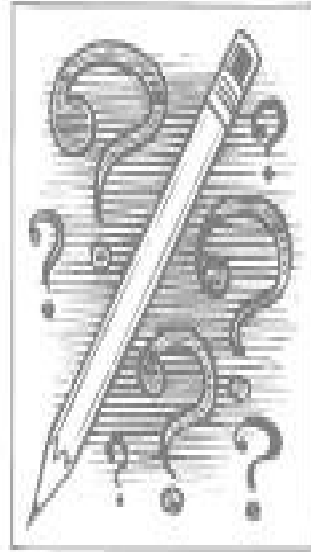


TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Answer the questions below with the scripture where it can be found. The answers will appear in the following bulletin.

36. Who was the first person killed?
37. Who was buried in a cave with his wife?
38. What two Hebrews were embalmed by Egypt?
39. Who accidentally hanged himself in a tree?
40. What dressmaker was raised from the dead?



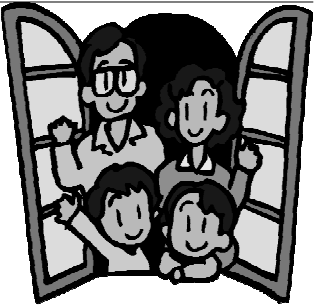
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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12.

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GOD'S GLOBAL FLOOD

By John F. Board, Elizabethtown, KY

How much weight should be given to the question, “was the flood universal?” Despite the overwhelming evidence for God’s global flood, some still tout science as disproving it. Since science claims to have a bearing on the question, and since, to many, science is god, the question simply cannot be dismissed by the Christian.

But when one examines the question more closely, it loses some significance. Consider for example, the Pentateuch has been accepted as Scripture, even by the latest dates, for a few thousand years. For a majority of this time, there was no thought given to the flood being anything other than a global flood; the theory that the flood was a local event surfaced approximately 300 years ago. The question “was the flood universal” is a relatively new question.

Many of you have read articles defending the flood of Genesis as a universal flood. The size of the Ark alone provides a good argument for a universal flood. Why would God have Noah build such a large vessel if all he, his family, and animals would have needed to do was migrate to an area that the flood would not effect? The fact that so many cultures record a “Great Flood Story” also suggests the Flood of Genesis was a global flood. Noted archaeologist Howard Vos contends that “on all continents and among almost all peoples of the earth flood accounts have been found.” I would like to consider some thoughts, that perhaps you have not considered, that strengthen the case for the flood of Genesis being a global flood.

The real heart of the question for the Christian is what the biblical record reveals regarding the flood. An examination of the English text and further studies in the Hebrew Bible shows the flood account was written in narrative prose; it is a story that the language reveals expects to be interpreted literally.

The flood is in the context of Genesis 1-11 where other events are recognized as universal. The creation was of “the heavens and the earth”—the very basis for the concept of “universal.” The fall of man and the consequences of sin were universal. The protoevangelium (the first Gospel—Genesis 3:15) is universal in scope. The Tower of Babel provides the explanation for the post flood global inhabitation.

Consider also the all inclusive language found within the flood account. The term *ha'arets* (the earth) occurs in the flood narrative 46 times. It is the same word used in 1:1 to describe the part of creation that stands opposite “the heavens.” The phrase “the heavens and the earth” in the Old Testament is a definition of everything that exists; it is the English translation of the Hebrew equivalent to “universe” (Aalders 1:52). Hence, “the earth” as used in the flood account is the same area as “the earth” that was created in 1:1. Those who suggest that Moses would have used *tebhel* to describe the “world as a whole” fail to realize that *tebhel* only occurs in poetic texts of the Hebrew Bible as a synonym in parallel with *ha'arets* (the earth), and never in the

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SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —
9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am &
6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study —
7:00 pm

MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

ELDERS

Mike Haviland
Brian Huffman
Larry G. Reynolds
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor
George Welker

DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth
Bill Gaw, Building &
Grounds
Jerry Hoyt, Bible Corresp. &
Upon The Rock
Lowell Huffman,
Benevolence
Volker Jaromin, Building &
Grounds
Dwayne Odle, Missions
Gary Reynolds, Seminars
Todd Stults, Education and
Asst. Finance
Jim Witty, Finance & Upon
The Rock

MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of
Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje
plus two preaching school
students
Memphis School Of
Preaching
Andrey Kostine

WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 2

MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
 Opening Prayer: Gary Reynolds
 Scripture Reading: Kendall Clark
 (Genesis 48:17-22)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "A Father's Last Words"
 Announcements: Larry Taylor
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Hoyt

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side-Assist: Rick Cox
 Prayer: Volker Jaromin
 East Side-Prayer: Dwayne Odle
 Assist: Jonah Stults

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
 Opening Prayer: Don Allison
 Scripture Reading: Danny Odle
 (Exodus 4:10-17)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "The Excuses Of Moses"
 Communion Table: Richard Messer
 Closing Prayer: Mark Stewart

PULPIT PREVIEW FOR AUGUST 9, 2009

AM: "Samuel, A Man That God Needed"
 (I Sam. 3:10-21)
 PM: "Jehoiakim, Who Showed Disrespect
 For The Word Of God"
 (Jeremiah 25:1-7)

AUGUST

GREETERS:

East Door: Sally & Kayla Anderson
Front Door + Ushers: Jay Kellow &
 Clayton Parker

