



# In the Beginning

A study of Genesis Chapters 1 - 11

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**Genesis 1:1 In the beginning  
God created the heavens and  
the earth.**

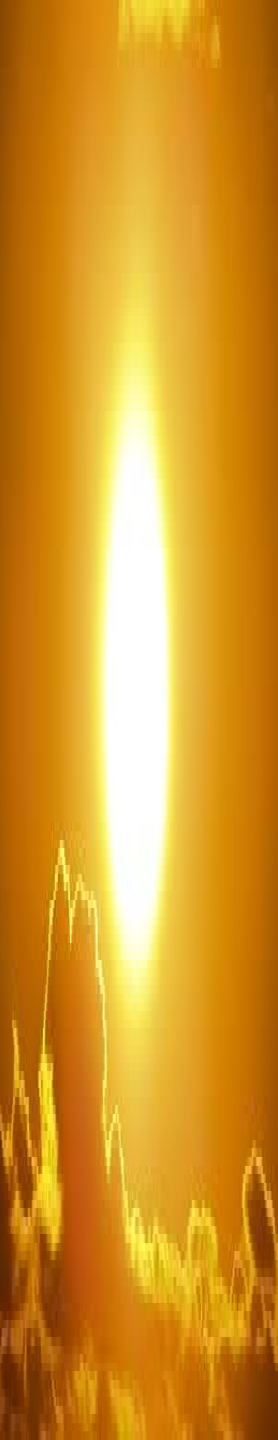
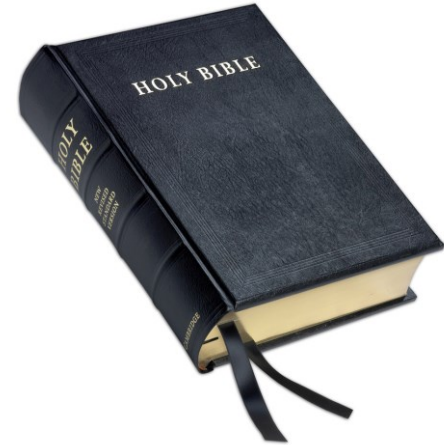


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- If God has chosen to disclose to us how everything began, we can either dismiss it, or we can embrace it, but no one else even claims to have been an eye witness.

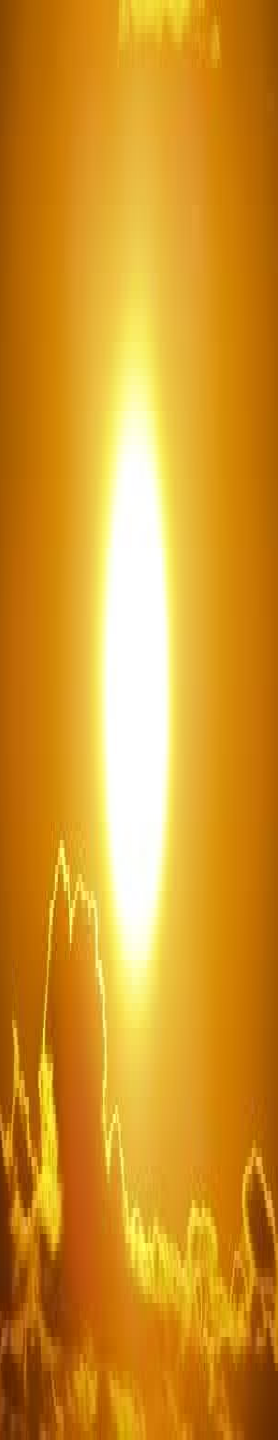
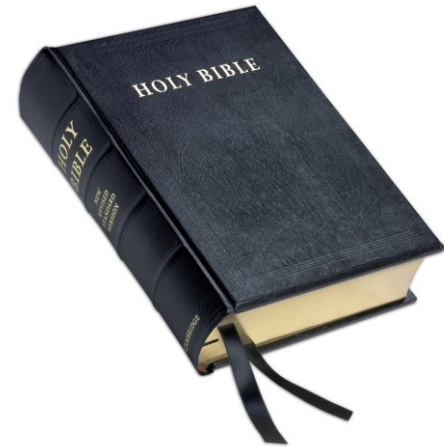


- It is a matter of faith in the Word of God, but not a blind faith because everything God said either has, or will be affirmed to be true.



