

The Global Flood In Covenantal History

Two Seeds

Seed of the Woman / Seed of the Serpent

“And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.” Gen. 3:15 (NKJV)

Cain and Abel

Righteous vs. Murderer

Sons of God / daughter of man

The sons of God saw that the daughters of man were
attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.
Gen 6:2 (ESV)

Covenant

But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

Gen. 6:18

First mention of 'Covenant' in Scripture

Division of seeds:

The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. Gen. 6:5-6 (ESV)

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. Gen. 6:8 (ESV)

Global or Local?

Universal Judgment

God's judgment is universal because everyone knows Him and has a relationship with Him

God provides an Ark of salvation to His Covenant people: Christ

No Other Way: Because the judgment is universal, the Ark (Christ) is the only means of escaping judgment

A Global Flood

- **The flood was judgment on all sons of Adam outside of the Covenant of Grace**
 - **Genesis 6:** “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created”
 - all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.
 - “I am going to put an end to all people...”

A Global Flood

- **The flood extended judgment to all land animals**
 - Genesis 6: “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground...”
 - You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures...
 - I will wipe from the face of the earth **every living creature** I have made...”
 - **Every living thing** that moved on land perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. **Everything on dry land** that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. **Every living thing on the face of the earth** was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.

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- **Genesis 8: Repopulation of the Earth**
 - Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”
 - “Never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done...”

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- **Genesis 9: God's Covenant with All Men and All Living Things**

- **“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”**

- **I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”**

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- **Gen 7:20** The water rose to 15 cubits (8 meters) above the mountains. This is impossible if it were a local flood. Water seeks its own level.
- **Matthew 24: 37-39:** Christ likened the coming judgment of all men to the universal judgment of Noah's day. People in unaffected areas would have escaped God's judgment.
- God would have repeatedly broken His promise never to send such a flood again. Many local floods have occurred throughout history since then.

Is God A Covenant Keeper?

CREATIONWISE

LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFUL RAINBOW! IT'S A PROMISE FROM GOD THAT HE'LL NEVER*AGAIN FLOOD THE ENTIRE EARTH AS HE DID IN NOAH'S DAY!



MY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PROFESSOR SAID THAT NOAH'S FLOOD DIDN'T COVER THE ENTIRE EARTH.

*GENESIS 9:8-17

HE TOLD YOU IT WAS JUST A 'LOCALIZED' FLOOD?



THAT'S WHAT HE SAID!

SO HE BELIEVES THAT GOD PROMISED TO NEVER AGAIN SEND A 'LOCALIZED' FLOOD?



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- Surely they could have walked to a safe area in less time than it took to build the Ark.
- The animals, especially the birds, could have moved to unaffected areas on their own to escape the flood
- Even if all of the animals in the flooded area were wiped out, other surviving animals in other areas of the earth would have preserved animal life and quickly repopulated the flooded areas.
- Why would birds be on the Ark, surely they at least could fly away to un-flooded areas if it were local or even regional.

Ancient Flood Myths

- If Noah and his family are the ancestors of all humans on earth, would we expect all people's to recall distorted version of the same flood event?
 - We would expect essential similarities but random variations over different cultures and over time
- Babylonian (Gilgamesh)
 - One man (Utnapishtim) and his wife saved all humans and animals
 - He was warned by one of the gods (named Enki / Ea) to build an ark
 - Many similarities and some differences with the Genesis account
- India
 - A great flood would kill every human on earth
 - The flood hero was saved in a large ship that landed on a mountaintop
- Classical Greek (Deucalion)
 - Flood caused by man's wickedness
 - Flood killed all humans except for one man and his wife
 - They were saved in a large wooden chest or **box!**
 - The flood covered the entire world except for the two tallest mountains
 - All people on earth are offspring of Deucalion and his wife

