

SCIENCE &

SCRIPTURE

Fatal Flaw - **Uniformitarianism**

I. Introduction



YOUNG vs OLD **UNIVERSE**

- **Naturalism - 5 Billion years**
20 for Universe
- **Scripture - ~6,000 years**
(Gen 1-2, 5, 11)

FUNDAMENTAL **ASSUMPTIONS**

- **Old Earth - Uniformitarianism**
- **Young Earth - Inerrant Scripture**

**I NEVER
ARGUE**

I JUST EXPLAIN WHY I'M RIGHT.

CONCLUSION

**The Biblical Chronology
cannot be Harmonized
with Billions of years
(evolutionary time frame)**

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A. Interpretation of Science

HERMENEUTICS

1. Interpreting Science

✧ **OBSERVATIONAL SCIENCE →**

Observations in **Present**

✧ **HISTORICAL SCIENCE →**

Traces of Past

✧ **DATA =**

Traces left by Event



✧ **HISTORICAL FACT =**

Data + **Interpretation**

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**“Where were you when I
laid the foundations of the
earth? ...”**

Job 38:4

HERMENEUTICS

**1. Interpreting
Science**

**2. Interpreting
Scripture**

**“.... to find out the meaning of
a statement **for the author** and
for the 1st hearers or readers,
and thereupon to transmit that
meaning to modern readers.”**

Mickelsen

“Probably, so far as I know, there is **no professor of Hebrew or OT** at any world-class university who does not believe that the writer(s) of Gen 1-11 intended to convey to their readers the ideas that (a) creation took place in a series of **six days** which were the same as the days of 24 hours we now experience (b) the figures contained in the Genesis **genealogies** provided by simple addition a chronology from the beginning of the world up to later stages in the biblical story

.... (c) Noah's flood was understood to be **world-wide** and extinguish all human and animal life except for those in the ark. Or, to put it negatively, the apologetic arguments which suppose the "days" of creation to be long eras of time, the figures of years not to be chronological, and the flood to be a merely local Mesopotamian flood, are **not taken seriously** by any such professors, as far as I know.”

Dr James Barr

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DESCRIPTIONS

**1. Uniformitarianism - present is key
to the past**

**2. Catastrophism -
catastrophic events
account for present
conditions on earth**





EVIDENCE

- 1. Geology - Geological Column**
- 2. Physics - Radiometric Dating**
- 3. Astrophysics - Star Light**

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D. Weakness of Uniformitarianism

INTERPRETING CREATION

1. Methodological Naturalism

a. Imposes naturalistic theory

NATURALISM FLAWS

- Humanism
- Evolutionism
- Uniformitarianism

UNIFORMITARIANISM

- 1. Fundamental Assumption
Present is key to past**
- 2. Scientifically Unverified**
- 3. Goes against Scripture**
- 4. Science evidence against it**

NATURALISM FLAWS

- **Humanism**
- **Evolutionism**
- **Uniformitarianism**
- **Excludes Revelation**
- **Anti-supernatural Bias**

INTERPRETING CREATION

1. Methodological Naturalism

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b. Attempts to harmonize text

ACCOMMODATION

- 1. Emphasize supporting details**
- 2. Superimpose current theories**
- 3. Reinterpret text**
- 4. Ignore non-supporting details**

Scripture



Science Theory

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A. Rejection of Uniformitarianism

3:3-4 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.”

3:5-6 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.

2Pet 3:3-13

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3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

**3:12-13 looking for and hastening
the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens
will be destroyed by burning,
and the elements will melt with
intense heat! 13 But according
to His promise we are looking
for new heavens and a new
earth, in which righteousness
dwells.**

2Pet 3:3-13

- **Creation - very good**
“earth formed out of water”
- **Fall - cursed**
“world at that time”
- **Flood - Noahic covenant**
“present heavens & earth”
- **New Heaven & Earth - glorious**
after “judgment & destruction”

