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Seminar Presentations

- Why Creation Matters
- The Origin of the Universe, the Age of the Earth
- The Origin and Diversification of Life
- Flood Geology and Fossils
- Dinosaurs and Noah's Ark
- The Ice Age and post-flood Civilization

*"... always be ready to **give a defense (apologia)** to everyone who asks you a **reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;***"

1 Peter 3:15

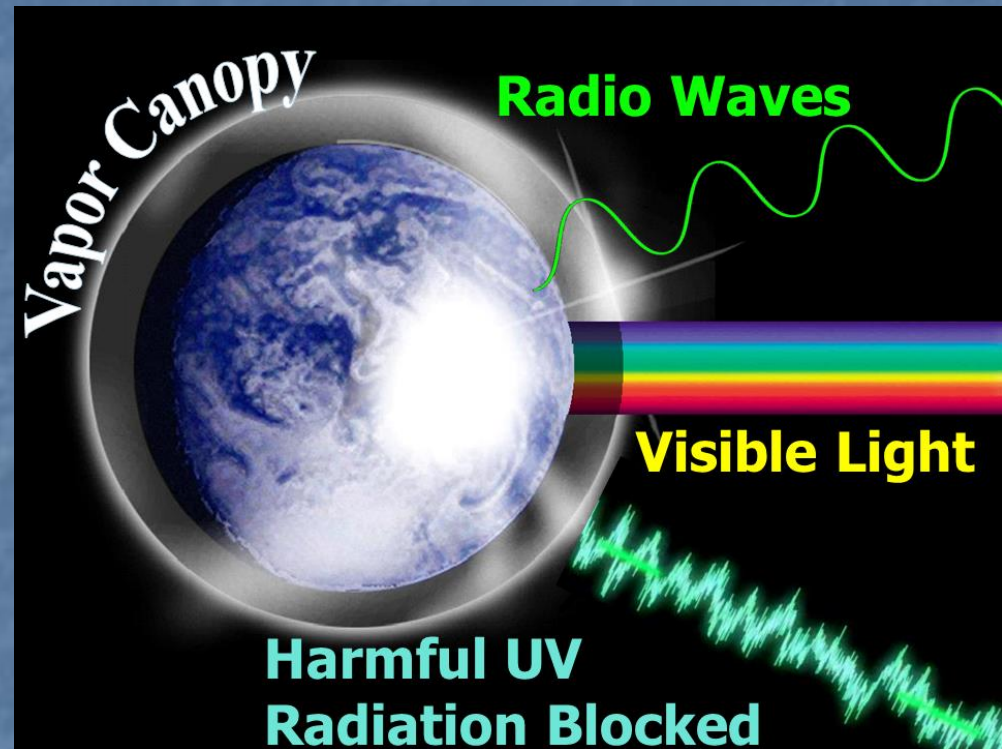


What was it like before Noah's flood?

A Vapor Canopy?*

Genesis 1:7 *And God made the **expanse**¹ and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. (ESV)*

¹ Was the **expanse** the atmosphere OR outer space?



* Many Creationists do not hold to a Vapor Canopy Theory

Lush Vegetation before the Flood



Pre-Flood

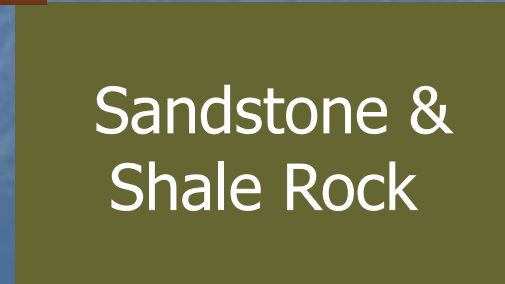
-----Noah's



Flood -----



Today



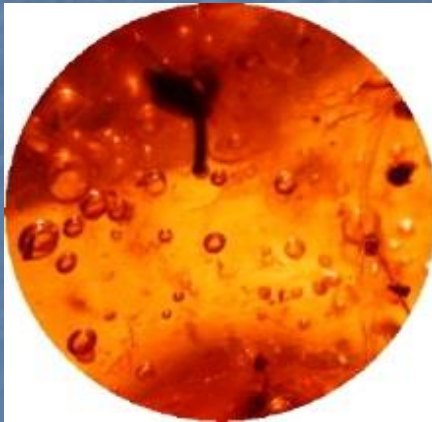
Evidence the Flood was Worldwide

Fossil Fern in Antarctica

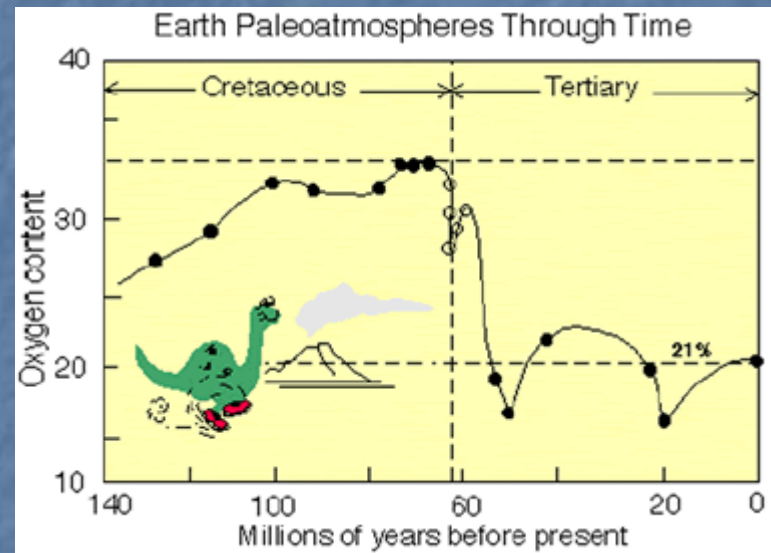


Coal seam in Antarctica

Higher Pre-flood Oxygen and Pressure Levels



Air bubbles in
amber averaged
30% oxygen vs.
21% today

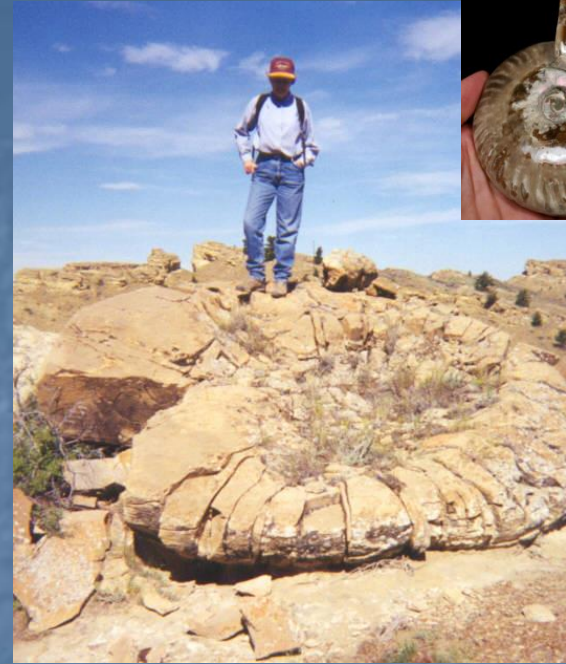


Evolutionist figure: shows sharp drop in atmospheric oxygen (after the time of the flood)

Fossilized Gigantism



Giant shells



Giant Ammonite

Normal
is hand
Size



Normal
Size

Giant Beaver



Normal
Size

Giant Dragonfly

Giant Humans (Gen 6:4)