American Flood Myths

Mojave-Apache

- A great flood was coming and threatened to kill all mankind
- All of the world was drowned
- All people today are descended from the one surviving woman
- Cree
 - The flood hero built a raft of logs and took many animals aboard
 - A raven left the raft and flew around the world, finding no land
- Algonquin
 - The entire world was flooded
 - The flood hero sent a raven out to find land, but the bird could not
 - The flood survivor became the father of the entire human race
- Incas
 - Humankind was cruel, barbaric, murderous
 - A great flood was coming that would destroy all creatures on earth
 - The flood did, in fact, destroy the entire world
 - The mountains miraculously grew and grew above the waters
 - The world was repopulated from the surviving families

American Flood Myths

Hawaiian

- All land was covered by the sea

• Aztec

- Flood destroyed the entire world
- Flood was caused by man's wickedness

• Knisteneaux

- A great flood covered the earth, destroying all the nations

• Choctaw

- Great mountains of water destroyed all life on earth
- A few survivors were saved on a great raft

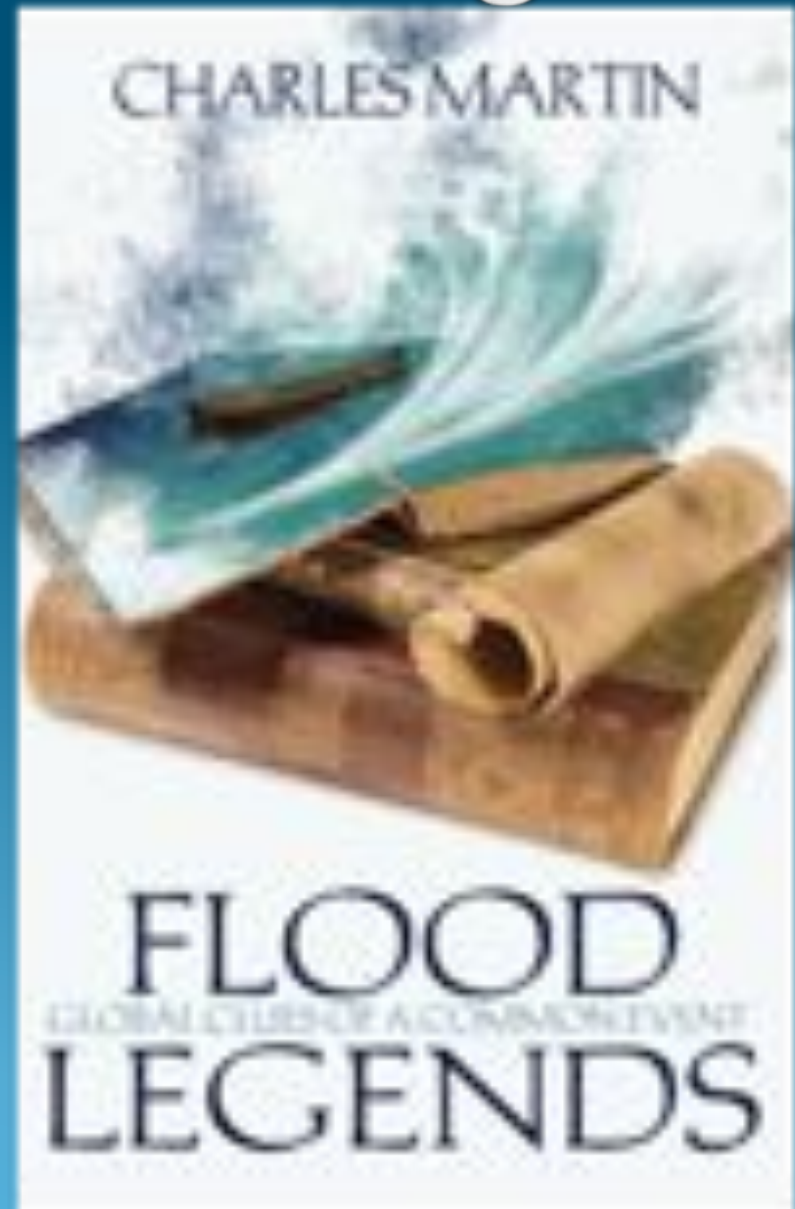
• Creek-Natchez

- A flood destroyed all things and all types of people (rich and poor alike)
- One man survived on a raft
- After the flood he was met by the spirits of the dead, not by living people

