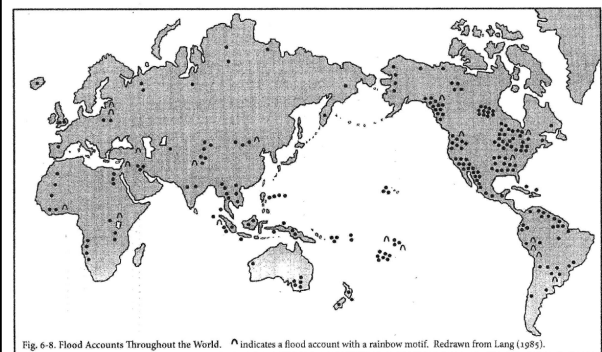


Why the flood?

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1. The flood is about reality – God acts in history

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2. The flood warns of future judgement – the second coming

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flood part of a creation – re-creation sequence

- 2 Peter 3v5-7:

“...long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and with water. By water also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgement and destruction of ungodly men.”

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Jesus and the flood

- Matthew 24v37-39:

“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.”

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3. The flood starts an era of grace – for all peoples

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Genesis 6 v 5 & 7 – sin leads to judgement

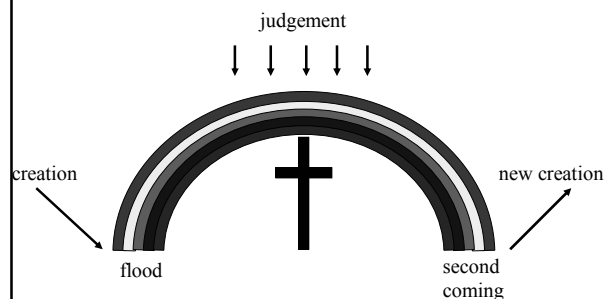
The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time...So the LORD said, “I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth...”

Genesis 8 v 21 – sin leads to grace

The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of man, for every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done...”

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The flood in the story-line of the Bible



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birth-pains of the new creation

- Matthew 24v7-8:

“Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth-pains.”

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post-flood covenant

- Genesis 9v9-10: (NRSV)

“I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendents after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as come out of the ark.”

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global flood the basis for the
global claims of the gospel

- Genesis 12v3:

“...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

- Genesis 11v9:

“From there [Babel] the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.”

- Genesis 9v19:

“From them [Noah’s sons] came the people who were scattered over the earth.”

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