

Making Sense of the Bible – Chapters 20 & 21

1. Do you struggle with the idea that humans evolved/developed over time (2,000,000 years). Why or why not?
2. Look at one of the following webpages. What is one way the Young Earth Creationists view the fossil record?
 - <https://www.compellingtruth.org/fossil-record.html>
 - <https://www.gotquestions.org/fossil-record.html>
3. When does Hamilton say modern humans had developed? What is one thing that distinguished this group from earlier hominids?
4. What does Hamilton say accounted for the development of modern humans? Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. What is one question that has been asked by those who have studied/heard/read the account of Noah in Genesis 6-9?
6. If the story of Noah is historically true exactly as written in Genesis, does it align with how you understand God? Why or why not?

7. Hamilton compares God's reaction to human violence to the comments of Susan Klebold (whose son was one of the Columbine High School shooters). How are these reactions similar?

8. Hamilton argues that the story of Noah and the flood is anchored in history. What is one example he uses to support this conclusion?

9. Hamilton suggests "that the point of Noah's story was not to teach history, or geology, but to teach us about God and God's will for our lives." What do you think it teaches about God and/or God's will for our lives?

10. How might God's concern for the animals relate to current environmental issues of today?