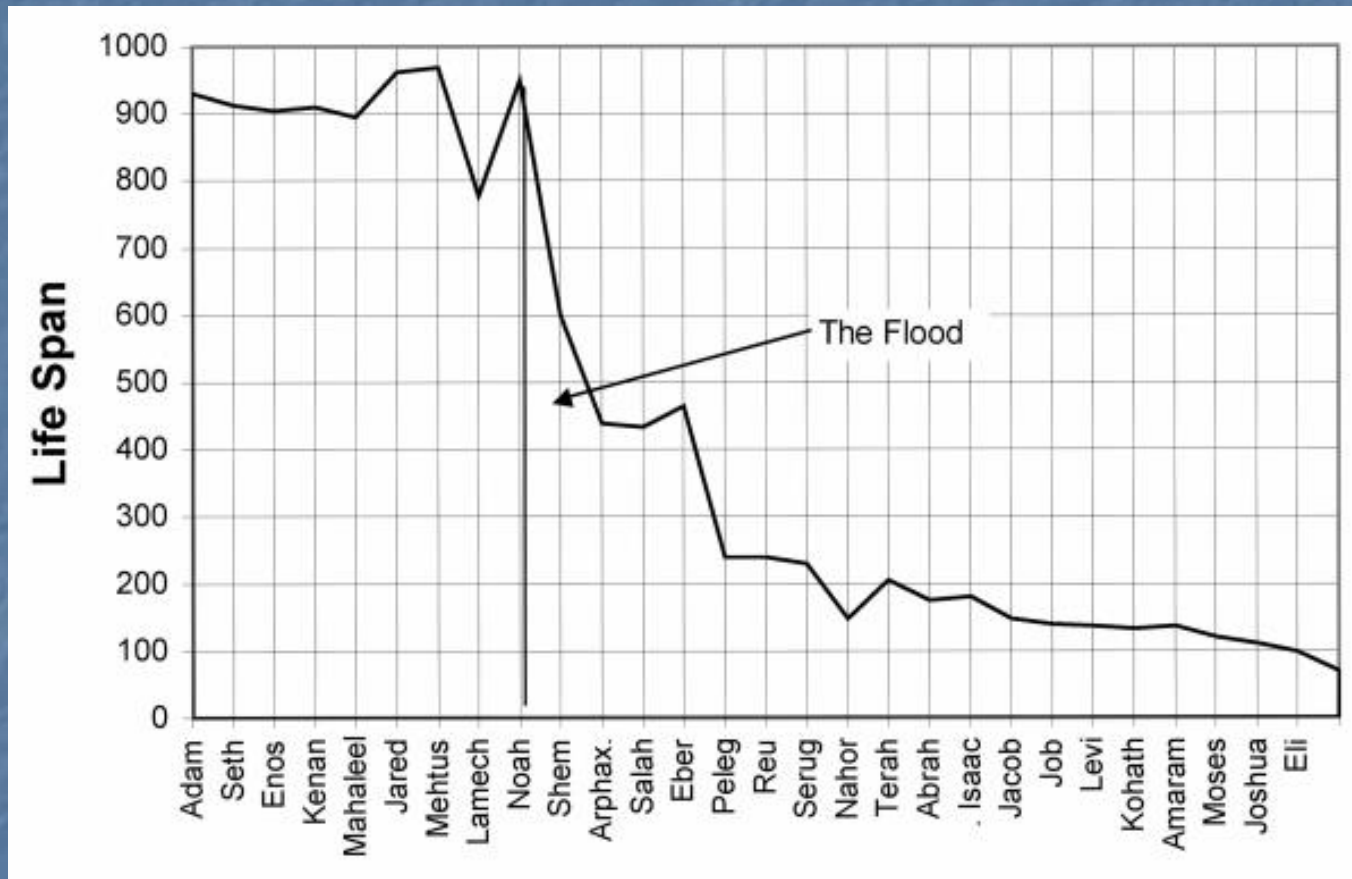
■ **Pre-Flood** giants

- Hebrew *Nephilim* – meaning fallen ones (demons?)
- Some translations say *giants*

■ **Post-flood** giants

- *Nephilim* - Sons of Anak – **Num 13:33**
- *Anakim* - Sons of Anak – **Josh 14:12, 15**
- *Rephaim* - **Og**, king of Bashan – **Deut 2:11, 3:11**
- **Goliath** of Gath – **Josh 11:22, 1 Sam 17:4**

Longevity before and after the Flood



908 years average before the Flood
(excluding Enoch who was "taken" by God)

Genetic Entropy – mutations accumulate over time

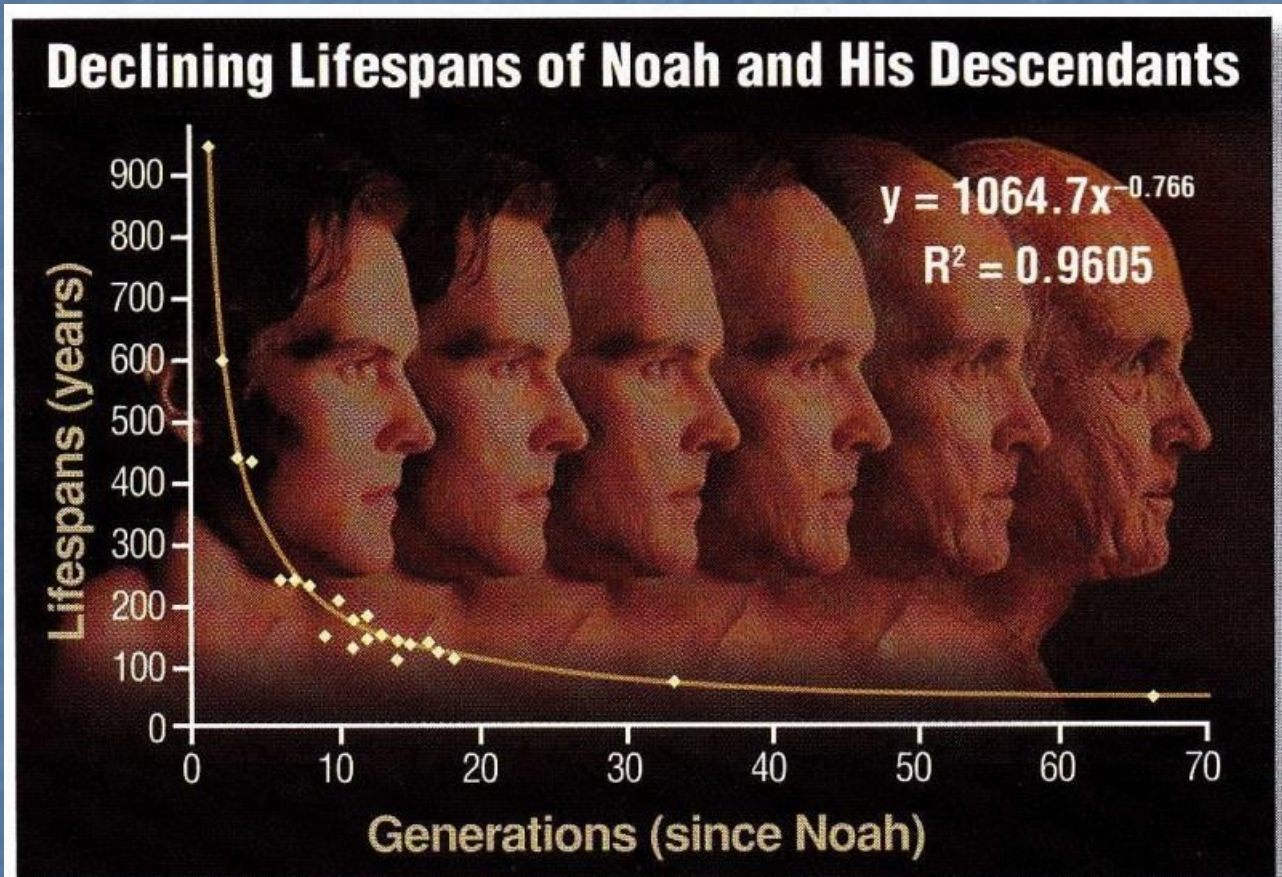


Figure 2. After the Flood, human lifespans quickly began to decline. Image data credit: Sanford, Pamplin, and Rupe, "Genetic Entropy Recorded in the Bible?"²

