



THE FLOOD PART XI-THE CONSUMMATION OF THE FLOOD : THE INCREASE OF THE WATERS;

THE BEARING UP OF THE ARK

Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. Genesis 7:17-18

The great judgement of the Flood is a lot like the Great Judgement Day to come. The first thing that takes place in both judgements is the *lifting up* of those to be saved. Noah and family were lifted up by the Ark. We will be lifted (taken) up by the Lord when He returns. No matter how high the waters rose, the ark was always above them. We will, likewise, be above all that is happening here on earth.

THE BROADENING OUT OF THE WATERS

And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. Genesis 7:19

Both judgements are universal. The flood waters rose until everything *under the whole heaven* was covered. The Tribulation will be upon the entire earth. There are those who claim the flood was not universal. Yet, in almost every civilization, past and present, there is an account of a universal flood. This could not be if it were only a local flood.

THE BLOTTING OUT OF LIFE

The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him

in the ark remained alive. And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 7:17-24

Again, you should note the parallels between the judgement of the flood and the judgement to come. First, There are not very many Scriptures which deal with the Rapture of the Church. In the account of the Flood, there are only two verses that deal with the lifting up of the Ark.

Most of the book of Revelation covers the judgement upon the earth. Most of this account (nine verses) deals with the judgement upon the earth. In both cases, the Lord gives ample evidence of what the judgement was or will be.

One might ask if the one difference between the two judgements is the element of surprise. Not so! When will the rapture come? Jesus said, "*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*"

Matthew 24:35-37

We don't know the day nor the hour when the rapture will occur but we can see the signs of His coming. It was the same with Noah. True, God said they had 120 years but God never indicated what day or hour the rains would come. There was the element of surprise in both. The saved must be ready in both cases

This is the account of the first half of the flood. Next week we will look at the second half. Then, in two weeks, having read the book, you can see the movie - on NBC Sunday night.

