

BRAIN PICKERS: Genesis 10 (part 2)**'Headline News' Geological Events while the 3rd generation was being born!**

Apparently **Shelach** (Arphaxad's son) , **Raamah** (Cush's son), & **Caphtor (Mizraim's son)** grew up somewhere around **Lake Van**, possibly near where the city of Van is located. **I came to this conclusion for a couple of different reasons.** One has to do with the roll of the earth, which the scriptures also attest to, & the other one has to do with the research in the earliest names in the ²**Royal European Genealogies....** The first set of those names are also describing volcanic activity, except this time the description best fits the volcano on the SW side of Lake Van.

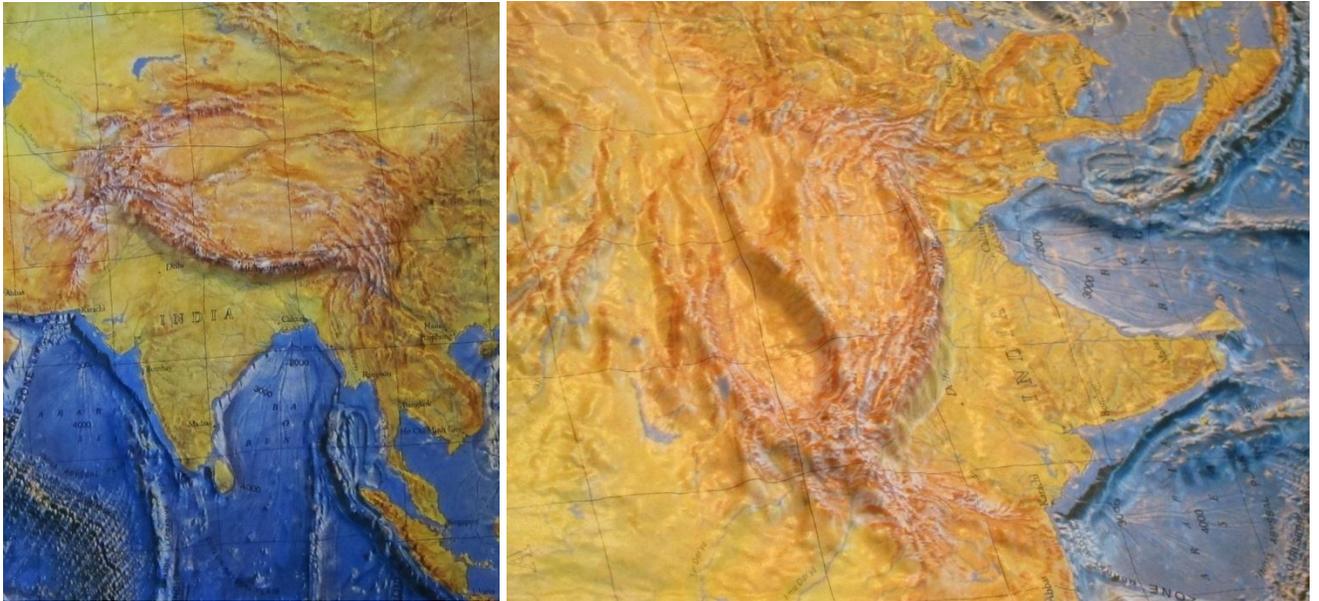
Let's start with **the roll of the earth...**

I collect & study World Ocean Floor Maps. They are hung up all over the walls of my computer room. By the grace of God I even have one that's in '3D'. Each one shows me the globe from a different angle. As I hold up the theory of 'Plate Tectonics' to my maps I don't see any scars on the ocean floor to back up that theory, & when I look at my 3D map, the lack of evidence is even more obvious. Contrary to popular opinion, I'm convinced that it is just as Dr Walt Brown says, "The land masses slid away from the Mid Ocean Ridge".