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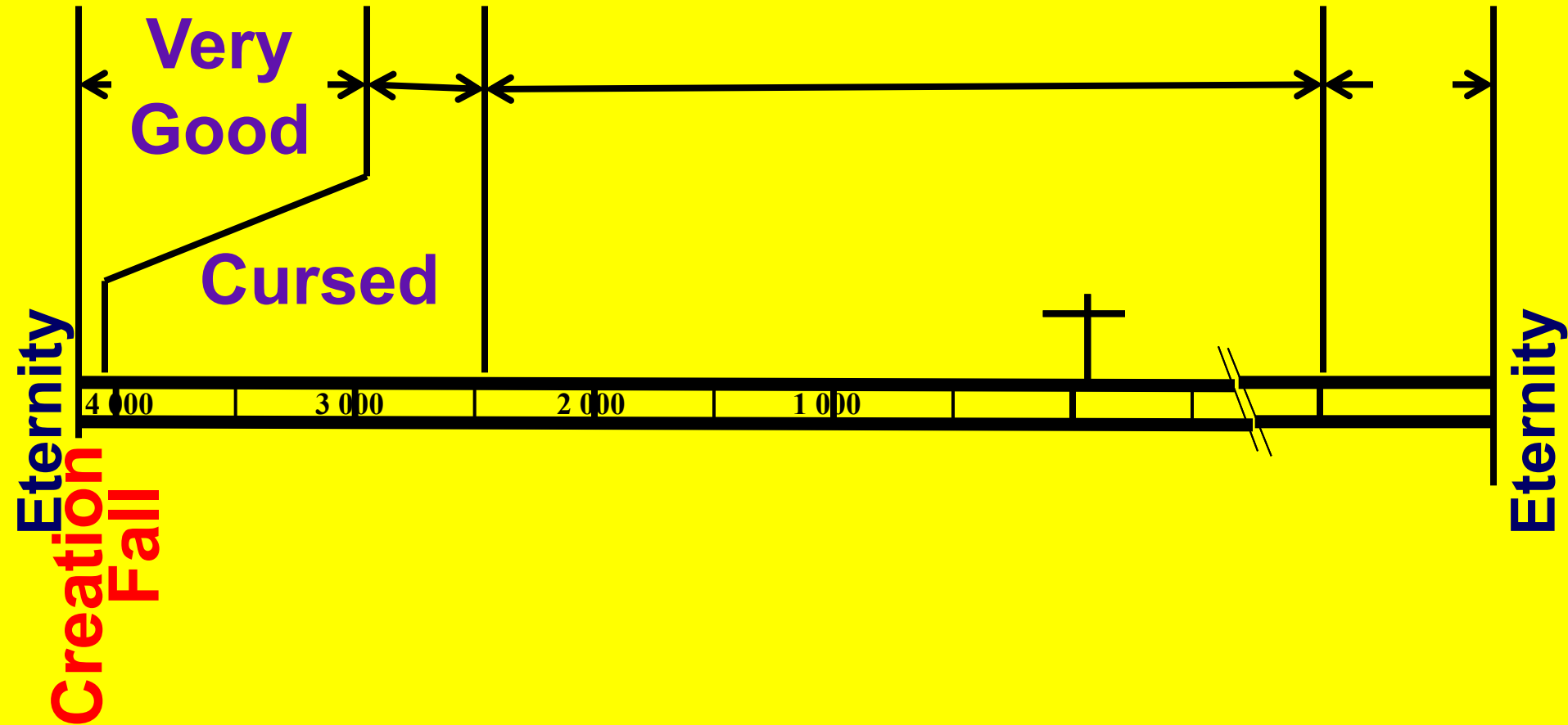
B. Radical Changes at the Fall

PHYSICAL EFFECTS

Rom 8:19-22

- **Zoology -** serpent cursed
- **Anthropology -** woman's pain
- **Geophysics -** ground cursed
- **Botany -** thorns & thistles
- **Physics -** toil, sweat, death
inefficiency