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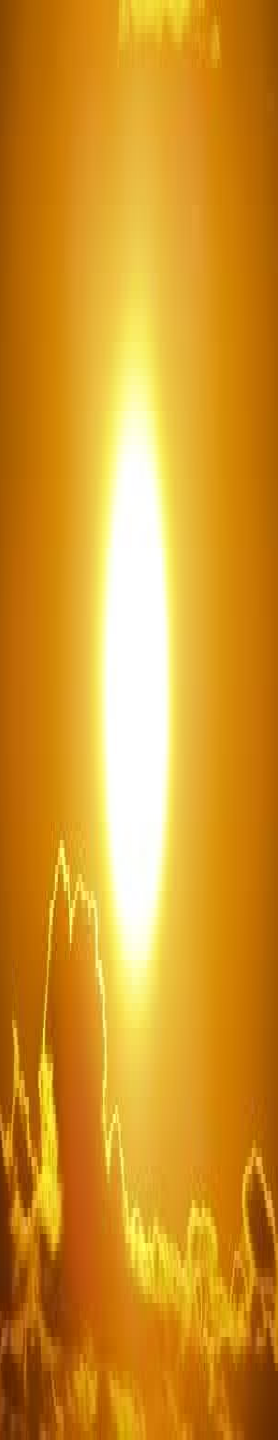
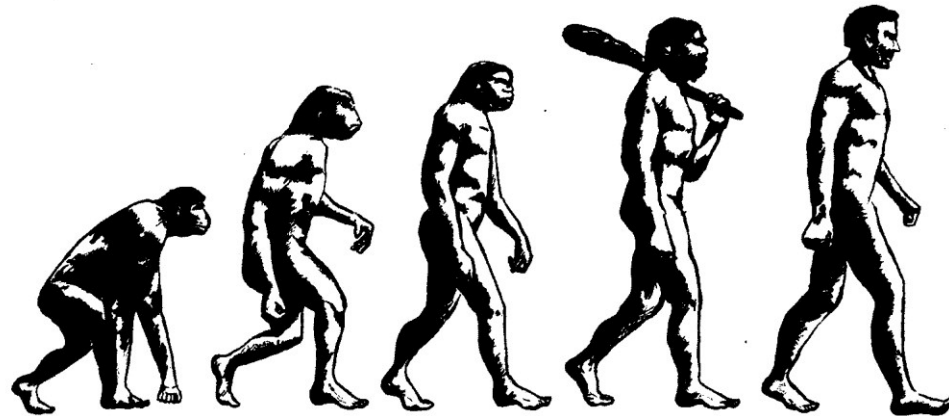
- If the Bible cannot be trusted on the first things it asserts, then why should I trust it when I come to the Gospels?
- You see if one can undermine the veracity of the creation account, then it only makes sense that the rest of the Book is suspect at best.



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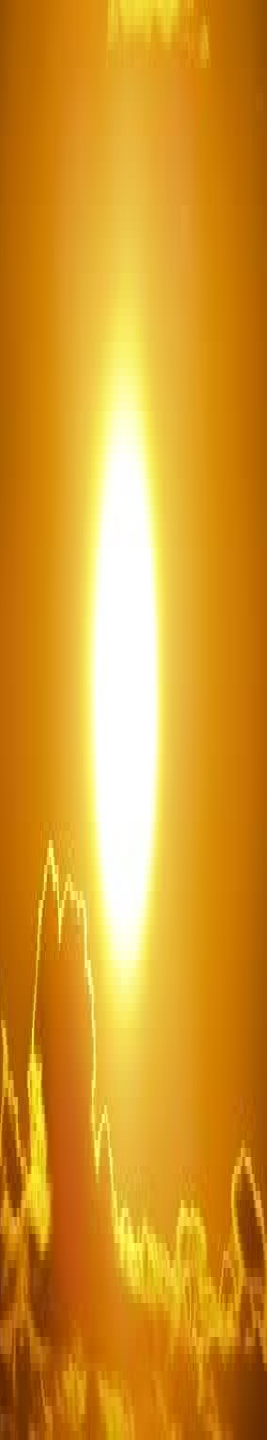
The argument of the evolutionists .....

**“nobody X nothing = everything”**



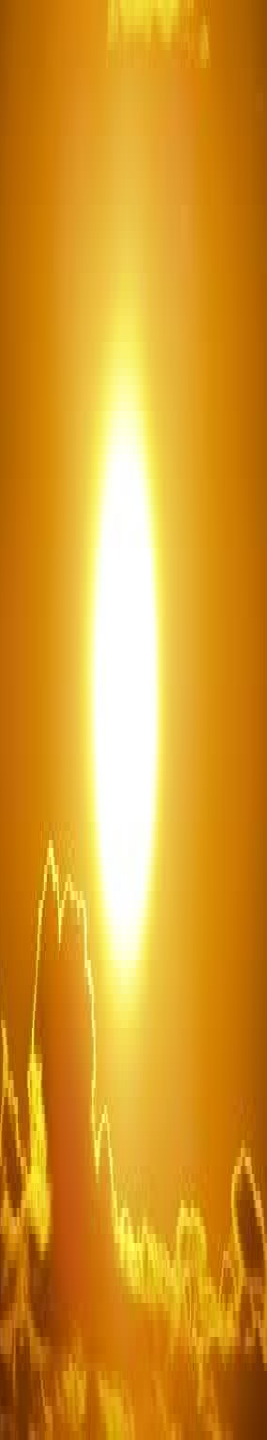
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- Evolution is impossible because of what we have learned about DNA and “mitosis”.
- Mitosis is the name used to describe how cells in all living things divide and replicate.
- In order for living things to stay alive they must constantly produce new cells that are exact copies of themselves.



