

We have seen the creation and now are studying the destruction of civilization which continues through chapter 8—the reason for the flood, 6.9-12, designs for it, then the deluge itself, the development of the flood and description of the flood including the deliverance. And now we discuss the *dimensions* by which I mean the rising and depths of waters, etc, 7.17 until the end of the chapter.

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Duration of the rainfall is in 7.17 and also in 17 the displacement of the ark and in 19-20 specific depths of the waters, and then 21-23 the destruction of all life, and the passage concludes in verse 24 with the increase of the waters.

The view that we are taking is different and a very minority view within the broader church, and even within evangelical and Bible-believing churches—but I believe it is the accurate view both Biblically and with the science, which we will continue to observe, the evidence that we have today of the Genesis Flood.

To just be aware of other views...some of these have died out. The problem is modern science that does not believe in the Bible

and has had a heavy influence on the church; and theologians have been slow to push back, and it wasn't until about the 1960's with Henry Morris—who was not a theologian per se, he was a mechanical engineer—along with another theologian, John Witcomb wrote a book that changed everything for evangelicalism in terms of the early chapters of Genesis. They took a view that we hold to today, those of us who are very conservative, but it is still the minority view. But before that there were several views; one of them that some theologians tried to explain because of the influence of geology—noting all the different layers that seemed to have been laid down by water, concluded that there were *multiple catastrophes* rather than just one. That viewpoint might be found in some of the older commentaries, but it has gone by the wayside.

#### **Flood views**

1. Multiple catastrophism
2. Tranquil Theory
3. Local Flood

Another view was from people who said that they believed the Bible and that the flood was real and actually happened, but apparently was so tranquil that it didn't leave any physical evidence behind. But that is not the description that we have in the book of Genesis—it is not tranquil flood, but a massive one.

But the one that has stayed and is the most popular view in most churches, conservative, Bible-believing churches, a lot of theologians hold to what is called a local flood. Yes, there was a real flood, but it was confined to the Mesopotamian Valley, so a local flood. The reason they feel rather forced into that position is because geology has put forward the idea that there is no evidence for a Genesis flood at all. Yes, there were floods in Mesopotamia, and all over the world and yes, you see evidence of flooding in the geological column, but *nothing* like what we have described in the book of Genesis. So because of the influence of geology and

geologists and other scientists, theologians have felt that this was the only option available. But I will give you the overwhelming evidence that goes against not only a *local flood*, but the idea that there was no flood at all.

### Local Flood

- > Local in all Aspects
  - some people & animals not destroyed
- > Local Geographically
  - universal destruction

There are two variations of the Local Flood: one is that it is local in all its aspects, but in terms of some of the people and some of the animals, they escaped and were not inundated by the flood's waters. In other ways the flood was devastating, but confined to the Mesopotamian Valley.

Others say that it was local geographically with universal destruction. They hold a broader-based destruction than just the local area.

But neither of these fits the Biblical description that we have been emphasizing and the physical evidence is not there either. We will be looking at the physical and scientific evidence.

### Flood views

1. Multiple catastrophism
2. Tranquil Theory
3. Local Flood
4. Universal Flood

We hold what is described as a universal flood and by 'universal' world-wide, not local—and devastating beyond what we can even comprehend. If you take the *wording and description* of the Genesis account, you cannot come up with any

other option other than a world-wide flood. We ask: is there physical evidence?

### Genesis 6-9

1. Universal Corruption
2. God's Determination
3. Ark's Existence
4. Universal Destruction
5. Universal Language
6. Geological Upheaval

In the area of geology we have overwhelming evidence of great upheaval and destruction. I intend to give you some of that evidence. We have been stressing the Biblical text and talking about the reconstruction of the Ark by the organization Answers in Genesis; that Ark is huge and fits the dimensions that we have. One of the reasons that the Ark is so big is because of the scale of the Genesis Flood and the need to be able to house 2 of each *kind* of the animals that would survive the world-wide flood along with 4 families.

We have been stressing as we read it that the text itself does not allow for a local flood. There are some points that demonstrate that you cannot hold to a local flood and to the integrity of the Biblical text:

One of the points is the corruption that is world-wide. And, either all the population was confined to Mesopotamia or if there was anyone outside they would have escaped the judgment. So the universal corruption demands that God, as just, must deal with that universal corruption in a universal way.