RADICAL CHANGES



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PHYSICAL EFFECTS

➤ **Geophysics - geologic column**

Cambrian

Absence of fossils of multicellular life

ERA	PERIOD	MILLIONS OF YEARS		TYPICAL PLANTS AND ANIMALS
		START	DURATION	
CENOZOIC	PLEISTOCENE	I	I	
	PLIOCENE	II	IO	
	MIOCENE	25	14	
	OLIGOCENE	40	15	
	EOCENE	60	20	
	PALEOCENE	70	IO	
MESOZOIC	CRETACEOUS	135	65	
	JURASSIC	180	45	
	TRIASSIC	225	45	
PALEOZOIC	PERMIAN	270	55	
	PENNSYLVANIAN	310	40	
	MISSISSIPPIAN	350	40	
	DEVONIAN	400	50	
	SILURIAN	440	40	
	ORDOVICIAN	500	60	
	CAMBRIAN	600	100	
PRECAMBRIAN	LATE	1700	1100	<p>Absence of fossils of multicellular life</p>
	EARLY	3440	1700	

PHYSICAL EFFECTS

- **Geophysics -** geologic column
- **Tectonics -** continents



Pangaea

Continental Sprint Post-Flood



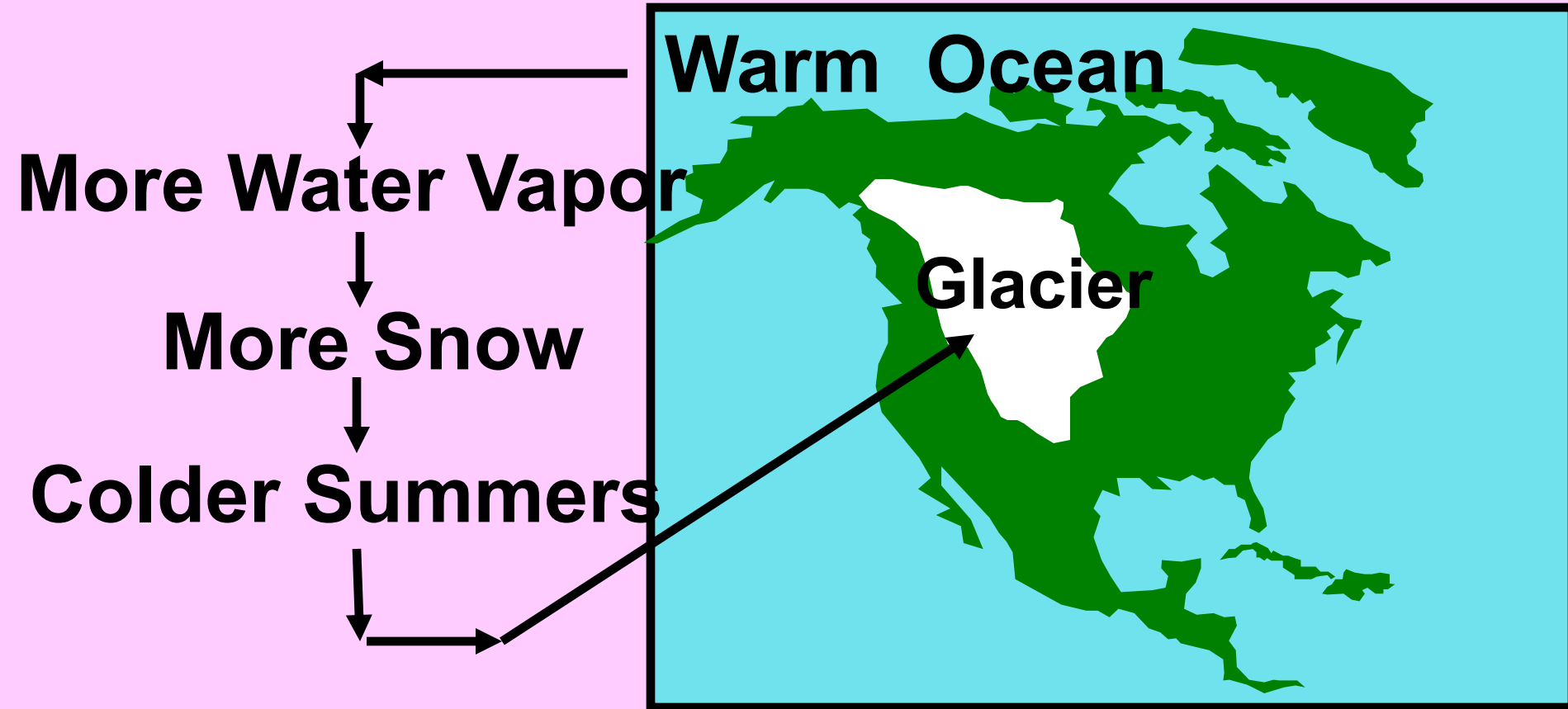
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- **Climatology - seasons, ice age**