For Further Reading

*Flood Legends:
Global Clues of a
Common Event*

Charles Martin
(Master Books, 2009)



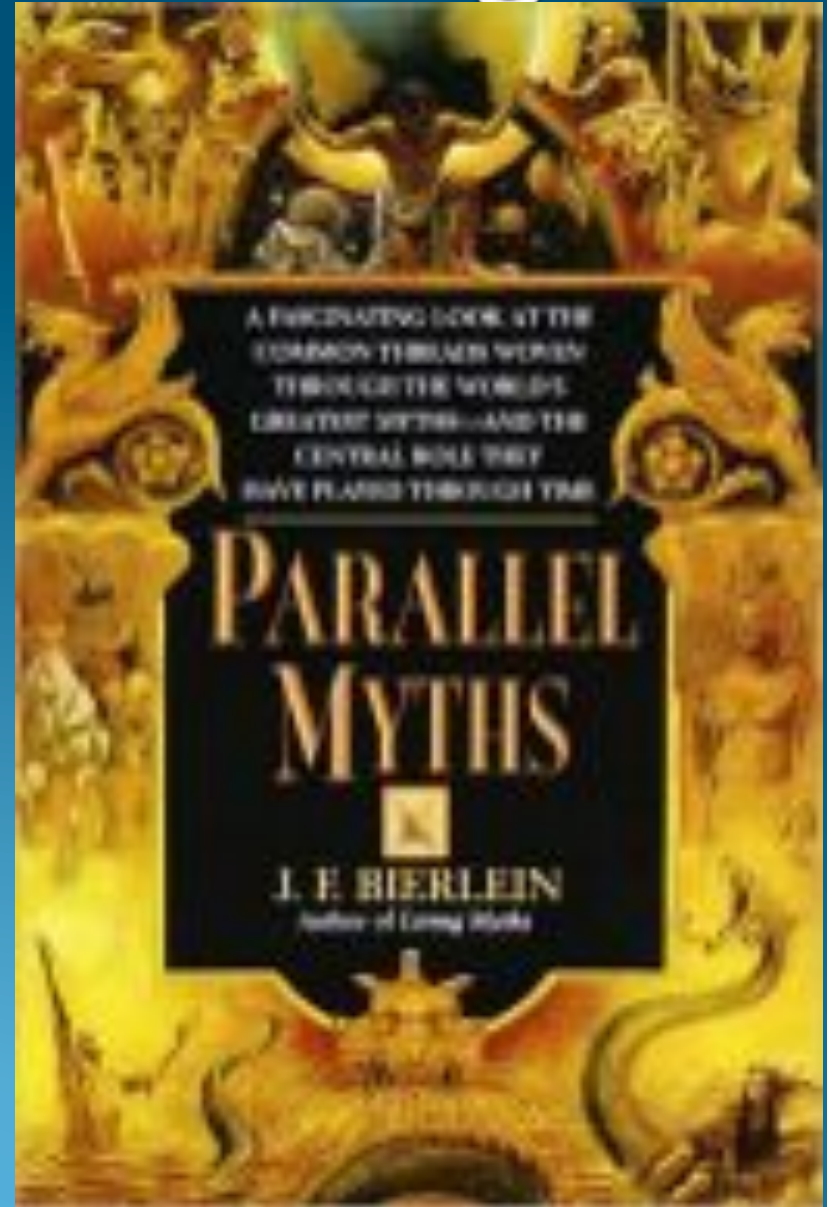
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Parallel Myths

J.F. Bierlein

(New York: Ballantine, 1994)

My Note: This book is not necessarily from a Biblical worldview, but is very informative nonetheless on commonalities among myths around the world and theories as to how these commonalities occur.



Jesus' Second Coming

For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew 24:37-39 (ESV)

What does it mean that “they knew nothing about what would happen”?