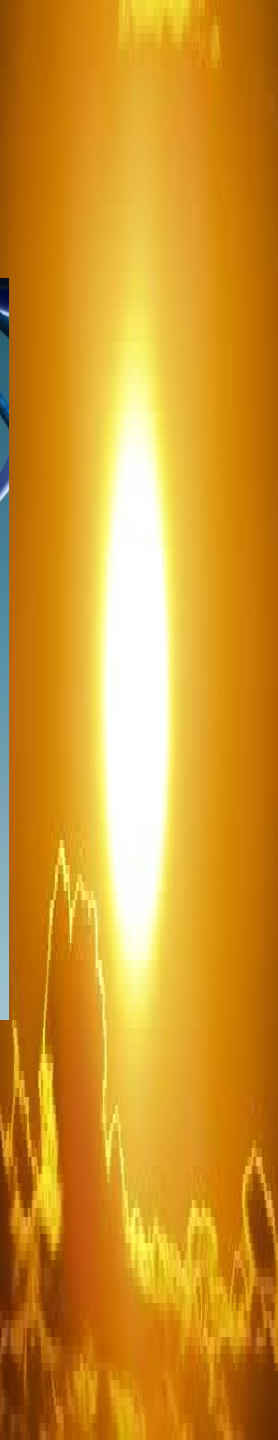
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- In short, that means that liver cells only ever produce liver cells because the “daughter” cells produced by mitosis are exact copies of the “mother” cells.
- Contained within each cell is the DNA that carries the “code” for what the cell is to do and what function it serves in the body.



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- DNA functions in machine like fashion - there is even a process within the process of mitosis that checks the accuracy of the replication before each cell divides into new cells.
- Monkey cells cannot become anything but monkey cells – it is a scientific impossibility.





A modern day fable – “science has proven evolution, therefore evolution is true”.



**Be careful of declarations that may not be true!**



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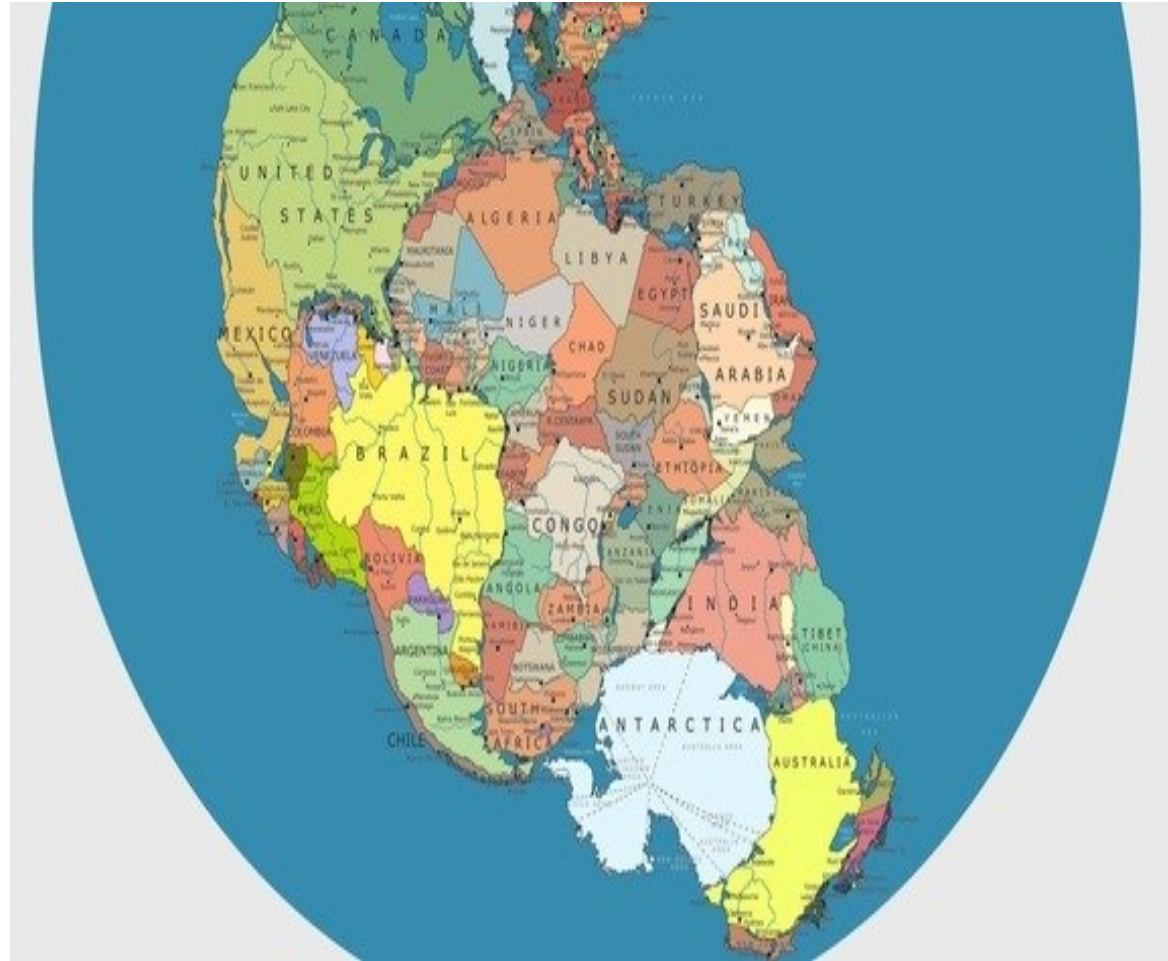


- What happened on day #2 was that God created a space for life in the midst of the waters.



