

Bible & Science – Noah’s Flood

Origin of Today’s Geology

The Bible describes a catastrophic, world-wide flood in the days of Noah.

This begs two questions:

1. *How could such a flood occur, since a flood of such proportions could not happen under present conditions?*
2. *What evidence is there that Noah’s flood took place? A global catastrophe like the flood of Noah would be expected to have left lots of evidence.*

How could such a flood occur?

The Bible describes an original world that was different than what we see today.

- * The earth was once a _____ continent.
- * There were _____ above the atmosphere (Gen 1:7).
- * It seems that prior to the flood there was no _____ (Gen 2:5).
- * There were _____ below the surface of the earth (Gen 2:6-14; 7:11).

Description of the flood

- * Water covered all the _____ (Gen 7:19-20).
- * The flood killed all land animals and birds (Gen 7:21-22).
- * Geologic evidence indicates that the _____ of the continents came about at this time.

Scientific Evidences of the Global Flood

- * Most of earth’s surface is composed of _____ rock.
- * Many sedimentary layers were upended and buckled while _____.
- * Organisms must be covered very quickly to become _____.
- * _____ beds are huge masses of plant debris that was buried very quickly.
- * _____ fields are derived from plant or animal remains that were buried very quickly. Porphyrin molecules found in crude oil could originate in plant chlorophyll or in animal hemoglobin.

* Formations like the massive tumbled boulders at Virgin Gorda could only originate in a massive water catastrophe.

* _____ in dinosaur bones indicates that they are recent.

Cultural Evidence of the Flood

Stories of a global flood are found around the globe.

Europe -- Greek, Arcadian, Roman, German, Scandinavian, Welsh, Celtic, Welsh, Turkish

Near East -- Egyptian, Sumerian, Akkadian, Assyrian, Persian, Zoroastrian

Africa -- about 17, including Masai, Pygmy, and Mandingo

Asia -- more than 50, including China, Korea, and Russia

Australia -- about 17

Pacific Islands -- about 17

North America -- over 80, including Menomoni, Nez Perce, Cherokee, Choctaw, Lakota

Central America -- over 20, including Maya and Toltec

South America -- about 30, including Quechua, Inca, and Araucania

This points to a shared memory of a historical event that predates the spread of mankind across the face of the earth.

Why do evolutionary scientists reject the biblical account of the flood?

- * It cannot be accounted for with _____ we see today.
- * It implies that there is a God who judges _____.
- * Evolution needs the _____ for a different purpose.

2 Peter 3:3-7 *Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." ⁵ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, ⁶ through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. ⁷ But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.*