

EVIDENCES FOR A WORLDWIDE FLOOD

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Many are the haters of God and His Word (**2 Peter 3:3-5**). One part of the Bible that has been attacked time and again is the worldwide flood that destroyed all but eight people in the days of Noah (**2 Peter 3:20**).

The scoffers would have the masses to believe that the “flood account” recorded in the Bible was nothing more than a local flood that covered a portion of the ancient near east. Stated another way, critics of Scripture and liberal “theologians” claim the flood in Noah’s time was just a small flood, limited to a relatively small geographic location, rather than a worldwide flood that consumed all but eight people in the world.

The critics are wrong! What follows below is a handful of reasons why the flood of Noah’s day was worldwide, not local:

- ✓ It is a known **fact** that nearly every ancient civilization in the world has a written record of a worldwide flood. How could this be so, if the flood was just local?
- ✓ **Genesis 7:19-20** states that **all** the high hills and mountains on the **earth** were covered.
- ✓ The flood lasted over a year (**Genesis 7:11; 8:13-14**). This **fact** makes a local flood impossible in that it is a fact of science that water seeks level ground.
- ✓ **Think** about it: if the flood was only local, why would Noah and his family need an ark? Why did God not just send them where there was no flood?
- ✓ **2 Peter 3:5-6** makes it clear that the whole **earth/world** perished.
- ✓ If the flood was local, seeing that God said He would never do such again (**Genesis 9:8ff**) then God must be a liar for **many** local floods have happened subsequent to that time.
- ✓ God said **everything** (on land) in the earth and under heaven would die; this happened (**Genesis 6:17; 7:19-20**).
- ✓ **Genesis 7:11** says that **all** the fountains of the deep were opened, not fountains in local bodies of water.
- ✓ **Genesis 9:1** says that the survivors of the flood were to replenish the ancient near east, right? Wrong! The text says that they were to replenish the **earth**.
- ✓ **Genesis 11:1** says the **whole earth** was of one speech and language after the flood. How can this be so if the flood was local?
- ✓ **Genesis 11:9** says that **all** people lived in one place after the flood.

- ✓ If the flood was local, then the return of Christ will only be local in that Christ compared His return to the flood in Noah's day (**Matthew 24:37-39**). Now just who will accept such **garbage**?
- ✓ Jesus said **all** but Noah (and by extension his family) were taken away (**Matthew 24:38-39**). Now who shall we trust: some big mouth critics or the Son of God?
- ✓ If the flood was only local, why then throughout the world have people discovered **marine fossils** on the tops of mountains?

So then, what we have seen is that both Scripture and reason smash to pieces man's theory that the flood in the days of Noah was only local; i.e. contained to a relatively small geographic location. The flood in Noah's days was worldwide and killed all but those in the ark (**Hebrews 11:7**).