

Evidence of the Great Flood

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As presented in the previous lessons of the series, Evolution is more of a philosophy, a theory, a worldview and a religion more than the science that it is made out to be. With that in mind, there is an event in the Bible that must be ignored in order to accept the premise of Evolution as the world knows it. That event is The Great Flood of Genesis 6-9. We are told in 2 Peter 3:3-6 (KJV) that “*in the last days scoffers*” would be “*willingly ignorant of*” the fact that the earth was “*overflowed with water*” during the event of the Great Flood. Peter predicted that there would come a time in the future that certain people hostile to God would openly question the historical account of the Great Flood. That time is long since come and been entrenched in our society, for the mere mention of it to an Evolutionist is repulsive.

The fact that Peter brought this up seems to indicate that the teaching of a Great Flood account was the accepted world norm, something that can be proven. Did you know that nearly all ancient people throughout the world taught that there was a Great Flood? When the people were scattered out from Babel in Genesis 11:7-8, they took with them the haunting memories of the Great Flood.

In a survey of ancient Flood literature and legends, Bryon Nelson discussed in *The Deluge Story in Stone* (1968) that this was a common legend among the ancients. Of the forty-one different tribal and national groups throughout the world, every single group had a legend of destruction by a Great Flood. The following were some of the common elements of the flood that existed among the groups.

- Some humans were saved-38 times.
- A boat saved them-36 times.
- One family was especially favored for protection-15 times.
- The flood was caused by man's transgressions-14 times.
- The flood came as a result of a divine decree-10 times.
- Birds were sent out first-9 times.
- Animals were saved by the boat also-8 times.
- The survivors worship God after leaving the boat-7 times.
- The boat landed on a high mountainous area-6 times.

One can see that when Peter wrote of the prophesied assault on the Great Flood “legend” by the scoffers, it was an alien concept to the generation in which he wrote.

If there was a Great Flood, there must have been some source from which the water came from to cover the earth. Where did the water come from?

That is one of the more logical questions to wrestle with concerning the Great Flood account.

- Moses recorded in *Genesis 1:7 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so*. It also was written in *Gen 7:11 ...on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened*.
 - What about the “fountains of the deep”? Did you know that there are many fresh water fountains in the depths of the oceans near areas of volcanic activity? There

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are known fountains in the middle of the salt-water oceans that support fresh water fish. There is a large volume of water that is in the earth.

- Concerning the “waters above”, apparently prior to the Great Flood there was a canopy of water in the upper atmosphere. It was a sort of insulated blanket of moisture like a “Super-Ozone Layer”.
- This is further brought out in *Gen 2:5-6* “...*the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth...But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.*” According to this, it did not rain upon the earth prior to the Great Flood.
- The cloud of vapor prior to the flood would have acted as an insulated blanket of warmth for the planet, leading to a uniform climate.

What is the evidence that the earth was uniform in climate?

- Thanks to the fossil record we can see that all forms of life lived at all areas of the planet. From the Equator to Antarctica there are all types of fossilized animals, plants, insects and fish. This is why the Evolutionists unwittingly agree with the Biblical account.
 - "It has long been felt that the average climate of the earth throughout time has been milder and more homogenous than it is today. If so, the present certainly is not a very good key to the past in terms of climate." *R.H. Doff and *R.L. Batten, *Evolution of the Earth*, (1971), p. 298.
 - "Climatic conditions were then much more uniform over the earth than now. Considerable limestone formations, of Cambrian age at high latitudes, indicate strongly that they were there deposited in relatively warm or temperate waters." W.J. Miller, *An Introduction to Historical Geology*, (1952), P. 116.
 - "There would have been no white polar caps or reddish-brown desert regions, for thick green vegetation covered almost all of the land areas, even in Polar Regions." John C. Whitcomb, *Early Earth* (1986), p. 22.

What would have been the effects of the loss of the water canopy and the opening of the underwater floodgates during the Great Flood?

