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Dear Friends,

As a child growing up, my parents attended a church which taught that the Bible is literal truth, it is the Word of God, and must be believed no matter what others say. That is how I was raised, and that is how I believe to this day. Thus, when I heard the Bible stories which seem to defy all logic, science and physics, I had no problem believing them. To me, the Bible was – and is – more reliable than secular science.

One of the stories which secular science (and even some Christians) have decried as being impossible is the story of Noah’s flood as recorded in Genesis chapters six through nine. Here is what set the stage for that flood:

(Genesis 6:5-7) ⁵And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. ⁷And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

(Genesis 6:11-13, 17) ¹¹The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. ¹³And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁷And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

(Genesis 7:11-12) ¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. ¹²And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

(Genesis 7:19-24) ¹⁹And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. ²⁰Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. ²¹And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: ²²All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. ²³And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were

destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. ²⁴And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Then, in Genesis chapter eight we read what happened after the flood:

(Genesis 8:1-5, 13-14) ¹And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; ²The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; ³And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. ⁴And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. ⁵And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen. ¹³And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. ¹⁴And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

The disputers of such a world-wide flood have come up with several interesting arguments they believe completely disprove what is in scripture. Some of those arguments state, “Regardless of what the Bible says, it was only a regional flood, not world-wide... There is no geologic record of such a catastrophic event... There is not enough water in all the oceans to fill all the valleys and cover all the mountains on the entire planet... Where did all the water go after the flood?”

The biggest problem with these arguments is the source of the information about the flood: the Bible. If you claim to believe the Bible, then the flood covered the entire Earth, no matter what secular science would claim. That alone should settle the matter; but unfortunately, it doesn't.

As far as a geologic record of a global flood, the proof is the surface of the planet. Years ago, I worked for a construction company that built large, expensive houses. The job sites would be cleared off, meaning there were no plants, trees and no grass, just bare dirt. On occasion, we might have a few days of rain which would make construction impossible. When the rain ceased and we returned to the jobsite, the runoff of the excess water had cut trenches in the ground that were anywhere from a few inches to almost two feet deep.

A few years later, I was on a flight to California. Looking out the window as the plane flew over the Rocky Mountains, I was stunned to see that the terrain looked *exactly* like one of those post-rain jobsites, only on a massive scale. It was plainly obvious that the staggering force of a colossal amount of surging water had cut the deep trenches of valleys throughout the land.

But what about the volume of water necessary to cover the planet? Read again what is written in Genesis 7:11, *In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.*

- “Fountains” comes from the Hebrew word ma’yān: A masculine noun depicting a fountain, a spring. It refers to an underground source of water coming to the surface.
- The word “great” is from rab: Many, much, great, long, mighty, (it indicates) abundance, numerous; much in amount; exceedingly; the depth of the sea or the deep itself.
- “Deep” is from tēhōm: A masculine noun referring to depth, a deep place. It indicates the deep, primeval ocean on earth as created by God. It refers to the deepest parts of the earth and to the depths of the oceans. It can refer to the deep parts of a sea or a large body of water. It refers to deep waters that can be brought up. It refers to sea waters.
- The phrase “broken up” is from bāqa’: A verb indicating to split, break open, divide; to hatch, break into, burst open, burst forth. This word has the basic idea of something splitting or dividing with force.

These word definitions alone paint the indelible image of an immeasurable amount of water resting beneath the surface of the Earth and suddenly bursting forth with explosive energy, releasing torrents of unstoppable flooding that wreaks indescribable havoc and destruction on the planet. However, are we to believe that such a massive volume of water truly exists beneath the surface of the Earth? On April 9, 2023, the following article by Harry Fletcher appeared on the website *Indy100* (<https://www.indy100.com/amp/httpswwwindy100comscience-techocean-beneath-earth-crust-ringwoodite-2659760189-2659758338>)

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Massive ocean discovered beneath the Earth's crust containing more water than on the surface

It feels like there have been staggering science stories emerging every other day recently, all of which have blown our tiny little minds.

First, there was the discovery of a terrifying black hole pointing right at us, then there was a huge hole found in the sun and a missing continent found after going missing for 375 years.

Now, people are only just realising that there’s a massive ocean hidden under the Earth’s crust.

It turns out there’s a huge supply of water 400 miles underground stored in rock known as 'ringwoodite'.

Scientists previously discovered that water is stored inside mantle rock in a sponge-like state, which isn’t a liquid, solid or a gas, but instead a fourth state.

The scientific paper titled ‘Dehydration melting at the top of the lower mantle’ was published in 2014 and laid out the findings.

"The ringwoodite is like a sponge, soaking up water, there is something very special about the crystal structure of ringwoodite that allows it to attract hydrogen and trap water," said geophysicist Steve Jacobsen at the time.

"This mineral can contain a lot of water under conditions of the deep mantle," added Jacobsen, who was part of the team behind the discovery.

He added: "I think we are finally seeing evidence for a whole-Earth water cycle, which may help explain the vast amount of liquid water on the surface of our habitable planet. Scientists have been looking for this missing deep water for decades."

Scientists made the findings at the time after studying earthquakes and discovering that seismometers were picking up shockwaves under the surface of the Earth.

From that, they were able to establish that the water was being held in the rock known as ringwoodite.

If the rock contained just 1 per cent water, it would mean that there is three times more water under the surface of the Earth than there is in the oceans on the surface.

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If you question the accuracy of the above article, here are but a few of the numerous articles written about the same phenomenon:

- Brookhaven National Laboratory <https://www.bnl.gov/newsroom/news.php?a=111648>
- Smithsonian <https://ssec.si.edu/stemvisions-blog/there-ocean-below-your-feet>
- Futurism <https://futurism.com/scientists-discover-massive-ocean-near-earths-core3657686>
- Los Angeles Times <https://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-modern-groundwater-20151116-story.html>
- USA Today <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/06/12/water-earth-reservoir-science-geology-magma-mantle/10368943/>
- Discovery <https://www.discovery.com/science/Massive-Ocean-Beneath-Earths-Surface>

Secular science is therefore confirming what God revealed thousands of years ago: there is more than enough water *beneath* the Earth to cover the planet. The water released from beneath the surface, coupled with the rain released from the "windows of heaven," not only produced a global flood, but the violence of the devastating energy released from those surging waters completely altered the topography of the entire planet's surface. Consider what David wrote in Psalm 104:1, 5-9:

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. ⁵Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. ⁶Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. ⁷At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. ⁸They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. ⁹Thou hast set a bound

that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

The Amplified Version of the Bible presents an excellent rendering of verses six through eight, using clear definitions of the original Hebrew words,

⁶You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters were standing above the mountains. ⁷At Your rebuke they fled; At the sound of Your thunder they hurried away. ⁸The mountains rose, the valleys sank down To the place which You established for them.

In other words, during the flood, and as the inundating waters began receding, the force that was released pushed mountains to their present heights and gouged out valleys both shallow and shockingly deep all over the planet.

Where did all the water go after the flood? It became the oceans, lakes, ponds and rivers we see, as well as once again filling “the fountains of the deep.”

The whole Earth testifies as to the infallibility of God’s Word.

I am so glad I am a child of the Living God. He cannot lie and everything written in the Bible – His Holy Word – is true, no matter what anyone says!

In His Grace,

Jim

PS – If you would like more examples of how scientific discoveries were already documented in the Bible, use the form below to request a CD of my sermon, *God Did It, Man Discovered It*.

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