no more floods
- The testimony of Jesus Christ
- The testimony of Peter
- Many expressions of the flood's global nature
 - Genesis 6 – "Made man on the earth" (v. 5)
 - Genesis 7 – "Every living substance that I have made"(v. 4)
 - Genesis 8 – "The mountains of Ararat" (v. 4)

- Genesis 9 – “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.” (v. 1)

How should we then live?

- Our world wants to rock us to sleep (Matt. 24:37).
- There is a warning that goes unheeded (2 Pet. 2:5).