

#18 AN EMPIRE BEGINS

History has revealed to us that some nations and empires, no matter how great have fallen because of an abundance of leisure, a licence to sin and sex and a fall into idolatry. And this is what happened here, and the evidence of this flood is seen all over the world in erosion and sediment containing multitudes of millions of fossils that have been buried alive.

AFTER THE FLOOD

The water has receded the sky has cleared, the judgment has passed, all that was on the dry land perished, the earth has been swept clean with a great flood that filled every valley and covered every hill and mountain.

Everything unclean was destroyed, it is an example of what God can and will do when the world becomes corrupt.

*Yet the Lord always has a remnant, **Gen 8:1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged***

We see God in control of the climate, preserving his people, recording for us exactly what happened and when, not once in the bible does the Lord speak of millions of years.

Gen 8:4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

GO FORTH

God had first said come into the Ark, now he says in,

Gen 8:16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

AN OFFERING OF THANKS

*What was the first thing that Noah did when he had left the Ark? It is recorded in, **Gen 8:20 And Noah builded altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.***

A thankful heart will always bring an offering to the Lord, words are not sufficient, faith is always displayed in actions. Later the Lord commanded Moses to build a tabernacle for the people of God to bring their sacrifices and tithes to ,and come and worship and praise him together and that decree hasn't changed in 6000 years.

So what happens when people do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord,

THE FIRST BOW IN THE CLOUD

Gen 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth

Gen 9:11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

Gen 9:13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

Verse 9.1 show that God was pleased with Noah and his family and he gave them his blessing and a promise, and that promise was sealed with a visible understandable token of a bow which is still viewable and applicable today.

Nothing is magical about Gods commandments and directions they are all based upon scientific observable practices, using the five senses that God has given us topped off with common sense.

THE MULTIPLYING OF THE PEOPLE

The 3 sons of Noah had families of their own and the numbers increased because of God's blessing.

Gen 9:18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth:

Gen 9:19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

*And of course they all spake the same language and for a start worshiped the same God, but all was not well. God had said in, **Gen 9:1 God had said, replenish the earth.***

But here in, **Gen 11:4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.**

These people were the close relatives of Noah and his sons and their wives and they would have known about the flood and why it was sent, and how the Ark was built and who was saved and those who perished and why, because Noah lived 350 years after the flood, and his children probably longer, yet they still, refused to give God first place of honour in their worship.