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- On day #3, He will separate the waters from the dry land.
- Gen 1:9 Then God said, “Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear.” And that is what happened.



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- **Gen 1:16 He made the stars also.** – This phrase may well be the biggest understatement in all of the bible.



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- There are no credible debates as to whether the universe is expanding or not – both secular and Christian scientists agree on this.
- What staggers our minds is just how large this ever expanding universe already is. It so big that the only way to keep the numbers manageable is to use light years as our measuring stick.



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- For this example, I will use the best number we have for the speed of light today, 186,000 miles per second.
- Assume that your alarm clock went off at 6:00 a.m. today and you release a beam of light.
- When you actually get out of bed at say 6:08 a.m., the light beam has reached the sun. (not too bad, right?)



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- By the time you sit down for breakfast at 6:41 a.m. the light beam is passing Jupiter.
- About the time we are winding up our Genesis class today, roughly 11:15, our light beam is passing by Pluto.
- Next Friday afternoon, when you are leaving work, the light beam is just about to exit our solar system.



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- Now we lose track of our project and finally remember to check on the progress of our light beam 4 years from now – we find it is about to reach Proxima Centauri, the next closest star to us after the sun.
- Seven years later our light beam has just 20 stars in its rear view mirror – that would be just 20 of several hundred billion stars in the universe.
- It is now nearing the constellation Sagittarius and heading for the center of the Milky Way, our galaxy.





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- It has to travel another 32,000 years before it will reach the center of our galaxy, that's at six trillion miles a year.
- And then it still has another 50,000 years to get to the other side of the Milky Way, and when it does, it will leave behind about 100 billion stars.
- But wait, it has another 80,000 years of travel at 186,000 miles per second to reach the next closest galaxy, the Magellanic Clouds.



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- We are now more than 160,000 years into the future and our light beam still has 1.8 million years of empty space before it reaches the end of the Andromeda Galaxy, which is close enough to earth to be seen with the naked eye.
- It will take our light beam another 20 billion years of travel at 186,000 miles per second just to reach the edge of the known universe!



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- According to R.C. Sproul there are only four options for the existence of the universe.
  - Option #1, the universe is an illusion. It doesn't exist.
  - Option #2, it is self-created.
  - Option #3, is it self-existent and eternal.
  - Option #4, it was created by someone who is self-existent and eternal.



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- Now on day #5 we see a new phrase, “be fruitful and multiply”.
- All living organisms, from the fruit fly to man, have three common properties:
  - Self-sustaining
  - Self-repairing
  - Self-reproducing



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- Nearly every ancient civilization has some sort of art depicting giant reptilian creatures that look like what we would call dinosaurs.



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- There is enough fossil evidence to conclude that large creatures (dinosaurs) existed.
- Conclusions on dinosaurs – They did exist, but are not present today, so they must have become extinct.



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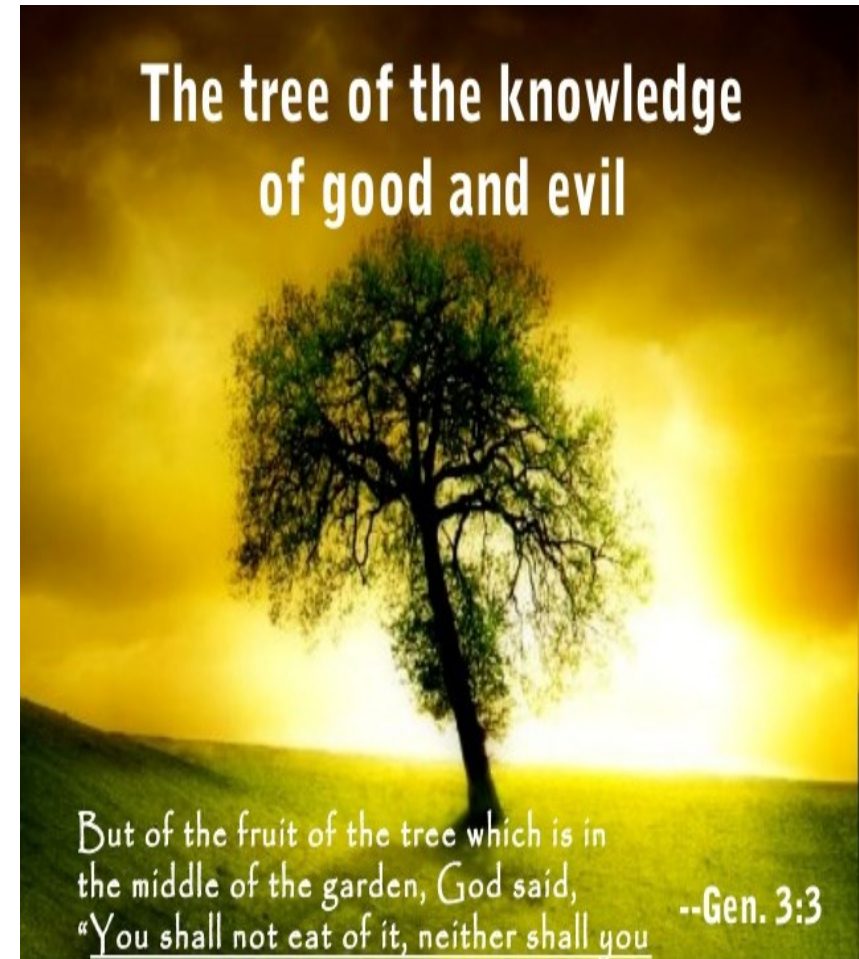


- Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He (Jesus) would be the firstborn among many brethren.
- *Mankind is unique in that we are the only part of creation made in God's image and the only part that is eternal.*



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- It is highly doubtful that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil contained any “secret sauce” so to speak that opened mankind’s eyes to sin.
- It was much more basic than that – obey God and live, or disobey God and die.





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- Evidently there is something within the plan of God based upon His wisdom that calls for Him to allow choice by His creations in order for their to be perfection in His universe.
- Only an omnipotent and omniscient God would allow His subjects to freely reject Him so that perfection could be seen and realized.



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- What does it say about the seriousness of sin when even God could not solve it by decree?
- Instead, the solution that we refer to as the cross came about with thousands of years of delay, pain, heartache, and preparation.

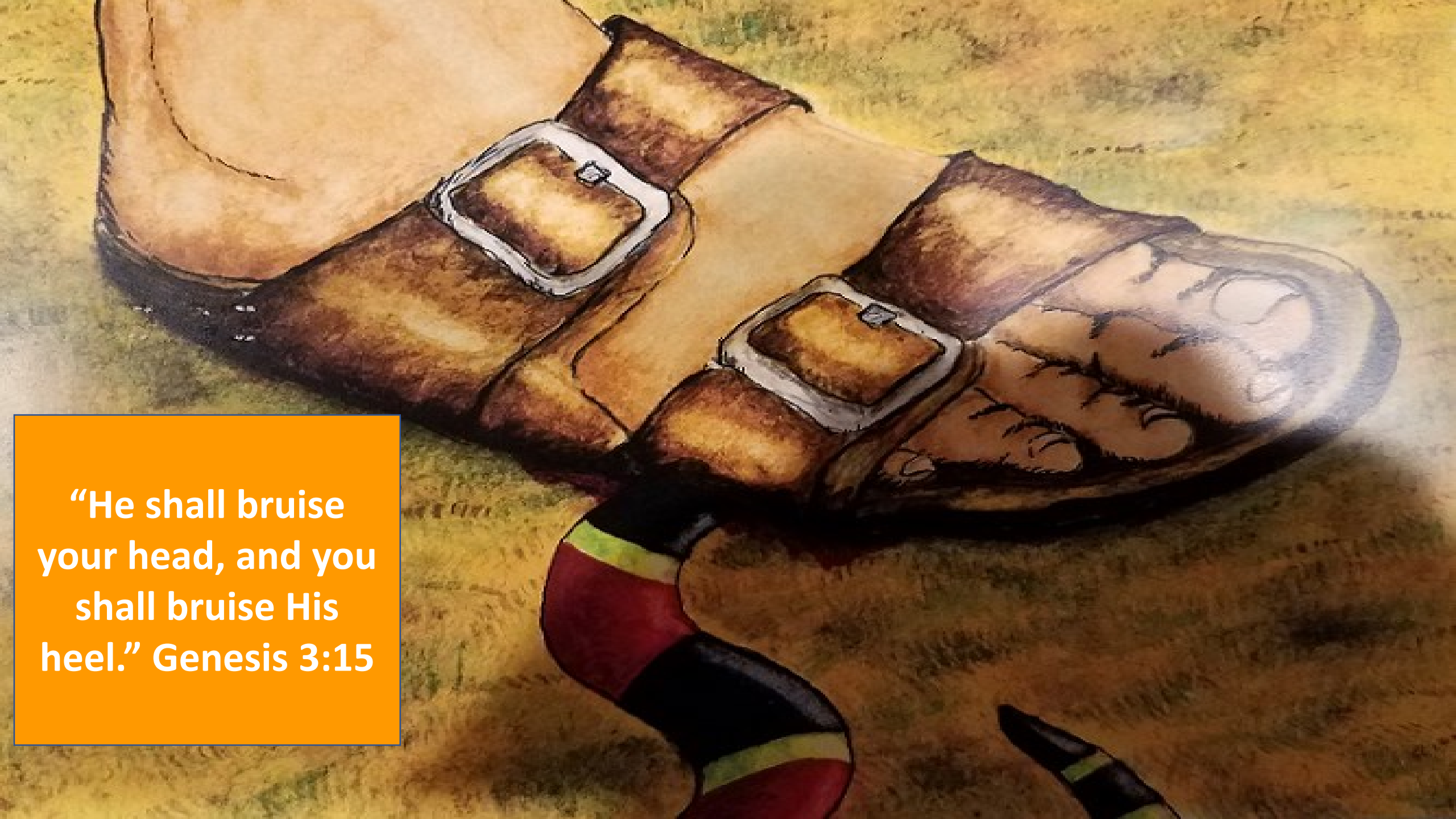


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- When you see heartache, failure, disease, crime, poverty, injustice, death and the like, I want you to remember that God never intended for any of those things to be!
- When we see sin I want us to remember the fall and that God had, and has, a world in mind for us that is different from the one we have - night and day different!