We have already seen some texts and there are more in chapters 7 and 8 that this is God's determination to bring a judgment that involves this universal corruption. And to describe what He is going to do God uses language that is universal, so God's determination to bring a universal world-wide flood argues for the universality of it. And we spent a whole session talking

about the size of the Ark and some of its features—just the existence of the Ark argues for a universal flood. God brought other judgments, like on Sodom and Gomorrah and he had Lot leave the area. Noah could have walked around the whole world in the time that it took to build such a structure. God knew that it would be a world-wide flood, so that’s why He gave these specific instructions and the physical dimensions and the features of the Ark itself.

Last time we looked at 7.11 that describes the fountains of the deep from which came the water—an I gave you some background on John Baumgardner, who is actually from Albuquerque, NM, and worked at Los Alamos National Labs. And now within the creationist community his model is the one that is basically accepted by those who accept a universal flood. Obviously the majority of people still hold to a local flood and I think many of them are unaware of what Baumgardner has proposed.

I mentioned the causes of the flood:

1. Tectonic movements are at the heart of Baumgardner’s model; he is a geophysicist and a lot of the work he did at the Labs was on Tectonic movements. On his own he saw that this could be a cause of the Genesis Flood and he was aware of some physical features of the earth that also lend themselves to the possibility of a universal flood. He came up with a 3-D finite element computer model that took all of the capability of Los Alamos National Labs’ computers. So he had to do his work at 2 or 3:00 in the morning; otherwise he would have shut down their whole operation—and at the time they probably had the most powerful computer in the world.

2. So it was a massive computer program modeling the entire earth and he developed a new understanding of the Fountains of the deep that I will briefly sketch for you and then I will get into the text.

3. It also includes, as another cause, a 40-day rain storm which is described in the same passage.

### **Flood Stages**

#### A. Causes of Flood

1. Tectonic movements
2. Fountains of deep
3. 40-day rain storm

### **Baumgardner Model**

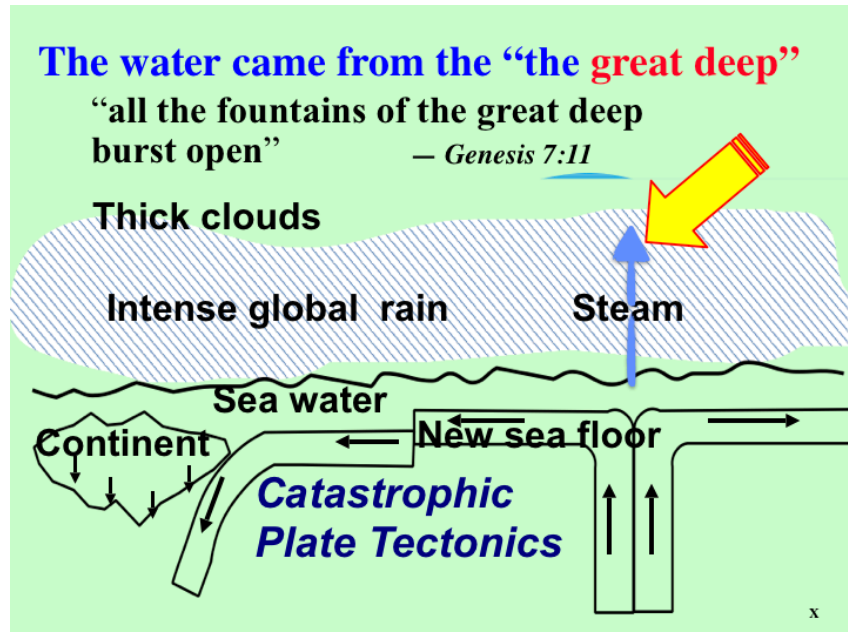
1. Finite element model
2. Tectonic plate movements
3. Pre-flood oceanic floor subducted
4. Mega-tsunamis eroded continents
5. Opening of Mid-Atlantic Ridge
6. Ocean water contacts mantle rock
7. Supersonic steam jets rise

So the Finite Element Model is Baumgardner’s. We know about tectonic plate movements, but today we only see them happening at a quarter of an inch at a time, sometimes half an inch. But they cause these massive earthquakes, and there are huge tectonic plates, all over the world. Baumgardner’s model shows that given the right conditions—that God created, obviously—we have a runaway subduction of the ocean floors—which means that the entire ocean floor is displaced and goes back into the hot mantle below; that is subduction, and it also causes at the juncture of the plates these mega tsunamis that would go world-wide and erode all of the continents with waves, according to some estimations, a mile deep. So that’s 5,000 feet deep waves that would just obliterate everything in their path, totally removing the surface of all the continent—that is, the one continent that existed and was then breaking up.