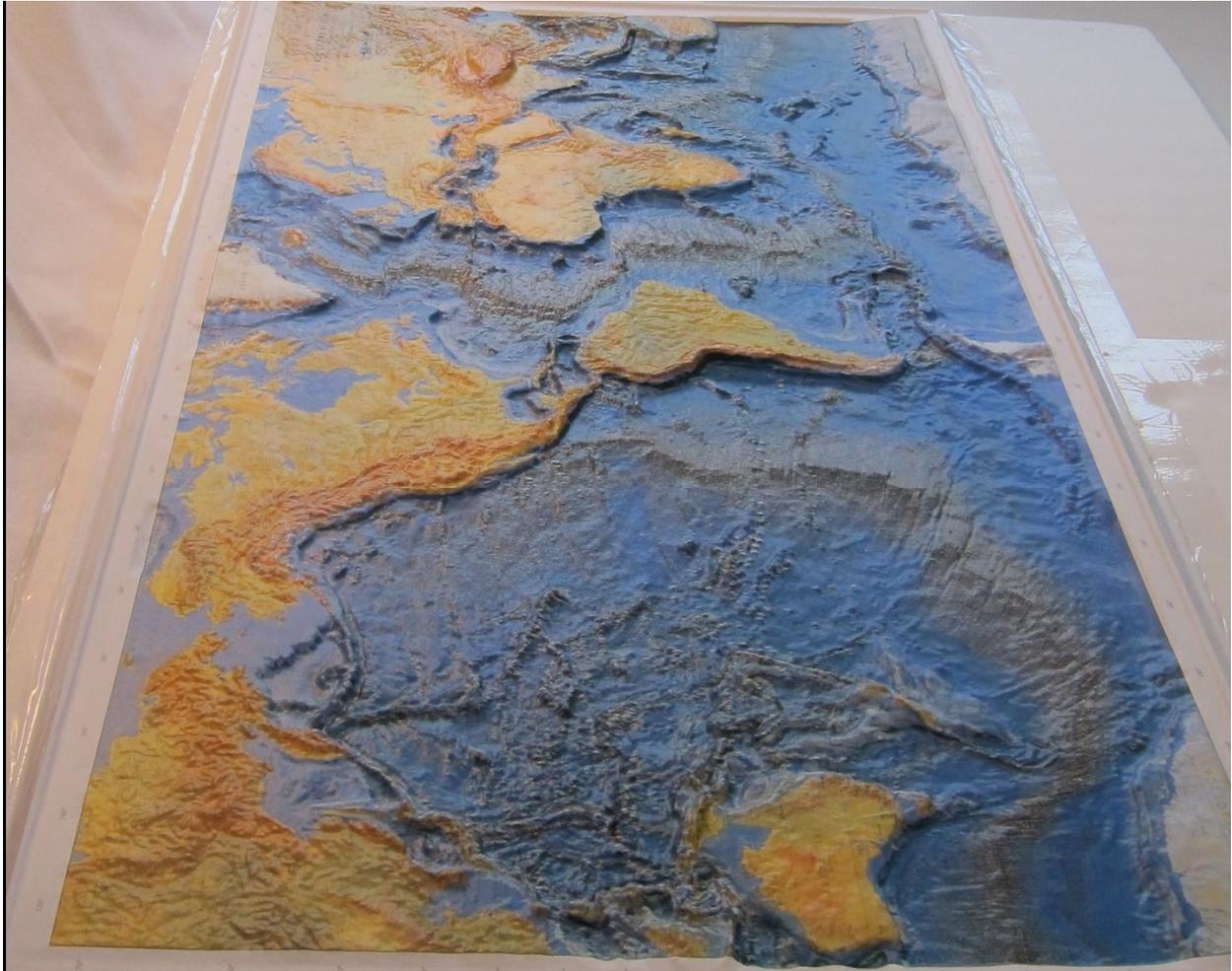
What is also very clear is that **all the mountain chains around the globe run parallel with the Mid Ocean Ridge.** Another thing that I have observed is that **the deepest trenches in the Western Pacific Ocean** (from Japan to New Zealand) also **run parallel with the Atlantic section of the Mid Ocean Ridge.** When the Mid Atlantic Ocean Ridge rose upwards, those trenches in the Western Pacific were formed to compensate.



