

BIBLICAL ARGUMENTS FOR A WORLDWIDE FLOOD

Genesis Text	Argument
1. 1:7	Water above the atmosphere must have been global in extent.
2. 2:5	No rain upon the earth must have been worldwide condition.
3. 2:6	Earth mist watered the whole face of the ground.
4. 2:10-14	Edenic geography no longer in existence.
5. 4:22	High civilization at dawn of history not continuous with present world.
6. 5:5, etc.	Longevity of antediluvian patriarchs indicates distinctive biosphere.
7. 6:1	Man had multiplied on the face of the earth.
8. 6:2	Demonic-human unions coextensive with mankind.
9. 6:5	Universal evil inexplicable in post-diluvian society.
10. 6:6,7	Repentance of God extended to the whole animal creation.
11. 6:11	Earth was filled with violence and corruption before God.
12. 6:12	All flesh was corrupted (possibly including animals).
13. 6:13	God decided to destroy both man and the earth.
14. 6:15	Ark too large for regional fauna.
15. 6:17	Everything with the breath of life to die.
16. 6:19	Purpose of ark was to keep two of every sort alive.
17. 6:20	Animals of all kinds migrated to the ark.
18. 6:21	All kinds of edible food taken on the ark.
19. 7:4	Every living substance on the ground to be destroyed.
20. 7:10	"The flood" (Hebrew mabbul) applies solely to Noah's flood.
21. 7:11	All the fountains of the great deep open in one day.
22. 7:11	The "sluiceways from the floodgates" of heaven were opened.
23. 7:12	Rain poured continuously for forty days and forty nights.
24. 7:18	The waters prevailed and increased greatly.
25. 7:19	High hills under the whole heaven were covered.
26. 7:20	Waters fifteen cubits above highest mountains.
27. 7:21	Every man died on the earth.
28. 7:22	All flesh with the breath of life in the dry land died.
29. 7:23	Every living substance destroyed off the face of the ground.
30. 7:24	Waters at maximum height for five months.
31. 8:2	Fountains of deep open for five months.
32. 8:2	Windows of heaven open for five months.
33. 8:4	Ark floated over 17,000 ft. mountains for five months.
34. 8:5	Water receded 2 1/2 months before mountain tops seen.
35. 8:9	Dove found no suitable ground even after four months of recession.
36. 8:11	Plants began budding after nine months of the flood.
37. 8:14	Occupants were in the ark over a year.
38. 8:19	All kinds of present non-marine animals came from the ark.
39. 8:21	God smote all things living only once.
40. 8:22	Present uniformity of nature dates from the end of the flood.
41. 9:1	Earth was to be filled with descendants of Noah.
42. 9:2	Changed relation between man and animals followed the flood.
43. 9:3	Man permitted animal food after flood.
44. 9:6	Institution of human government dates from flood.
45. 9:10	God's covenant made with every living creature.
46. 9:11	The flood promised by God never to come again on the earth.

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47. 9:13	Rainbow placed in sky after the flood.
48. 9:19	Whole earth overspread of the sons of Noah.
49. 11:1	Whole earth of one language after the flood.
50. 11:9	All men lived in one place after the flood.
Other Texts	
1. Job 12:15	The waters overturned the earth.
2. Psalm 29:10	The flood testified God as eternal king.
3. Psalm 104:8	Flood terminated by crustal tectonics.
4. Isaiah 55:9	Waters of Noah went over the earth.
5. Matthew 24:37	The days of Noah like those when Christ comes.
6. Matthew 24:39	The flood took them all away.
7. Luke 17:27	The flood destroyed them all.
8. Hebrews 11:7	Noah warned of things never seen before.
9. Hebrews 11:7	Noah condemned the world by his faith.
10. I Peter 3:20	Only eight souls saved on the ark through the flood.
11. II Peter 2:5	God spared not the old world (Greek kosmos).
12. II Peter 2:5	God brought the flood on the world of the ungodly.
13. II Peter 2:5	The "flood" (Greek kataklusmos) applied solely to Noah's flood.
14. II Peter 3:6	The world that then was perished by the watery cataclysm.

NON-BIBLICAL ARGUMENTS FOR WORLDWIDE FLOOD

1. Worldwide distribution of flood traditions.
2. Origin of civilization near Ararat-Babylon region in post-flood time.
3. Convergence of population growth statistics on date of flood.
4. Dating of oldest living things at post-flood time.
5. Worldwide occurrence of water-laid sediments and sedimentary rocks.
6. Recent uplift of major mountain ranges.
7. Marine fossils on crests of mountains.
8. Evidence of former worldwide warm climate.
9. Necessity of catastrophic burial and rapid lithification of fossil deposits.
10. Recent origin of many datable geological processes.
11. Worldwide distribution of all types of fossils.
12. Uniform physical appearance of rocks from different "ages".
13. Frequent mixing of fossils from different "ages".
14. Near-random deposition of formational sequences.
15. Equivalence of total organic material in present world and fossil world.
16. Wide distribution of recent volcanic rocks.
17. Evidence of recent water bodies in present desert areas.
18. Worldwide occurrence of raised shore lines and river terraces.
19. Evidence of recent drastic rise in sea level.
20. Universal occurrence of rivers in valleys too large for the present stream.
21. Sudden extinction of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals.
22. Rapid onset of glacial period.
23. Existence of polystrate fossils.
24. Preservation of tracks and other ephemeral markings throughout geologic column.
25. Worldwide occurrence of sedimentary fossil "graveyards" in rocks of all "ages".
26. Absence of any physical evidence of chronologic boundary between rocks of successive "ages".
27. Occurrence of all rock types (shale, limestone, granite, etc.) in all "ages".
28. Parallel of supposed evolutionary sequence through different "ages" with modern ecological zonation in the one present age.