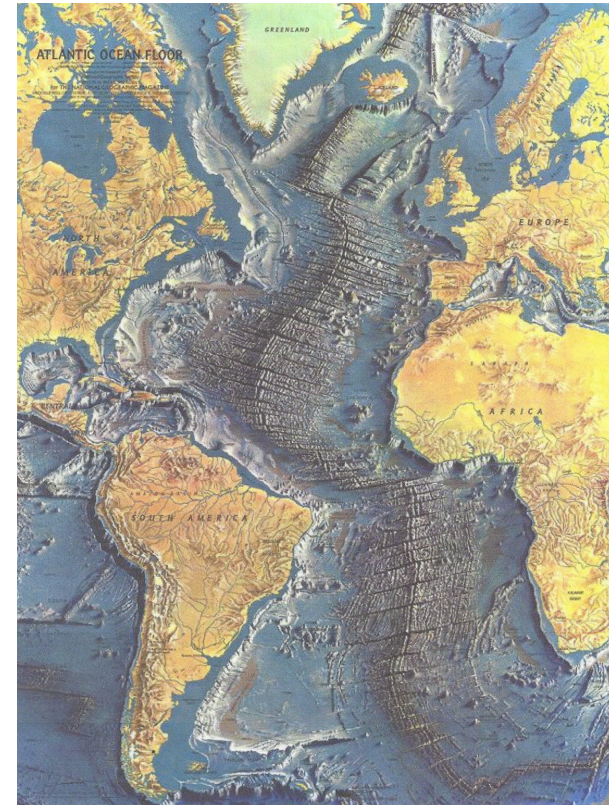
The evidence for that is the mid-Atlantic ridge (which was discovered by marine activity during WWII)—a whole mountain

range in the middle of the Atlantic. And it opened up as the ocean floor was displaced and subducted and created a new ocean floor, but in doing that, we have ocean water coming in contact with hot mantle rock which would produce rapid, explosive evaporation of water at that contact shooting jets of steam through the ocean, hundreds of feet, projecting those jets up into the atmosphere. So supersonic steam jets were rising out of the oceans.

Here you can see the subducting of the old ocean floor, displacing continents. And tremendous steam going up into the atmosphere and producing thick clouds globally, around the world which would account for the 40 days and nights of rain. At the same time then, the huge tsunamis are eroding the surface of the continent (which is breaking up into various continents because of the tectonic plate movements). Noah and his family in the Ark were cushioned by the waters, even the pre-Flood ones that would have been displaced as well.



Here is a picture of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge—which you could see if you took all the water out of the Atlantic. It runs from North Pole to South Pole, and you could see the mountain range produce by volcanic action, material from the mantle. So this is



the new ocean floor that was developed. The evidence is that this is relatively younger rock. The breakup of the Pangea (single continent) would be the displaced, broken up into the eastern and western continents that we can see would have fitted together originally.

### Cataclysmic

1. Continental Movements
2. Deep Fountains
3. 1 Year Storm
4. Mountain Inundation
5. Mountain Building
6. Cosmological Changes



So these Deep Fountains are not from subterranean water but from water produced as a result of contact with hot mantle rock. We have a 1-year storm if you look at the details of the text. Last time we looked at 7.11 which has a precise dating to the day. And in chapter 8 we have a conclusion to the day with actual numbers which enabled me to stress the historicity of the flood. These time notes are strong evidence that this is a historical narrative. There is a reminder of Mountain Inundation in the text today. And eventually, as tectonic plates move and collide there is Mountain Building and Movements of entire Continents so that we have a different configuration today than we would have had before the Genesis flood.

So this is a massive event that should have left overwhelming geological evidence, and it is there. Chapter 8 also kind of hints at possible Cosmological Changes which might partially explain a different environment after the Flood; the environment was probably not conducive for the survival of dinosaurs, though they were on the Ark and survived a few decades or hundreds of years, but the climate and environment is radically different.

7.17 Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth.

