



In the Beginning

A study of Genesis Chapters 1 - 11

Christian Life Assembly

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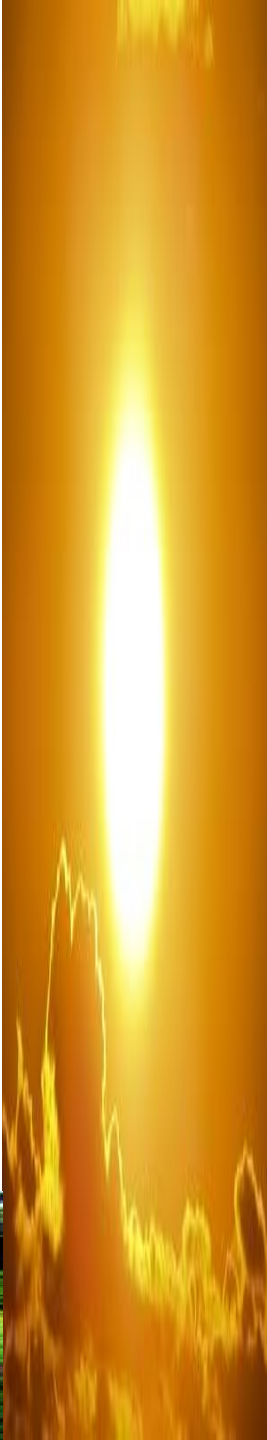
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Save the Date!

Sunday, 10/28/18

Class Fellowship Lunch

Hoss' Mechanicsburg

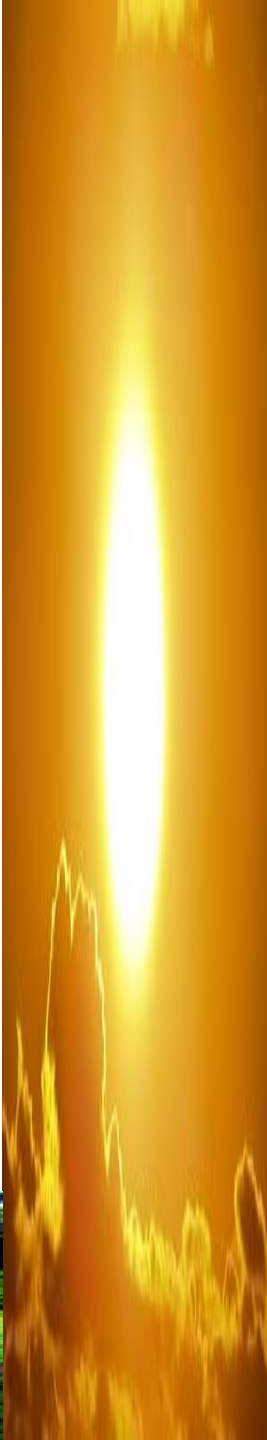


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Men's Breakfast

Thursday, 10/18, 9:00 A.M.

John's Diner



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- Genesis 8:1 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided. 2 Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained; 3 and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of one hundred and fifty days the water decreased. 4 In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. 5 The water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.



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- Genesis 8:6 Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made; 7 and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth. 8 Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land; 9 but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark, for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and brought her into the ark to himself. 10 So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. 11 The dove came to him toward evening, and behold, in her beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth. 12 Then he waited yet another seven days, and sent out the dove; but she did not return to him again.



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- Genesis 8:13 Now it came about in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first of the month, the water was dried up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground was dried up. 14 In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. 15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying, 16 “Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. 17 Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”



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- Genesis 8:18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. 19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark. 20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. 22 "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."



Noah's Ark Flood Chronology¹

Septuagint Vs. Masoretic

Josephus, Ant. 1.81
reads 27th

20/10 Day 2 Month 27/17 Day 2 Month 27/17 Day 7 Month 1 Day 11/10 Month 16 Day 12 Month 1 Day 1 Month 27 Day 2 Month

God orders Noah to enter ark 7:1 **Flood Starts 7:11** **Ark Floats 7:12,17** **Rain Stops Ark rests 7:24; 8:4** **Mountains visible 8:5** **Raven Dove returns 8:6-8 8:10** **Dove leaves 8:10** **Flood Over 8:3** **Noah opens door 8:13** **Noah leaves ark 8:14**

Day -7 Day 0 Day 40 Day 110 Day 243/223 Day 283/263 Day 290/270 Day 297/277 Day 300 Day 314 Day 370

7 Days 40 Days 110 Days 93/73² Days 40 Days 7 Days 7 Days 3/23 Days 14 Days 56 Days

Noah loads animals **Waters Rise 150 Days (5 months) 7:24** **Waters Recede 150 Days (5 months) 8:3** **Post flood in Ark 70 Days (2 months 10 days)**

Pre-Flood in Ark 7 Days **Duration of Flood 300 Days (10 months)**

370 Days
(12 months 10 days)

3298 BC LXX
2458 BC Mas

Duration of Noah Inside Ark
377 Days
(12 months 17 days)

3297 BC LXX
2457 BC Mas



Noah Builds Ark
less than 74 years

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- Genesis 8:6 Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made; 7 and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth.
- The waters are receding and the raven, being a scavenger bird that will eat almost anything, found food of some kind, somewhere and did not return. (could have been fish or even rotting vegetation)



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- Next, Noah releases a dove that leaves and then comes back because it could find, “no resting place for the sole of her foot”.
- Then he waits a week and sends the dove again ...this time the dove finds something very interesting – “a freshly picked olive leaf”.
- So I wonder where the dove found a “freshly picked olive leaf”?



