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Noah's Flood was not world wide

The Bible does not teach that all people on Earth come from Noah and his family. Also, God's Word never did suggest that Noah traveled to all the continents, even the Arctic and the Antarctic, to collect all the animals of the entire planetary globe for saving them in the Ark. The incident of Noah's Flood took place in a local area, quite large as we can assess from the account of it, but the Flood did not involve the entire global mass of planet Earth.

Many Bibles are translated to give the reader the impression that The Flood was world wide and that God drowned all living creatures on Earth except for Noah and his family. This incorrect and non Scriptural viewpoint is then carried into a modern political statement in claiming that (supposedly) everybody comes from Noah and his family so all the different races have a common origin making all of Earth's inhabitants “brothers and sisters”. That position will not be found in God's Word.

As we read the story about Noah's Flood in the King James Version it tells us:

“And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.” (Genesis 7:12)

“And all flesh died that moved upon the earth--” (Genesis 7:21)

“And the waters prevailed upon the earth and hundred and fifty days.” (Genesis 7:24)

However, in the Hebrew Old Testament text, the word for “earth” in these verses is “eh-rets” and it has several meanings including “that land, a country, the Earth at large”. But the Hebrew word which does mean the Earth as a whole world globe is “tay-bale” and it is not used in the Scripture verses' account of The Flood.

Historically it can be noted that the ancient Chinese population which lived through The Flood had made records of it. The Shu-King writings of the reign of King Yao at a time beginning about the date of Noah's Flood tell of how that flood overflowed the Hwang Ho River for three generations. Such records of the Flood could not have been written if “all people” died in it. The flood took place in “that land” (eh-rets) where Noah lived, and it covered that one large area. Additionally, a correct reading of the intended Hebrew Bible verses inform us that after the Flood the sons of Noah traveled to and settled in regions already populated and thriving during and after that Deluge. “World communal” Bible renditions have misinterpreted the verses concerning this part of the story, but the Ferrar Fenton Bible 1903 explains that Noah's immediate offspring went to regions well populated after The Flood had taken place and that Noah's family lived among the heathen nations. *“These are the sons of Shem, by their tribes and by their languages, in their countries among the heathen.” (Genesis 10:31 Ferrar Fenton)* Those “heathen” did not die in The Flood because it wasn't world wide.

All people today do not descend from Noah.

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