The last passage was the beginning of the Flood and now he is giving more details. Moses could not have been more explicit in indicating that this is a world-wide flood—not local. The flood came upon the earth, the Hebrew word is *eretz*. The flood was 40 days—most rainstorms are only hours.

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and the water increased and lifted up the ark. That is a massive amount of water in itself because of the size of the Ark. These are details telling us it is a universal flood.

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This Displacement of the Ark continues through verse 18.

7.17 Then the flood came upon the earth [1st] for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth [2nd].

so that it rose above the earth... This is the 2nd time the earth is mentioned. It is an emphasis on the entire world.

7.18 The water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth [3rd], and the ark floated on the surface of the water.

Now we will have the word prevailed three times. And Moses adds again, upon the earth, 3rd time 'earth'. So the emphasis is *world-wide*.

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And in 18: the word water twice.

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Then we have the Depth of the Waters. Again, the historicity is emphasized with all these details: time frames, specific notes concerning the displacement of the Ark, even the Depth of the water, 19-20:

7.19 The water prevailed more and more upon the earth [4th], so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered.

The water prevailed more and more upon the earth [4th]. Again, he could have stopped the sentence there, but he adds again a 4th time, upon the earth....

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...so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. Notice under the heavens—this is *global*, not local—all, everywhere under the heavens.

7.20 The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered.

The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher; we have very specific notes like this. About 22 feet—a cubit being 17 or 18 to 19 inches.

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Another note: the mountains were covered. So all of the mountains are covered. And we know that the Mesopotamian Valley drains out; it has mountains all around, but then it empties into the Persian Gulf. How was the water contained if it was over those mountains? It would go way beyond that.

One of the points that we have to make is that the mountains before the flood had to be much lower than the mountains that we have today. And, by the way, plate tectonics explains how the mountains that we see today could be created, like Mount Ararat, for example which is over 16,000 ft in elevation and certainly the Himalayas at 29,000+.

The geophysicists can calculate how much water there is on planet earth, and unless some of it has escaped to the atmosphere, we could see the pre-flood waters world-wide at an average depth of 12,000 ft. If that is the case, the mountains would have to be under 12,000 ft in elevations in order to be covered with the amount of water that exists on the planet today.

- > Pre-flood waters - 12,000 ft deep average
- > Mile Deep Flood Waters - Oceanic
- > Flood - 22ft above Mountains
- > Universal!!!!
- > Ararat = 16,916 feet      Everest = 29,000+ feet

Some have estimated that the flood waters would have been about 5000 ft deep. A tsunami would destroy everything; we are talking about Oceanic waters, not small floods. The flood, in that

text it says, covered all the mountains by at least 22 ft. So the highest pre-flood mountain is covered by 22 ft. This is universal; the Mesopotamian valley could not contain that because it has an outlet where all of those waters would have flowed, and even with all of the tectonic activity that we are talking about.

Ararat is almost 17,000 ft and would have been created as a result of post-flood tectonic activity, and certainly Everest as well. All of the major mountain ranges of today would have been created as a result of the tectonic movements of these plates colliding with one another and putting pressure to create entire mountain ranges all over the world.

7.20 The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered.

Notice the emphasis by repetition: the mountains were covered.

A Local Flood? It would have to be something miraculous in such a situation. People that adhere to a local flood explain away some of the things; they feel like there is no alternative because the geological community has been so strong in that area that they don't want to sound ridiculous, or ignorant of current science which actually supports a universal flood.

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- (4) Destruction of all Life 7.21-23

Not only does God promise it, but He enters into Covenant, binding Himself, not to bring another *mabul* which is the word for flood which is only used in the Bible in reference to the Genesis Flood.

7.21 All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind;

22 of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died.

Notice again, All flesh...on the earth perished. Then he specifies all the different kinds of flesh: birds, cattle, beasts, swarming things—and mankind.

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22 of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died.

Notice: all...died. Death is emphasized. He could have stopped at the end of verse 21, but then he adds verse 22 to emphasize it: all...dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath...of life...died.

7.23 Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

We saw the word ‘blotting out’ in chapter 6, but again there is repetition for emphasis. The Hebrew word for ‘blotting out’ has the idea of ‘wiping clean’. Then he repeats ‘man’ and ‘animals’, etc.

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And again the repetition of Noah and those with him being the only ones left, the exceptions to the ones ‘blotted out’—the Hebrew word being *makhah*.

The focus of this passage is the universal language...

