

The Case of the Ancient World

In 1856, the first fossils of what has come to be known as Neanderthal Man were unearthed. Long touted as the “missing link” between man and apes, there is an entirely different way of looking at the data. Neanderthal Man may be a direct descendant of Adam and Eve, with a larger brain than modern man. He was also more muscular, more agile, and stronger with a greater bone density.

Humans before Noah’s flood lived to an amazing lifespan of over 900 years of age. Imagine a world where it is normal to be healthy, where you go through puberty at 30 or 40, and are able to conceive and bear children for hundreds of years. Imagine being able to do heavy physical work even at 500 to 600 years of age, about the age when Noah built the ark (Genesis 7:6).

Unfortunately, this ancient world also had a very dark side.

Three Facts About God’s Judgment of the Ancient World:

1. There Was An _____ (Evil Explosion).

- a. *“If he (God) did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people...” II Peter 2:5.* The Greek word for “ungodly” is *asebia*, which refers to a complete lack of reverence or worship or fear of God. It was a world devoid of boundaries, morals, and ethics.
- b. *“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. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.” Genesis 6:5.*
- c. Dr. Mark Bubeck points out in *The Rise of Fallen Angels* that there are three sins that are like magnets in attracting demonic spirits: 1) sexual immorality; 2) murder and acts of extreme violence; and 3) occultism. Ironically, these three activities are the most common themes on movies and television today.
- d. *“Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence.” Genesis 6:11.* Research demonstrates that Neanderthal Man was extremely violent, often cannibalistic, with injuries that would compare with modern-day rodeo riders.

2. This Led to a _____ (Cosmic Catastrophe).

- a. *“If he (God) did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people...” II Peter 2:5.* The Greek word for “flood” is *kataklysmos*, the word from which we get the English word “cataclysm”. Every single person and ever land animal (except for those on the ark) were destroyed in a worldwide flood (Genesis 7:17-23).
- b. Flood traditions existed in numerous ancient cultures - in China, Laos, India, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Greece, Germany, Ireland,

Finland, and at least four Native American tribes as well as the Mayans, the Inca, the Polynesians, and the Hawaiians. Is it not logical to believe that these traditions are based on a real, historical event?

- c. Noah's flood reminds us that sin is a big deal, especially sins involving sexual immorality, violence, and occultic activity. By contrast, God promises to bless and reward those who walk with him (Deuteronomy 6-7, Joshua 1, Psalm 1).

3. There Remained One _____(Faithful Family).

- a. *"If he (God) did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness and seven others." II Peter 2:5. "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." Genesis 6:8. Out of a population of hundreds of millions, possibly more, eight people were rescued.*
- b. Noah was influential in saving his family, yet in times of great wickedness, even that may not be enough. *"As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, even if Noah, Daniel and Job were in it (Jerusalem), they could save neither son nor daughter. They would save only themselves by their righteousness." Ezekiel 14:20.*

Don't ever give up praying for your family and others within your circle of influence! Love them and reach out to them for the Lord may be merciful in using your efforts. Because of widespread immorality, violence, and occultic activity, we know judgment may be near. But take heart, as the "door to the ark" is still open! Salvation through Christ is still available to all!