

# UNIVERSAL vs LOCAL FLOOD – GENESIS 6-9

Those who espouse the local only flood use the following ideas to maintain their view. (1) Modern geology shows an improbability of a universal flood. (2) Universal statements in the text are limited to the local area in which the flood took place.



## The Extensive Language Says the Whole World was Covered. All Perished!

1

- The text never names a region that was flooded. God always calls it the “earth” (Ge.6:11-13,17; 7:6,10,12,14,17-19,21,24; 8:1,3,7,9,11,13-14,17,19,22; 9:1)
- God also uses broad language such as “the face of all the earth” (Ge.7:3-4,23; 8:8)

2

## The Construction and Populating of the Ark was an Absurdity if the Flood was Local

- It was absurd to build a big box over 120 years to float thousands of animals in a local flood.
- God could have simply told Noah to get out of the valley as he told Lot to do.

3

## After the Flood God Promised Never Again to Bring such Drowning Destruction (8:20-22)

📖 “I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done” (Ge.8:21)

📖 “Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood” (Ge.9:11)

📖 “never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh” (Ge.9:15)

- If that was a local flood then God didn't tell him the truth.
- Has there ever been another local flood? Of course. We read about them all the time, and people die in them.

4

## Genesis Traces All the People in the World Back to Noah and his Family (Ge.9-10)

- In Genesis 9-10 the Lord starts to lay out the genealogy.
- They all come out of Noah's family.

5

## When You Look at other Biblical References to the Flood, They Affirm, but Never deny, its Universality

- **Psalm 104:5-9**, The Psalmist speaks of the “foundations of the earth”; “waters stood above the mountains”; and the shorelines set to limit the water.
- **2 Peter 3:4-13**, Peter uses the reality of the past global flood judgment to refer to a future global fire judgment.