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The corruption which was in the world before the great Flood may have **extended** to the animal kingdom as well. Not only does the text say that *all* flesh was corrupted, but God decided to destroy both mankind and the entire animal kingdom.

- **Genesis 6:12:** "And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth."

It seems Abraham had a habit of sparing no expense when strangers came to see him. This even went to the **extent** of preparing a calf for those who happened to come by.

- **Genesis 18:2-4, 7:** "And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: ...And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a woman menstruated beyond seven days, the time of separation would be **extended** for as long as it continued.

- **Leviticus 15:25:** "And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she shall be unclean."

The five spies from the tribe of Dan believed in God (at least to some **extent**).

- **Judges 18:2, 5:** "And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there. ... And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous."

Even though David treated Saul graciously in spite of all the evil that Saul had done, he refused to **extend** that same grace to Nabal. (When Nabal insulted him, David decided to kill both him *and everyone in his entire household*.)

- **1 Samuel 25:10, 21-22:** "And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master. ... Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good. So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall."

God told Solomon that if he walked in His ways and kept His commandments then He would **extend** Solomon's life. (However, Solomon didn't do that.)

- **1 Kings 3:14:** "And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days."

When Hezekiah was going to die, he begged God to save him. The Lord granted his prayer and **extended** his life.

- **2 Kings 20:5-6:** "Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake."
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Because Hezekiah prayed, God **extended** his life by 15 years. However, Hezekiah's son Manasseh was born during that time. Manasseh was such a wicked king that God decided to destroy Jerusalem and exile the Jews. The Lord specifically said He was doing it *because of the innocent blood that Manasseh shed*. But Manasseh would never have been born if Hezekiah had died of his illness. That means extending Hezekiah's life doomed both Judah and Jerusalem.

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- **2 Kings 20:21:** "And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead."
- **2 Kings 21:1:** "Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah."
- **2 Kings 21:11-13:** "Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down."
- **2 Kings 24:3-4:** "Surely at the commandment of the Lord came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the Lord would not pardon."

There are times when God answers people's prayers by **extending** their life.

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Manasseh was born during the 15 extra years of life that God gave to Hezekiah when he begged God to heal him. Josiah was Manasseh's grandson. However, during the reign of Jeroboam (hundreds of years earlier) Josiah was called out *by name* as the person who would burn bones on the altar at Bethel. This means it was always God's plan to **extend** Hezekiah's life so that Josiah could be born and His word fulfilled.

- **1 Kings 13:2:** "And he cried against the altar in the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the Lord; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee."
- **2 Kings 20:21:** "And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead."
- **2 Kings 21:18:** "And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead."
- **2 Kings 21:25-26:** "Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead."
- **2 Kings 23:16:** "And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and

took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words."

The fame of Uzziah reached the border of Egypt. (This may be referring to the **extent** of his territory.)

- **2 Chronicles 26:8:** "And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly."

God **extended** His mercy to the Jews (by allowing them to return to Jerusalem and begin building the second temple).

- **Ezra 9:9:** "For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem."

Esther wanted the king's decree (that the Jews could protect themselves) to be **extended** another day, so that more enemies of the Jews could be defeated.

- **Esther 9:13:** "Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan to do to morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows."

There are times when God **extends** His favor to us.

- **Psalm 30:7:** "LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled."

David said that God would **extend** the life of the king to many generations. (This seems to be a Messianic reference.)

- **Psalm 61:6:** "Thou wilt prolong the king's life: and his years as many generations."

The psalmist didn't want God's anger against the Jews to **extend** to all generations.

- **Psalm 85:5:** "Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?"

David prayed that no one would **extend** mercy to those who repaid his love for evil. (Keep in mind that Saul's allies helped him murder many people.)

- **Psalm 109:12:** "Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children."

Wisdom **extends** a person's life.

- **Proverbs 4:10:** "Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many."

Fearing the Lord **extends** a person's life.

- **Proverbs 10:27:** "The fear of the LORD prolongeth days:

but the years of the wicked shall be shortened."

The hope of the righteous **extends** beyond death.

- **Proverbs 14:32:** "The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death."

Sometimes wickedness can **extend** people's life. (Those who deny Christ may escape being martyred, but the consequence is eternal damnation. In that circumstance it's better to be righteous and die than to be wicked and cast into Hell.)

- **Ecclesiastes 7:15:** "All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongeth his life in his wickedness."

One day God will **extend** peace to Jerusalem. (This seems to be talking about the millennium.)

- **Isaiah 66:10, 12:** "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: ... For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees."

When God spoke against Moab, He said that Moab's plants had gone over the sea. (This may be a reference to the Dead Sea, and to the **extent** of the reach of the nation of Moab.)

- **Jeremiah 48:31-32:** "Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I

will cry out for all Moab; mine heart shall mourn for the men of Kirheres. O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage."

The territory of Tyrus **extended** into the sea.

- **Ezekiel 27:4:** "Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty."

A fierce king (the antichrist) will arise in the end times once transgressors reach their full **extent**.

- **Daniel 8:23:** "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up."

The wickedness of Nineveh reached such an **extent** that God sent Jonah to that city to prophesy against it.

- **Jonah 1:1-2:** "Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me."

There may be an **extended** period of time when there are no righteous people left in the entire world, and when everyone is depraved and evil and violent. (This could take place after the rapture, which will remove every single righteous person from the planet, *including the righteous dead*. Not a single one

will remain.)

- **Micah 7:2-3:** "The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up."

The Lord said that Nineveh's messengers would be cut off. The city would no longer be able to **extend** its power all over the world.

- **Nahum 2:13:** "Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard."

Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to such an **extent** that not only did it feed 5,000 people, but the leftover fragments filled twelve baskets.

- **Luke 9:14-17:** "For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. And they did so, and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude. And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets."

The question the Sadducees asked about the resurrection assumed that marriage **extends** after death. This is in spite of the fact the Mosaic Law clearly stated that marriage ends at death, and after one of the spouses dies the other is free to marry someone else. This means their question was foolish and rooted in ignorance of the Law. (It should be very obvious that after your spouse dies, *you're no longer married to them*. They asked a dumb question.)

- **Luke 20:33:** "Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife."

God was with Paul to such an **extent** that He worked through him to perform special miracles.

- **Acts 19:11-12:** "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them."

It's God's will for us to submit to the government (to the **extent** that such submission doesn't lead to sin).

- **Romans 13:1-2, 5:** "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. ... Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake."

God controls to what **extent** we're tempted.

- **1 Corinthians 10:13:** "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

The relationship between Christ and the church hasn't reached its fullest **extent**. The New Testament refers to the church as the bride of Christ, not the wife of Christ. (This is different from Israel in the Old Testament, which was called the wife of Jehovah.) The marriage is still to come (and according to the book of Revelation, it will take place in Heaven near the end of the tribulation).

- **2 Corinthians 11:2:** "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

It takes effort to learn the Scriptures to such an **extent** that we know how to correctly interpret them. (In other words, we have to study them to reach that level.)

- **2 Timothy 2:15:** "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."