

Noah: What Really Happened

(Genesis 6-8)



- Introduction: 1. Ari Handel, co-writer of “Noah” said, “What I’d tell people is it’s very important to us that nothing we actually did directly contradicted the Genesis story. There are some places where people think we did, and I’d just say, ‘We didn’t.’ It was all grounded somewhere. It wasn’t just the Genesis story the way you expected it. But it’s grounded.”
2. Let’s see. Here’s a fair summary of the movie.
- a. In the beginning, God created evolution and eventually Adam and Eve appeared on the scene.
 - b. However, it didn’t take long for man to fall & become corrupted.
 - c. Although God showed patience, humanity’s corruption soon filled his cup of wrath, and God decided to destroy the world by water.
 - d. While there was plenty of sin depicted in the world at the time, the reason for God’s judgment was not for mankind’s moral depravity, but for what seemed to be a scorched earth environmental policy and a primitive form of industrialization that left the earth waste and barren.
 - e. In fact, Noah killed a man who had killed an animal. The man pleaded for his life, but Noah killed him in the cause of “justice.”
 - f. Since the earth was barren, God miraculously grew a gopher wood forest so that Noah would have wood to build the ark.
 - g. Laborers didn’t seem to be a problem since Noah employed giant “rock monster angels” to help him build it.
 - h. Eventually Noah entered the ark with his wife, his three sons (only one of which was married), and a stow-away, Tubal Cain.
 - i. While on the ark Noah explained to his family that their purpose in building the ark was to save the animals, but it was not God’s intent for man to survive. Thus he planned their murder-suicide pact that was to be executed once the animals were freed.
 - j. Since Noah believed the animals, and not man, were the object of God’s salvation, when he discovered that his daughter-in-law was pregnant, he vowed to kill her babies.
 - k. Eventually, because Noah couldn’t go through with the murder of his grandchildren, he is convinced that not all mankind was wicked and that the human race didn’t need to become extinct, and the movie ends.
3. Back to what Handel said, “Everything was grounded somewhere.” It’s just a shame that it wasn’t grounded in the Bible!
4. It is not my aim to retell the familiar story of Noah and the ark, but to share with you some important truths from this biblical account.