

Genesis – Universal Reach of the Flood

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Point	Statement/Evidence	Ref.
1	A local flood would make the building of the ark unnecessary, because Noah and the animals could have gone to higher ground.	
2	The very large size of the ark would be unnecessary if the flood were local.	
3	Since animals were universal, if not men, the gathering of the animals would not have been necessary if this were only a local flood.	
4	The use of universal language in the relevant passages indicates the physical world was covered; all physical life was destroyed.	Gen. 7:19 and 7:22
5	<p>The long time the people and animals spent in the ark requires a universal Flood to account for the need; a local flood would not have taken all this time to recede.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The earth was totally covered by water for 150 days. ▪ It took about 75 days of decreasing water before the tops of the mountains could be seen. ▪ The flood waters disappeared only after 317 days, and the earth was dry only after 375 days. ▪ While the Flood prevailed for 150 days, it took 225 more days for the earth to dry up. ▪ All this requires a universal, not a local flood. 	<p>Gen. 7:24 Gen. 8:3–5 Gen. 8:13–14 with 7:11</p>
6	The Flood covered all the high mountains by 22 feet, which could only happen with a universal Flood.	
7	The purpose of the Flood was to judge the entire world population, both animal and man, which again would require a universal Flood to accomplish.	Gen. 6:5–7 and 6:11–13
8	God promised He would bring no more Flood upon the earth; if this was a local flood, then God has broken His promise many times since there have been many local floods. However, if this promise was universal, God has kept His promise.	Gen. 8:21–22 and 9:11–15
9	All present humanity is said to have originated from the three sons of Noah, which would not be the case if this Flood had been merely local.	Gen. 9:18–19 and 10:32
10	<p>All the biblical references to the Flood outside of Genesis presuppose a universal Flood.</p> <p>The II Peter 3:5–6 passage makes a comparison with creation and the final destruction of the world, which is also universal.</p>	<p>Job 22:15–16 Ps. 104:5–9 Isa. 54:9 Matt. 24:39 Luke 17:27 Heb. 11:7 I Pet. 3:20 II Pet. 2:5 and 3:5–6</p>
11	The universal Noahic Flood has parallels in over 40 other cultures that did not have the Bible.	