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29. Lack of correlation of most radiometric "ages" with assumed paleontologic "ages".
30. Absence of meteorites in geologic column.
31. Absence of hail imprints in geologic column, despite abundance of fossil ripple-marks and raindrop imprints.
32. Evidence of man's existence during earliest of geologic "ages" (e.g., human footprints in Cambrian, Carboniferous, and Cretaceous formations).

The Evolutionary Scenario

1

Space, matter, and time are eternal

2

Light is as eternal as the universe.

3

When the earth first formed, it was very hot.

4

The original atmosphere was reducing (methane, ammonia, and other poisonous gases) and gradually changed into the oxidizing (oxygen and nitrogen) type that we know today.

5

Plant life produced the atmosphere as we know it today.

6

The first life evolved in the sea, then moved to the land.

7

There is, or at least there should be, a continuum (a continuous transition) between the varieties of plant life.

8

It took a long time for plants to evolve.

9

The earth is the final phase in cosmic evolution.

10

Earth is a relatively insignificant grain of sand in a sea of stellar galaxies.

11

Life began with simple creatures and progressed to the more complex mammals.

12

Reptiles evolved into birds.

The Biblical Record

1

There was a period when there were no time, space, or matter (Gen. 1:1; cf. Heb. 1:2).

2

The earth was formed in total darkness; light was created later on the first day (Gen. 1:1-3).

3

The earth was created with a cool water surface from the beginning (Gen. 1:9-10).

4

The atmosphere was created quickly and has always been essentially the same as it is today (Gen. 1:6-8).

5

The atmosphere preceded all plant life (Gen. 1:6-12)

6

The first life was created on land followed by sea life (Gen. 1:11-13, 20-21)

7

Plants were created as distinct species each "after its kind" (Gen. 1:11-12).

8

Plants were created with seeds and fruit on the first day of their existence—the Biblical doctrine of creation with the appearance of age (Gen. 1:11-12).

9

Earth was formed, in darkness (Gen. 1:1-14-19).

10

The earth is the center of the universe (theologically), and the rest of the planets and galaxies are peripheral, in this sense, to the earth and subservient to man's needs (Gen. 1:14-15).

11

The first animals created included "great whales"—highly developed mammals—and the so-called "lower forms" (Gen. 1:21).

12

Birds were created before "creeping things" (Gen. 1:20-24).

13

There is, or should be, a continuum among the animal species.

14

There is, or should be, little difference between the higher animals (apes) and man.

15

Man developed in the image of apes.

16

Evolution took place over billions of years.

17

Evolution is a continuous process.

18

The present is the key to the past (uniformitarianism).

19

Early animals were carnivorous (meat eaters).

20

It has always rained upon the earth.

21

Man was formed from one of the lower animals.

22

There really is no one individual we can call "Adam"; the term refers to a race of early-evolved men.

23

Agriculture was developed late in the evolutionary history of man.

24

Language took a long time to develop in man.

13

Animals were created in distinct species, each "after its kind" (Gen. 1:21).

14

Animals and man are referred to as distinct kinds (Gen. 1:24-27).

15

Man was created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27).

16

Creation took place in six literal days of 24 hours each (Gen. 1).

17

God finished His creative activity on the sixth day, and He is no longer involved in completing the created order (Gen. 2:1-3).

18

God works suddenly and completely, and sometimes He uses major and catastrophic events (Gen. 1-2, 6-8, 11).

19

Early animals were herbivorous (plant eaters) (Gen. 1:29-30).

20

Prior to the flood there was no rain (Gen. 2:5-6).

21

Man was formed from dust (Gen. 2:7).

22

The inspired writers of both Testaments clearly speak of Adam as an individual not as a race of people (I Chron. 1:1; Rom. 5:12-19; I Cor. 15:21).

23

The first and only responsibility of Adam was to tend the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:9, 15-16). Abel, his son, was a farmer by occupation (Gen. 4:2).

24

Man was created with an enormous vocabulary and grammar, and he conducted intelligent conversations from the beginning (Gen. 2:18-24).

The Evolutionary Scenario

25

Since Adam evolved out of one of the animals, there is very little difference in the psychological makeup of animals and man. (This is a fundamental premise of modern psychology).

26

Woman, like man, evolved out of an animal.

27

Marriage is a developed cultural institution.

28

Man has been in existence only the last 1/1500th of the earth's history.

29

The Garden of Eden is a myth.

30

The Cain and Abel incident is a myth; we cannot ascribe those events to any known individuals.

31

Early man was quite primitive and technologically immature.

The Biblical Record

25

Man was created so distinct from the animals that he was unable to find one physically and emotionally compatible with him (Gen. 2:20).

26

Eve was a direct act of special creation taken from the side of Adam, not another animal (Gen. 2:21-23).

27

Marriage was instituted by God for the first couple (Gen. 2:24).

28

Man has existed, except for a few literal days, from the beginning of the creation (Matt. 19:4; Mark 10:6).

29

All inspired biblical writers understood Eden to be a literal place (Ezek. 28:13-17; Joel 2:3; Amos 1:5).

30

Hebrews 11 lists Old Testament persons who are cited as examples of faith. One of these is Abel, who is contrasted with Cain--a negative example (Heb. 11:4). Jesus verified the historicity of the death of Abel in Matthew 23:35 and Luke 11:51 (cf. I John 3:12).

31

Early civilizations, within only a few hundred years of man's creation, were already building sophisticated musical instruments (Gen. 4:21) and refining alloys in blast furnaces (Gen. 4:22). Consider also the technology involved in building Noah's Ark (Gen. 6:14-16) and the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11:3-6).