

The Ice Age and Post-Flood Civilization – Creation Seminar Session 6 of 6

The Ice Age

- Many Secular theories – millions of years; last one ended about 10,000 years ago
 - o 50 different ice ages
 - o Main theory (Astronomical, Milankovich) is weak
 - o Ice cores used, but...
 - Not annual rings – warm and cold spells
 - Difficult to count – Ice Flow model has evolutionary assumptions
 - Orbital tuning – circular reasoning with sediment cores
- Creationist theory – one Ice Age followed Noah's Flood
 - o HEAT
 - Hot Oceans (from sea-floor spreading, tectonic movements, volcanism)
 - Evaporation
 - Aerosols causing precipitation – snow at higher altitudes/latitudes
 - Truncated Time – about 500 years to form ice sheets, 200 years to melt
 - o Tremendous volcanism throughout
 - Increased – advancing glaciation; Decreased – retreating glaciation
 - More CO₂ in the atmosphere results in C₁₄ dates that are too old

Probable Ice Age Climate Conditions

- Increasing colder climate (Flood + 500 years, ~2350-1850 BC) recorded by some cultures
 - o Ice affected only mts and higher latitudes - about 30% of land area
 - o More rain and lush at middle latitudes (Sahara, Middle East, etc.)
 - o Ice sheets created lower sea level and land bridges
 - Bering straits connected Asia to North and South America
 - Southeast Asia connected Australia; East Asia connected Taiwan and Japan
 - Drop and rise of as much as 100 meters/300 feet
- Melting ice sheets and mountain glaciers bring flooding and drier climate (~1850-1650 BC).
 - o Famines (Egypt-Canaan-Joseph?)
 - o Extinction of Mammoths – buried/suffocated in massive dust/sandstorms
 - o Coastal cities were inundated – archeological evidence

Post-Flood - Babel and Migration – Civilization during Ice Age

- God said to fill the earth (Gen 9:1)
- Man refused so God confused the languages at Babel to force migration (Gen 11:1, 9-16)
 - o Earth divided at the time of Peleg (born 101 years after the Flood) (1 Chron 1:19)
 - Civilizations established: 2200-2000 BC; revised Chronologies
 - Shem (Middle East), Ham (Africa, worldwide), Japheth (North, Europe)
 - o Genesis 10: Perhaps 70 proto-languages to begin with – over 6,000 languages today
- Ice Age Civilizations were advanced – Secularists propose Aliens
 - o Secular timeline is inconsistent – cities in the desert?
 - o Submerged megaliths – flooded at the end of the ice age
 - Mediterranean (Atlantis); England (Stonehenge)
 - Asia: Indus/Sarasvati, Japan/Taiwan – Yonaguni
 - Americas – Bering land bridge, Olmecs from Africa, Lapita from Pacific
 - o China – Fuxi Noah, Emperor Yu and flooding produced by melting ice
 - Chinese language – remnants of creation and Flood
 - Worship of Shang Di (“Heavenly Emperor”) at the Border Sacrifice