The Destruction of Life

- It would have been the worst rainfall ever, falling at enormous rates and swamping all life as they knew it. Billions upon billions of animals would have died from drowning just as the Bible indicated. *Genesis 7:21-22* *All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; ²² of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died.* Is there any evidence of this? Here are a couple examples:
 - The Fossil Record: As one scientist wrote, "Natural selection not only brings new species into existence, but if it does, it also eliminates species, and on a colossal scale. It is calculated that 99 per cent of all the species which have ever existed are now extinct. So perhaps it may be more instructive to discover why species vanish than why they appear." *G.A. Taylor, *Great Evolution Mystery* (1983), p. 86.
 - Oil and Coal Reserves: These two energy sources were not always here. In fact oil reserves are the result of large amounts of dead animals being rapidly buried and then decaying under that pressure. Coal comes from the same process of dead plant life. How did those trillions and trillions of animals and plants die so

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quickly? How did the remains gather into groups and be covered with hundreds of millions of tons of soil? It is almost as if a Great Flood caused a quick-kill and the runoff of water with soil and rock completely buried it under pressure.

The Geologic Effect

- As the water from the deep poured out, the shelves of land beneath would have collapsed and dropped lower. The ensuing shift in tectonic collapse would have caused an initial continental shift of the land masses, thrusting the plates into a pressurized lift called mountains. Genesis 10:25 states that shortly after the Great Flood "...*the earth divided...*" in description of these plates. These land masses were pushed apart and the slowing effect would have been powerful.
- Another possible explanation for some of the mountain formation could be in the glacier activity that followed the flood. Sheets of ice covered several hundred miles wide and many thousands of feet thick scraped across the landscape, bulldozing layers of stone and soil into mountaintops thousands of feet high.
- The instability of the crust opened up volcanic activity, leading to the making of other tall mountains and islands. The new contrast of the shift in the tectonic plates, volcanoes and glacier activity became extreme.
 - Mount Everest is 29,028 feet above sea level, and the known deepest part of the ocean is 35,810 feet deep. That is over a twelve mile difference, indicating quite a shift in the land.
 - Did you know that on every mountaintop on the planet are remnants of sea shells and other marine life? At some point these mountains came into contact with the oceans and the Great Flood appears to be the best option.

The Climate Effect

- Prior to the Great Flood, there would not have been the frozen poles, for it was rather uniform.
 - "Baron Toll, the Arctic explorer, found remains of a saber-toothed tiger and a 90-foot plum tree with green leaves and ripe fruit on its branches over 600 miles north of the Arctic Circle in the New Siberian Islands. Today the only vegetation that grows there is a one-inch high willow." Joseph C. Dillow, *The Waters Above* (1982), p. 346.
 - "Dr. Jack A. Wolfs in a U.S. Geological Survey Report [1978] told that Alaska once teemed with tropical plants. He found evidence of mangroves, palm trees, Burmese laquer trees, and groups of trees that now produce nutmeg and Macassar oil." Op. cit, p. 348.
- After the protective layer of water fell from the sky, the now un-insulated poles and their regions began to freeze, causing massive blizzards. The temperature would have dropped to nearly 150 below zero in a matter of hours. The snow would have fallen at such a rate that living animals in the Northern and Southern hemispheres would have been buried alive.
 - There are over five million frozen mammoths in glaciers of Northern Russia and Alaska. Many of these mammoths are frozen standing up with food in their mouths. Usually food continues to be broken down when a creature dies. When these mammoths died, there were frozen flowers still in their mouths and

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stomachs. They were frozen hard and fast. Did you know there are millions of frozen tropical plants in the poles? How do we explain frozen palm trees in glaziers? How do we explain tropical and semi-tropical plants in the mouths of these mammoths? A Great Flood?

- “There is an estimate of 150 million mammoth remains in Russia's Siberian permafrost, which covers a vast sparsely inhabited area. Some of the remains are frozen complete, others in pieces of bone, tusk, tissue and wool, from less than a meter to 1 km below ground. *Kramer, Andrew E. (19 November 2008). "Trade in mammoth ivory, helped by global thaw, flourishes in Russia"*
- In September 1991, Erika and Helmut Simon were walking in the Alps near the Austrian border with Italy, when they came upon the body of a dead mountaineer. It was later dated as late Neolithic, or about 5000 years old. This find was called the ICEMAN. This man was frozen at a high rate of speed, for he still had lunch in his stomach. He dates to the time of the flood.

Where did the water go when it receded?

- A mentioned prior, with the insulation of vapor removed, the poles would have begun to quick freeze, making sheets of ice totaling an estimated 15 to 20 million square miles and more than a mile high. This would have pulled in quadrillions of gallons of water.
- Meanwhile the shifting of the plates along with volcanic activity eventually would have begun to pull water back into newly formed pockets. This is likely the same water that we find in our underground sources today.