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...so I am noting the words in these verses also:

7.19 The water prevailed more (*me-ode*) and more (*me-ode*) upon the earth, so that all (*kol*) the high mountains everywhere (*kol*) under the heavens were covered....

21 All (*kol*) flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every (*kol*) swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all (*kol*) mankind;

22 of all (*kol*) that was on the dry land, all (*kol*) in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died.

23 Thus He blotted out every (*kol*) living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to

birds of the sky,...; and only (*ak*) Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

As I mentioned, the word ‘all’ *kol* occurs at least 38 times in the flood narrative. Then the word for the exception, ‘only’ *ak* is put at the beginning of the phrase showing emphasis.

### Universal Language

<u>All</u> ...	<u>Every</u> ...
	Thing (2x)
Flesh (12x)	Living Thing (4x)
Earth (2x)	Kind (6.19-20)
Fountains (7.11)	Where (7.19)
Mountains (7.19)	Creeping Thing (2x)
Mankind (7.21)	Swarming Thing (7.21)
Successive	Beast (2x)
Generations (9.12)	Living Creature (4x)

If you hold to a local flood you have to explain all the occurrences of *kol*, plus all the other phrases like ‘upon the earth’, ‘under the heavens’, etc. So universal language indicates that we have a universal flood. And the Terms:

*mabul* only of the Genesis flood, OT and NT. There are other terms that refer to other types of floods or waters:

### Flood Terms

*mabul* (13x) **κατακλυσμός** *kah-tah-kloos-mós* (5x)

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*yeh-or* = flood or waters

**ποταμός** *po-tah-mós* stream, flood  
*nah-khar* = also *flood or waters*

**πλήμυρα** *pláy-moo-rah* flood  
*neh-khahl* = also *flood or waters*

So Moses had at least three words that he could have chosen for the Genesis Flood—but he chose one that is *unique*, and *mabul* is only used of the Genesis Flood.

Similarly, in the New Testament are the Greek words: *kah-tah-kloos-mós* which occurs 5 times; Jesus uses it, and Peter and others. It is use only in reference to the Genesis Flood as well. And there are other words, such as *po-tah-mós* which can refer to rivers that overflow or that flood. Another Greek word is *pláy-moo-rah*, but it is never used for the Genesis Flood—only *kah-tah-kloos-mós*. (We probably get our word ‘catastrophe’ from this one.)

So we have universal language:

### Flood

> Judgment -	Wicked	
Universal -	Mankind	judgment on <i>all</i> Mankind
	Earth	on <i>all</i> of the earth
> Deliverance -	Righteous	deliverance of the righteous
Selective -	Noah’s Family	selective: only Noah’s family and the animals.
	Animals	

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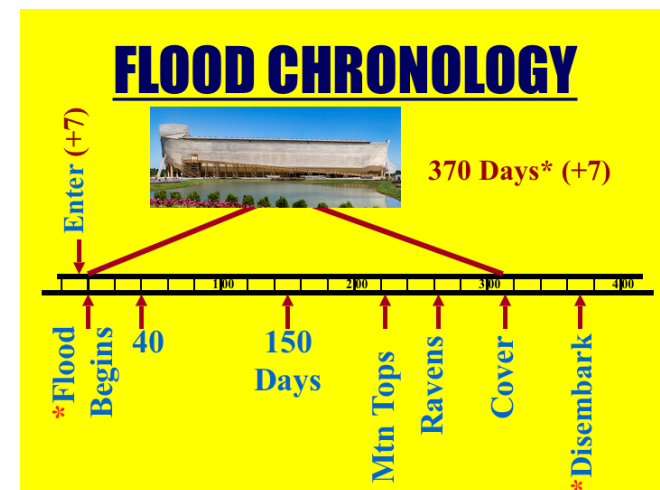
In verse 24: the duration of the increase.

7.24 The water prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.

There is the word ‘prevailed’ again and ‘upon the earth’ [5th use of ‘earth’].

one hundred and fifty days. There is no recorded flood in world history that goes more than 4-5 days. To avoid this you have to spiritualize it or ignore it. The family enters 7 days before the flood begins. The flood begins; we have a very precise dating (see \* on the slide). It seems that the 40 days are part of the 150, which leaves 110 days. And there is another reference—of 150 days, and maybe, after the last day of these you could start counting the 150 days of decreasing waters.