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- Well, as it turns out, olive trees can survive for months underwater.
- *This is from YaHoo answers, not noted for being a defender of biblical truth* – “Undoubtedly the Flood waters did adversely affect many trees. However, the olive is quite a hardy tree. So an olive tree might have remained alive under water for some months during the Deluge. With the abating of the Flood waters, an olive tree that had been submerged would again be on dry ground and could put forth leaves, one of which could easily be obtained by the dove. On the other hand, the olive leaf carried to Noah by the dove could have been taken from a fairly young sprout that had come up after the Flood waters had abated.”



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- Some who have toured the Garden of Gethsemane have heard their tour guides say that some of the olive trees they are seeing may have been saplings at the time of the crucifixion.
- Olive trees are extremely hardy and note that the leaf was “freshly picked” meaning that it was not found floating on the waters, but was in fact attached to a living tree.



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- Genesis 8:4 In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.
- The “mountains of Ararat” is a region in Turkey and in that region there is an actual mountain called Mt. Ararat.
- We do not know if the ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat or merely in that region.





Mt. Ararat

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- Noah, his family, and the animals are all exiting the ark into a world that would be very different from the one they had known.
- The earth has been re-configured and is no longer shielded from the sun’s rays as in the past, and will now need regular rain.



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“The earth had surely been purged of the wicked humanity that had made its physical beauty only a mockery, and...and that was good. But what was left was bleak and barren and foreboding. No doubt, physical changes along the lines of these. "The oceans were much more extensive ...they now contain all the waters, which once were above the firmament ... are now in the subterranean reservoirs of the deep. The land areas were much less extensive than before the flood, with a much greater portion of the surface of the earth uninhabitable for this reason. The thermal vapor blanket was dissipated, so that strong temperature differentials were inaugurated, leading to a gradual buildup of snow and ice on the polar latitudes, rendering much of the extreme northern and southern land surfaces also essentially uninhabitable.



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Mountain ranges uplifted after the flood emphasized the more rugged topography of the postdiluvian continents, with many of these regions also becoming unfit for human habitation. Winds, storms, rains, snow were possible now, thus rendering the total environment less congenial to man and animals than it had been before. The environment was also more hostile because of harmful radiation from space, no longer filtered out by the vapor canopy. There was a gradual reduction in human longevity after the flood. Tremendous glaciers, rivers, and lakes existed for a time, with the world only gradually approaching its present state of semi-aridity. The crust of the earth was in a state of general instability reflected in recurrent volcanic and seismic activity all over the world.”

Dr. Henry Morris



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- When Noah and his family went on the ark there was one large land mass, a protective canopy over it, and people lived for hundreds of years.
- When they come off all of that has changed – this may have been very much like what Adam and Eve experienced when they were cast out of the garden.
- They were in a strange and much less friendly world.





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- So now we come to this question – if the world was broken into continents at the time of the flood, how did animals and people get to all of the continents?
- Evolutionists subscribe to “continental drift” wherein the land slowly separated and just drifted apart with the peoples and animals “on board” so to speak.
- But most creationists believe the continents were formed when the “great fountains of the deep” broke up and separated the land at the time of Noah’s flood.

