

Chapter 87

You Can Trust the Bible—All of It!

Today, many voices in the public square are telling us we cannot trust the Bible because the history and science of the Bible are not accurate, especially in the area of creation, the Flood, and the origin of languages. It is geology and the old ages that are claimed to be especially contradictory to the Bible. Anti-creationists Arthur Strahler tells us:

Mainstream science has no obligation whatsoever to attempt to refute Flood geology—a hypothesis vaguely and confusingly worded, lacking in completeness of statement, and nearly devoid of evidence.¹

To make matters worse a number of Christian scholars teach that modern science proves the Genesis account of creation and a global Flood are wrong. As a result these scholars think they are obliged to fit billions of years and evolution into the Bible and claim the Genesis Flood is a local event. Davis Young represents probably the most vocal Christian geologist who colludes with secular science. In the preface of one of his books he states: "...there is no geological evidence to confirm the idea of a universal deluge."² At least Strahler indirectly indicates there is a little evidence for the Flood; Young says there is none! Davis Young and Ralph Stearley, in a more recent book insist the Earth is billions of years old:

We also refer to a significant component of young-Earth creationism known as "Flood geology," a fundamentally flawed way of looking at Earth history compared with that of standard, mainstream scientific geology.³

Could it be because Young and Stearley are so greatly influenced by the secular principle of naturalism that they do not see any evidence for a global Flood? Because of the opposition to the clear teaching of Scripture, I have taken great pains to show, that in the subfield of geomorphology, the evidence for a global Flood is overwhelming. This evidence is not hidden; it lies on the surface of the earth for all to see.

Unfortunately, Christian geologists and scientists, as well as secular scientists, cannot see this abundant evidence because they have been trained by the secular establishment. A number of scientists have noted this kind of blindness as a psychological tendency, even among scientists. Sleep researcher William Dement and writer Christopher Vaughan stated:

...even when they are looking, people usually see only what they expect to find and they do not see what they assume for whatever reason could not exist.⁴

But the Global Flood Was a Real Event

This study of geomorphology clearly demonstrates the Flood described in Genesis 6-9 was a global event. The entire surface of the Earth declares its reality. There is strong resistance by mainstream geologists against entertaining even the possibility of a global Flood. This continues

¹ Strahler, A.N., 1987. *Science and Earth History: The Evolution/Creation Controversy*, Prometheus Books, Buffalo, NY, p. 199.

² Young, D.A., 1995. *The Biblical Flood: A Case Study of the Church's Response to Extrabiblical Evidence*. William B. Eerdmans Publishing company, Grand Rapids, MI, p. ix.

³ Young, D.A., and R.F. Stearley, 2008. *The Bible, Rocks and Time: Geological Evidence for the Age of the Earth*. IVP Academic, Downers Grove, IL, p. 11.

⁴ Dement, W.C. and C. Vaughan, 1999. *The Promise of Sleep*, Dell Publishing, New York, NY, p. 34.

even when faced with 200 years of failed explanations. Scripture predicts this purposeful rejection and blindness in 2 Peter 3:3-6 (ESV):

...scoffers will come in the last days...following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? ... [and claim] all things are continuing as they were from the beginning. ... For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the earth was formed out of water...and the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.

In the last days the Flood, as well as the Creation, will be arbitrarily rejected in favor of uniformitarianism (all things continue as observed from the beginning).

Therefore, We Can Trust the entire Bible

The Flood is one of the most maligned events in Scripture, and yet the evidence for that event is there for all to see. It is right on the surface—in the field of geomorphology. This state of affairs demonstrates the sinfulness of man, and his quickness to disbelieve God's word and believe the thoughts of sinful men.

If we can demonstrate with high probability that a global Flood is accurately described in the Bible, those with a scientific bent can have greater confidence that all of Scripture is God breathed as it says in 2 Timothy 3:16, 17:

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

There are many other biblical reasons to trust the historicity of Genesis; the most important is Jesus used it for instruction on marriage, divorce, and end times, even comparing the end times to the time before the Flood. Why would He teach from Genesis if the Flood were not true?

Hopefully, this treatise will encourage you to have more confidence in the ability of God to communicate truth. The bottom line is if the Flood actually occurred, it is simple to believe the rest of the Bible as God's word. Studying all of Scripture will spill over into understanding the person of God, his justice and mercy, as well as learning how to obtain entrance into His kingdom in Heaven. Remember, it is not our ideas on how we think we get to heaven, such as doing good deeds, but God shows us in the Bible how to make it to Heaven, which is simply summarized from many verses as repenting of our sins and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

It is my prayer you will grow day to day in walking with God and in wise living, resulting in a truly abundant life here and in the next.