



THE GENESIS FLOOD PART I

This week I am going to begin a series on the account of the Genesis Flood. This week is the

prolog along with an attached study outline.

But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' " Luke 16:31

What does this Scripture have to do with the Biblical account of the flood? Good question.

Many have sought after and continue to seek after Noah's ark in the mountains of Ararat. Others seek to prove or disprove the historicity of the flood. Still others seek to show that the flood was a scientific fact or fallacy. What should be our position, as Christians, with respect to these endeavors? To answer this question, we ask yet another: "What effect on your faith would the discovery of the ark have?

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

As Christians, we should need no proof of the Scriptures. We are to accept them by faith. The discovery of the ark may satisfy some curiosity we may have about it but should not have any effect on our faith.

What about the unsaved? Wouldn't proof that the ark and the flood really existed cause them to believe the Bible and lead to their salvation? This is where the verse at the top of the page comes in. There are already many things which point to the truth of the Bible. These have not caused them to believe and neither would the ark. Then, in addition, there would always be speculation that it was a hoax. Someone put it there and made it look old, just to prove the Scriptures.

Jesus' words to the skeptics above apply just as well to the skeptic of today. *'If they do not hear Moses and*

the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one find Noah's ark.' Luke 6:31 Revised by me

I believe the Biblical account of the flood is entirely correct in every detail. There really was a flood and a man named Noah who built an ark to save himself and his family. It is all true - BUT,

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

II Timothy 3:16-17

This passage of Scripture is also true and, as such, says that the Biblical account of the flood should teach us something. It is not there just to satisfy our curiosity. Our study, then, will be based on the principal that there is something *profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness* for each of us.

There are skeptics who claim that the account in Genesis is just a hodge-podge of old folk lore. It is, no doubt, true that the account was taken from several sources, just as Luke says,

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write . . . an orderly account.

Luke 1:1-4a

The account may be a composite, but is also a very orderly account as set down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit - as we shall be seeing.

Before we begin this study, it may be helpful to have an outline of the four chapters. This outline is based both on the content of the chapters and the Hebrew grammar used.

Next week we shall look at the Chronology of the Flood. You will find it to be very interesting and informative.

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An Outline of Genesis Chapter Six to Chapter Nine

THE GREAT FLOOD

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