

SECTION 1: Noah's Flood – Why and How?**Lesson: Why the Flood Happened**

- The Ark Encounter is a full-sized replica of Noah's Ark being built by Answers in Genesis, a leading creation science organization.
- If the flood really happened, it means God is serious about _____ evil and sin.
 - Genesis 6:12-13: "God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on the earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, 'I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them.'"
 - Matthew 24:37-39: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ... That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."
- Would God be a good God if he let all kinds of evil go unpunished? _____
 - 1 John 4:8: "God is _____."
 - Deuteronomy 32:4: "He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he."
 - Ezekiel 33:11: "I take no _____ in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?"

Lesson: The Account of the Flood

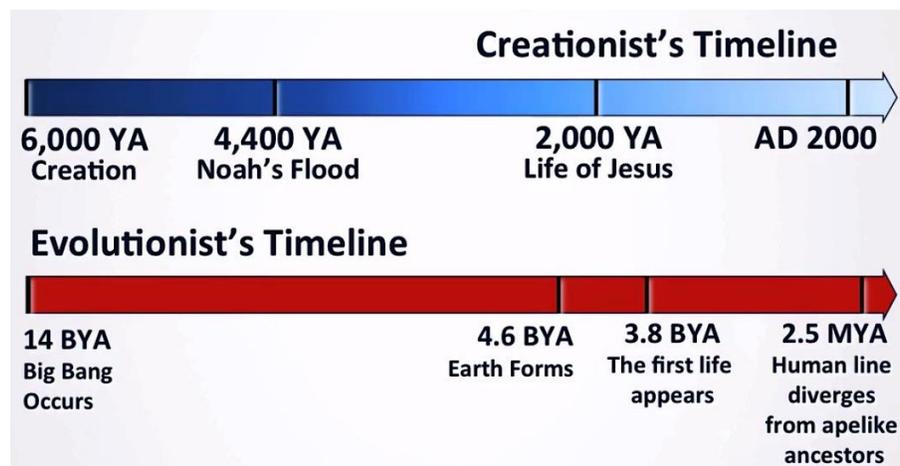
- Read the Bible's flood account: Genesis 6:9-8:5
 - The ark was 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.
 - It had lower, middle, and upper decks.
 - The only humans on board were Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives.
 - They brought seven of every clean animal and two of every unclean animal.
 - The difference between the two is that they were allowed to eat clean animals.
 - The Flood began in the 600th year of Noah's life, on the 17th day of the 2nd month.
 - The waters increased for 40 days, covering the high mountains by over 20 feet.
 - Every living thing that moved on the earth perished.

Lesson: Global Devastation

- Clips from “2012” (Sony Pictures, 2009).

Lesson: Did the Flood Really Happen?

- 2 Peter 2:1-5: “But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive _____ and even deny the Master who bought them. ... And God did not spare the ancient world— except for Noah and the seven others in his family. Noah warned the world of God’s righteous _____. So God protected Noah when he destroyed the world of ungodly people with a vast flood.”
 - If there was no former judgment of the flood, why believe there is a coming judgment for those who rebel against God?
 - 2 Peter 3:3-7: “First of all, you must understand that in the last days _____ will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, ‘Where is this coming he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation...’”
- If I could convince you that the story of the flood in the Bible never happened, how would that affect your view of the Bible?
 - You would most likely start to doubt the Bible’s overall reliability.
- Charles Lyell came up with the idea that the earth’s geological features were formed not by the flood, but by gradual processes over huge periods of time.
 - This idea was called u_____.
 - It fits perfectly with the theory of evolution because both require huge amounts of _____.
- Two basic theories about the past →
 - Who is right? Does it matter?
 - One reason it matters is that everyone recognizes evolution is impossible in a short time frame (though in reality it is impossible regardless of how long you give it).