**SIN**





**“He shall bruise  
your head, and you  
shall bruise His  
heel.” Genesis 3:15**

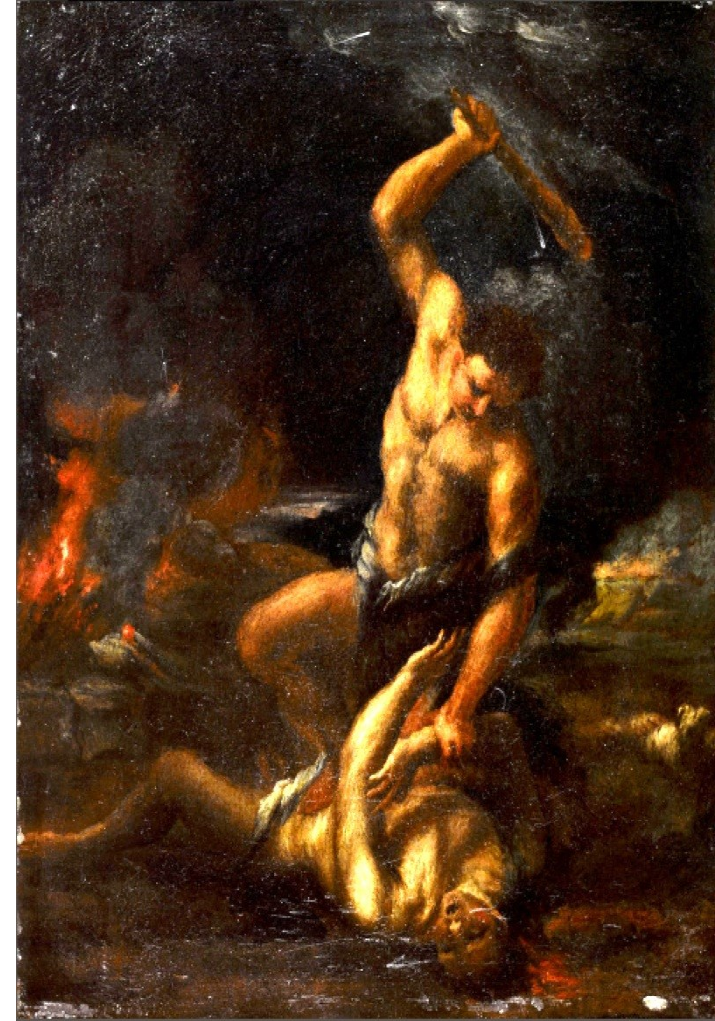
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- When Jesus died of the cross God's righteous anger was appeased, it was satisfied, and for the sinner, our guilt was extinguished.
- Some might ask you, "Why was God so angry?" and the answer is because *sin is exceedingly sinful!*



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- So when Cain is born it certainly makes sense that the first couple might expect, might even presume, that this new born Cain is the Deliverer.
- Cain was hardly any different than the one who thinks they know better how to please God than God does – Cain does what every sinner does, he brings the work of his hands.



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- Think about this – Adam lived 200 years after the birth of Methuselah. They probably knew each other.
- Methuselah lived 600 years into Noah's life – they probably knew each other.
- When Methuselah could get the word from Adam, and Noah could get the word from Methuselah, the message of salvation was unlikely to be diluted by passing through many hands.





— Genesis 8:4 —



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- God did not make a mistake in creation as some seem to think *“The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth”* seems to indicate.
- But rather He is sorry that He will have to judge mankind so harshly, and so thoroughly.