“The underlying cause of glaciation remains in doubt ... At least 29 ‘explanations’ have been advanced to account for widespread glaciations. Most of these had little chance of survival from the 1st, but others enjoyed some degree of success until they were rendered untenable by subsequently accumulated information.”

Dr Wm L Stokes

Flood Caused Ice Age



— *Confirmed by NOAA computer code*

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- **Climatology -** seasons, ice age
- **Oceanography -** boundaries
- **Orogeny -** high mountains
- **Physics -** constants changed
- **Anthropology -** longevity

LONGEVITY

Pre-Flood
Avg = 912.2
(777-969)

1000
800
600
400
200

Noah
Shem
Arpachshad
Selah
Eber
Peleg
Reu
Serug
Nahor
Terah
Abram
Isaac
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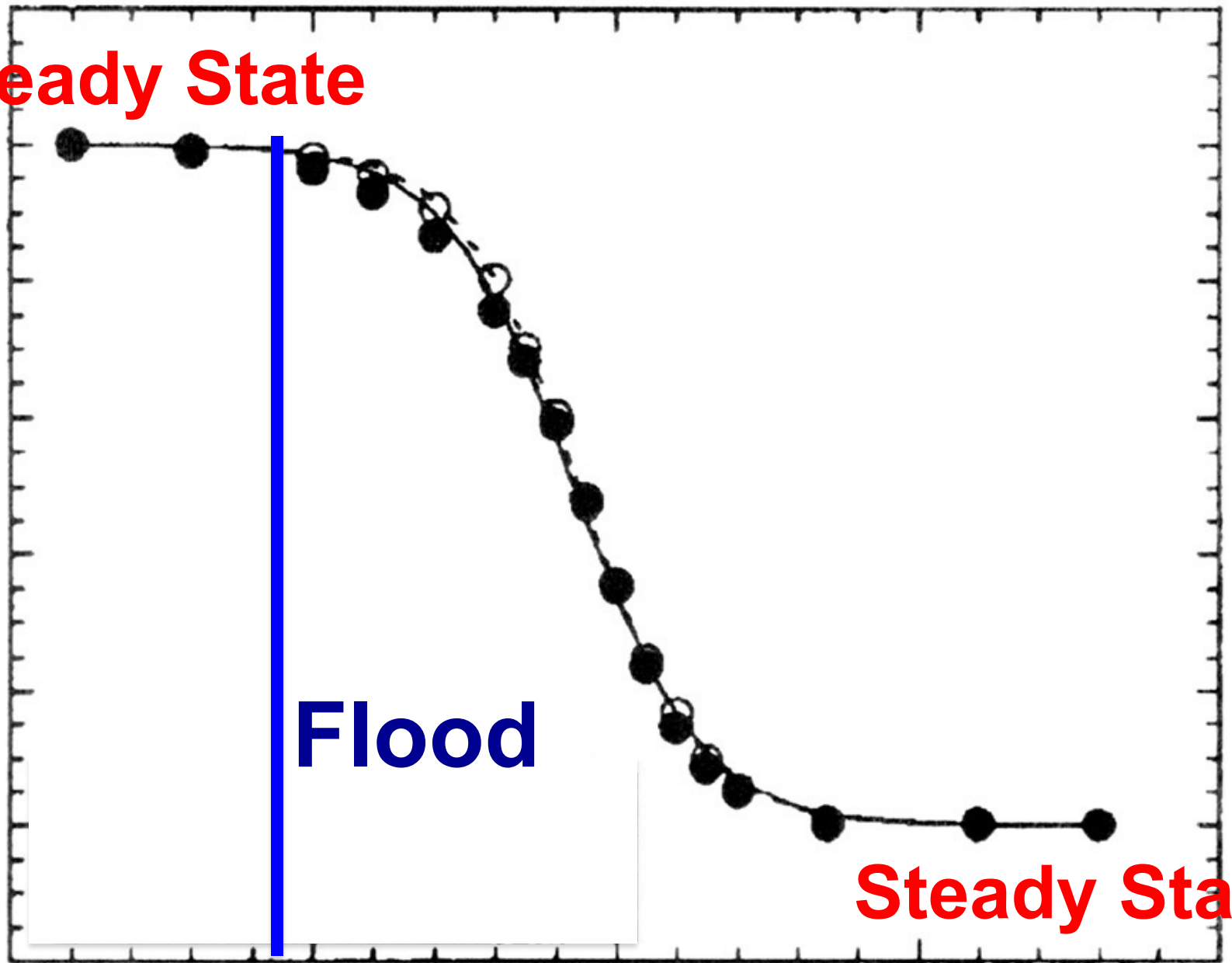
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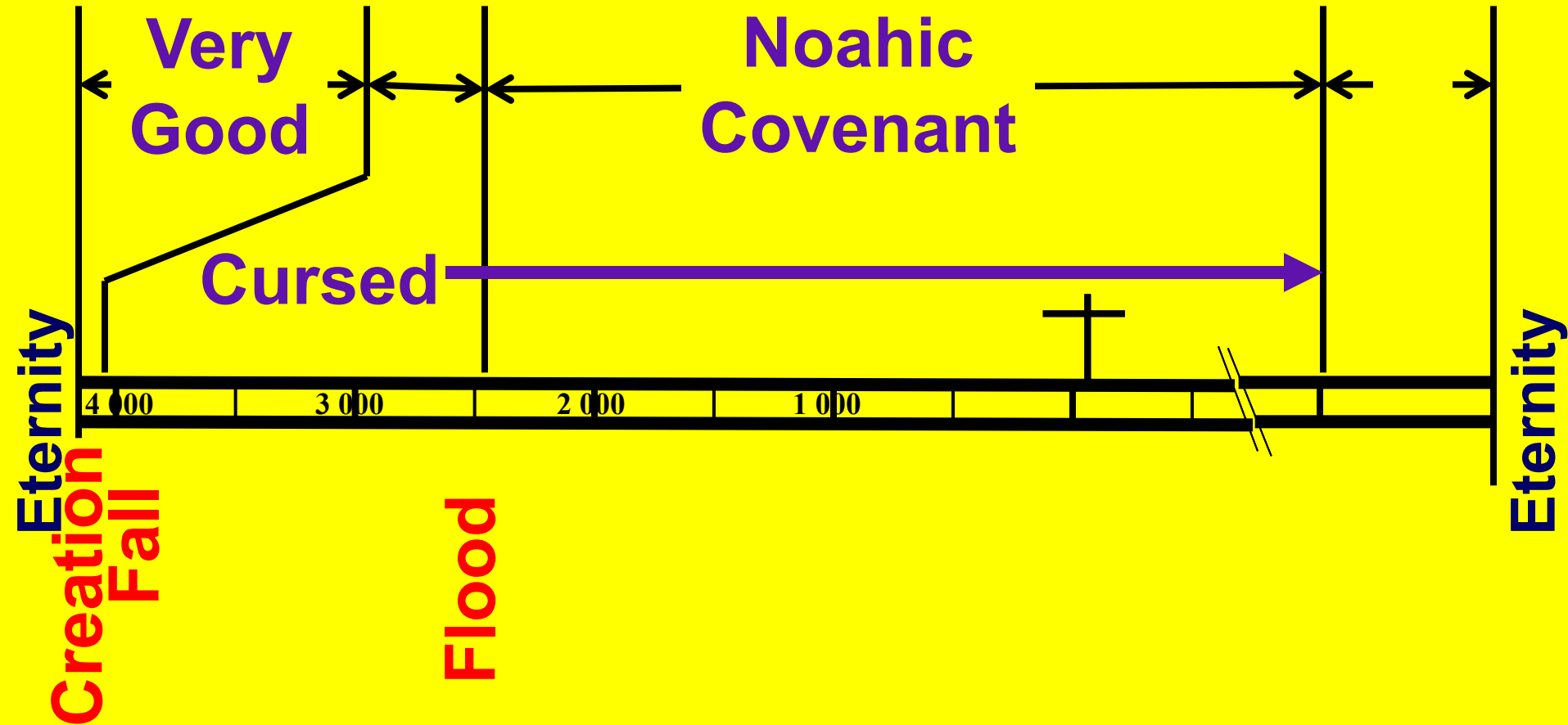
Steady State



