

Flood Geology and Fossils – Creation Seminar Session 4

Pre-Flood Conditions - Vapor Canopy Theory

- The Vapor Canopy Theory is not accepted by all creationists
- Dividing the waters under the firmament (expanse, atmosphere) from those above (Gen 1:7)
- Protection from harmful UV and x-rays
- Lush vegetation – fossil fuel deposits worldwide
- Higher pre-flood oxygen levels (fossilized amber bubbles), possible higher pressure
- Fossilized gigantism
- Post-flood human longevity drop-off – genetic entropy
- Giant humans – Hebrew Nephilim, Anakim, Rephaim
 - o Only King Og and Goliath are Biblically verified (beware of Internet hoaxes)
- Moral conditions were...wickedness, corruption and violence (Gen 6:5,11)
- God was grieved and judged with the global flood (Gen 6:6,17) – see back page
- Noah found Grace (Gen 6:8,9)

Flood Geology

- Uniformitarian (secular/evolutionary) or catastrophism (creationist): depends on worldview
- Scoffers – Noah’s Flood is a myth or it was not global (2 Pet 3:3-6)
- Floodwaters from rain, but primarily from the “fountains of the deep” (Gen 7:11)
 - o Plates of the earth’s crust moving apart from “super continent”
- Flood evidence world-wide = continent-wide rock layers
- Catastrophic evidence from Mt St Helens
 - o Rapid sedimentation; Canyons cut quickly
 - o Petrified forests – trees deposited in multiple layers of sediment
 - o Coal beds and polystrate trees – Floating Matt Theory
- Bent rock layers – soft sediment shortly after the Flood

Fossil evidence supporting a global flood and young earth

- Fossils require rapid burial
- Marine fossils on mountains
 - o Mountains rose after the Flood
- Burial over ecological zones, not millions of years of time
 - o Fossils buried during one-year flood – rising and falling waters
- Cambrian Explosion
 - o Virtually no precursors in the pre-Cambrian rocks
 - o Fossils were complex from the beginning (lowest layers)
- Existence of fossil graveyards – many kinds buried together
- Lack of Transitional Forms
 - o No undisputed example
 - o Punctuated Equilibrium Theory proposed – rapid speciation not caught in fossil record
- The human missing link is still missing
 - o Piltdown Man – hoax believed for 41 years
 - o Nebraska Man – based on a single tooth of a pig
 - o Neanderthal Man – fully human
 - o Lucy and other Australopithecine fossils are more chimp-like

Take-aways for us (Matt 24:38,39; Luke 12:36,37,40; 2 Pet 3:11,12)

- Be reminded of God’s judgment and His promises: mountains, canyons, fossils, rainbow
- Jesus’ warning: we must wait, watch and work (conduct our lives in holiness and godliness) till He returns.

Genesis 6:6

And it **repented** <05162> the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it **grieved** <06087> him at his heart. (KJV)

And the LORD **was sorry** that He had made man on the earth, and He was **grieved** in His heart (NKJV)

And the LORD **was sorry** that he had made man on the earth, and it **grieved** him to his heart. (ESV)

the LORD **regretted** that He had made man on the earth, {#Nu 23:19 1Sa 15:11,29 2Sa 24:16 Joe 2:13 } and He was **grieved** in His heart. (CSB)

STRONG'S CONCORDANCE – 3 words of interest

05162 נחם **nacham** naw-kham' used in the Niphal, Imperfect sense.

KJV-comfort 57, repent 41, comforter 9, ease 1; 108

(Niphal) to be sorry, be moved to pity, have compassion (Deut 32:26), rue, suffer grief, repent, to comfort oneself, be comforted, ease oneself

06087 בצע **'atsab** aw-tsab' used in the Hithpael, Imperfect sense

KJV-grieve 10, displeased 1, hurt 1, made 1, sorry 1, vexed 1, worship 1, wrest 1; 17

(Hithpael) to feel grieved, be vexed

05146 נח **Noach** no'- akh

KJV-Noah 46; 46 Noah= "rest"

COMMENTS

God never needs to repent for doing wrong (Gen 18:5b), and did not think that creating man was a mistake. But He was grieved (**atsab**), regretted, or was sorry, that the man He made, to whom He had given free will, chose wickedness.

God loved mankind but knew man's sin deserved judgment. **Nacham** is also translated "relent" 14 times in the NKJV. When God relents, He eases His judgment or softens His justified wrath/anger. Perhaps we as parents can relate to this sorrow when we see our child sin and know either our judgment or the consequence of their actions is coming. Usually, we want to ease or mitigate that judgment or consequence a little.

Since **nacham** is often associated with the concept of comfort, perhaps God also "took comfort" in righteous Noah (**Noach**, whose name means rest and whose name in Hebrew is somewhat similar to the Hebrew **nacham**) who, as a man, would carry His image through the flood judgment.