

*For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground. Genesis 7:4*

## Store In My Heart

### 1John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Written to those in Asia Minor sometime in the latter half of the first century, the first epistle of John, the Apostle, makes clear that without Christ we are lost. Giving focus to the fact that Jesus is the Christ, John reminds us of the basic teachings of His Gospel: show sound doctrine, obedience, and love in our daily life or know that you are not a true disciple. When we follow the precepts and teachings of the Gospel we can live a holy life, know true joy, and be assured of our salvation, even though we are still imperfect. These things are demonstrated as we actively love one another as part of the family of God. Sin separates. In Christ we can return God.



# The Flood That Changed The World

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The flood that occurred in the days of Noah, as recorded in the book of Genesis, was a universal flood that changed the face of the earth. That this was a universal flood and not a local flood is seen by the description given by Moses. Seven things are in the account, which indicate a universal catastrophe.

1. The need for an ark: In a local flood, Noah could have simply moved to higher ground.
2. The size of the ark: It was approximately 525 ft. long, 87½ ft. wide, and was three stories tall measuring 52½ ft. high. This is equivalent to 627 railroad boxcars. This size barge would not be needed for a local flood.
3. The total destruction of man: All mankind was destroyed except for those who were in the ark. This could not be accomplished without a universal flood.
4. The depth of the flood: It is stated that the waters rose above the tops of the mountains.
5. The duration of the flood: It lasted 375 days or 53½ weeks. This is slightly over a year. Local floods are over in a couple of weeks.
6. The description of the flood: The waters poured from the sky for 40 days and nights. The fountains of the oceans were lifted up and broken. The waves swept across the earth (prevailed) for 21½ weeks or 150 days.
7. The rainbow: God promised never to destroy the earth again by water. The sign of this promise was the rainbow placed in the sky. We still have local floods, so this pledge was concerning universal flooding.

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## For Our Information

Joyce Venable has been dealing with low blood pressure.

Clifton Hurst is doing well as he recovers from his surgery.

Phyllis Jackson should get her MRI results this week.

Betty Ragsdale is dealing with fluid retention.

Dottie Henderson is back home at this time.

## Spring Forward March 8

Pray for safety,  
courage & healing.

Evidence of a universal flood is found in the oral and written traditions passed down through cultures of many different people. From the Babylonians to the American Indians the account of a great flood has existed in different forms. As Noah's descendants settled in different places they told of the great flood and the ark that saved their family. A local flood cannot account for such widespread belief.

Evidence of a worldwide flood is found in modern geological discoveries. The oceans are now deeper than they once were. Fossils are found throughout the earth, even in the tops of mountains. The surface of the earth is laid down in layers. These strata are sometimes hundreds of feet thick covering thousands of square miles. In this great catastrophe, the face of the earth was changed.

The account of the flood explains the climatic change of the earth. Due to the loss of water above the firmament, which fell in the flood, the earth no longer has a uniform climate. Once life existed in what is now frozen wastelands. This change in atmosphere and climate could be the reason for species such as the dinosaurs becoming extinct.

Uniformitarianism is the belief that all things in the past have occurred at the same rate that they are occurring now. The marks left on the surface of the earth by the great universal flood are interpreted by these people to make the earth millions and billions of years old. Their assumption that "all things continue as they were from the beginning" is the basis of modern attempts to date fossils and the age of the earth. When they cannot explain the data by present day processes, they try to explain them as being caused by meteors, glaciers, or other things, which are not happening today. In so doing they contradict their own theory and basis for dating things by the speed of present day processes. To try to explain and date things on the basis of uniformity is thus not possible by their own admission.

If you believe in Jesus, you believe in the Bible account of the flood. Jesus said, *"But as the days of Noah were so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be"* (**Matthew 24:37-39**). The apostle Peter said, *"Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men"* (**2Peter 3:6-7**). Are you ready for that day?

(I am certain Peter has the right attitude. God destroyed the world once because of sin. He has promised to burn it up in the end. I believe Him. DLH)



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