The Flood

Thousands of giant tidal waves — worldwide — wave after wave Each tsunami (we know them as today) larger than before

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Gen. 2:6: "But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. (For the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.)." A massive, world-wide, underground sprinkling system – supernatural, technological miracle added to universal fertility and climatic perfection.

Gen. 6:4: "There were giants (nephilim – Luther translates it "giants" – those who fall upon others, brigands, thugs, tyrants) in the earth in those days...mighty men which were of old, men of renown." Rehwinkel: Famous and renowned in the world. Great in the affairs of the world, great chiefs who made great names by filing the earth with violence. Not only godless in their family relations and unrestrained in their carnal lusts, but also violent and lawless. No fear of God and no respect for His law. Thoughts bent only upon evil. Every imagination of the thoughts of their heart only evil continually.

Rehwinkel: These nephilim, or giants, are in the world today. They are the men who rule this world. They hold their councils in secret. They dispose of countries and millions of human beings as so many figures on a chessboard. They confiscate property that does not belong to them and condemn millions of innocent people to a horrible death of misery and starvation. They blot out whole cities of men, women, and children, with hell-born missiles of death, but they are applauded as great men and renowned, and their portraits and statues are given a place of honor in the halls of fame in our world today. This is a blind and wicked generation, led by blind and wicked men. Such is a picture of the world today. This description most certainly fits our own generation. The world is ripening fast for its final judgment.

Gen. 7:11: "And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth...the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened."

Thousands of great and mighty earthquakes – worldwide. Thousands of great and mighty volcano eruptions – worldwide. Great masses of mankind swept away to destruction in an invasion of tremendous waves (think, tsunami).

Rehwinkel says compelling evidence proves universal volcanic and earthquake activity at the time of the Flood.

Rehwinkel: "But even that is not all. These violent earthquakes not only caused the earth to be rent, forcing it to yield up whatever streams or reservoirs of water were contained in its bowels, but earthquakes, especially when occurring near the sea or on the floor of the ocean, cause gigantic tidal waves known to have risen to heights of sixty feet or more, above the normal tide level. (Think tsunami.) The force with which these tidal waves strike irresistibly sweeps all before them."

Rehwinkel: The world before the Flood. The physical world was great and beautiful beyond our present conception. The race of man then living had increased to great numbers and had taken possession of the earth. It was a superior race in matters of this world, progressive, cultured, and enterprising; but arrogant, godless, and wicked. And because of their wickedness God wiped them away and blotted out their memory and with them even destroyed the earth and everything that was therein.

Rehwinkel: The ancients had a legend concerning a vanished continent in the Atlantic Ocean which, according to tradition, had existed somewhere in the great sea west of the "Pillars of Hercules" (Gibraltar). It was the dwelling place of the gods and a great race of people, but was suddenly and mysteriously swalled up by the ocean as a result of an earthquake. Plato tells us that Solon (great Athenian legislator [638-539 B.C.] and sage or wise-man/statesman) was the first of the Greeks to hear of this mysterious island-continent and its wonders while visiting in Egypt, where the wise men told him of its existence. Solon intended to write its history but found that he was too far advanced in years to undertake such a task. Two hundred years later, Plato (427-347 B.C.) decided to do what Solon had left undone. Plato's history of Atlantis is found in the unfinished dialog. Soundings in the Atlantic Ocean between southern Europe and America have revealed the possibility of the existence of a prehistoric continent in that area which served as a bridge between Europe, Africa, and America.

Next to Creation, Noah's Flood is the greatest event in history. Nothing comparable has happened since – nor will happen – until the final destruction of the world in the fire of Judgment Day. "Reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Pet. 3:5-7.

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"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water; Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished; But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Pet. 3:5-7.

The Flood was a prototype (an original model or pattern from which subsequent copies are made, or improved specimens developed, — an ancestral form or archetype) of the Final Judgment: "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Mat. 24:37-39.

"And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with (or, from) the earth... And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die... For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth." And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man; All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth; and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days." Gen. 6:13,17; 7:4,21-24.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." 1 Pet. 3:18-20.

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." Gen. 6:11,12.

From tiny infants to the extremely elderly and infirm – all without exception (but Noah, his wife, three sons and their three wives) – all without exception – died in the Flood.

The world before the Flood. Rehwinkel, p. 2: "Even after sin and death had come into

this world, it was still a world vastly superior to the world which now is. It was, as Luther says, 'a veritable paradise compared with the world that followed.'" Fertility of land, abundance of natural resources, and favorable climate are distinctly limited. Large areas are closed to extensive human habitation because of climatic and other conditions, as vast desert and mountain belts completely divide continents into fertile and wasteland areas. "The old world...bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly. 2 Pet. 2:5.

1656 YEARS after Creation. "The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished." 2 Pet. 3:6. Rehwinkel, p. 24-25: "It must be remembered, however, that the duration of the first world – (from Adam to the Flood) – covered a long period of time, a period much longer than any kingdom or empire in ancient or modern times had ever flourished. We have an exact chronology of this age in Genesis 5, and that chronology is confirmed by the genealogical table found in Chronicles 1 and Luke 3. According to this chronology, the Flood occurred in the year 1656 after Creation."

We may be witnessing the last of the last days: "And God saw: man's wickedness was great in the earth. All flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. I will destroy them." Gen. 6:5,11-13.

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Jarchi. Uncleanness and idolatry. Guilty of fornication and adultery, and other enormous crimes; committed openly and impudently, with no fear of God, or dread of his wrath and displeasure, and in contempt of him, his will and laws. These had corrupted the way of God, the true religion. Jewish writers: Guilty of uncleanness like beasts, incest, every one with his mother, openly, in the streets. Sanchoniatho, heathen historian: "From fifth generation before Flood, women without shame, lay with any man they met with."

Derided Noah for his piety and devotion, specially for predicting the Flood and for building the ark to save himself and family. Noah had no righteousness of his own — only in Christ: "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is faith." Heb. 11:7. "Preacher of righteousness." 2 Pet. 2:5. "Yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." Gen. 6:3.

Gen. 9:22: Gill: Berosus: Ham – with pleasure and delight – saw father's nakedness. Very wicked. "He taught men to live as before the Flood, to lie with mothers, sisters, daughters, males and brutes, and creatures of all sorts; and he actually did so himself."