Possible Correlations to a Vapor Canopy

- Uniform **temperate climate** worldwide
 - Minimal temp extremes
 - Probably **no rain** even until the flood (**Gen 2:5,6**)
 - Fossil **vegetation** and coal seams in Antarctica
- More **oxygen**; blocked **UV**; higher pressure?
 - **Longevity** (**Gen 5:5-32**)
 - **Gigantism** (fossil evidence)
- Canopy collapse could have produced much rain (**Gen 7:11,12**)

The People were Wicked in Noah's Day

- *Wickedness of man was great ... thoughts...evil continually ... earth was corrupt ... filled with violence*

Gen 6:5,11

- **Similar to today?** *“As it was in the days of Noah...so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man.”*

Luke 17:26

God's Response

Holy
Bible

*And the LORD ... was sorry ...and
He was grieved in His heart ...
And behold, I Myself am bringing
floodwaters on the earth, ... all
flesh in which is the breath of life
... shall die.”* **Gen 6:6,17**

But Noah found grace

Gen 6:8,9 *Noah **found grace** ...
walked with God.*

Heb 11:7 *By faith Noah, being
divinely warned ... prepared an **ark** for
the saving of his household, became **heir**
of the righteousness ...*

2 Peter 2:5 *... a **preacher** of
righteousness ..., (**warning**) the ungodly.*

Uniformitarian Scoffers Deny Creation and the Flood

*... **scoffers** ... in the last days ... will say
... "all things are **continuing as they
were** from the beginning of creation."
For they **deliberately overlook** that
the earth was formed ... by the word of
God and (it) was **deluged with water
and perished.** (ESV)*

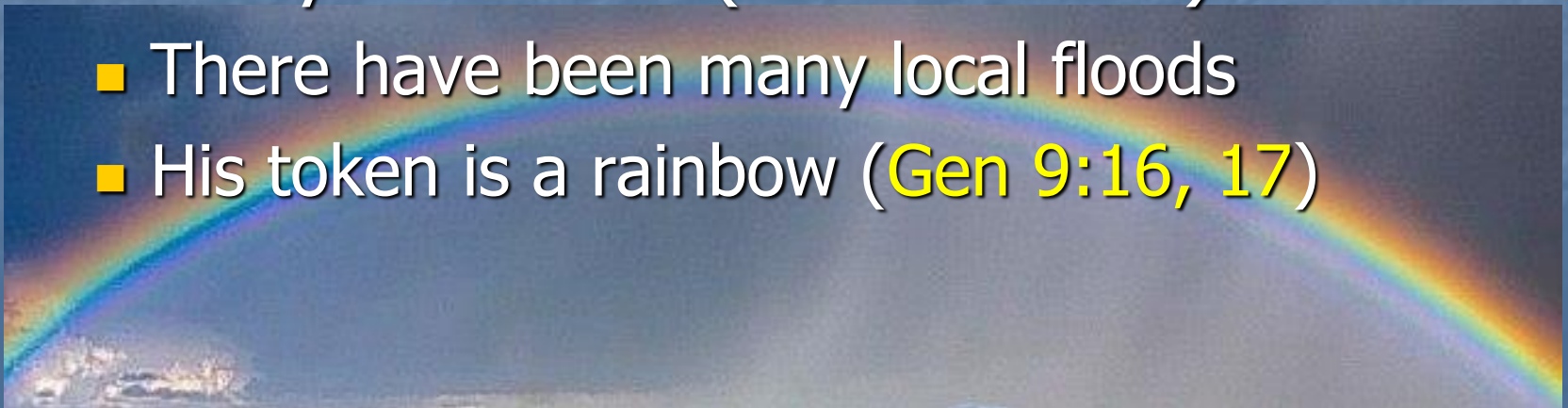
2 Peter 3:3-6

Was Noah's Flood Local?



The Flood had to be Global

- All the high hills...were covered (Gen 7:19)
- All (air breathing life)...died (Gen 7:22)
- Noah could have moved (if local)
 - No need for the huge Ark
- God promised no future global flood to destroy the earth (Gen 9:11-15)
 - There have been many local floods
 - His token is a rainbow (Gen 9:16, 17)



Uniformitarian or Catastrophic?



Erosional
Features



“Slow erosion
over a long time.
The present is
key to the past.”

“Catastrophic. A
lot of water over
a little time.”

