

NOAH SAILOR SAVIOR

The FLOOD attested or described <u>elsewhere</u> in the Bible.

Isaiah 54 – God's oath not to cover the earth with water.

Matthew 24 (Jesus) – Noah, flood, and ark 11Peter 3 – world destroyed by the deluge of water.

1 Peter 3 – Noah and family saved through water.

Hebrews 11 – Noah saved by obeying what God told him to do.

Many mysteries... for those who believe the Bible and those who do not!

* It is impossible to believe God's inspiration of Scripture while denying "the flood."

PURPOSE

Annihilation of <u>spiritual corruption</u>, which had thoroughly saturated human life.

DURATION

One year (*round figure)

PROVISION

Seed stock to start it all over again.

(Assumption: marine life survived unaffected.)

PROMISE

"Never again!" (true)

The next (true) savior of mankind would defeat the power of sin so that SINS could be forgiven rather than SINNERS being annihilated.

THEOLOGY

- God's power and freedom over his <u>entire</u> <u>creation</u>.
- God's deadly anger/judgment toward <u>defiance</u> and <u>wickedness</u>
- God's GRACE available... though it may manifest itself in <u>unexpected ways</u>.

Hebrew – Noah > warning/flood/boat/family (never lost)

Sumerian – Ziusudra > deluge/great boat (tablet from Nippur)

Akkadian – Atrahasis > warning/deluge/family/boat/animals (Ugarit)

Babylonian - > Utnapishtim drown humanity/boat/family (Epic of Gilgamesh) (Nineveh)
*boat > Mt. Nisir (Iran)...
release of swallow/dove/raven

Koran – Noah > 4 sons... one refused to enter the ark

LIFE LESSON

- Evil manifests itself in our culture like a comprehensive, overwhelming flood.
- We can never <u>survive</u> simply by <u>swimming</u> in it.
- Our only hope is the <u>secure solution</u> (ark!)
 of Jesus Christ.