

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

The Flood – Catastrophe and a New World  
**GENESIS 7-9**

Introduction

1. The present is not the key to the past.
  
  2. Water and fire – Taking Jesus and Peter seriously
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- I. Life on board the ark was under God's supervision
    - The eight people on the ark (“Come” or “Go?”)
  
    - Clean and unclean animals (7:2)
      - Unclean – two each
  
      - Clean – seven each
  
      - Caring for the animals
  
      - A spiritual lesson
  
  - II. The global flood was a catastrophe.
    - The action of volcanic eruptions
  
    - The action of earthquakes
  
    - The action of giant tidal waves

- Unprecedented sedimentary activity
- Rampaging rivers
- High winds and sudden freezing temperatures
- Torrential rains
- Release of subterranean waters
- All this continued for six weeks

### III. The global flood brought forth a new kind of world.

- Post-Deluge geologic activity
  - Freezing of Arctic soils
  - Siberian Mammoth beds
  - Onset of the ice-age
- A new world of relative stability (8:22)
- A new world of protection and provision (9:2, 3)
- A new world of the restraint of evil and justice (9:5)
- A new world of promise (9:7)

- The Rainbow Covenant

How should we then live?

- The patience of God and catastrophe
  - The catastrophe of the global flood did not and cannot change the condition of the human heart.
    - The global flood changed everything, and it changed nothing.
    - Such is the nature of catastrophes. Earthquakes, storms, floods, raging forest fires, drought, tornadoes, hurricanes, ice/snowstorms, flu epidemics, diseases,
    - Hard hearts are not softened by the prospects of catastrophes or the experience of a catastrophe. Only God's Holy Spirit can open sin-blinded eyes to one's need for God's forgiveness.
  - The catastrophe of the global flood is a preview of the coming catastrophe of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ for all those who are unprepared (2 Pet. 3:5-9).
    - The prospect of the Second Coming of Christ calls Christians to hopeful living (2 Pet. 3:14). Hopeful living tenaciously pursues a Christ-centered, God exalting life.
    - The prospect of the Second Coming is a "shout-out" to run into the Ark of Jesus Christ.