There are specific time notes for seeing the tops of mountains, release of the birds, a raven and two sets of doves 7 days apart, then Noah removes a cover and then Disembarkation with a specific day; so between the two \*’s there are 370 days. And Noah and the family were on the Ark 7 additional days.



## Flood Stages

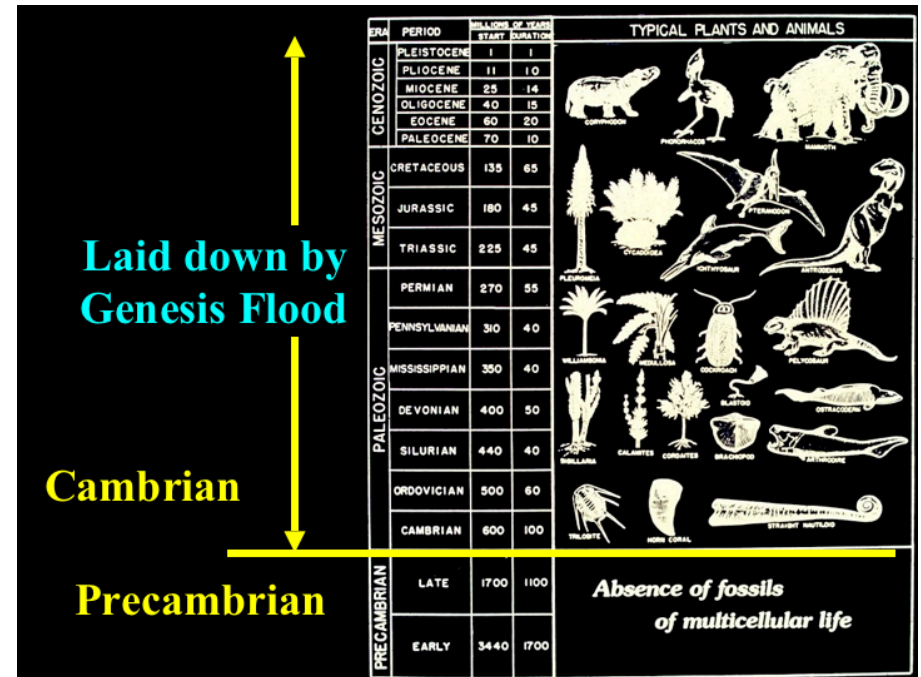
- A. Causes of Flood
- B. Inundation Stage
  1. Tsunami waves
  2. Waters prevailing
  3. Massive erosion
    - a. rip it up
    - b. transport it
    - c. redeposit it
  4. Sedimentation

A mile-deep tsunami would rip up and pull everything in its way, including forests, transporting it thousands of miles and then as the waters began to slow down, the re-depositing—heavier materials, lighter materials, like-natured materials with entire layers of similar material. If you go to the Grand Canyon you can see layer after layer of material that is graded in some cases, each layer is similar with clear boundaries—which is exactly what you would expect with this kind of phenomena.

Then you have the sedimentary stage, after the erosion. Then later there is an erosion stage as the waters recede. Well, where is the evidence? Briefly, this is very common in geology books. It is called the geologic column which is a chart. It is theoretical. I will be making a lot of comments on it. It is a composite, you might say, of what geologists find all over the earth, but 100% of it does not exist *anywhere* on the face of the earth. These are observable, so you can go to different places and find evidence of them. For example, in Albuquerque, NM, you can look outside your window at the Sandia Ridge; this is of the Pennsylvania layer which is set on pre-Cambrian rock formation.

Those layers are sedimentary rock and by definition sedimentary rock is laid down either by wind and/or water, but all the evidence points to water and the flood model that we believe in—that the Genesis Flood would have ripped up everything and

redeposited these layers all the way down to the pre-Cambrian which we call *basement rock*. I will give more detail.



That is the evidence that is overwhelming and the detail of these layers gives overwhelming evidence of a universal flood. So we interpret the geologic column differently. The data is the same—the same as what the secular geologist looks at. But we interpret it differently and it makes a lot more sense, the evidence pointing more to a Genesis Flood than long, long ages. And, as we will see, God entered into a covenant legally binding Himself to never again bring a Genesis Flood. That's the argument for a universal flood from the Biblical text. But I will be giving more and more of the scientific evidence.



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Our Lord of Justice must Judge sin!!!