

## "Creation or Evolution?, Part 7"

- ↳ We saw last time the ages of old: two people's lifetimes span the entire period from the creation to the flood according to the ages given us in Genesis 5. Noah lived until Abraham was 60 years old, and Shem, Noah's son, lives until Jacob and Esau, Abraham's grandchildren, are 50 years old. Long lives of people and probably the animals before the flood may go a long way to explaining the large size of animals in the past. Reptiles would have been drastically affected by living longer lives. We saw the precision of God's word in the meaning of the names in Genesis 5 that most of us hardly read.
- ↳ Let's switch gears here and talk about Joshy the dinosaur, he's got 4 good legs, but he's evolving, unfortunately. One of the principles of evolution that I do agree with just because it is common sense is what is called "the survival of the fittest," the most healthy and adapted survive and those that aren't healthy or can't adapt don't survive. Joshy dinosaur begins to have mutations in the scales of his front legs, as evolution would have us believe and 10 million mutations later his descendants have wings and try to fly, Sounds great unfortunately for Joshy, his legs worked best as he first had them, and for his successive generations of descendants, growing feathers on those legs impede their use. They still can't fly, and they can't run as well because their appendages have become bad legs long before they become good wings! Joshy's descendants get eaten because they can't run as fast on bad legs and his line goes extinct. Writing before microbiology, Darwin said, "If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down." !
- ↳ In just the first 7 chapters of the Bible we come across two of the most hotly debated topics in all of Scripture the 6-day creation and a global flood. From chapters 6 and 7 we are going to be dealing with the teachings and implications of the flood but today we are going to consider the simple facts of the flood. Was there really a flood? Is there evidence? Flood happened in time and in history and was global, so you could expect the evidence also to be global not to mention prolific. That is what you find, in fact, the actual physical evidence for this biblical event is more prolific than any other event in the Bible.

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### **1. The Majority opinion in academia is that there was indeed a flood but that it was local, much like the Tsunami of 2004 in the Indian Ocean or the one in Japan in 2011.**

- ✓ First, confirm that the Bible actually does say it was global, see Genesis 7:17-21 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:3-7. Add to this that Jesus referred to the thoroughness of this global judgment as a reference to how thoroughly God will judge and destroy the world in the future, Luke 17:26-27. Your best bet always is to believe the Scriptures regardless of the supposed evidence which can be manipulated and subjectively interpreted.

### **2. What would we expect to see if there was a global catastrophic flood?**

- 1) Expect to see strong historical evidence. The majority of truly ancient cultures have as a part of their traditions a global flood that covered the mountains as a part of their historical beliefs. Persian, Indian, Burman, Indonesian, Tahitian, Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese, Siberian, Australian, Alaskan, Incan who are high in the Peruvian Andes. All of these cultures have a global flood as a part of their traditions. Aztecs not only had this tradition but said that it happened 1,716 years after the first two people were created, the Bible says it happened 1,656 after the fact, for a difference of 60 years between these two accounts!
- 2) Expect that population statistics would demonstrate in some way that we came from 8 people about 4000 years ago. We saw this last time, according to conservative evolutionary theories we have been here for over 500,000 years, so to reach our current levels that would mean the population doubled only every 16,500 years? 25,000 generations times 2.5 children per household and 1/2% growth rate per year means we should be at a population level of 1 times 10 to the 2,000<sup>th</sup> power. Enough people to fill all the land and oceans and stack them out past the moon's current orbit!!
- 3) Expect there to a vast amount of geologic evidence in the form of sediments and these sediments to not just be in local patterns but global patterns. That is what we find, everywhere is a sedimentary graveyard averaging 1 mile in depth worldwide. 75% of all rock is sedimentary is produced in and by water. The evidence demonstrates that this earth had forces being enacted upon it that modern man has no sense of, mass graves of animals by the thousands, all smashed and twisted together. Fossil preservation that is very much indicative of a fast burial with no time for decay and under intense pressure.

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- ✓ We should expect, if evolution is true and we have been here for billions of years, there to be billions of species in the fossil record with the millions of missing links that would be needed to bridge from starfish to your uncle John. But that is not what we find, what we find is only about 1/4 million species in the fossil record, missing the estimated number of 25 million species by a bunch! We should also expect that there would be a very low percentage of living animals represented in the fossil record, but this isn't the case. A study done in Europe of the mammal species found in the fossil record there showed that 88% of living animals were also found as fossils. 12% were not found in Europe's fossil record but 11% were found in the records of other areas. In other words, 99% of fossil animals were also living animals in Europe at the time of the study. Global patterns in the geologic column: Banded Iron formations at the bottom then black shale on top then Coal, then cross bedded sandstones, then coal again. The Grand Canyon's Red wall limestone is the entire length of the canyon, 270 miles at the almost the exact same thickness, but then you find this same thing at the same level in Montana and Tennessee. This same pattern is true for north and south America, Europe, Asia, and Africa, some system was laying down stratified layers of the same substances in the same order over the entire planet. Some force in the past was spreading sediment over tens of thousands of square miles, the layers are thick and relatively pure, and their sources are hundreds of miles away. Evidence shows that this system was also laying down these layers in the same direction across entire continents. In the rock layers there is a pattern left by the particular current that laid them down. For instance, in the water systems of today, the Gulf rivers are laying down sediment from North to South. The west coast rivers are laying it down from east to west, and the east coast ones are laying down west to east. But in the geologic column of rock from the past the layers were all laid down in one direction and this is the same over every continent. So, some system that we are completely unacquainted with was laying down sediment over entire continents and all for the most part in the same direction.
- ✓ Conventional thought has no answer for these things, but we do: God covered the entire world with a flood! Also, a brief word about fossils: do you know that about 150 years ago north America had vast herds of buffalo that wandered everywhere from Canada to the Rio Grande. These were killed systematically by Buffalo hunters by the hundreds of thousands over a short period of time decimating the species and bringing it to the point of extinction. There were all these dead animals, but there is almost no fossil remains of them to speak of. Why is that? It is because they were not buried and so they decayed into nothing.
- ✓ The geologic column also demonstrates a mass slaughter of animals sometime in the past and we have prolific evidence to that effect: massive graveyards of animals of hundreds of species jammed together in enormous piles. The only way these could have been made into fossils was for them to be buried rapidly and placed under immediate and enormous pressure. So, what did not happen to the American buffalo but did happen to hundreds of millions of plants and animals sometime in the past. What was it??
- ✓ A final example comes from trees, the Red Wood and Bristle cone pine, extremely hardy plants. Fire resistant and bug resistant and they do not die from old age or from disease, yet the oldest Redwood is around 4,000 years old and oldest bristlecone pine is 4800 years old. Almost nothing kills them and yet the oldest ones are less than 5000 years old?? What happened 5,000 years ago? We know that both species lived in the past because they are buried around the world under layers of sedimentary rock. The Redwood especially was found in the past over large portions of the globe. But something happened around 5000 years ago that wiped them all out. If something global and cataclysmic didn't happen about 5000 years ago, then why don't we have groves of the trees that are 5, 6, 7, 10 thousand years old if everything has stayed the same as conventional thinking says?

**Something happened around 5000 years ago that turned this world upside down and buried once living things in some cases miles below the earth's current surface. It happened rapidly, violently and globally. God uses that event of judgement as a template for a future event of judgment that will be every bit as bad and then some. Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man." Mathew 24:37.**

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