

Water in Biblical History

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BIG SANDY, Texas—For the past three articles in the "Among Friends" section of our website, I have written about the subject that I covered on the previous Wednesday-night Bible study.

Since I didn't give last Wednesday's Bible study, I decided to write an article about an adjacent topic, even though the subject was not directly listed in 1 Kings 19:11-12.

In 1 Kings 19:11-12, we read about four methods in which the Lord can communicate to His people on the earth. (We realize that He is not limited to these four methods.)

- Strong wind
- Earthquake
- Fire
- Still small voice

Today we will focus on the adjacent subject of water.

Water for creating

Genesis 1:2—"The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."

Genesis 1:6-7—"Then God said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.' Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so."

Genesis 1:9-10—"Then God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear'; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good."

Psalms 24:1-2—"The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters."

Water for destruction

Genesis 6:17—"And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die."

Genesis 7:4—"For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made."

Genesis 7:19-20—"And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered."

Genesis 7:24—"And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days."

Genesis 9:11—"Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

Mentioned in New Testament

2 Peter 2:5—" [He] did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly."

2 Peter 3:5-6—"For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water."

God challenged Job

Job 38:4—"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?"

Job 38:25-30—"Who has divided a channel for the overflowing water, or a path for the thunderbolt, to cause it to rain on a land where there is no one, a wilderness in which there is no man; to satisfy the desolate waste, and cause to spring forth the growth of tender grass? Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew? From whose womb comes the ice? And the frost of heaven, who gives it birth? The waters harden like stone, and the surface of the deep is frozen."