Flood Geology



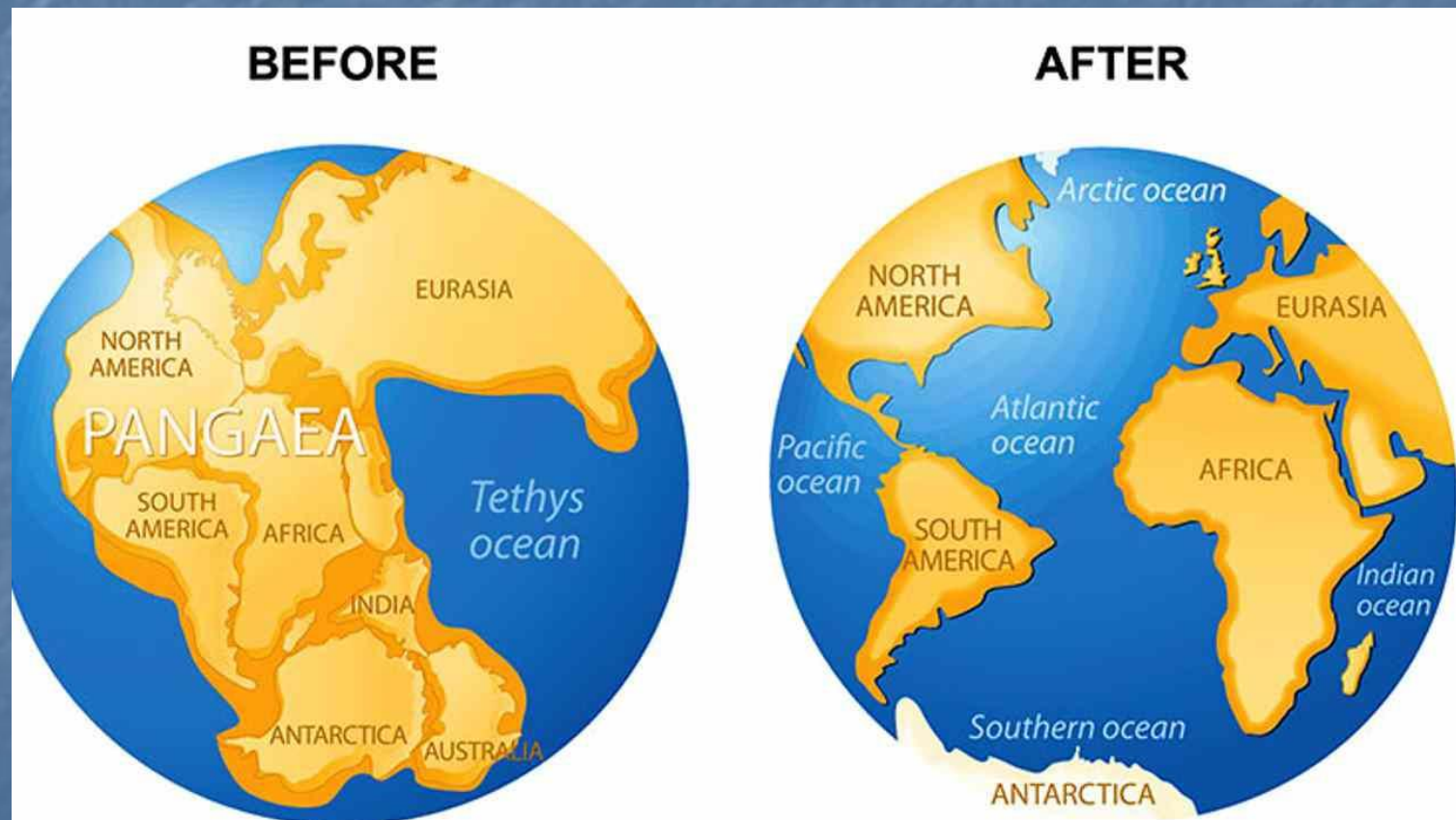
A lot of Water over a Little Time

A Catastrophic Global Flood

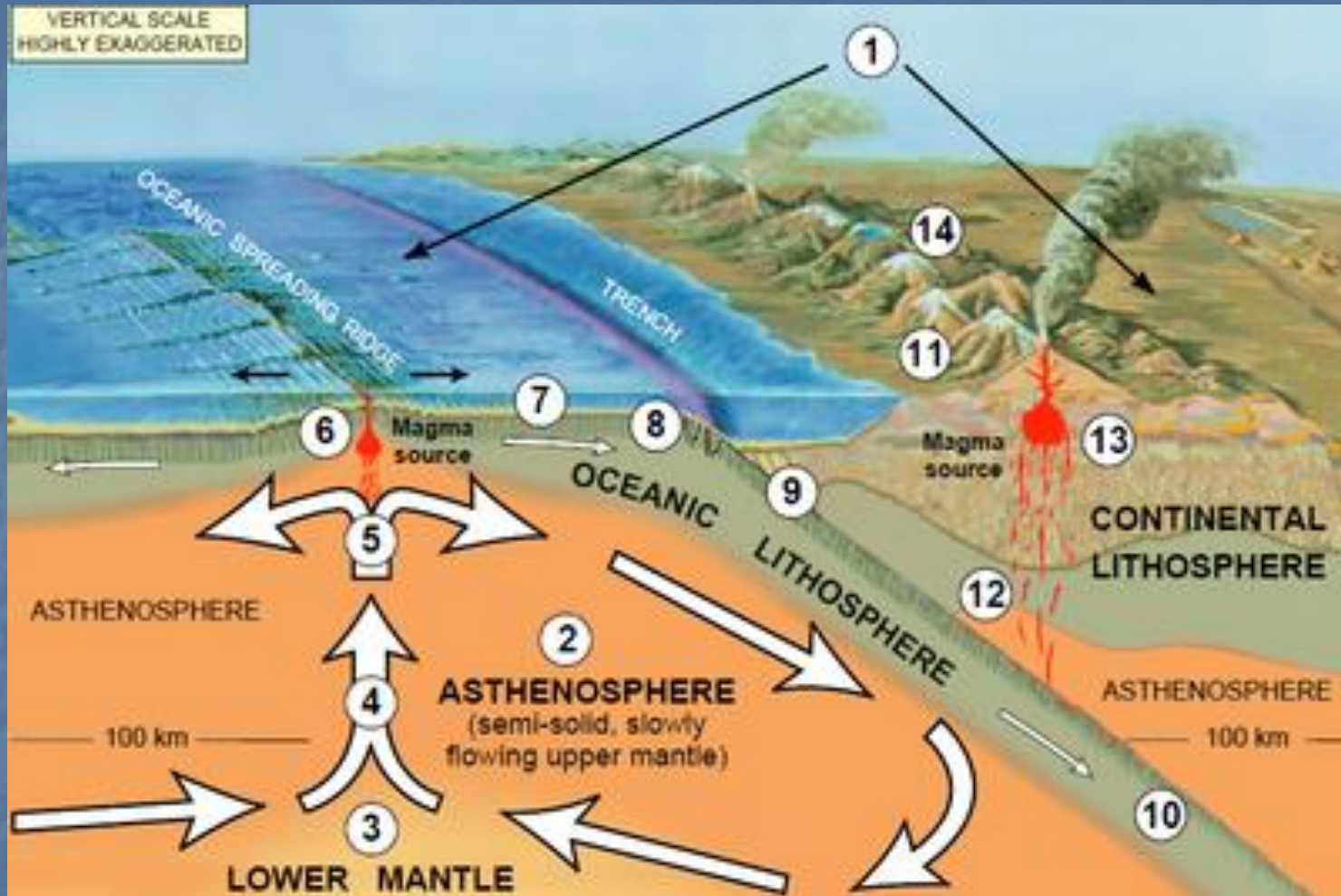
*In the **six hundredth year of Noah's life, ... all the **fountains of the great deep** were broken up, and the **windows of heaven** were opened.***

Gen 7:11

Fountains of the Deep (Plate Tectonics)



Crustal Activity



- Sea floor spreading (6)
- Subduction (10)