How does the following verse in Hebrews clarify this?

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

The Ark Witnessed to Sudden, Universal Judgment

Holy Bible

KING JAMES VERSION

Genesis 7:4

For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.



by Javier Martinez

The Ark Witnessed to the One Doorway to Salvation



John 10:9

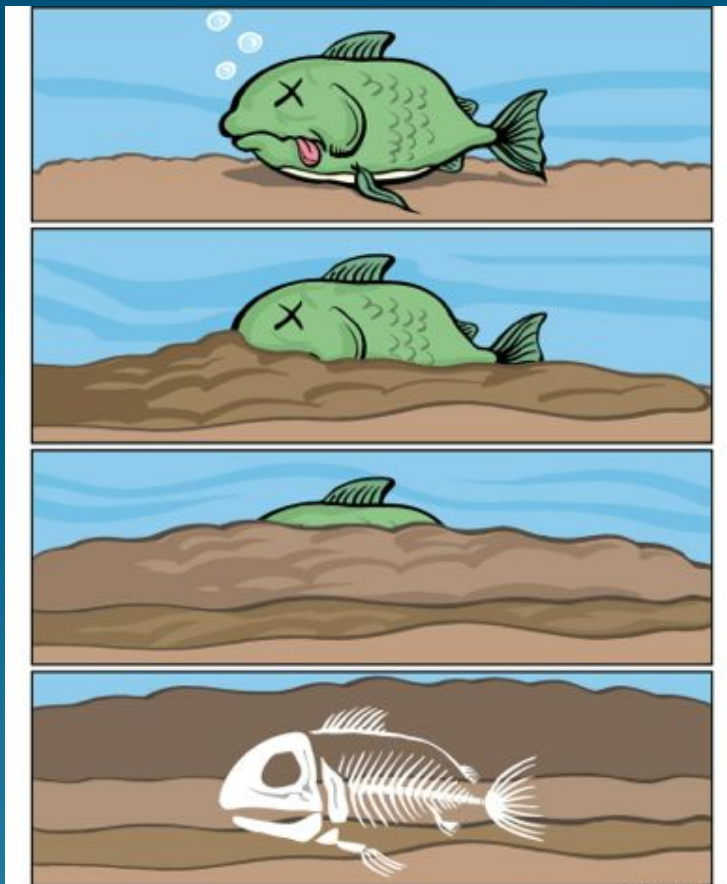
I am the door: by me if
any man enter in, he shall
be saved, and shall go in
and out, and find pasture.



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Does the World Now Witness to Rapid, Global Destruction?