What would have happened to the dinosaurs?

- Like most of the other 99% of all other life that perished, the dinosaurs, being reptiles, would not have adjusted well to the global cooling. Those dinosaurs that lived near the Equator would have had the best chance of surviving, but their days were at best limited.
- The Book of Job, easily considered the oldest writing in the Old Testament, does much to address the post—flood period. Based on lifespan, it is estimated that Job lived during the time of Peleg and Reu (Gen 11:18), only a few hundred years after the Great Flood account. In this writing we can see the diminished fate of the great reptiles.
 - Job 6:16 Which are turbid because of ice And into which the snow melts
 - Job 9:30 “If I should wash myself with snow...”
 - Job 24:19 “Drought and heat consume the snow waters,
 - Job 37:6 “For to the snow He says, ‘Fall on the earth,’ And to the downpour and the rain, ‘Be strong.’
 - Job 38:22 “Have you entered the storehouses of the snow...”
- Near the same location where pre-flood people did not wear many clothes (Gen 2), post-flood Middle-East during Job’s time was so well acquainted with “snow” to mention it more than any other book in the Bible. It actually appears they were describing the melting of glaciers.
- Is it possible that some of these cold-blooded dinosaurs survived that ice age caused by the Great Flood and volcanic activity? According to the same writing of Job, there were at least two surviving that were mentioned.

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The Behemoth

- Job 40:15-24 "Behold now, Behemoth, which I made as well as you; He eats grass like an ox. 16 "Behold now, his strength in his loins, and his power in the muscles of his belly. 17 "He bends his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together. 18 "His bones are tubes of bronze; His limbs are like bars of iron. 19 "He is the first of the ways of God; let his maker bring near his sword. 20 "Surely the mountains bring him food, and all the beasts of the field play there. 21 "Under the lotus plants he lies down, in the covert of the reeds and the marsh. 22 "The lotus plants cover him with shade; the willows of the brook surround him. 23 "If a river rages, he is not alarmed; He is confident, though the Jordan rushes to his mouth. 24 "Can anyone capture him when he is on watch, with barbs can anyone pierce {his} nose? (NAS)
- Job 40:19 in the NIV states "He ranks first among the works of God, yet his Maker can approach him with his sword." This tells us that the behemoth is the largest land animal in the world. Today that would be the elephant or hippo. Some propose the behemoth to be an elephant or hippo. This cannot be based on the following reasons.
 1. The elephant and hippo do not have tails like "cedar", but short tails.
 2. The hippo does not have noticeable muscular structure, but a fat covered, leather skin look.
 3. If the river floods, the elephant and hippo would not be able to stand firm in it, but this thing can.
 4. The elephant is clearly trainable; the behemoth is not. The remaining option would be one of the big herbivores like the Brachiosaurus or Brontosaurus.
- Someone might propose that Job is thinking back to something extinct, but the text says "Behold now", not "Behold Later". This creature does not sound like anything we have today, yet they would have seen one back then.

The Leviathan

- In Job 41 we find the Leviathan and it looks like some sort of sea dinosaur. The Bible mentions dragons, which can also be viewed as dinosaurs. The term dinosaurs did not come about until the mid 1800s. Naturally there would be no mention of them directly since the Bible is far older than the word.
- We do know that when the flood came, it rocked the world of these creatures. *Ps 74:13-15 Thou didst divide the sea by Thy strength; Thou didst break the heads of the sea monsters in the waters. ¹⁴ Thou didst crush the heads of Leviathan; Thou didst give him as food for the creatures of the wilderness. ¹⁵ Thou didst break open springs and torrents; Thou didst dry up ever-flowing streams.* We know dinosaurs existed because we have their fossils and bones. From the Bible's perspective, the flood changed their outcome.
- Apparently these dinosaurs went the way of the other large reptiles from the past. The post-world flood was not a friendly environment for the dinosaurs and their absence appears to validate it.

There are many other areas that could be discussed that point to the evidence of a Great Flood. The simple summary of this lesson is that we need not be ashamed to hang onto one of the most defining moments of history. Accepting this teaching provides us a way to hold onto our Creation worldview.