

## 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, <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. <sup>7</sup> 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.*