

Aim: The people before the flood were destroyed because they were so wicked; the people of Sodom were too. Archaeologists have also found abandoned cities in the mountains, desert and sea

Do you remember why God sent the flood? Read Genesis 6:5

What sort of things does Satan want people to do? (List as many as possible including: stealing, bullying, killing etc.) The earth must have been a pretty horrible place to live in.

Then after the flood, God told the people to spread out and fill the earth, but a large group of them decided to build a great city instead, with a tower reaching towards the sky. The Bible doesn't say a lot about the tower of Babel, but it's obvious that the people were not obeying God, and since God had to confuse their language to split them up, it's likely that they people were doing evil things. Do you have kids in your class who get in trouble when they sit together, but when the teacher slips them up they are better? That's what God did.

Now we see that the city of Sodom had become a great and wicked city. So wicked, that they welcomed strangers by attacking them! It reminds me of the flood when "everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil" and when Noah was the only one who remembered God. In this case Lot was the only one in the city who remembered God. Remember God told Abraham that if there were only 10 righteous people in the city that He would save it.

Read Genesis 20:24 to see what the Bible says happened (fire and brimstone rained down)
Read Genesis 20:28 to see what Abraham saw (smoke arose as if from a furnace)

We don't know if God just commanded fire and brimstone to rain down on the valley or if He used a natural disaster. (Brimstone is sulphur, a rock which is very flammable.) Some people think a meteor fell to earth and landed in the valley, causing a big explosion; other people think it might have been oil from underground which caught fire, or it might have been caused by a volcano. Whatever the cause, the wicked people of Sodom received the payment for their sins – death; and it stopped them from hurting anyone else on earth.

We've been talking this term about the difference between what evolutionists believe and what the Bible teaches. Remember that Evolution says that animals came first and then changed into humans; that the first humans were dumb cave-men? But the Bible teaches that God created humans smart, but sin corrupted the world. Because of sin and the flood, people didn't live as long, and after the split at Babel, each group had to get by as best they could, the groups that had skilled teachers, architects, builders, metal workers and potters etc, built cities, while other groups lived in tents or caves.

I want to show you a YouTube video which shows some of the ancient ruins which evolutionists can't explain. But archaeologist who believe in the Bible, say that these ancient cities were built by some of the people soon after the flood, by architects and builders who were probably taught by Shem, Ham or Japheth – things that they remembered from before the flood. You'll notice that at least some of the people in this video don't believe in the Bible.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzXldxXi5K0>

The more I learn about ancient ruins, the amazing rock formations found around the world, and how things like coal are formed, the more I see how the what the Bible tells about the flood can explain it all; especially the things like the Grand Canyon that archaeologist say had to form slowly over millions of years, or the ancient cities which some evolutionists think must have been built by aliens. When I look at the amazing things that man makes today, I look forward to heaven, when we'll be so much smarter, and we won't be affected or slowed down by sin. I think the things we'll be able to do then will be so amazing we can't even imagine them yet.

God gave Daniel had many visions about the future. **Read what he wrote about the end time of the world Daniel 12:4** That certainly seems describe what is happening today; scientists are always discovering new technology to do more and more amazing things.

Now read what Jesus says in Matthew 24:37

The closer we get to the end of the world, the more wicked it will become. Do you want to be like Noah and his family who listened to God? Now is a good time to start spending time with God every day, He loves you very much – that's why He sent Jesus to die for you.