COMMUNION:

Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman
Clean-up: Dana Shaw, Sally Anderson,
 Judy Stewart

BUILDING CLEANING: Lowell &
 Charlene Huffman, and Richard & Janet
 Messer

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Stephanie Binge, friend/roommate of Hannah
Barbara Blaser, friend of Lisa, has recurrence of cancer
Bertha Brown, 97-year-old grandma to Haley Christman,
 Sam & Belinda's granddaughter
Carrie, friend of Pat Ertle
Martina Conaster, Gail Parker's aunt, has breast cancer
Ferrell Conner, Jessica's grandpa
Tom Davis is having tests
Christy Disney, co-worker of Delores
Emily Harvey, classmate of Kayla
Matt Haviland
Clarence "Bud" Henry, Delores' uncle
Brandon Lee, 1st grade student who is seriously ill. Bran-
 don and his mother need our prayers.
Charlotte Manis is having heart problems
Marie McBride fell and hurt her arm
Amy Michael, daughter of co-worker of Sally
Norma Norris, Grant's grandmother
Ryburn Perry
Donna Qualkenbush
Carol Reedy, co-worker of Tyann
Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Kent Sanders is battling cancer
Hazel Spears, Wilma's sister
Travis, friend of Pat Ertle.
Kay Thomason, Howard Goodman's sister. Send encour-
 agement to 1219 Kelly Dr., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.
Erica Walden, Pat Kidd's granddaughter
George & Ellen Welker
Jerry & Melba Wilhoite
David Witty is awaiting test results for a kidney transplant.
Everett & Ann Witty

Shut-Ins

Virginia Ashley - Westminster
Juanita Broderick - The Woodlands
Twyla Monroe - The Woodlands
Mary Norris - The Woodlands

Away in the Military

Grant Kellow
Brian Noonkester - Germany
Justin Spence-Iraq

Sympathy

Jim and Marjorie's step-granddaughter, **Nicole Paddock's**
 father **D.J. Paddock** passed away recently.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 2—Group 2 (Larry T. & Larry R.) will meet in the small classroom af-
 ter evening services. Group 2 is also re-
 sponsible for making sure the building is
 secure after each meeting time.

Aug 2-5—All are invited to the Gospel
 Revival at South Central. See the bulle-
 tin board for further details.

August 4—Men's fellowship breakfast
 at IHOP at 8 AM.

August 4 & 6—Ladies exercise at 9
 AM.

Aug 8—King's Island trip.

Aug 9—Jill Welker will marry Joshua
 Medley, Kingwood Heights church of
 Christ, Murfreesboro, TN, at 2:00. See
 bulletin board for further details.

Aug 12—Make plans to join us for fel-
 lowship and dinner Wednesday at 5:30.

Aug 16—Elders and deacons will meet
 at 4:30.

Aug 21-23—Marriage Retreat in Nash-
 ville, Indiana

Aug 28 - Sept 3—Polishing the Pulpit
 lectureship.

Aug 30—Carry in lunch with early eve-
 ning services.

Sept 6—Elders will meet at 4:30.

Sept 9—Make plans to join us for fel-
 lowship and dinner Wednesday at 5:30.

Sept 20—Elders and deacons will meet
 at 4:30.

Oct 10—Lebanon church of Christ La-
 dies Inspiration Day, "Hungering For
 More", 9-noon.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2009

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Sunday Worship pm	79

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Pentateuch.

The phrase "upon the face of all the earth" in 7:3 and 8:9 is the exact phrase found first in Genesis 1:29 in the creation context. While a shorten expression "all the earth" can have a limited meaning in other contexts (Exodus 10:5, 15; Numbers 22:5)—in the other occur-
 rences of the phrase employing the same Hebrew word order (1:29; 11:4, 8, 9)—each is clearly describing the entire land surface of the earth.

Other terms like "face of the ground," "all flesh," "every living thing," "under the whole heaven," and "all the fountains," when examined honestly, are clearly universal in nature and refer to God's global flood. The term *ha'adham* (6:5) is used to describe the wickedness of "humankind"—a universal term. This universal wickedness is the reason or basis for the punishment God is going to bring in the form of the flood. In other words, since it is a universal wickedness, it only makes sense that God would use a universal flood as punish-
 ment. The Hebrew Bible has a technical term *mabbul* used 13 times exclusively of God's global flood; this term clearly distinguishes God's global flood from all local floods (Hasel 92).

The genealogical records of Adam/Noah, the com-
 mand "be fruitful/multiply" given to both Adam/Noah, the enormous size of the ark, the mountains covered by 15 cubits, the duration of the flood, the return of the earth to its Genesis 1:2 state, and the New Testament evidence also are relevant in this study (study passages like Mt. 24:39; 2 Pet. 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:20; Heb. 11:7).

Was the flood universal? If not, consider the implica-
 tion—the continued existence of local floods in unison with rainbows makes God a liar rather than a keeper of a covenant. The rainbow was a sign that God would never destroy "the earth" with water again. If "the earth" in Genesis refers simply to a local area, then the existence of local floods today, makes God a liar, if God is a liar and did not keep His covenant he made with Noah, then why would anyone believe God would keep any of the promises He has made to man today. Truly this question has implications even for our salva-
 tion!

**Remember, informative, scrip-
 turally sound DVD's are avail-
 able for your viewing.**