Lesson: Catastrophism vs. Uniformitarianism

- Creationism (catastrophism):
 - The earth's _____ features (mountains, valleys, etc.) were caused by worldwide/local catastrophe/flood.
- Humanism (macro-evolution, uniformitarianism):
 - The earth's geologic features were fashioned mostly by _____, gradual processes, with a few catastrophes restricted to local events.
- Psalms 24:1-2: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the _____ and established it on the waters."
 - Why does it say the earth was on the seas, not the other way around?
 - Originally, most of the water was under the earth (there is still some there today).
 - Most of the water in the flood came from _____ the earth (Genesis 7:11), not from the sky.
- Mid-Atlantic _____
 - Creationists believe that this is where the water came out of the earth.
 - Where did all the water go?
 - It ran off the land and formed the oceans.
 - There is still water coming out from under the earth, in undersea geysers.
- Walt Brown:
 - PhD in mechanical engineering from MIT, National Science Foundation Fellow, college science professor, retired Air Force full colonel, West Point graduate, former Army Ranger and paratrooper, etc.
 - Was an atheist for most of his life, but became convinced that the Bible was right about what it said about creation and the flood.

Lesson: How Catastrophism Shaped the World

- Walt Brown's Hydroplate Theory:
- The global flood explains strange features of the earth.
 - The waters of the flood erupted from subterranean chambers with an energy release exceeding that of 10,000,000,000 hydrogen bombs.
 - This explains:
 - Ocean floor trenches, canyons, and volcanoes.
 - Mountain ranges forming rapidly and coal and oil deposits
 - Rapid continental drift
 - The formation of the layered strata and the fossil record
 - The so-called "ice ages"

- Where major land canyons came from (e.g. the Grand Canyon)
- Pre-flood Earth was a supercontinent resting on subterranean water.
 - Increased pressure in the subterranean chambers caused the expansion and eventually the failure of the earth's crust.
 - A crack in the crust circled the globe in about 2 hours (at 3 miles per second).
 - The extremely pressurized water exploded out of the crack as soon as it opened up, and it jetted supersonically over 20 miles up into the atmosphere.
 - The spray from this produced torrential rains.
- Water froze in the stratosphere and came back down to create massive ice dumps.
 - These buried and froze many animals, accounting for ice ages.
- The water eroded the earth's crust as it came out, spreading sediment everywhere.
 - This created geologic strata and the fossil record.
- Uprooted vegetation was deposited and compressed into coal and oil.
- The mid-oceanic ridge was formed where the water came out from under the earth.
- The continental plates slid downhill, reaching speeds of 45 mph.
 - When they ran into resistance, they compressed, crushed, thickened, and buckled.
 - Parts that buckled up formed mountains.
 - Parts that buckled down formed ocean trenches.
- By sliding away from the oceanic ridges, the hydroplates opened deep ocean basins.
 - The floodwaters retreated into these basins, creating many lakes.
 - The lakes then emptied out through low points in their rims, forming canyons.
 - One giant lake (Grand Lake) emptied out and formed the Grand Canyon.

Lesson: Worldwide Flood Records

- There are more than 270 flood stories around the world ... just a coincidence?
- Hawaiian legend:
 - The whole world became wicked, except for _____.
 - He made a great _____ and filled it with animals.
 - Waters covered the earth and killed everyone except Nu-u's family.
- Chinese Hihking:
 - Classic Chinese work about Fuhi, the father of their civilization.
 - Fuhi, his wife, and their three sons and three daughters were the only ones to survive the great flood.
 - They _____ the earth after the flood.

- Toltec legend (ancient Mexico):
 - The first world lasted 1,716 years [only 60 years off from the Bible's date], and then it was destroyed by a flood that covered the highest _____.
 - Only one family named _____ survived.
- Epic of Gilgamesh
 - Ancient Babylonian epic with a flood story similar to that of Genesis.
 - Best copy found in Nineveh on a series of baked clay tablets.
- Sumerian King List (2100 BC)
 - Divides kings into two groups: those who ruled before a great _____ and those who ruled after.
 - Mentions Noah's grandson Kish who is in the biblical genealogy and biblical cities.
 - Like the Bible, it says that those who lived before the flood had much longer lives.
- Fossils give evidence of a worldwide flood
 - It is a common misunderstanding that fossils take a long time to form and are therefore evidence for an _____ earth ... but they don't and they aren't.

Lesson: How to Make a Fossil (with Dr. Dino)

- First, the specimen to be fossilized dies.
 - The best place for fossilization to occur is near swamps or rivers.
- Then the specimen must be covered quickly by sediment.
 - This will protect it from scavengers and decay.
- Mineral-rich groundwater passes through the specimen.
 - It deposits the minerals, which slowly replace the original organic material.