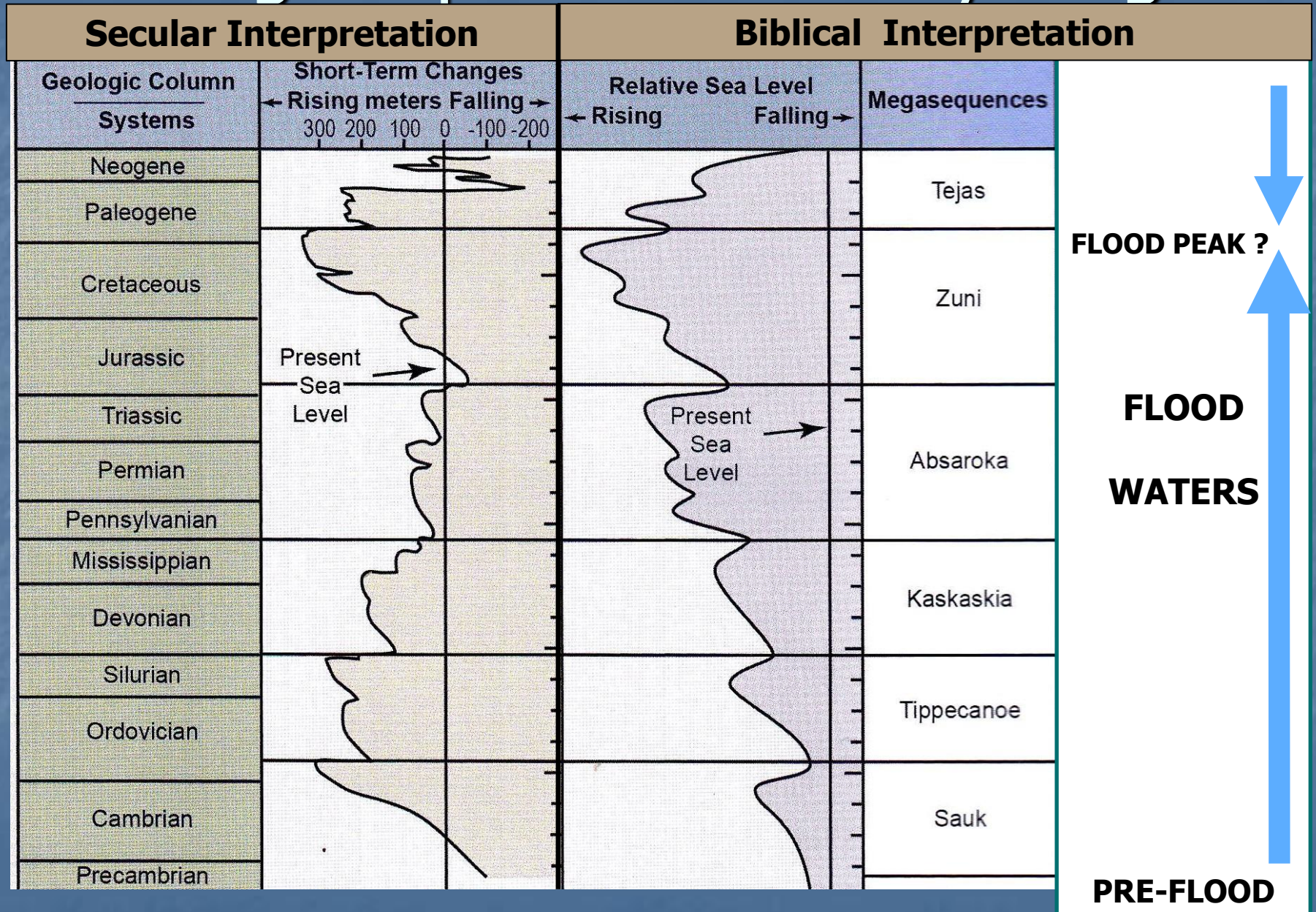
- volcanoes (13)
- earthquakes

Higher Post-Flood Mountains



- **Ps 104:8** *The **mountains rose**, the **valleys sank down** to the place that you appointed for them. (ESV)*
- Isostatic rebound - uplift

Megasequence Rock Layering



Continent-wide rock layers



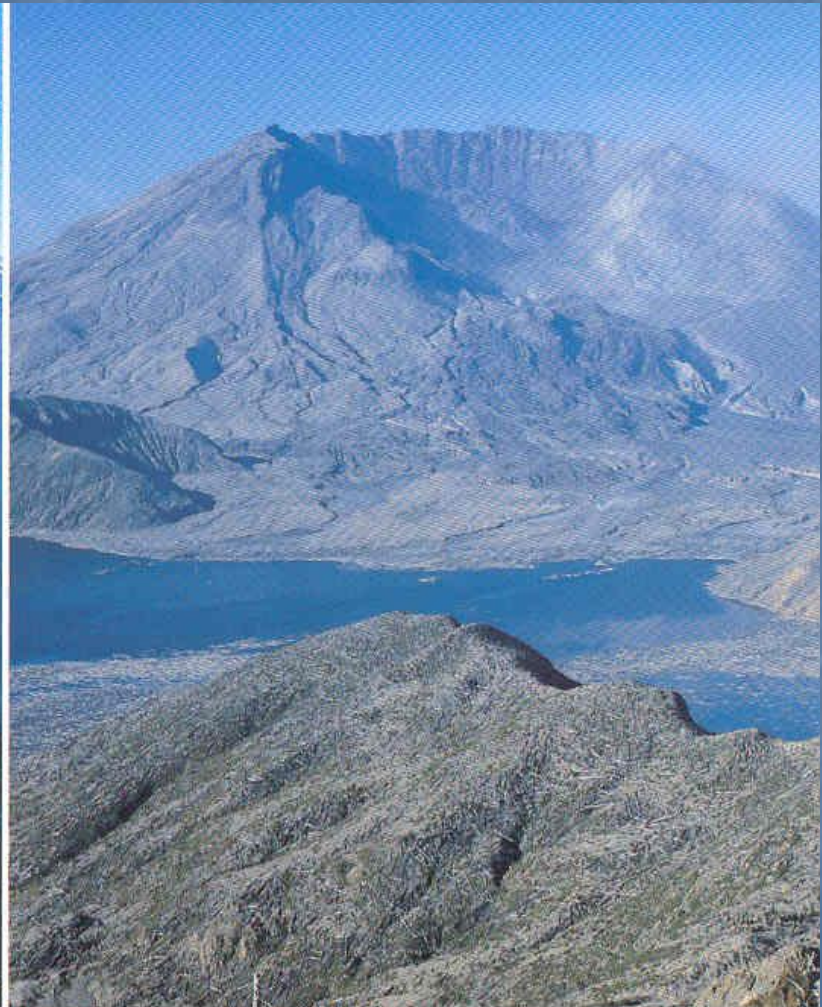
(Redwall Limestone in the Grand Canyon)

Mt. St. Helens Catastrophe

May 18, 1980



Before



After

Rapid Sedimentation; Canyons



Rock **layers** laid
down in hours



Canyon cut through solid
rock in a week

Slow and Regular or Catastrophic?



Geologic Column	Biblical Interpretation
Tertiary	FLOOD PEAK
Cretaceous	
Jurassic	FLOOD WATERS
Triassic	
Permian	
Pennsylvanian	
Mississippian	
Devonian	
Silurian	
Ordovician	
Cambrian	
Precambrian	



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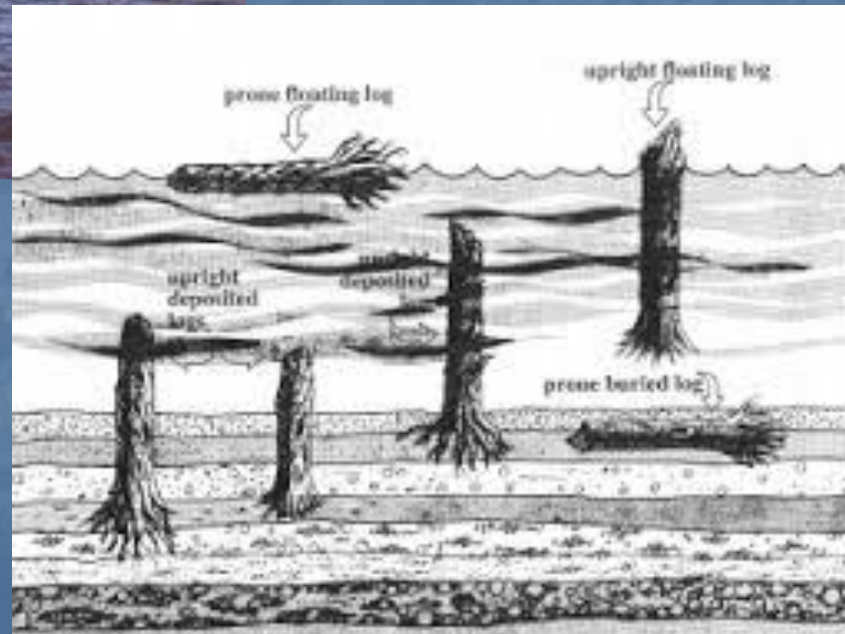
"Hmm...should be slow regular deposition."