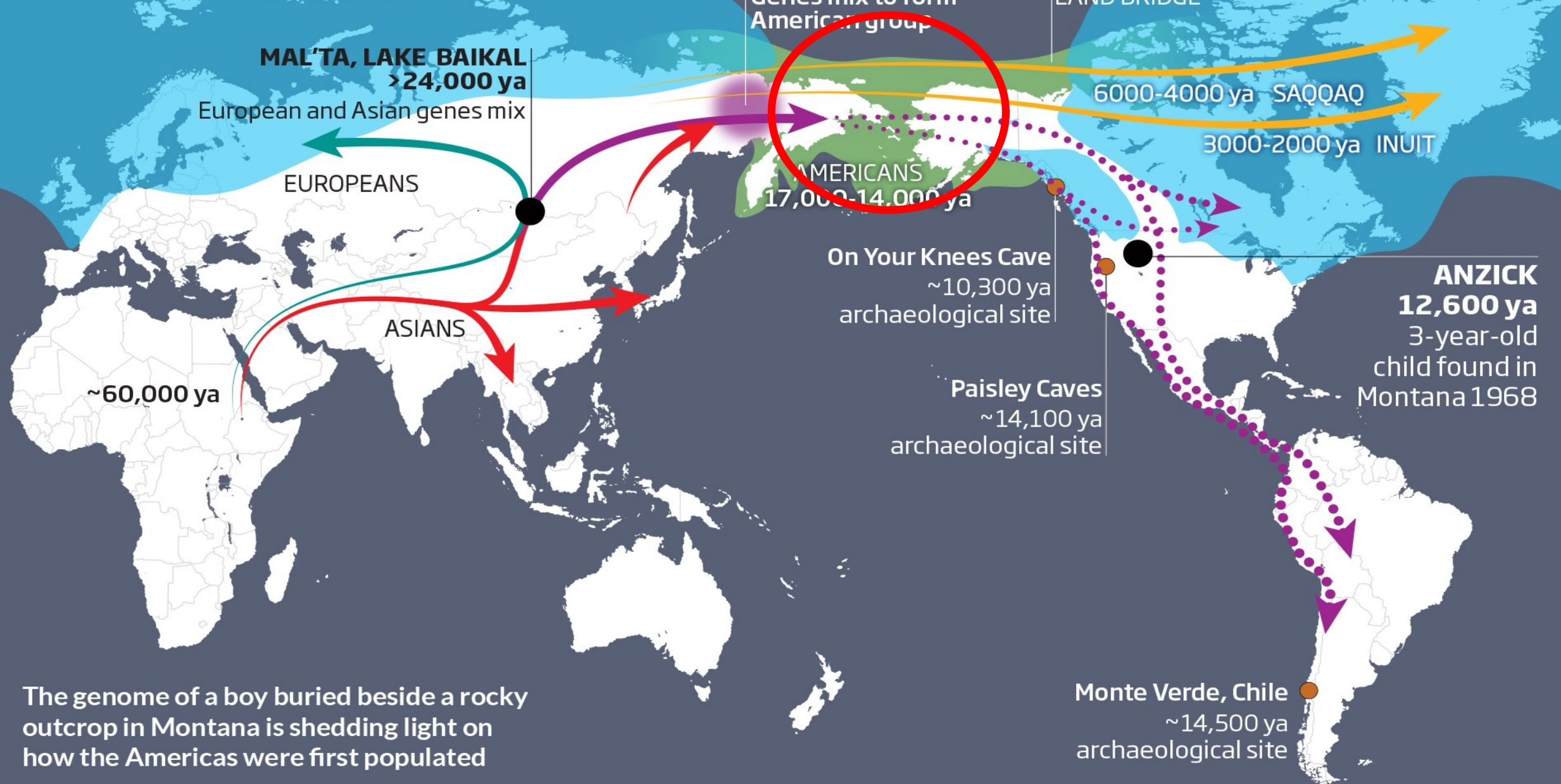


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- *This from Answers in Genesis* – “Many people instantly think land animals couldn’t have walked to Australia or North and South America from the Middle East where Noah’s Ark landed. But we think they could have. Actually, the event of the Ice Age is very important here. During the Ice Age, a lot of water was taken out of the oceans and accumulated on the land in the form of ice and snow. Most think that the ocean level dropped by about 350 feet! This drop would expose land bridges in different places throughout the world.”



Extent of ice ~13,000 years ago (ya)



The genome of a boy buried beside a rocky outcrop in Montana is shedding light on how the Americas were first populated

Genes mix to form
American group

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AMERICANS
17,000-14,000 ya

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- *And another one from Answers in Genesis –*

“Remember that Noah and his sons built the Ark, and it survived a global Flood! Noah lived 350 years after the Flood and Shem lived 500 years after it too. So they could easily have shared how to build some pretty neat ships. Many people could have traveled by boat to the Americas, Australia, Madagascar, and other places, possibly taking animals with them.”



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- *Animals probably propagated on the ark.*
- This is nothing more than common sense – when you house male and female anythings in close quarters you are going to have offspring.
- So by the time Noah opened the ark doors there may well have been more animals on board than boarded originally.



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- Genesis 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
- Burnt offerings – later on when God gives Moses the law we will understand that burnt offerings are indicative of being wholly devoted to God.
- After all, if you are totally consumed for God, it can hardly be argued that you are not “all in”.



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- Genesis 8:21 “The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. 22 “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”
- Please note that God did not say that He would never destroy the earth again, He said, “I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.”



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- Maybe this phrase caught your eye as we read from Genesis chapter 8 – “While the earth remains”.
- When God uses that phrase is it not abundantly clear that there will be an end to this earth as we know it?
- Why else use the phrase? If the earth is never going to end, why would He speak this way?



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- Sadly, even the universal judgment of the flood did not cause mankind to change – sin was in the DNA of Noah and his sons and sin would again take root and grow.
- So while God will never again cause a worldwide flood to deal with sin, He will still deal with it. (He must!)
- 2nd Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.



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- As we look at our world we often wonder “why is God waiting?”.
- And we generally know the reason – He is waiting for as many as possible to come to repentance.
- 2nd Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.



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- Romans 2:4 And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. 3 But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 **Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?** 5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who will render to each person according to his deeds.



The Noahic Covenant

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Questions