Another outstanding feature on my 3D map is the Himalayan Mountains, along with the Tibetan Plateau. They cover a huge area! **By comparison** a similar land area size (but not volume size) is from Vancouver Washington to Baja Mexico lengthwise & from the edge of the California coast to the edge of the Continental Divide. If you were to take that whole area & somehow incase it in a container, & then add enough material so that the whole area was well over 16,000 feet high, then you would have something similar to the Himalayas & the Tibetan Plateau, which sit at longitude 29° to 40° North, & between latitudes 68° and 105°.



We all know that the Himalayans are the highest mountains in the world, but what is equally amazing is that the Tibetan Plateau (which is 620 miles NS by 1,600 miles NE) is also 16,000 ft high in the NW. The area also has surrounding mountain chains. Just to the north of the plateau is the Tarim basin which once was a huge glacier lake. (It's that hollow spot just above the Tibetan Plateau.) That whole area is a massive bump on the globe!



The Himalayans formed when India slid away from the Mid Ocean Ridge & did a 'head on collision' with Eurasia which was sliding away from the Artic section of the Mid Ocean Ridge (seen in map below & 'World Ocean Floor' map in 'End Notes'). The ensuing crash caused the land to buckle sky-wards, & at the same time become the heaviest point on the globe, which in turn caused the earth to roll. And then after the Flood, it became even heavier for a time as the ice pack accumulated during the Ice Age. [For more information see '**Earth Roll**' at this link <http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/HydroplateOverview7.html#wp12265526> Also see #65 & #66 at <http://www.creationscience.com/onlinebook/HydroplateOverview9.html#wp15359061>]



Let's 'switch gears' here for a minute: Right after the Post Flood mountains were formed, **the Equator**, still being in Pre-Flood location, ran along the border between Canada & the USA, across the Pacific Ocean from Seattle Washington to Sydney Australia, & from there it ran in a curved line until it intersected with the Mid Ocean Ridge below 'The Bight' of Australia, & then followed the Mid Ocean Ridge for about the same length as it did across the Americas, & then it crossed 'side ways' along the Western side of Africa.

The red ribbon demonstrates the location of the **Equator**¹ just after the Mountains were formed during the Flood. [In case you are wondering how I came up with the curves, see globe pictures in **End Notes**.] The string across the middle of the Map is the present day location of the Equator. The red pins are the location of the 'face' of the roll of the earth. It's still rolling (but not to the extent that it was) because it hasn't reached the point where it's 'balanced' with the Equator yet. Notice how the trench at the bottom of Indonesia is curved one direction (like a 'smile'), & on the other side of the earth the trench in the Caribbeans is curved the opposite direction (like a 'sad'). Those curves follow the direction of the roll.

