



THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

THE FLOOD OF NOAH – PART 3

GENESIS 7:17-24

Notice the storyline and literary structure give indication that this is an eyewitness account presented either by Noah or a member of his family.

- These witnesses intended to describe what they firmly believed and saw firsthand: a worldwide, uniquely destructive cataclysm.
- What does the account actually describe?
- Or the bigger question: Can we trust God's Word?

TEXTUAL REASONS FOR A GLOBAL FLOOD

- 1.** The waters covered all the *“high hills”* and *“mountains.”*
- 2.** The waters not only *“were overwhelmingly mighty,”* they also *“prevailed exceedingly”* over the earth.
- 3.** All the mountains *“under the whole heaven”* were inundated by at least fifteen cubits of water.
- 4.** The mountains were *“covered.”*
- 5.** *“All flesh died that moved upon the earth.”*
- 6.** *“Every man”* died and *“every living substance died.”*
- 7.** And a few more reasons as well in the original Hebrew!

A FLOOD OF BIBLICAL DURATION v. 24

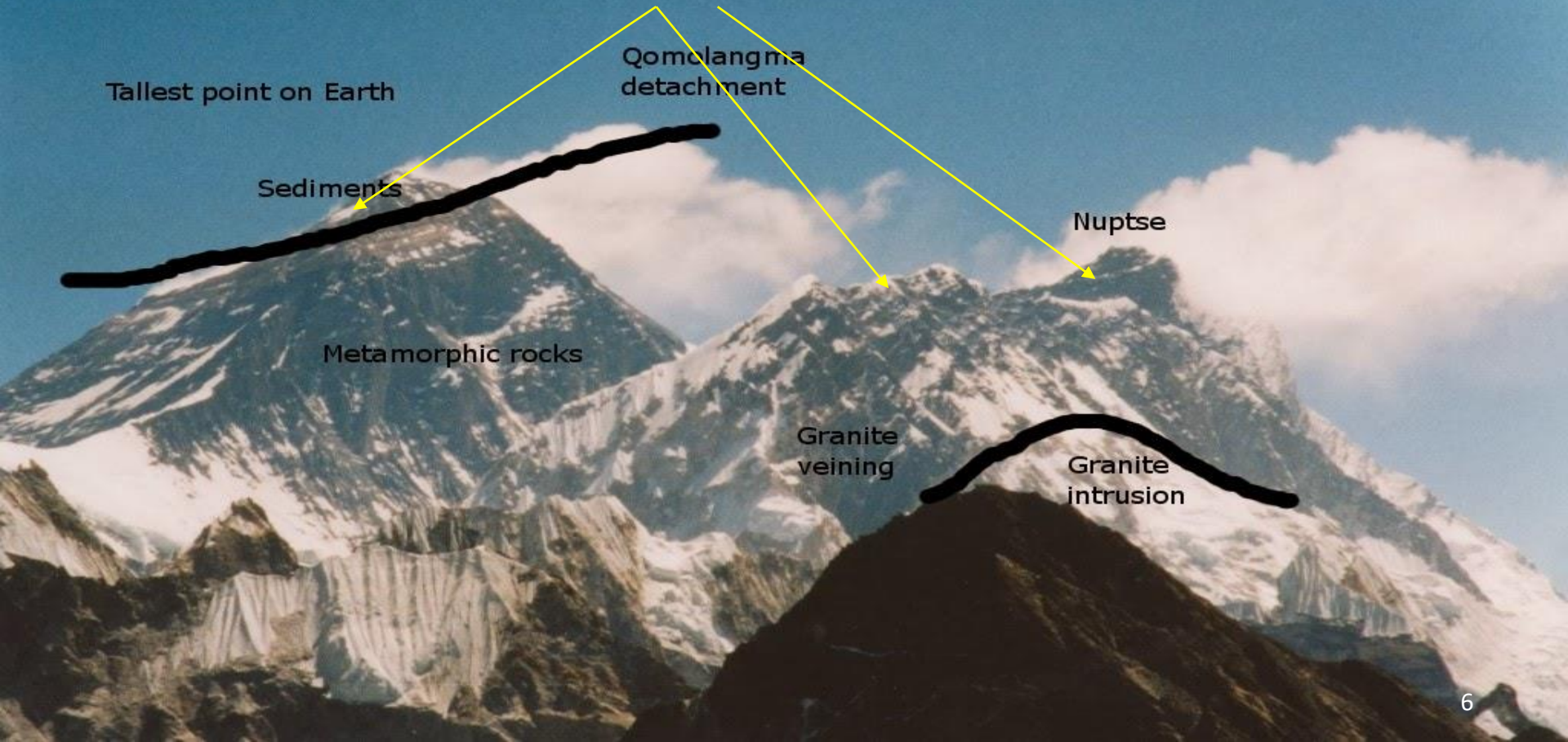
- 1.** No local flood continues to rise for 150 days.
- 2.** Even after the waters began to abate, and the Ark grounded on the highest of the mountains of Ararat (**Genesis 8:4**), it was another two and a half months before the tops of other mountains could be seen. **8:5**
- 3.** Even after four months of receding flood waters, the dove sent out by Noah could find no dry land. **8:9**
- 4.** It was over an entire year (**7:11; 8:13**) before enough land had been exposed to permit them to leave the Ark.

