

Creation – part 8

We saw last time the ages of old: two people's lives spanned the entire period from the creation to the flood (1656 years!)

--Noah lived until Abraham was 60 years old and Shem, Noah's son, lives until Jacob and Esau, Abraham's grandchildren, are 50 years old.

--Long lives of people and probably animals before the flood which may go a long way explaining the large size of animals in the past.

--Reptiles would have been drastically affected by living longer lives.

We need to conclude our look at these ages by considering a couple of things:

1. **Isaiah 65:19-23** – This is speaking of the Millennium when Jesus returns to reign for 1,000 years.

--Living as long as a tree? How long were the people living prior to the flood? Nearly 1000 years. How long will Jesus reign on the current earth during the Millennium? 1000 years!

2. The genealogy of Genesis 5.

--Practically all names have meanings, and, whereas, today those meanings seem to have little significance in modern minds, but in the days of the Bible they carried great significance for people.

--The meaning of the names in Genesis chapter five and the order that we find them produce a very interesting, instructive and amazing message.

We are given the meaning of two of these patriarchs—one in **Genesis 5:29** “Noah” = “rest” or “comfort.”

--He was named this because he was going to give the world rest or comfort from its corruption.

--The second is Seth --Genesis 4:25. -- according to what Eve says, “Seth” means “appointed” because she said that God appointed her another son in place of Abel.

A third name that we can easily define is Adam:

--“Adam” is the Hebrew word for “man”

--It cannot be that these three names are the only three names that have meanings.

Consider: **Genesis 5:6-32**

--Enosh means “mortal”

--Kenan name means “sorrow.” Kenan's son's name was Mahalalel.

--Mahalalel whose name means “the blessed” or “praised God.”

--Jared means “will come down.”

--Enoch had a name that means or is interpreted as “teaching,”

--Enoch's son was named **Methuselah** which means, “his death shall bring” (He dies the same year that the flood comes, so his death brought the flood)

--Lamech, had a name that means “despairing,” and we still have the phonetically similar word “lament” in our language that carries a similar meaning.

--Lamech's son's name was, of course, Noah, of whose meaning we have already ascertained.

If they were in any other order, this would not work and there would be no significance to their conglomerate meanings.

--Taken together, their names read: “Man appointed mortal sorrow. The blessed God shall come down teaching [that] His death shall bring the despairing hope”

--So, without much difficulty, having a done a bit of homework, we can read the message of the Gospel--the message of Jesus in the meanings of the names of this genealogy. This is truly amazing!

Gen. 6

--In just 7 chapters of the Bible we come across two of the most hotly debated topics in all of Scripture—6-day creation and a global flood.

--We are going to be dealing with the teachings and implications of the flood but today we are going to consider the simple facts of the flood

--Was there really a flood? Is there evidence?

--Evidence of creation? God created in 6 days; all was created mature and full grown giving the appearance of age when it was only a day old—evidence is hard to come by.

--The Flood happened in time and in history and was global, so you could expect the evidence also to be global not to mention prolific.

--That is what you find: in fact, the evidence for this biblical event is more prolific than any other event in the Bible or in history.

1. The Majority opinion in academia is that there was indeed a flood but that it was local (much like the Tsunami of 2004 in the Indian Ocean or the one in Japan in 2011).

--First, confirm that the Bible actually does say it was global: **Genesis 7:17-21**,

—**II Peter 3:3-7** — Pay attention to “mockers” scoffing at the notion of God; “following after their own lusts” they love their sin and want anything that will ease their consciences about it; “all things continue” belief that nothing has changed/no big events.

--Remember that one of the primary underlying doctrines of evolutionists is this static equilibrium that they claim to be true for millions or billions of years.

--Add to this the fact that Jesus referred the thoroughness of the Flood as a reference point to how thoroughly God will judge and destroy the world in the future. **Luke 17:26-27**

--Your best bet always is to believe the Scriptures regardless of the supposed evidence (which can be manipulated and subjectively interpreted).