Rock Layering

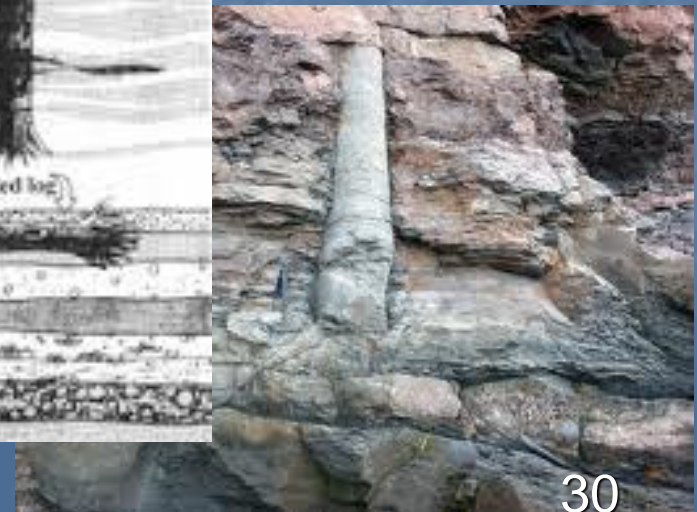
"Yep, lots of catastrophic action during the flood."

Mt. St. Helens (cont.)

Uprooted trees – floating upright



Polystrate
Fossil trees



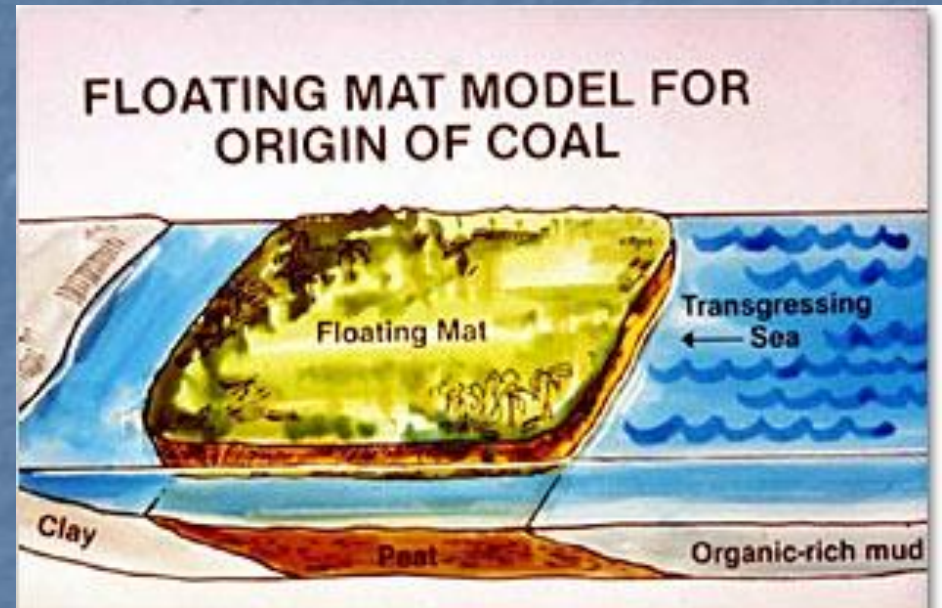
Yellowstone's Petrified Trees



Not multiple forests over millions of years

Floating Mat Model - Coal from Sunken vegetation and Bark Peat

Mt St Helens tree bark



No evidence of tree roots or animals disrupting layers

Bent Rock Layers



person

Fossils

Support a Global Flood

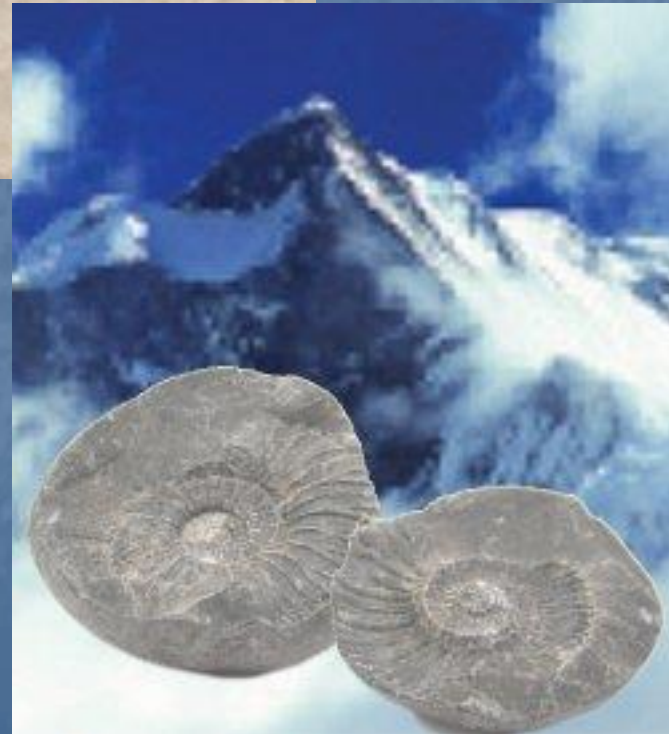


Rapid Burial / Mountaintop Location



Require **rapid burial**

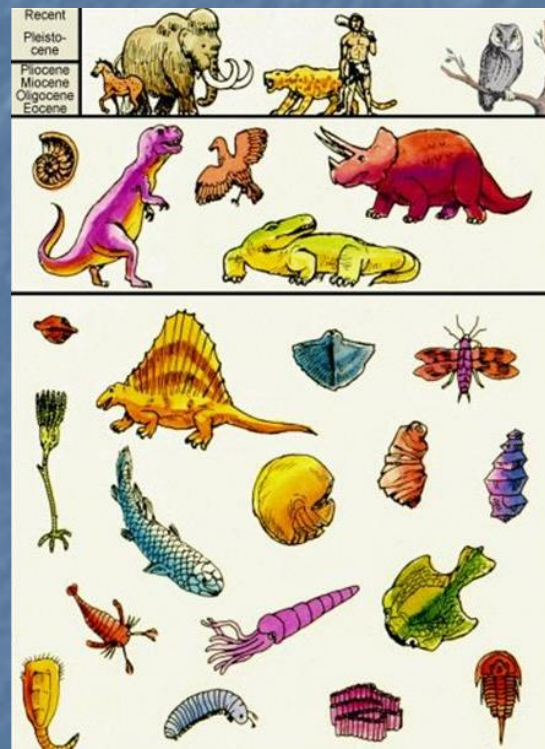
Found on
Mountain tops
(Himalayas)



Geologic Time or Ecological Zones?



“Fossils show 570 million years of evolution”