Common, Slow View of Fossil Formation

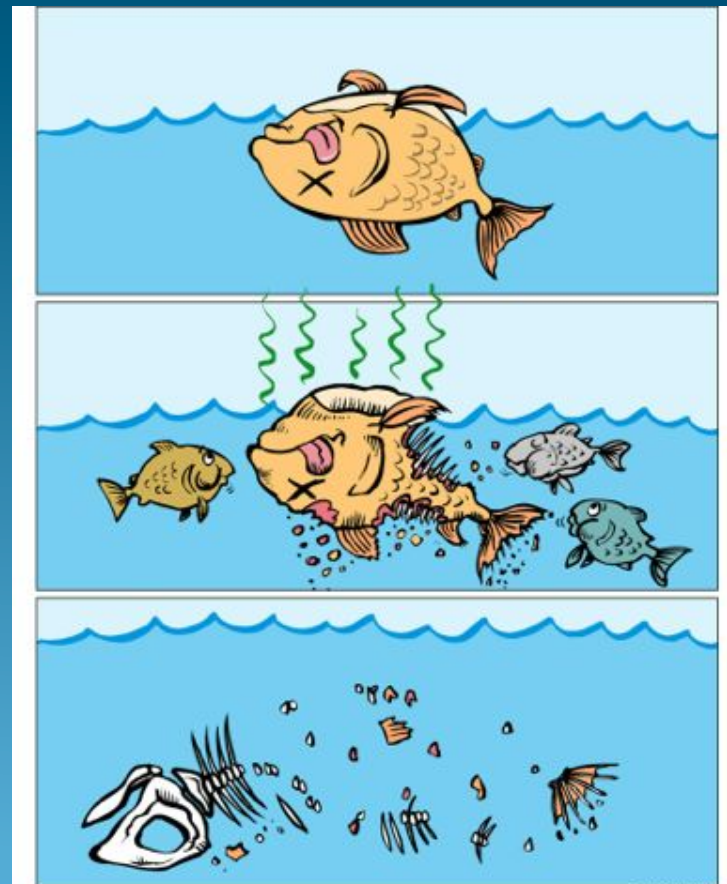


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Dead Bodies Don't Survive Long



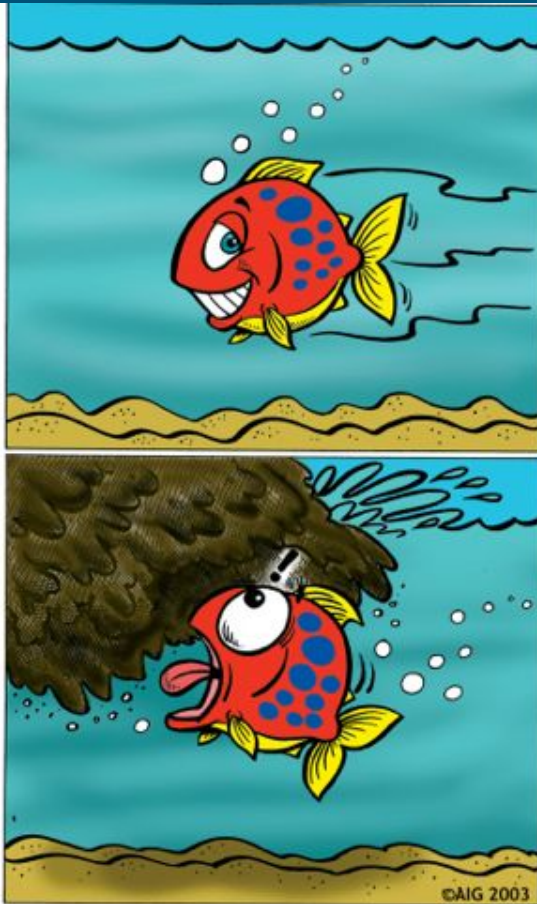
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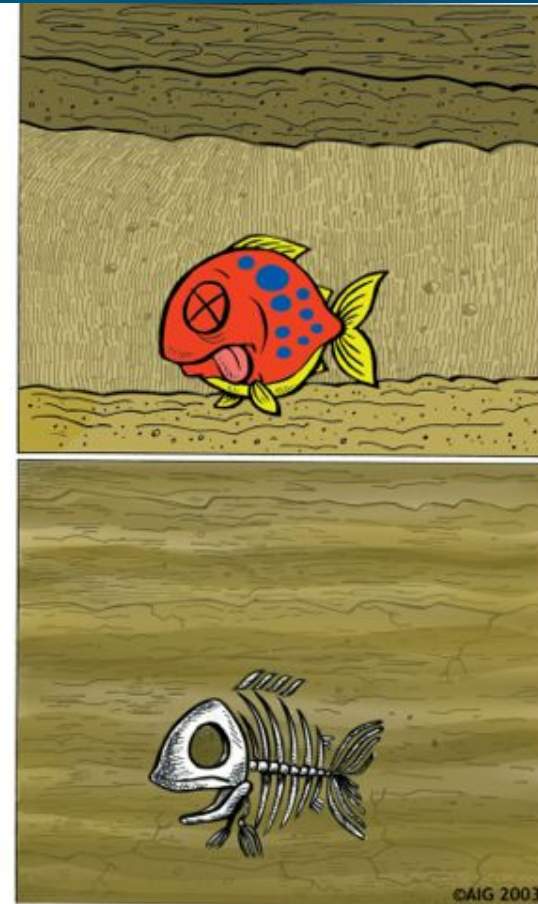
Fossil Record Witnesses to Rapid, Watery Destruction



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Worldwide, Animals Were Buried and Fossilized Quickly



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The Fossil Record Witnesses to Rapid, Global Judgment



Jellyfish fossil from Wisconsin.