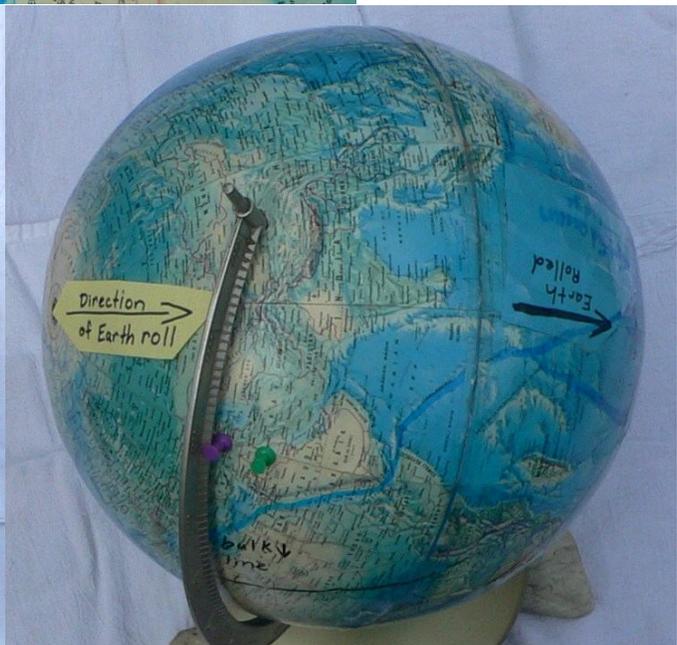
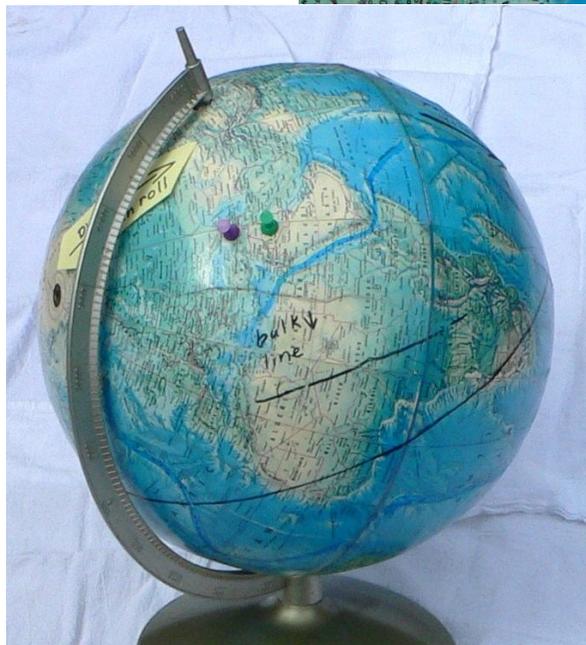
Brain Picker: Think about where the land would be located when it was on the edge of the Mid Ocean Ridge. That will give you some idea as to where pre-Flood tropical fossils should be (and are) located, which includes the Artic & Antarctica.

Another Brain Picker!: As the earth rolled, in which direction would the animals have travelled as they began to migrate from Mt Ararat? Things to consider are length of days & weather patterns, including jet streams. Also consider that the ocean level was anywhere from 300 feet to over a mile lower, depending on what was going on at the time.

The Bible refers to this 'Earth Roll' twice.

The first one is in **Genesis 2:14**. It's a Post Flood description of a Pre-Flood location (That research was explained in the 'Genesis 2 Brain Pickers' <http://www.w-rocs.org/Brain%20Pickers%20Genesis%202!.pdf>) At the time that this description was given, the earth was still rolling because the Tigris is still 'east' of Asshur. Nowadays it's 'south' of Asshur.

The second reference to the earth rolling is in **Genesis 11:2**. They went 'east of Ararat' & discovered the land of Shinar. The reason why the Land of Shinar was 'East' instead of 'South' at that time was because the earth was still in the process of rolling. In the following, the purple pin is where Ararat is located & the green pin is where Babel (Land of Shinar) is located. The green pin is 'East' of the purple. The black line that goes around the globe in the 2nd picture is roughly the position of the equator at the end of The Flood. The 3rd picture demonstrates how 'East' gradually became 'South' as the earth rolled.



Here is how Genesis 11:2 reads in the Hebrew Text:

shām	yēsh-vū	vī	Shin-ār	aretz	b'	vēkāh	yim-tzoo	va	mēkēdēm	nās-ām	bē	y'hē	vī	
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'mekedem' means 'on-east' i.e. 'eastward' or 'East' [Davidson] . **It shouldn't be translated as 'from East'. It means 'to go forward' or the 'front' of something.** 'Forward' or the 'front' of something is always in the direction of 'East'. (This doesn't compute in Western thought!) [One example is that the entrance to the Tabernacle was on the **East side**] **The New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance of The Bible' has an outstanding work on this word: See #6924a.**

'mekedem' is used in Gen 2:8, 3:24, 11:2, 12:8, Nu 34:11, Josh 7:2, Ezk 11:23, Jon 4:5, Zac 14:4
The reason why there is so much controversy over the translation of Genesis 11:2 is that very few take into consideration that the earth was rolling during this time.