Lesson: Quickly-Made Fossils

- A flood would be the perfect environment for fossils to form.
 - Most of the fossils on Earth today come from the worldwide flood.
- There were once millions of buffalo in America, and they are almost all gone now.
 - And yet, we don't have any fossils of them. Why not?
 - The conditions just weren't right for them to be covered and fossilized.

- If that many animals can disappear without leaving fossils under normal conditions, then it must have taken a catastrophic event (like a worldwide flood) to produce the conditions for all the fossils we do have.
- Examples of rapidly-formed fossils:
 - Cowboy boot (with foot still in it)
 - Petrified teddy bear
 - Ichthyosaur giving birth
 - Petrified rope
 - Petrified bowler hat
 - Petrified sack of flour

Lesson: Read Article #1 – *Chilean Desert Whale Fossils*

Quiz 1: Article #1 – *Chilean Desert Fossils*

Quiz: Section 1— Noah’s Flood: Why and How?

SECTION 2: Evidence for the Flood and the Coming Judgment

Lesson: Clams on Mountains

- Marine fossils on the tops of mountains (and far inland)
 - There are even remains of sea creatures on top of Mt. Everest (29,000 feet high and _____ miles from the ocean).
 - If these mountains slowly rose out of the sea, the marine life would have easily stayed in the water.
- What if the animals were dead when they were fossilized?
 - Clams keep their shells _____ when alive, and then _____ when they die.
 - There are fossilized clams that are still closed all over the world, including on the tops of mountains.
 - For the clams to be fossilized like this, they must have been buried alive very quickly under a ton of weight (to keep them closed).
- Land animals and sea animals buried together:
 - Montceau-les-Mines, France: marine creatures, amphibians, insects, reptiles, etc.
 - Mazon Creek (Chicago, IL): over 100,000 specimens of 400 species, including ferns, insects, tetrapods, jellyfish, mollusks, fish, etc. (soft body parts preserved)
 - Florissant, Colorado: insects, mollusks, fish, birds, hundreds of plant species.
 - Fossil Bluff in Australia: corals, clams, snails, a toothed whale, and a possum.

- Pisco Formation in Peru: whales, porpoises, turtles, seals, fish, sloths, and penguins.
- Desert of Chile: over 60 whale fossils with dolphins and sloths.

Lesson: Bending Solid Rock

- Folded mountains and rock layers.
 - There are many solid rock layers that are bent, but not broken.
 - Rock cannot be bent once it is hardened; it will always break.
 - Rock layers could only have bent while they were still “wet” (like cement).
 - A global flood would provide the right conditions for this to occur.

Lesson: Canyons Formed Quickly

- Canyons do not take millions of years to form, just a lot of water.
 - The uniformitarian hypothesis is that canyons are formed gradually by rivers that run through them; but then why is the Amazon River not in a huge canyon?
- As the mountains rose up (during the Flood), the water ran off and caused tremendous _____ through the still-soft sediment.
- The power of a flood
 - Guadalupe River flood in 2002
 - Happened over 4th of July weekend.
 - Spillway overflowed after 30” of rain in one week.
 - Carved a canyon 1 mile long, over 50’ deep, and hundreds of yards wide through solid limestone _____.
 - Burlingame Canyon in Washington
 - Carved in only __ days during a 1926 flood.
 - Turned a 10’-deep ditch into a 120’-deep canyon.
 - In 2011, a Missouri flood carved a miniature badlands landscape
 - This shows that a massive global flood can explain major geological features, such as the real Badlands of South Dakota, without millions of years.
- Was the Grand Canyon formed rapidly by Noah’s flood about _____ years ago, or was it formed over millions of years by the _____ River?

Lesson: Grand Canyon Formation

- Creation Minute with Eric Hovind
 - The Grand Canyon is 277 miles long, 10-18 miles wide, and over a mile deep.
 - Scientists suggest that the Colorado River carved the canyon. However:
 - The river enters the canyon at _____ feet above sea level.
 - It exits the canyon at 1800 feet above sea level.
 - The top of the canyon is as high as _____ feet above sea level.
 - To carve out the canyon, the river would have had to flow uphill over the peak!
 - Not to mention, the river could never carve something anywhere near that wide ... but massive runoff from a global flood could.

