

# DVD #1 – Session 1

## I. World Before the Flood

What does the Bible say that the world was like before the flood?

Gen 1:31 It was very good

Gen 2:1-3 Blessed & sanctified the Sabbath

Gen 2:4-6 Had not rained before, no one to till the ground, a mist watered the earth

Gen 2:8-9 Garden, trees for food, tree of life, tree of knowledge of good & evil

## II. Man's Sin

Adam & Eve were placed in a perfect world. Having everything they needed and everything perfect, there was no excuse for sin.

That raises the question, *How did sin begin in the first place?*

Through the prophet Ezekiel, God gives us insight into the rise of sin in the universe through a heavenly being who was close to the throne of God.

In Ezekiel 28:1-10, God sends a prophecy against the *prince* of Tyre. The focus shifts in Ezekiel 28:12, when a lamentation is taken up against the *king* of Tyre. God points out the cosmic ruler (the *king* of Tyre) who was really in charge of the earthly ruler (the prince of Tyre)

The Bible describes this Being as (Ezekiel 28:12-15): Perfect, full of wisdom, was in Eden, anointed covering cherub, in God's holy mountain

God created a perfect Being? How did this Being then sin? (Ezekiel 28:16-17, Isaiah 14:12-14) Proud of his beauty, filled with violence, wanted to be God

God didn't create a sinful, cosmic Being (the Devil/Lucifer/Satan). He created a perfect Being who, because of pride and a selfish heart, chose to break his loyalty to God and rebel against Him and His government.

This tells us how & where sin began. But how did sin enter our world?

What happened in heaven and what was the result? (Rev. 12:7-9) War. Satan & his angels were cast to the earth

Once on earth, what did Satan do? (Gen. 3:1-4) He deceived Eve

What did mankind do? (Gen. 3:6-7) Put Satan's word above God's Word

God could have destroyed Satan and his angels, but He didn't want His creation to serve Him out of fear. He wanted His creation to serve Him out of love. However, love requires a choice.

God gives humanity freedom of choice. If He didn't, we'd all be like robots, mindlessly following a set of pre-programmed code. This could never be love. True love takes the risk that the other person may choose not to love back.

Food for thought: Adam and Eve turned from their loyalty to God and lost their Eden home. Are you loyal to God and His expressed will, or have you turned from your loyalty to Him thus risking the loss of your heavenly home?

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### III. What Sins Were the Pre-flood People Guilty of?

The video describes the sins of the antediluvian people that brought God to the point of deciding to destroy the world with a flood. List one for each category:

Use of God's gifts - They used God's gifts to glorify self

Houses/possessions - Beautified their homes in an effort to outdo one another

Existence of God - Denied God existed. Didn't want to retain a knowledge of God

Nature - adored nature above and in place of the God of nature

Worship - Worshipped the works of their own hands. Worshipped graven images in groves and gardens

Human & animal life - Had no respect for man or animal

How does the Bible support this description? (Gen. 6:5, 11-12) The wickedness on earth was great. The thoughts of man's heart were evil continually. The earth was corrupt and filled with violence.

Read: Genesis 6:6, 7

God looked down on His creation and was sorry He had made humanity. The Bible says that “He was grieved in His heart.” Just as we grieve the loss of someone we love, God was grieving the loss of His creation to sin.

The condition of humanity was so bad, that even God in His infinite patience couldn’t allow things to continue as they were. The only solution would be complete destruction. He would bring the world back to its pre-creation condition.

#### IV. God’s Warning

Why a warning?

Whenever God is about to do something big that impacts people, He sends a messenger and a vehicle, or means, of escape. (See Amos 3:7)

Food for Thought: What might the messenger and the vehicle be for our day?

Why so much time? (2 Peter 3:4-9) God is not willing that any should perish

God’s message of mercy lasted 120 years. It eventually came to an end. God, through the Bible, also pleads with us to make our lives right with Him while there is time.

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:6, 7)

Food for Thought: Is God waiting for you?

How tragic it would be to find ourselves repeating the words of Jeremiah 8:20, “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”

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#### V. Faith & Works – Noah an example

God gave the antediluvians 120 years to receive the message. Some received it at first, but as time elapsed, they were overcome with the prevailing unbelief. The time God set aside for repentance and coming close to Him was used to delay decision and reject the message and the messenger.

Why does God risk being mocked by giving ample time for humanity to prepare? (2 Peter 3:8, 9) He wants all to come to repentance

Many in Noah's day were professed Christians. Which statements describing people in Noah's day could be true of Christians today?

- ☐ Material representations of God
  - ☐ Divine law no longer in force
  - ☐ God doesn't punish transgression
  - ☐ Man's word above God's Word
  - ☐ A message of peace and safety
- (Answers will vary. For discussion starters.)

According to the video, how can Noah's faithfulness be a model for us?

All that he possessed, he invested in the ark.

He stood like a rock amid the tempest.

He had a holy integrity and unwavering faithfulness.