Fossil
Burial

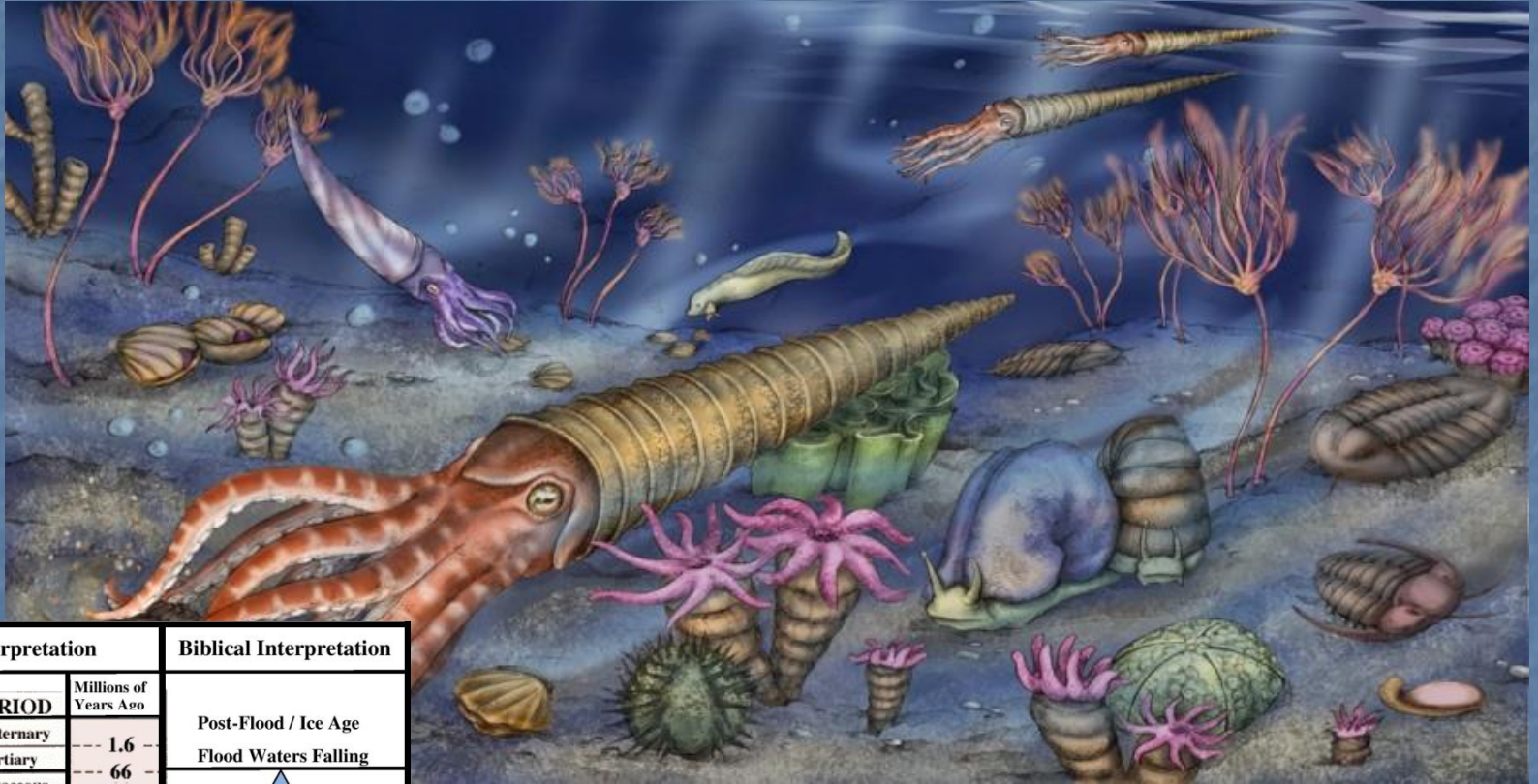


“Fossils show environments during 1 year”

Fossil Graveyards and Out-of-Place Fossils



Cambrian Explosion



Secular Interpretation			Biblical Interpretation
ERA	PERIOD	Millions of Years Ago	
Cenozoic	Quaternary	--- 1.6	Post-Flood / Ice Age Flood Waters Falling
	Tertiary	--- 66	
Mesozoic	Cretaceous	--- 138	↑ Flood Waters Rising
	Jurassic	--- 205	
	Triassic	--- 240	
Paleozoic	Permian	--- 290	←
	Pennsylvanian	--- 330	
	Mississippian	--- 360	
	Devonian	--- 410	
	Silurian	--- 435	
	Ordovician	--- 500	
	Cambrian	--- 570	
Late Proterozoic Middle Proterozoic Early Proterozoic	Precambrian	---	e-Flood

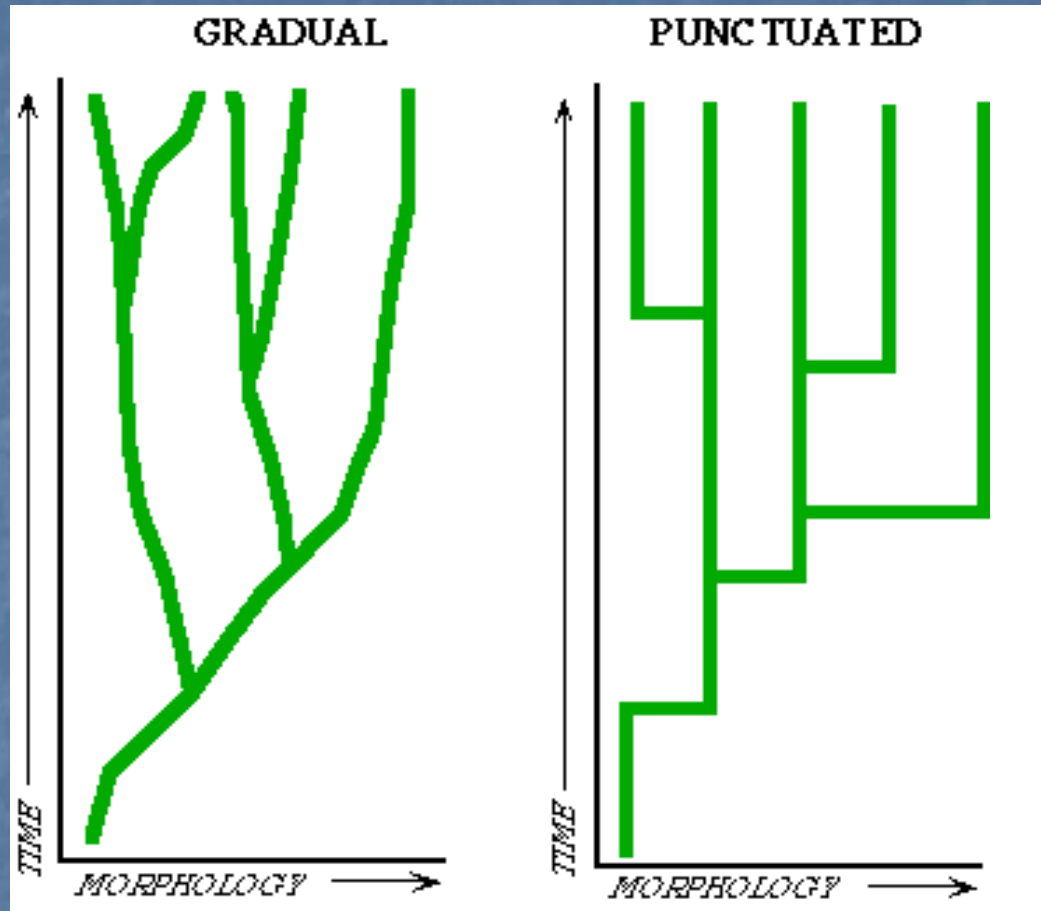
Transitional Forms: “No Evidence”

“The known fossil record fails to document a single example of phyletic evolution accomplishing a major morphologic transition and hence offers no evidence that a gradualistic model can be valid.”

(evolutionist) Steven M. Stanley
University of Hawaii

Macroevolution: Pattern and Process

Punctuated Equilibrium Theory



Speciation must occur in "spurts" (horizontal branches) since intermediate fossils are missing 40

Reptile or Bird?