Lesson: Read Article #2 – *The Yellowstone Petrified Forest*

Quiz: Article #2 – *The Yellowstone Petrified Forest*

Lesson: Birth Pains: Signs of Judgment

- What Jesus taught about the end:
 - There will be birth pains: wars, famine, earthquakes, and pestilence.
- Wars:
 - More people have died in the past 100 years than all of previous recorded history:

▪ Rwanda Civil War (527,145)	▪ Chinese civil war (1,200,000)
▪ Iran-Iraq war (644,500)	▪ World War II (50,000,000)
▪ Chinese Cultural Revolution (2,050,000)	▪ Third Sino-Japanese War (1,000,000)
▪ Vietnam War (2,048,050)	▪ Russian Revolution/Civil War (802,225)
▪ Korean War (995,000)	▪ World War I (10,670,868)
- Famine:
 - In 2011, _____ kids under 5 died every day around the world.
 - Nearly _____ of them died because of hunger, whether from starvation or illness due to malnutrition.
 - There are 19,000 children under 5 dying every day (___ US schools worth of kids).
 - Worldwide 870 million people are hungry.
 - That's about 1 in 8 people, almost ___ times the entire US population.

Lesson: Earthquakes and Pestilence

- Earthquakes
 - Leading earthquake scientist warns that the planet could be cracking up after a series of 39 massive quakes in just 48 hours.
 - Over 33,500 earthquakes in the last year—likely more than ever before.
- Pestilence
 - Pestilence is a deadly or epidemic _____.
 - 300-500 million cases of malaria are reported every year, and 1 million die.
 - Tuberculosis killed 1.3 million people in 2012 and infected over 8.5 million.
 - Over 35 million live with HIV/AIDS, and about 1.5 million die from it each year.
 - Typhus killed 3 million people in Russia alone over a few years in the early 1900s.
 - 50-100 million people died from the Spanish Flu from 1918-1919.

Lesson: Increase in Evil

- Human trafficking/slavery
 - There are more slaves in the world today than there ever have been in history.
 - Approximately ___ million around the world.
 - The cost of a slave has decreased from \$40,000 in 1850 to \$___ in 2008.
 - It would cost \$___ per family to buy all bonded laborers in the world.
- Pornography
 - Pornography is a \$10 billion business—bigger than the NFL, NBA, and MLB combined. Major corporations are secretly profiting from it.
 - “Never before in the history of telecommunications media in the United States has so much indecent (and obscene) material been so _____ accessible by so many minors in so many American homes with so few _____.”
—US Department of Justice.
 - ___ out of 10 boys are exposed to pornography before age 18.
 - Average age of first exposure is 12 years old.
 - ___% of 16-17 year olds have been unintentionally exposed to porn online.
 - ___ out of 10 girls are exposed to pornography before age 18.
 - 15% of boys and 9% of girls have seen child pornography.
 - 83% of boys and 57% of girls have seen group sex online.
 - Consider using internet filtering software such as Net Nanny.

Lesson: Jesus is Our Ark: Are You on Board?

- Violent Crime
 - Since 1963, violent crime has increased over 1000%.
 - Average number of mass shootings per year in the US has tripled.
 - Average of one school shooting every other school day in 2014.
- Out of wedlock births
 - By 2010, 40.8% of all births in the US were out of wedlock (CDC.gov)
 - The US has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the industrialized world.
 - The CDC says _____ of girls get pregnant before age 20.
- Abortions
 - US had 287,633 abortions between 1/1/2014 and 4/6/2014.
 - There have been over 1,330,000,000 abortions worldwide since 1980.
- Homosexual marriage is gaining acceptance worldwide.
- If the flood really happened, it means God is _____ about judging evil and sin.
 - Genesis 6:12-13: “God saw how _____ the earth had become, for all the people on the earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, ‘I am going to put an _____ to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them.’”
- Jesus is the _____. He is willing to pay for your sin, but you have to be willing to get in the ark.
 - Matthew 24:37-39: “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark ...

Quiz: Section 2 – Evidences for the Flood and the Coming Judgment