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**1-19-2022                      The Flood**

In the Flood in Noah's day:

The waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. (**Genesis 7:19**)

And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. (**Genesis 7:21**)

Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive (**Genesis 7:23**). With the 8 human souls in the ark, there was:

Every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort. (**Genesis 7:14**)

The Flood's immense pressure formed diamonds and coal, and the run-off left scars like the Grand Canyon. Every culture since has referred to "the flood."

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**1-20-2022                      Understanding God**

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse. (**Romans 1:20**)

God is not in the Creation, but His handwork clearly shows that He has left His imprint all over the place! "Understood" literally means, "using your intelligence!" The evidence is in the Creation, but we must draw the conclusion! David said:

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. (**Psalms 19:1**)

[Paul declared:] God, who made the world and everything in it. (**Acts 17:24**)

Jeremiah spoke as we should when he said:

Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the LORD; Let us lift our hearts and hands To God in heaven. (**Lamentations 3:40-41**)

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**1-21-2022      Uprooting Slavery Roots**

The fourth commandment of the Law of Moses said:

And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. (**Deuteronomy 5:15**)

Though slavery to the Egyptians was in their past, God never told His people to hate, loathe and despise the Egyptians. Rather, He gave Israelites a day of rest that they were not able to have in Egypt. They were to remember their blessing after their slavery. Contrast that with today's wallowing in slavery of the past as though it were still happening! "Roots" of past slavery should be uprooted, and people should be taught to appreciate where they are now.

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