The Fossil Record Witnesses to Rapid, Global Judgment

Living Fern: Flexible



Dead Fern: Turns Brittle Quickly



Fossil Fern: Was this buried and fossilized slowly or quickly?



The Fossil Record Witnesses to Rapid, Global Judgment

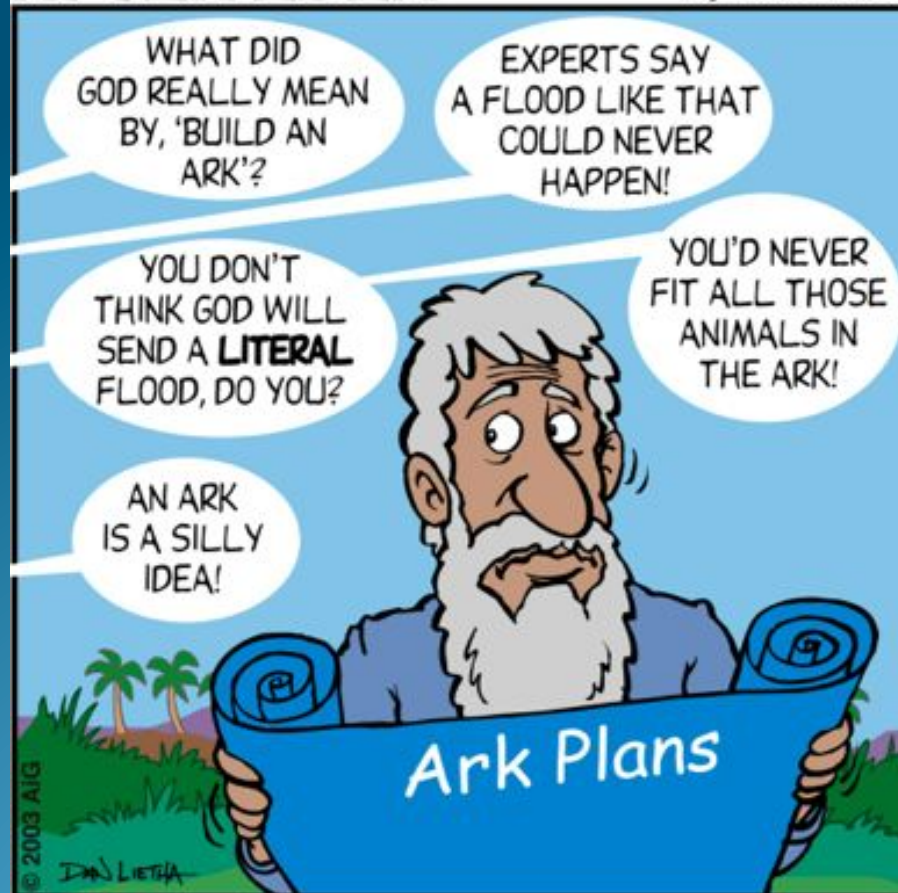


Fossil *Diplomystus dentatus* with *Knightia* fish in its mouth.

As in the days of Noah...

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



As it was in the days of Noah ...

The Fossil Record Witnesses to Rapid, Global Judgment

in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking...



The Fossil Record Witnesses to Rapid, Global Judgment

...and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. -Jesus (Matthew 24:39)



Fossil Ichthyosaur buried while giving birth

Never Again

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12 And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17 God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Anti-Christian Scoffers Deny the Flood

II Peter 3: 3-7

3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word **the heavens came into being and the earth was formed** out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also **the world of that time was deluged and destroyed**. 7 By the same word **the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire**, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

Not Until All Covenant Children Are Aboard

II Peter 3:8-9

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.