

## Creation – part 9

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

1. Expect Strong Historical evidence – and we have that; global flood traditions are in almost every ancient culture.

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

--We have that

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 is literally a sedimentary graveyard averaging a mile in depth.

--Sediment is currently being laid down in relatively minuscule amounts around the globe, but sometime in the past vast amounts were being swept up, deposited in layers that covered continents; and it was all being laid down in the same direction.

--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.

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

#### That is exactly what we find:

--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.

### If the flood is true, we should expect well preserved fossils:

#### Illustration from the fossil record:

Do you know that about 150 years ago North America had vast **herds of buffalo** that wandered everywhere from Canada to the Rio Grande.

In 1871, an American soldier named George Anderson sent a letter to his sweetheart describing a herd he saw in Kansas.

*"I am safe in calling this a single herd," he wrote, "but it is impossible to approximate the millions that composed it. It took me six days on horseback to ride through it."*

--These were killed systematically by Buffalo hunters by the hundreds of thousands over a short period of time decimating the species and bringing it to the point of extinction.

--All these dead animals, but there is almost no fossil remains of them to speak of. Why? They were not buried and so they decayed into nothing.

Unlike today, something in the past was burying 100's of thousands of animals deep in the earth.

--The geologic column also demonstrates a mass slaughter of animals sometime in the past and we have prolific evidence to that effect: massive graveyards of animals of hundreds of species jammed together, in some cases, in enormous piles.

--The only way these could have been made into fossils was for them to be buried rapidly and placed under immediate and enormous pressure.

**So, what did not happen to the American buffalo** did happen to hundreds of millions of plants and animals sometime in the past. What was that?

**Another example comes from trees:** Red Wood and Bristle cone pine—extremely hardy plants. Fire resistant and bug resistant and they do not die from old age or from disease, yet the oldest Redwood is around 4,000 years old and oldest bristlecone pine is 4800 years old. Almost nothing kills them and yet the oldest ones are less than 5000 years old?? What happened 5,000 years ago? We know that both species lived in the past because they are buried around the world under layers of sedimentary rock.

--The Redwood especially was found in the past over most of the globe as demonstrated in the fossil record.

--Something happened around 5000 years ago that wiped them all out.

--Why don't we have groves of the trees that are 5, 6, 7, 10 years old if we have been here all that time and everything has stayed the same as conventional thinking says??

Something happened around 5000 years ago that turned this world upside down and buried once living things in some cases miles below the earth's current surface. It happened rapidly, violently and globally.

--God uses that event of judgement as a template for a future event of judgment that will be every bit as bad and then some.

**“As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man.”** -- Jesus

### **Ark and the Flood: Genesis 6:13-22**

The Ark was of optimum design characteristics: 6 to 1 ratio of width to length making it incredibly stable.

--The dimensions of the ark became the basis for modern ship building.

--But not all ships: a battleship on these dimensions would be too slow

--It made a bad battleship but an excellent barge.

Mockups of the ark have been constructed and tested:

--Could withstand waves as high as 200 feet without capsizing

--Could endure an 89% roll without rolling over.

--Had a tendency to orient parallel to a wave front thus not being caught with the ends on top of waves and the middle unsupported.

How could it have been big enough?

--Only land animals were aboard.

--They were there by kind and not species: cats are a kind but a tiger is a species; dogs are a kind but a chihuahua and Bull Mastiff are species.

--There anywhere from 60 to 100 species in a kind with 35,000 species in the world at 100 species per kind, gives us only 350 kinds that had to be on the Ark.

How did they care for these animals that long?

--No windows in the ark—dark for year! Dark for a good length of time changes animal behavior.

--Hibernation limits animals' needs greatly.

How did they know to come to the Ark?

--God brought them.

Mount St. Helens eruption in 1980 – they expected a tremendous decimation in the Elk herd on the mountain and surrounding area.

--They lost a lot of Elk in the aftermath, but not near what they thought they would, given the enormity of the event.

--24 hours before the eruption, there was a mass exodus of Elk from off the mountain—how did they know?

Interesting research that I read recently about shark behavior before a hurricane made landfall on in Florida. Not something they were trying to find out about sharks, but it was data that surfaced because of a hurricane that blew through when they were researching shark activity.

Tracking sharks in a coastal region of Florida and found out that before the weather service had predicted the approximate area of landfall, the sharks already knew it. They put out to deeper waters in that region and also moved up or down the coast to get out of the storm's way—quite a bit of time before any Floridians evacuated!

My own experience of unusual animal behavior: We had a Labrador Retriever who loved to chase shore birds every time we took her to the beach. One year we took a direct hit from a hurricane and had to ride it out with our pets. We had to let our dog out to go to the bathroom occasionally even in the worst of the storm. When we did, I witnessed something very interesting and instructive. The less windy side of house is where I would put her out – it also was where seagulls and other birds were hunkered down avoiding the storm. Dozens of sea birds were there in the yard. Our dog paid them no attention and went out and came back in. The birds also paid her no attention even though she walked right by them. Their entire attitude and behavior had been changed by the trauma of that event.

--Animals do not behave normally when things go bad.