2. What would we expect to see if there was a global catastrophic flood?

1. Expect Strong Historical evidence – majority of truly ancient cultures have as a part of their teachings a global flood that covered the mountains as a part of their tradition and beliefs.

--Persian, Indian, Burman, Indonesian, Tahitian, Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese, Siberian, Australian, Alaskan, Incan (high in the Peruvian Andes) = all cultures with a global flood as a part of their traditions.

--Aztecs not only had this tradition but said that it happened 1,716 years after the first two people were created (the Bible says it happened 1,656 for a difference of 60 years between the two accounts from people who lived on opposites sides of the earth!)

2. Expect that population stats would demonstrate in some way that we came from 8 people about 4000 years ago.

--We saw this last time:

--According to conservative evolutionary theories we have been here for over 500K years – so to reach our current levels that would mean the pop. doubled on average only every 16,500 years?

25,000 generations times 2.5 children per household and ½% growth rate per year means we should be at a population level of 1X10 to the 2,000 power which is enough people to fill all the land and oceans and stack them out past the moon’s current orbit!! 1×10^{2000}

3. Expect there to be a vast amount of geologic evidence in the form of sediments and these sediments to not just have local but also global patterns.

--The world would have been literally turned upside down

--This is what we find—the earth is a sedimentary graveyard averaging 1 mile in depth worldwide.

--75% of all rock on earth is sedimentary (produced in and by water).

--Evidence demonstrates that this earth had forces being enacted upon it that modern man has no real sense of:

--Mass graves of animals by the thousands—all smashed and twisted together.

--Fossil preservation that is very much indicative of fast burial under intense pressure, with no time for decay.

We should expect, if evolution is true and we have been here for billions of years, there to be billions of species in the fossil record with the millions of missing links that would be needed to bridge from a starfish to your uncle John.

--But that is not what we find: only about ¼ million species in the fossil record.

We should also expect, if evolution is true, that there would be a very low percentage of currently living animals represented in the fossil record, but this isn't the case.

--A study done in Europe of the mammal species found in the fossil record there showed that 88% of living animals were also found as fossils.

--12% of those were not found in Europe's fossil record, but 11% were found in the records of other areas.

--In other words, 99% of fossil animals were also living animals in Europe at the time of the study.

If the flood is true, we should expect Global patterns in the geologic column:

Banded Iron Formations (99% of the world's iron is in one layer distributed around the world) at the bottom then **black shale on top** then Coal—

--Coal--100s of times more abundant than any other layer—tremendous amounts of vegetation was being killed and buried very deeply in the past in basically in one layer)

--Then **cross bedded sandstones**, then coal again.

--Go to any continent and you will find the same pattern repeated--conventional thinking has no explanation for this, but in a flood this would be expected.

Grand Canyon—Red wall limestone runs the entire length of the canyon (270 miles) at almost the exact same thickness throughout, but then you find the same thing at the same level in Montana and Tennessee.

--This same pattern is true for north and south America, Europe, Asia, Africa—

--Some system was laying down stratified layers of the same substances in the same order over the entire planet.

--Some force in the past was spreading sediment over tens of thousands of square miles—the layers are thick and relatively pure and their sources are hundreds of miles away.

Evidence shows that this system was also laying down these layers in the same direction across entire continents.

--In the rock layers there is a pattern left by the particular current that laid them down.

--For instance, in the water systems of today the Gulf of Mexico rivers are laying down sediment from North to South.

--The west coast rivers are laying down from east to west, and the east coast ones are laying down west to east.

--But in the geologic column of rock from the past the layers were all laid down in one direction and this is the same over every continent.

--So, some system that we are completely unacquainted with was laying down sediment over entire continents and all for the most part in the same direction.

--Conventional thought has no answer for these things, but we do: God covered the entire world with a flood.