DID NOAH'S FLOOD REALLY COVER THE HIMALAYAS?

I am deeply indebted to the Institute for Creation Research and its founder, the late Dr. Henry Morris (www.icr.org).

- For 16 centuries, few Christians questioned the Genesis flood. The Bible said it and that was enough . . . until the late 1700s, that is.
- For the first time, the globe was being explored; the extremely lofty Himalayan Mountains were surveyed, capped by Mt. Everest at 29,035 feet in elevation.
- Did the Flood cover them? ***No, it formed them!***

Limestone containing Marine Fossils including Cambrian Trilobites, Ostracods and Cyanobacteria (Blue Green-aquatic and photosynthetic)



GEOLOGY AND FLOOD

In the early days of geology, especially during the 17th and 18th centuries, the dominant explanation for the sedimentary rocks and their fossilized contents was that they had been laid down in Noah's Flood.

- **Nicholas Steno, John Woodward, Sir Isaac Newton**

Toward the end of the 18th century, and especially in the first half of the 19th century, the ancient pagan evolutionary philosophies began to be promoted by the various socialistic revolutionary movements—**Darwin** and **Marx**.

ENTER ATHEISM AND DARWINIAN EVOLUTION

RANDOM CHANCE AND EONS OF TIME . . . OR GOD?

- If there is no God, geologic catastrophism must be, at all costs, replaced by a uniformitarianism revolution.
- This revolution was led not by scientists/geologists, but by amateurs; men such as **Cuvier** (an anatomist), **Buffon** (a lawyer), **Hutton** (an agriculturalist), **Smith** (a surveyor), **Chambers** (a journalist), **Lyell** (a lawyer).
- The acceptance of Lyell's uniformitarianism laid the foundation for the sudden success of Darwinism.

TRYING TO HELP GOD WITH FAULTY EXEGESIS AND COMPROMISE

2 Peter 3:8 (taken out of context): before the flood, “*a day is as a thousand years*” even though now it’s a solar day.

- Evolution fits merely by inserting the geologic ages in an imaginary gap between **Genesis 1:1 and 1:2**.
- Karl Marx and the Communists aligned themselves with evolutionary geology and biology, Marx even asking to dedicate his *Das Kapital* to Charles Darwin.
- Similarly, came Nazi racism and Freudian amorality.

MAN'S ATTEMPTS TO RECONCILE EVOLUTION AND THE BIBLE

The uniformitarian Darwinian evolutionary system, entrenched for so long in atheistic academia, has led many people, who otherwise accept the Bible as infallible, to compromise on this issue; resulting in theories like:

- 1.** Theistic Evolution
- 2.** Progressive Creation
- 3.** The Day-Age Theory
- 4.** The Gap Theory

OR, YOU CAN JUST TRUST THAT YOUR BIBLE IS TRUE.