Flood

Steady State

RADICAL CHANGES



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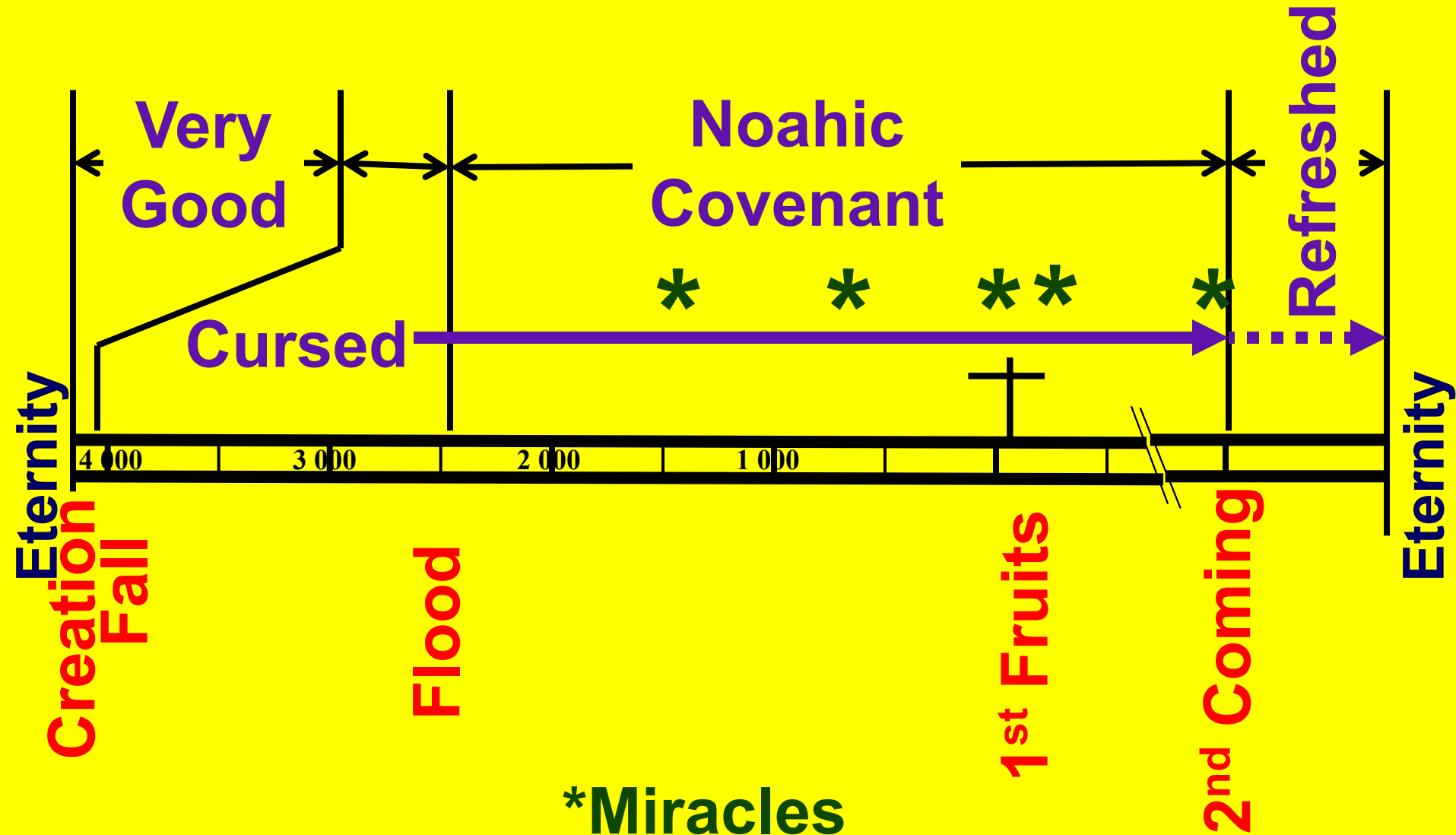
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D. Radical Changes in Future

