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THE FLOOD
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INTRODUCTION: The Bible unfolds its great truths in diverse ways including figures, or symbols, testimonies, numerics and through type and antitype. An in depth study of great universal flood that destroyed the wicked antediluvian world will reveal amazing lessons and secrets concerning end-time events and the destruction of today's wicked world. It will be seen that the great Master Teacher —the divine Designer of Biblical symbols and types —has, through the events of the great flood, thrown amazing light upon our path, even up to the final destruction for the wicked in the lake of fire.

Objectives:

To Show:

- a. That the flood is a type of the destruction today's wicked world.
- b. That each event and time period of the flood, directly foreshadows a particular aspect and time period of the end-of-the-world destruction.
- c. The relationship between the flood and the Passover. Also, the lesson from Cain and Abel.

1. **Comparisons Between The World Then And Today**

Read: Matt. 24:37-39.

"As in the days of Noah..."

Consider Enoch's experience versus William Miller's See Jude 14 and Rev. 14:8; (Also *GC*).

Enoch prophesied of Christ's coming with His Saints (figuratively) to the sanctuary to begin the Investigative Judgment. William Miller's preaching of Daniel 8:23 concerned the same. In both cases the message was rejected. Hence, Rev. 14:8 that is, the world in 1844 (Babylon) fell in the same manner as in Enoch and Noah's time: The Message was rejected in type and antitype.

2. **Days, Events And Other Elements Concerning The Flood — The Type**

- a. Closing of the ark by God —*PP* 98.
- b. Days in the ark before rain —7 (Genesis 7:1-4)
- c. Days it rained — 40 (Genesis 7; 11 -12)
- d. Days the water remained constant — 110 (Genesis 8:3,4)
- e. Days water kept dropping — 164 (Genesis 8:13)
- f. Days for, the earth to days — 56 (Genesis 8:14)

Total number of days = 377

3. **Calculating The Periods:**

START

END

NO. OF DAYS

2 nd month – 10 th day	2 nd month – 17 th day	7 days
2 nd month – 17 th day	3 rd month – 27 th day	40 days
3 rd month – 27 th day	7 th month – 17 th day	110 days
7 th month – 17 th day	1 st month – 1 st day	164 days
1 st month – 1 st day	2 nd month – 27 th day	56 days
Total No. Of Days	377 Days	

Note: Genesis 8:3,4 and Genesis 7:11-12 prove that the antediluvian monthly calendar consisted of 30 days to a month. (5x30 = 150)

4. **The Significance Of The Many Number Of Days**

Why did God use such an elaborate time table for the flood? Why did the Bible specify the time for each event with such great detail? Why should God shut up Noah and His family with all the living creatures that went into the ark for such a very lengthy period (more than a year) When He could have done it all in much less time? Why did He cause the water to rise in 40 days, but subside in 164 days after staying at on level for 110 days?

Clearly, because God intended all these to be object lessons and types of the end of the world destruction of the wicked. Truly, most of the Old Testament prophets spoke for our time. See 3 *SM* 338.

5. **Antitypical Significance Of The Flood Events**

- a. Closing of the Ark's door – Final close of probation.
- b. The 7 days of waiting – Period between probation and the falling of the plagues.
- c. Destruction by flood – Destruction by the plagues
- d. 110 days water standing still – The Millennium + 100 yrs.
- e. Clearing the water from the earth – Fire cleaning the earth after millennium.
- f. Drying of the earth 56 days – Cooling of the earth from fire.

The rain began 40 days later – Wednesday at sunset – the rain ceased. There is a close parallel between the Passover and crucifixion.

The Israelites separated the Passover lamb 10th of 7th Month and killed it the 14th of the same month. (Ex. 12:3,6). Christ was crucified, buried and resurrected within the Passover week. The 10th day of the 1st month in which the lamb was usually separated fell on the 7th day Sabbath that year also coincided with Noah's first day of confinement. 2/10. The only difference is one is the 1st month and the Flood the 2nd month.

In the end of the 14th day Christ was taken; he died on Friday the 16th, and buried at the commencement of the 17th (Sabbath) which coincides with the beginning of the flood. He was resurrected on Sunday the 18th. His ascension 40 - days later fell on Thursday the 27th day of the 2nd month —corresponding with the end of the 40 days of rain. The day following the forty days of rain depicts in type the end of the world being followed by the departure of the saints for the earth.

(Like the type —ascension of Christ with the resurrected saints). The type thus shows that Christ would come one a Thursday. Taking a week to Heaven —*Spiritual Gifts*, Vol. 2 pg. 33 —The revelation of these things show that the time is at hand.

The separation of the Passover Lamb coincides with the separation of the righteous from the wicked in the antediluvian world. The day of Christ's burial coincides with the day of the commencement of the flood, also with the commencement of the plagues. His ascension with the saints coincides with the day after the rain ceased. The Passover is a type for the close of probation for the church (Ex. 27:35,37; 1st month), and the closing of the ark (2nd month) is a type for the close of the probation for the world. As all living things on the earth died in the flood except Satan, so in the millennium.

6. **First And Second Month**

The closing work for the church is signified by the "first" month, and the harvest for the world by the "second" month. Thus in this context Joel 2:23, the former and latter rain were to fall in the "first month. Thus a great light was to be revealed in that time —before Ezekiel 9 for the sealing of the 144,000. Joel 2:23,28 reveal the latter rain in two phases —first the rain of truth then (vs. 28) the rain of power resulting in the Loud Cry.

7. **Cain And Abel**

Their experience reveals two classes in God's church - the elder (Cain) represents the leadership (Genesis 4:7). Cain's persecuting and killing Abel foreshadowed unconsecrated leadership; through the centuries persecuting the faithful members and leading the church astray. Thus, will it be till the close of probation.

Conclusion: Let not leading men keep us out of the Ark of Safety and from being sealed. See Isaiah 2:22; *TM* 106-107. And remember, as the faithful Apostle says:

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. "1 Cor. 10:11; Heb 4:1

Interesting Quotes

The Flood: By Mrs. E. G. White.

"Everything was now ready for the closing of the ark, which could not be done by Noah from within. The scoffing multitude behold an angel descending from heaven, clothed with brightness like the lightning. He closes that massive outer door, and then takes his course upward to heaven again. Seven days were the family of Noah in the ark before the rain began to descend. During this time they were arranging for their long stay while the waters should be upon the earth. And these

were days of blasphemous merriment by the unbelieving masses. Because the prophecy of Noah was not fulfilled immediately after he entered the ark, they thought, that he was deceived, and that it was impossible for the world to be destroyed by a flood. Notwithstanding the solemn scenes which they had witnessed, the beasts leaving the mountains and forests and going into the ark, and the angel of God, clothed with brightness and terrible in majesty, descending from Heaven and closing the door, they hardened their hearts and continued to revel and sport over the signal manifestations of divine power."—*Signs of the Times*, March 6, 1879 par. 1

"For seven days after Noah and his family entered the ark, there appeared no sign of the coming storm. During this period their faith was tested. It was a time of triumph to the world without. The apparent delay confirmed them in the belief that Noah's message was a delusion, and that the Flood would never come. Notwithstanding the solemn scenes which they had witnessed—the beasts and birds entering the ark, and the angel of God closing the door—they still continued their sport and revelry, even making a jest of these signal manifestations of God's power. They gathered in crowds about the ark, deriding its inmates with a daring violence which they had never ventured upon before."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 98.3

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