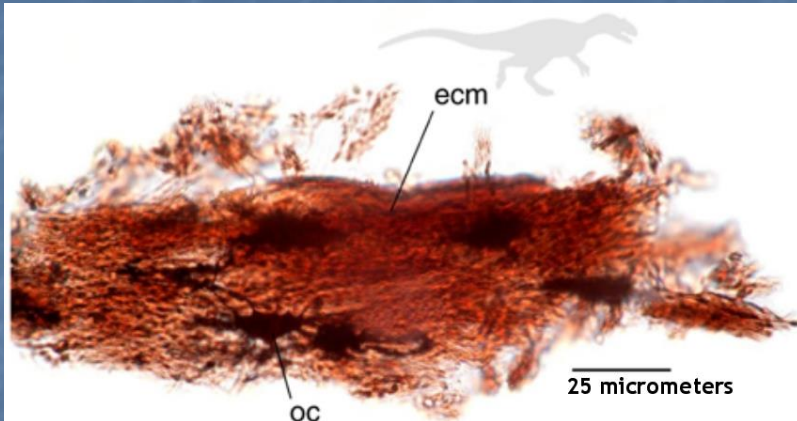
Archeopteryx



“Yep, a bird with teeth and claws on its wings”

“Yep, a transitional form; a reptile with feathers”

Soft Tissue in Fossils



Allosaurus soft tissue

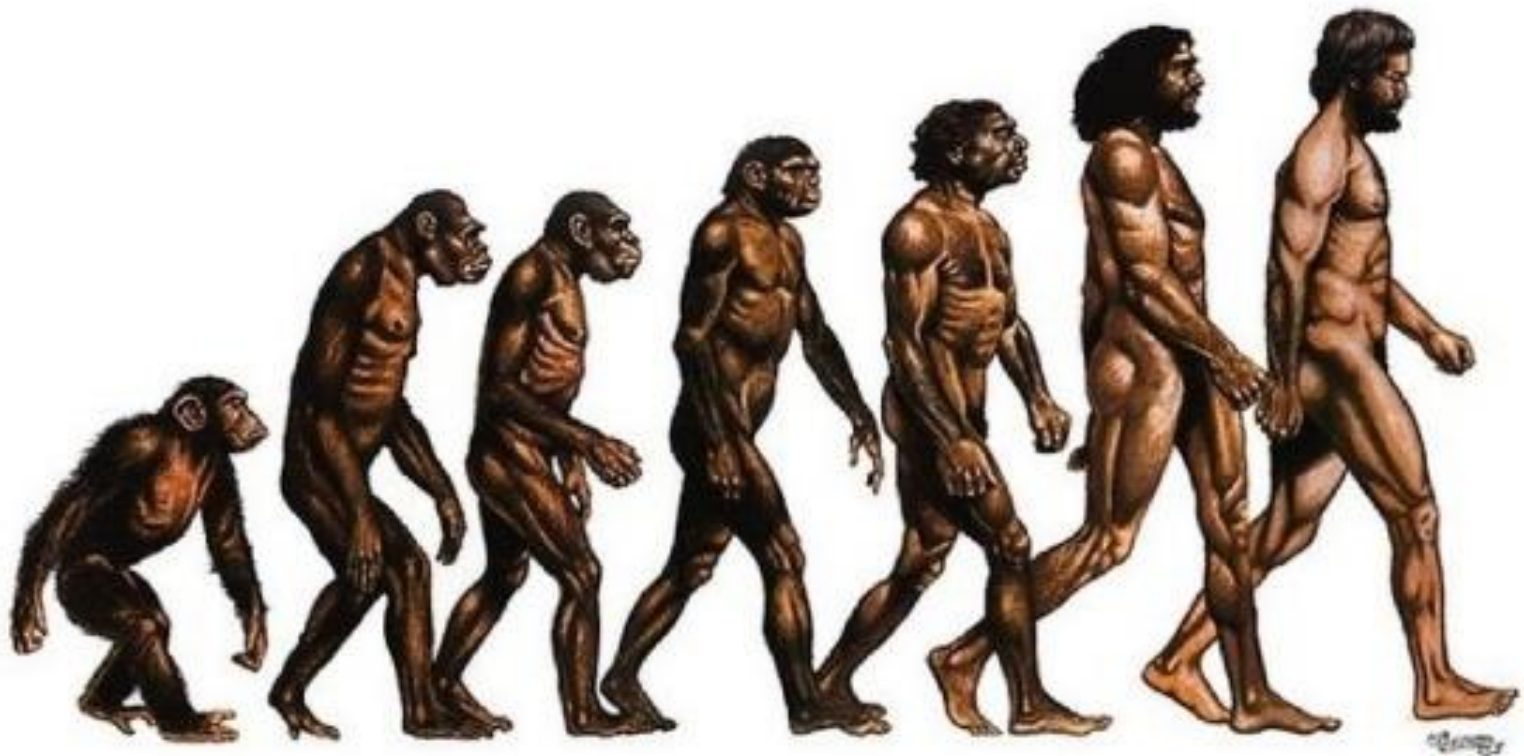


T.Rex Red blood cell. Credit: Mary Schweitzer

- Blood vessels, animal proteins, bone cells, DNA
- Found worldwide
- Land, Sea, and Sky creatures
- Biomolecules only last thousands of years

“Human Evolution”

The Missing Links are still missing

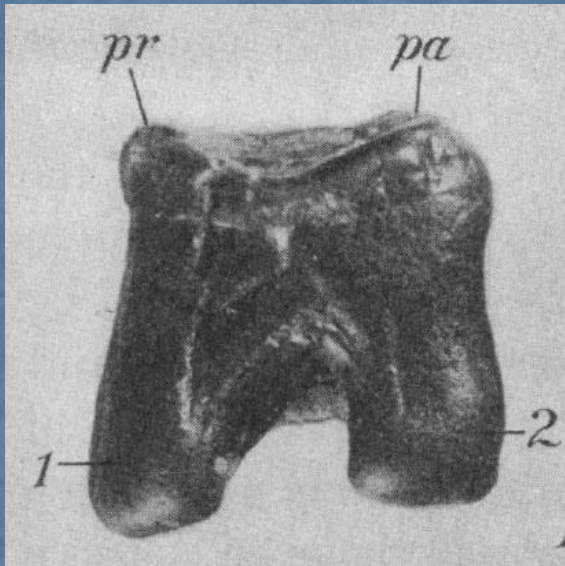


Piltdown Man



Piltdown Man cranium and
mandible reconstructed

Nebraska Man



Artist's rendering of Nebraska Man and his wife from a single tooth

Neanderthal Man – Fully Human

- **Brain size** larger than modern man
- **Language**, anatomy for full speech
- **Jewelry, tools**, social structure
- **Musical instruments**
- **Buried dead** in caves
- Lived in caves – edge of ice sheets
 - Isolated – cold, harsh climate
- If 3000 generations, **where are the bones?**



Lucy (*Australopithecus afarensis*)

- Donald Johanson, 1974
- 40% of bones (brown)
- Claimed bipedal
 - No feet bones
- Chimp-like
 - Brain size (400-500cc)
 - Arms, jaws, upper legs



Other Australopithecines



- Great toe sticks out like chimps
- Chimp-like feet for climbing, not for extended walking upright

Our (ape-like) Ancestors “a lot of Nonsense”

"All those trees of life with the branches of our ancestors, that's **a lot of nonsense.**"

- Mary Leaky, Paleoanthropologist
Associated Press, 10 Dec 1996

Judgment and Promise



A Warning for Us

Mt 24:38,39 *"For as in the days **before the flood**, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and **did not know until the flood came** and took them all away, **so also** will the coming of the Son of Man be."*

-- Jesus

Our Response

Holy
Bible

Luke 12:36,37,40 "...be like men who wait for their master ... Blessed are those servants whom the master ... will find watching. ...Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Eph 2:10 "... we are created in Christ Jesus for good works."

2 Peter 3:11,12 ... what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God ...

Thanks for your Attention!

