

The Ark and the Darkness

One of the most well-known Genesis accounts is that of Noah and the Flood. But did it really happen? Did it really happen the way it's laid out in Scripture? Over the years, many have questioned the feasibility of a global flood and the deliverance of Noah and family as recorded in Genesis 6-9. In an effort to defend the biblical account, the non-profit ministry Genesis Apologetics (genesisapologetics.com) has produced the documentary/movie *The Ark and the Darkness*. The movie was shown in select theaters around the country on March 20 and 21. Due to demand, the movie was given an encore showing on April 1st. It is now available on DVD and select streaming services.

Is this a helpful and useful presentation? We would say that it most definitely is. *The Ark and the Darkness* gives a good apologetic presentation. In defending the Global Flood record, 10 scholars discuss flood geology, the formation of the deep-sea trenches, and how other evidence (fossil and otherwise) supports the biblical flood account. The movie also defends (though to a lesser extent) the Creation and the Tower of Babel accounts, as recorded in Genesis. In all cases, good apologetic arguments are given that help in our defense of Scripture.

As with any ecumenical Christian presentations, we want to use discretion and be mindful of teachings we cannot agree with. Regarding the apologetic presentation, there are no areas of concern. However, towards the end of the documentary, there were a couple eschatological points regarding Zionism and the Antichrist that raise concerns. Attendees should be mindful of these and are advised to ask your ELS/WELS pastor if you have questions. But for those looking for physical evidence and logical support for the Flood, the movie is a wonderful resource!

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