

SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT FOR A GLOBAL FLOOD

1. Extent of the destruction planned and performed by God

- Genesis 6:13,17 “the end of all flesh” -”destroy all flesh”
- Genesis 7:4,21-23 “all flesh died” - “every living substance”

2. Vast size of the ark itself and the time required to build it

- Ark was an immense vessel (Genesis 6:15)
- Ark took approximately 100 years to build (Genesis 5:32, 6:3, 7:11)

Why spend so much time building such an immense vessel if the flood was only local? It would have been more sensible to simply warn Noah and his family so they could move to a safe location, and ensure the necessary animals were moved as well.

3. Unique terms for the flood in both Hebrew and Greek.

- Heb. mabbuwl (Genesis 6:17). Used only 12 times in O.T., all referring to Noah’s flood.
- Grk. kataklusmos (2 Peter 3:6). Used only 5 times in N.T., all referring to Noah’s flood.

4. Special care to preserve at least 2 of every animal

- Genesis 6:19 “of every living thing of all flesh”
- Genesis 6:20 “of fowls ... cattle ... creeping thing”

5. Tremendous powers of waters unleashed on earth — 40 days (Genesis 7:11)

- “All the fountains of the great deep were broken up”
- “The windows (floodgates) of heaven were opened”

6. Fact that the waters bare up and carried the ark (Genesis 7:17-18)

- “the waters increased and bare up the ark”
- “it (the ark) was lifted up above the earth”
- “the ark went upon the face of the waters”

Considering the size, weight, and displacement of the ark, the waters must have risen to at least 20 feet deep very quickly!

7. Wording clearly describes a global flood (Genesis 7:18-20)

- “the waters prevailed ... increased greatly upon the earth”
- “all the high hills ... under the whole heaven were covered”
- “fifteen cubits upward ... the mountains were covered”

All the high hills (mountains) under the whole heaven were covered by at least 15 cubits (22 feet) of water. Thus the ark, which was 30 cubits (45 feet) high, would be allowed to float freely over all the mountains, thus avoiding any damage due to collision.

8. Duration of the flood — especially time for waters to dry

- 150 days ... for ark to come to rest on the mountains (Genesis 8:1-4)
- 74 days more ... for mountains to be seen (Genesis 8:5)
- 90 days more ... for face of earth to dry (Genesis 8:13)
- 57 days more ... for Noah to be able to leave ark (Genesis 8:14)

9. Other Scriptural support for the GLOBAL FLOOD

- 2 Peter 3:5-7 Describes the flood of Noah’s day
- Matthew. 24:35-39 Jesus compared the flood of Noah’s day to ...
- Luke 17:22-27 ... the judgment of “the Day of the Lord”

DURATION OF THE FLOOD

VERSE	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	EVENT	DURATION
7:11-12	600	2	17	Flood began	150 days
				Windows of heaven Fountains of deep poured water on earth	
7:17,24		3	27	Flood ended	
				Waters prevailed on the earth	
8:3-4		7	17	Waters abated from the earth	74 days
8:5		10	1	Tops of the mountains seen	40 days
8:6-7		11	11	Noah opened window of the ark and sent forth a raven	7 days
8:8-10		11	18	Noah sent forth a dove ... dove returned	7 days
8:10-11		11	25	Noah sent forth a dove ... dove returned with leaf	7 days
8:12		12	2	Noah sent forth a dove ... dove did not return	29 days
8:13	601	1	1	Waters dried from the earth so Noah removed the ark's cover Face of the ground was dry	57 days
8:14-19				2	27

YEAR, MONTH, and DAY are in terms of Noah's age. (Assumes 12 months of 30 days each).