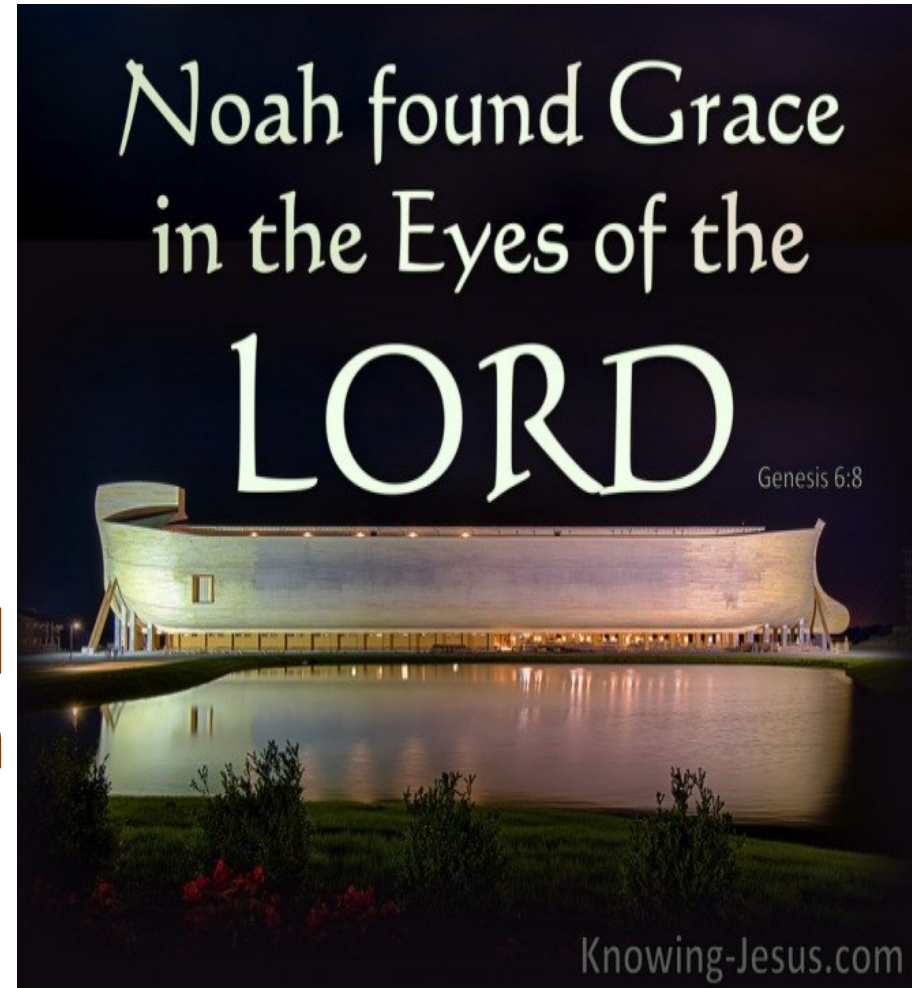
“Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked,” declares the Lord GOD, “rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?”

– Ezekiel 18:23 (NASB®)



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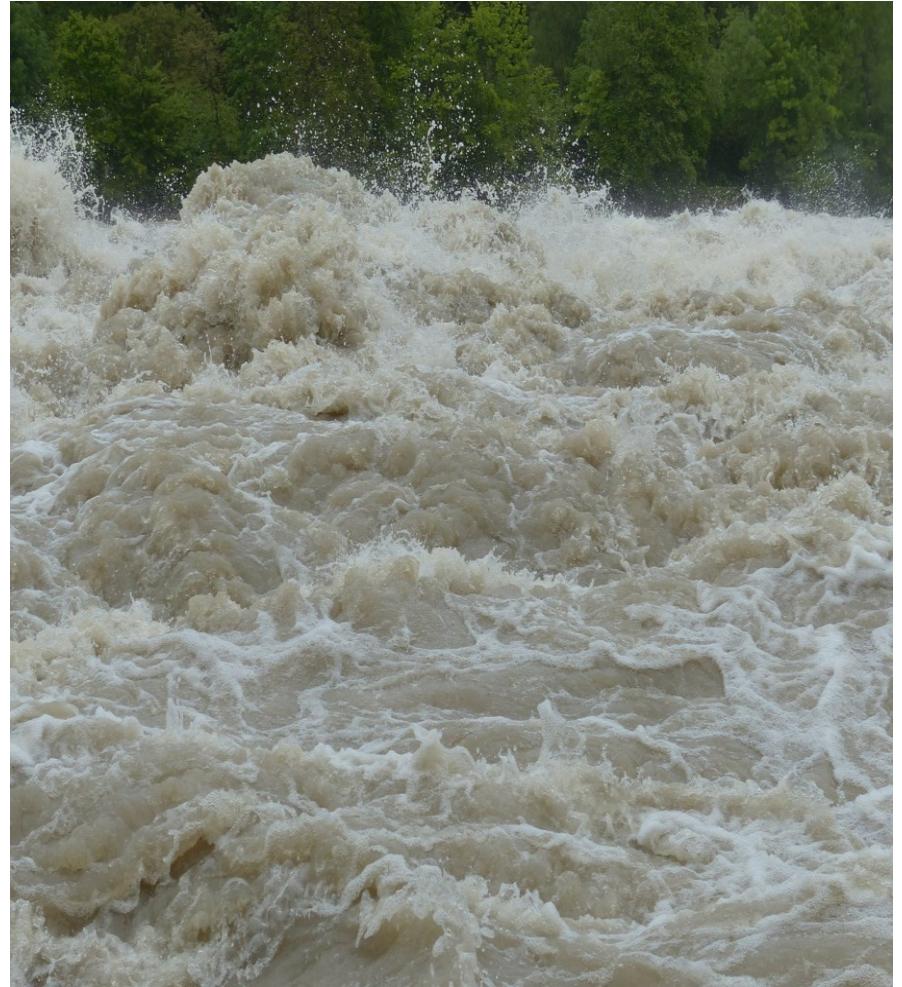
- In the midst of all that God is seeing and feeling in Genesis 6, we read this about Noah, “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.”
- Please note that we do not read that Noah was sinless as though he somehow qualified himself for God’s grace.