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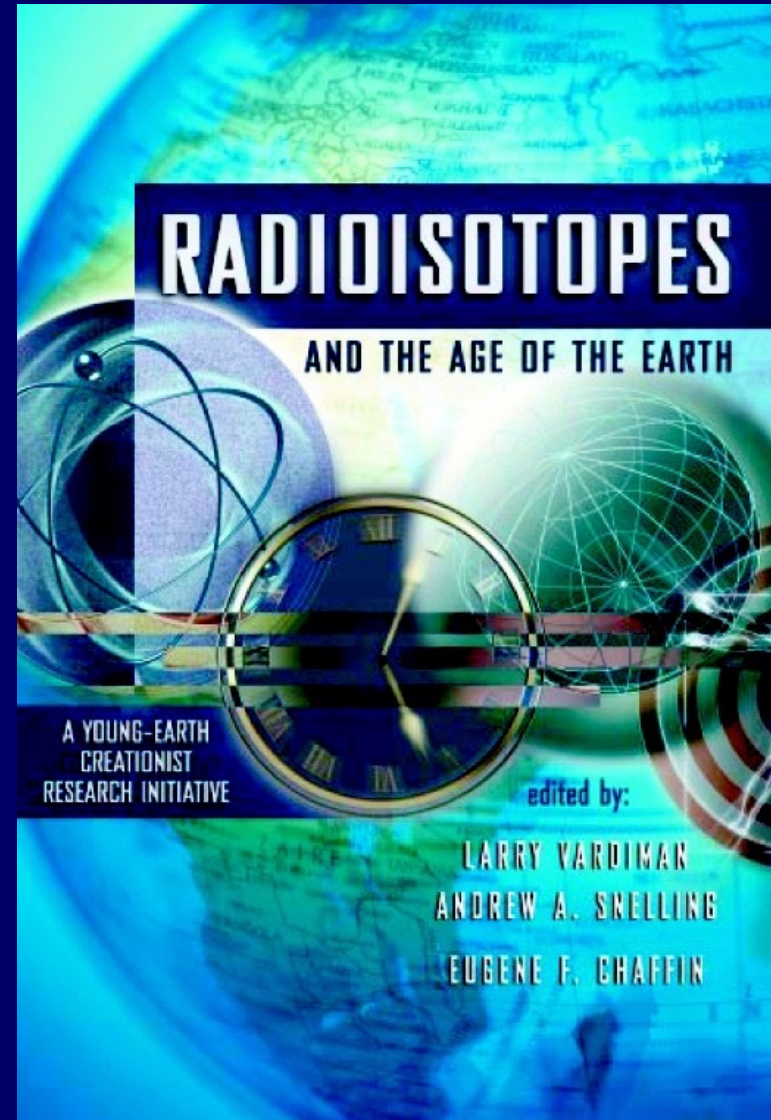
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E. Evidence from Science

RATE Group

- 6 Young Earth Scientists (2005)
- Geologists, Geophysicists, Geochemists, Physicists
- Constants changed



Mt St Helens - before





May 17, 1980

Mt St Helens

May 18, 1980

**Energy =
1 atomic bomb/sec
over eruption
(30,000)**





RAPID FORMATION



- **Erosion**
- **Sedimentation**
- **Stratification**
- **Log Deposition**
- **Coal Possibly**
- **Canyon**

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INTERPRETING CREATION

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2. Biblical Worldview

- a. Begin with Scripture**
- b. Avoid unbelieving worldview**
- c. Interpret physical data**

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water, likely the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a shimmering path of light across the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, some of which are illuminated from below by the sun. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a hillside with some sparse vegetation is visible. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**We can praise our Lord
That He will restore the Creation
to better than the original!!!**

Sea of Galilee from Kursi