



YOU CAN'T STACK MARBLES

Introduction:

arguments for a universal flood

- 1) the depth of the flood
- 2) the duration of the flood
- 3) the cosmography of the flood
- 4) the size of the ark
- 5) the need of an ark
- 6) the purpose of the flood
- 7) the testimony of the New Testament

The Structure of the Flood Narrative (Alan Ross, *Creation and Blessing*, p. 191)

Title: "These are the generations of Noah."

Introduction: Noah's righteousness and Noah's sons (6:9-10)

- A God resolves to destroy the corrupt race (6:11-13)
- B Noah builds an ark according to God's instructions (6:14-22)
- C The Lord commands the remnant to enter the ark (7:1-9)
 - D The flood begins (7:10-16)
 - E The flood prevails 150 days, and the mountains are covered (7:17-24)
 - F God remembers Noah (8:1a)
 - E¹ The flood recedes 150 days, and the mountains are visible (8:1b-5)
 - D¹ The earth dries (8:6-14)
- C¹ God commands the remnant to leave the ark (8:15-19)
- B¹ Noah builds an altar (8:20)
- A¹ The Lord resolves not to destroy humankind (8:21-22)

I. GOD DELIVERS THE FAITHFUL (vs. 1-16)

A. The Command to Enter the Ark (vs. 1)

B. The Instructions for the Flood (vs. 2-4)

"every clean animal by sevens"

C. The Preparations for the Flood (vs. 5-9)

"Noah did according to all that the LORD had commanded him."

"animals...went into the ark to Noah"

D. The Start of the Flood (vs. 10-16)

"600th year of Noah's life in the 2nd month on the 17th day" = when?

"every beast after its kind...went into the ark to Noah, by twos of all flesh in which was the breath of life"

"all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened"

II. GOD DESTROYS THE FAITHLESS (vs. 17-24)

A. The Extent of the Flood (vs. 17-20)

“the flood came upon the earth for forty days”

“the water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth”(vs. 18) and “the water prevailed more and more upon the earth” (vs. 19)

canopy theory (Genesis 1:6-7)

- ❶ radiation and ultra-violet rays filtered out
- ❷ beneficial hyperbaric pressure
- ❸ uniform temperatures
- ❹ stable humidity (no rain, no wind, no dust)

Suggestion: tilt of earth's axis related to this moment

- ❶ “the floodgates of the sky” were broken open
- ❷ results of the 23° tilt of the earth's axis
- ❸ instant freezing at the poles and increased temperatures at the equator

“the water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered”

B. The Execution by the Flood (vs. 21-24)

“all flesh that moved on the earth perished” and “all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died” and “He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land”

“only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark”

“the water prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days”

Conclusion:

- 1) The flood is the past example of the fact of God's judgment on the whole earth.
- 2) God's future judgment will be historical, universal, and will come suddenly, but not without warning.
- 3) We must take the means of escape that God has provided.