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- Genesis 6:17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it.  
**Everything on earth will perish.**

- Notice that God is taking credit for the coming disastrous judgment, "**I am going to bring**".



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- When we get to heaven and the Great White Throne judgment is part of history, there will be billions of souls in the Lake of Fire, and we will say “God is good all the time”.
- Some believe that even the damned in the lake of fire will agree that “God is good”.



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- It's not that we will be glad that the wicked are in hell, but we will rejoice that God is just and will not tolerate sin.
- Because if God is not just, and if God does not judge sin, then God is not good.



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- When the flood is over God will start populating the earth again, and all of the peoples of the world today came from the gene pool of Noah and his family.
- He started with just Adam and Eve and even Paul confirms as much in ***Acts 17:26 “and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth.”***



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- *“all the fountains of the great deep burst open”*
- So what we have here is a reference to subterranean reservoirs of water deep in the earth.
- *“the floodgates of the sky were opened.”*
- Floodgates? What floodgates? Remember what we read months ago when we started this study?



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- “God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so.







# Mt. Ararat

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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 exited they were in a strange and much less friendly world.





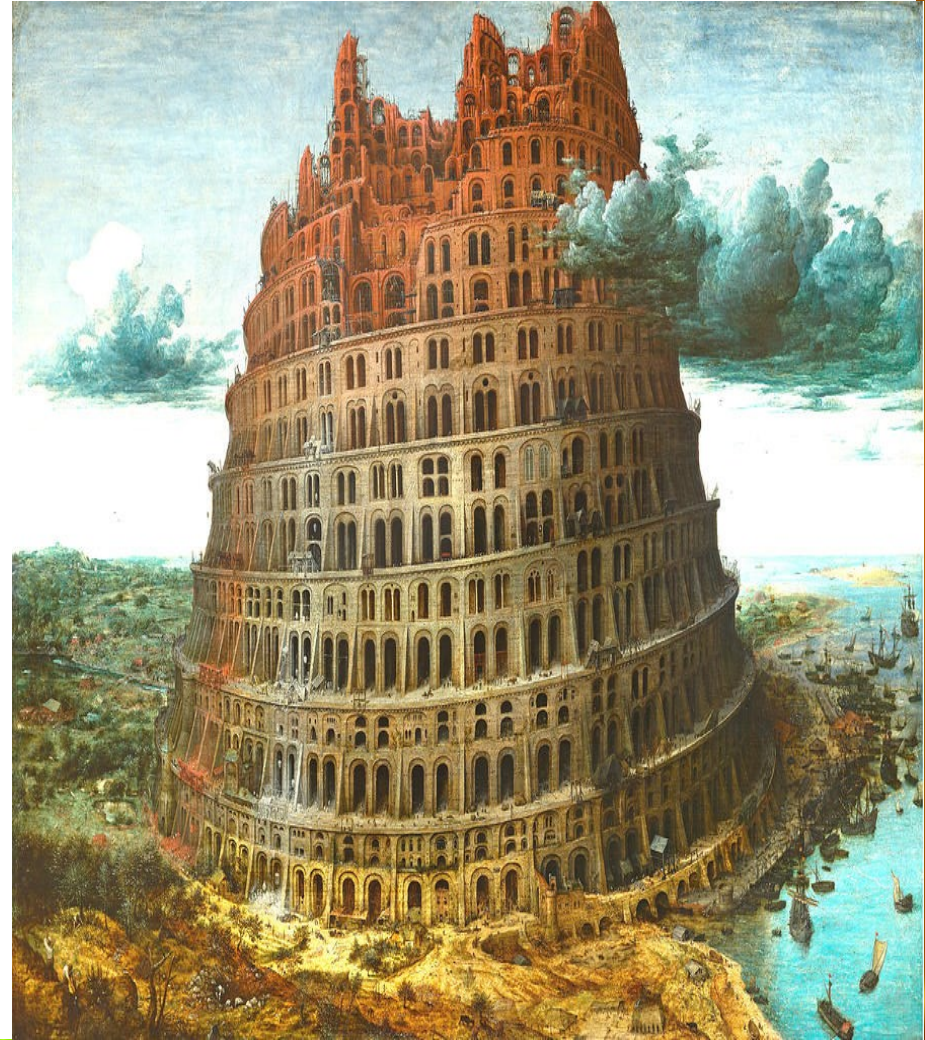
**Pre-flood**



**Post-flood**

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- Imagine that moment at Babel – the whole world is united in rebellion against God and all of sudden they could not understand each other.
- A new language - complete with a full vocabulary - in an instant - at the command of God.





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- We are not told how many languages were introduced, but it would fair to assume that God splintered the world sufficiently to weaken any remaining rebellion.
- Today, the internet is once again bringing the ability for mankind to “all speak one language”.



**You wanna guess what  
that could mean?**

