

Discussion Questions

The Case of the Ancient World

1. Have you ever heard of Neanderthal Man? Had you ever considered the possibility that these men may be pre-flood human beings, with a larger brain and more muscular body? Can you imagine a world where humans lived to over 900 years of age and were able to bear children for hundreds of years? Can you imagine a world where tomato plants grow 30 feet high, and dragonflies reach 30 inches in wingspan? How does the fact that Noah and his sons built a boat the size of a modern-day naval destroyer lead us to believe that pre-flood humans possessed great knowledge and engineering capabilities?
2. Three facts about God's judgment of the ancient world were taught in Sunday's message. What do II Peter 2:5 and Genesis 6:5-11 teach about the explosion of evil that occurred in the pre-flood world? Why do you think the three sins of 1) sexual immorality, 2) extreme violence, including murder, and 3) occultic activity have a special capacity to attract demonic spirits and demonize a culture? Can you think of any Bible verses that support this contention made by Dr. Mark Bubeck in his book *The Satanic Revival*? How does the violence of Neanderthal Man fit in with what we know about pre-flood humans? How has sex, violence, and occultism infiltrated our own culture, especially our entertainment, today? Why should we especially resist these three sins?
3. What do II Peter 2:5 and Genesis 7:19-23 teach about the cosmic catastrophe that came upon the earth as a result of man's wickedness? Why do you think the idea of Noah's flood draws such ridicule today from many educated people? Why are the ancient flood traditions in so many cultures a powerful witness to the reality of a worldwide flood? What do recent movies such as *2012* and *Evan Almighty* tell us about contemporary interest in the account of Noah? What does the worldwide flood teach us about the justice and holiness of God? What do Psalm 1, Joshua 1, and Deuteronomy 6-7 teach about the rewards and blessings of walking with the Lord?
4. What do II Peter 2:5 and Genesis 6:8,9,18,22; 7:5 teach about Noah and his faithful family? What does Ezekiel 14:14,20 teach about Noah and his capacity as a righteous man to influence his family and others to follow the Lord? Why is it important that we never cease praying for our family and circle of influence to follow the Lord? What indications are there in our culture today that divine judgment may be near? In what way is the "door to the ark" still open today?