It was Noah's connection with God that made him strong in the strength of infinite power.

As a reward for Noah's faithfulness and integrity, God saved all the members of his family with him.

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For deeper thought/discussion:

In Noah's day people were either *shut in* or *shut out* of the ark. They had one choice to make with no middle ground. How do our daily choices affect life's most important choice—our personal salvation?

Once the door of the ark was closed, why was there a seven-day delay before the storm came? How did that delay affect those inside and outside the ark? How is the apparent delay in Christ's second coming affecting society?

## VI. Another Storm Is Coming

The highest peaks were covered by the flood waters. God's judgment was complete. The results were final. There were no second chances. Another storm is coming upon the earth with similar ramifications.

Prayerfully read 2 Peter 3:10-17 and contemplate your life in light of these verses. Seek a refuge!

## DVD #1 – Session #2

Worldwide Catastrophe—is there evidence?

Science today promotes the evolutionary theory as scientific fact. Many have come to believe that the world is millions of years old and bring that idea to their study of the world around them. This idea then shapes and molds their findings to support their theory. In looking more closely at rocks and their layers, what do they actually tell us about time and the age of the earth and the idea of a worldwide flood?

Idea of the Millions-of-Years Theory questioned:

1. If you have time such as millions of years, you (**have , don't have**) change in the earth's surface. In the layers of rock, we find erosion (**is , is not**) visible.
2. The layers of rock are (**jagged, flat**) and were laid down (**rapidly, slowly**).
3. In the Great Unconformity (**all layers are present , entire layers are missing**).
4. In the layers most animal phyla (**appear suddenly & simultaneously, scattered randomly throughout the layers**).
5. The layers of the geologic column found around the world (**are the same, are different**) in sequence, structure, and content.
6. Fossils show the preservation of (**death, life**).
7. Fossils are created (**by rapid burial, gradually over time**).
8. The fossils in the fossil graveyards & bone beds (**show partially formed organisms, fully formed organisms**).
9. Coal and oil beds require (**small, huge**) amounts of plant and animal material.

10. Coal beds are found ( **locally, globally** ) and are between the ( **same, different** ) layers in the geologic column.

For further thought and reflection:

What evidence found in the rocks do you think makes the greatest case for a worldwide water catastrophe?

What might be the reason(s) that many scientists and others who study geology and rock formations continue to ignore or disqualify the evidence for a global flood?

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## DVD #1 – Session #3

### Worldview Versus Evidence

Our *worldview* is the way we see and understand the world around us, especially regarding issues such as politics, philosophy, and religion. It is the lens through which we interpret everything we come in contact with, and the filter that information passes through as we encounter it.

Our worldview can bias our approach to information. When our worldview is challenged by our findings, it is easier to dismiss, ignore, bypass, or cover up those findings to maintain our comfort level.

Science is to be an objective study of the world around us. However, it can be a struggle to keep our worldview from influencing our conclusions.

1. Science is the systematic enterprise that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe. When it comes to science, what is the problem with evolution?

Can't reproduce the evolutionary theory in the lab because it requires long  
ages of time

2. When we study science we can't escape the fact that there is organization, and organization requires intelligence. In light of this, why do you think it is so hard for science to accept the idea of God as a designer?

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Individual answers

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Answers will vary

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### Covering Up the Judgment

1. What should the Christian do when the findings of science come in conflict with the beliefs of the church?
2. As the world came out from under the control of the Catholic Church, there was a move away from authority. Today we see a lack of respect and a lack of desire to be under any kind of authority in our culture. What might be the cause of this? Are there similarities or differences between today and what went on during the Enlightenment?
3. Are God and Christianity restrictive? If so, is it a good thing or a bad thing? What influences whether this restrictiveness is seen in a positive light or a negative light?
4. Charles Lyell and Charles Darwin made significant contributions to the modern approach to science.
  - a. Uniformitarianism is – the belief that things as they unfold and happen today are no different then in the past.
  - b. Natural Selection is – the process where organisms with favorable traits are more likely to reproduce and pass these traits on to the next generation.

### For further study: Stories of the flood from around the world

The story of a global flood has been found in many cultures. While each story has its differences, there are many commonalities. Three of the most referenced versions of the flood story found outside of the Bible is the Sumerian *Epic of Ziusudra*, the Babylonian *Gilgamesh Epic*, and the Akkadian *Atrahasis Epic*.

For an analysis of the impact of these accounts and the truthfulness of Scripture see:



<https://answersingenesis.org/creationism/creation-myths/is-genesis-1-11-a-derivation-from-ancient-myths/>

An excellent article on the similarities of the 200+ flood stories can be found at:



<http://www.icr.org/article/why-does-nearly-every-culture-have-tradition-globa/>

The Genesis flood story is also contained in the pictographs of the Chinese language. The Institute for Creation Research has an article on this that can be found at:



<http://www.icr.org/article/genesis-chinese-pictographs/>