So.... **If they migrated from Ararat to Shinar in a straight line, what's in-between?** Some of the oldest known cities in the world! They are **Van** in Turkey, and **Erbil, & Kirkuk** in Iraq. Whether they were started by the earliest descendants of Noah is up for debate; however the point is, is that those areas were inhabited from earliest times, **forming a trade route between the land of Ararat & the land of Shinar.** I'm convinced that the first 10 grandsons who left Ararat settled somewhere around Lake Van, possibly near the current City of Van, depending on the water level of the lake at that time, which was probably around 5600 ft³. The following research sheds some more light on the subject:

Research from the Royal European Genealogies: Sometime after I finished translating Genesis 10, I decided to see if the earliest names in the European Genealogies in **'After The Flood' by Bill Cooper, B.A. Hons.** were actual Hebrew words. I started with the **Irish genealogy** first [They are **some of Magog's descendants**]. With the help of 'Irish Rules of Grammar', I figured out how the Ancient Irish would have pronounced the names, & then took out all the vowels & then wrote them in Hebrew

(Ancient Hebrew didn't have vowels). Afterwards I looked them up in the Benjamin Davidson Lexicon to see if they were actual Hebrew words. The results were amazing! After that, I tackled the **British Genealogy (some of Javan's Descendants)** and they too are actual Hebrew words! [And there's still more work to be done as I didn't tackle the Danish names, if somebody wants to take it on...] The technical research for this is titled **'Magog's & Javan's Descendants'** & it can be found at http://www.w-rocs.org/stones/Magog_and_Javan_Descendants.pdf.

Here's a brief summary of the research:

- 1) The names of Magog's & Javan's sons seem to be describing the volcano that is presently named 'Nemrut Dagi' at the SW end of Lake Van in Turkey.
- 2) Then the names of their grandsons describe another numbering (10 ?) sent out to start the next settlement.
- 3) Then the great grandsons names also describe sending out another 10, & as that generation's new settlement is developed, some of the great grandsons names describe the development of the city that they are building (my guess is that it's Babel).
- 4) Then the following generation names describe a great tower rising & a rebellion.... and there's more, so look up the research! It parallels with what the Bible says.

Ok, let's get back to 'Lake Van':

The names of **Magog's sons are Baath (to trample down), Jobhath (he glistens), and Fathochta (blowing-firepot-chamber) and Javan's son is named lobaath (he glistens)**. After translating the names I consulted Rick Oliver, PhD; who is a Creation Science geologist. (www.ConfoundTheWise.org) I asked him if there was some kind of volcanic activity that produced a glistening effect. Here's what he said:

"Glistening definitely fits for volcanic eruptions, especially when obsidian is involved. Obsidian is volcanic glass. During the eruption it is shattered and blown into the air (Mt. St. Helen's plume went 12 miles up into the atmosphere encircling the globe, and it was considered a small eruption). The results with shattered obsidian would be a sparkling (glistening) plume. The eruption creates its own weather, lightning flashes, etc. Further, it would cause ice crystals to encase the obsidian dust, causing glistening ice halos. Mica is usually involved in the volcanic dust too, which also sparkles."

Then armed with that information I looked up the various descriptions of all the volcanoes around Mt Ararat. (There's at least 14 of them!) The one that fits that description is 'Nemrut Dagi'. The city of Van in Turkey (which is across the lake from 'Nemrut Dagi') claims to be the oldest city in the world. Although that claim is disputed by others, it may well be true. It's in a straight line between Ararat & the ancient city of Babel/Babylon, & at that time, because of the Roll of the earth, Babel was 'East' of Ararat, so Van may have been where the first ten settled after leaving Ararat. It all depends on where the water level of Lake Van was at that time. And that leads to the next set of names...

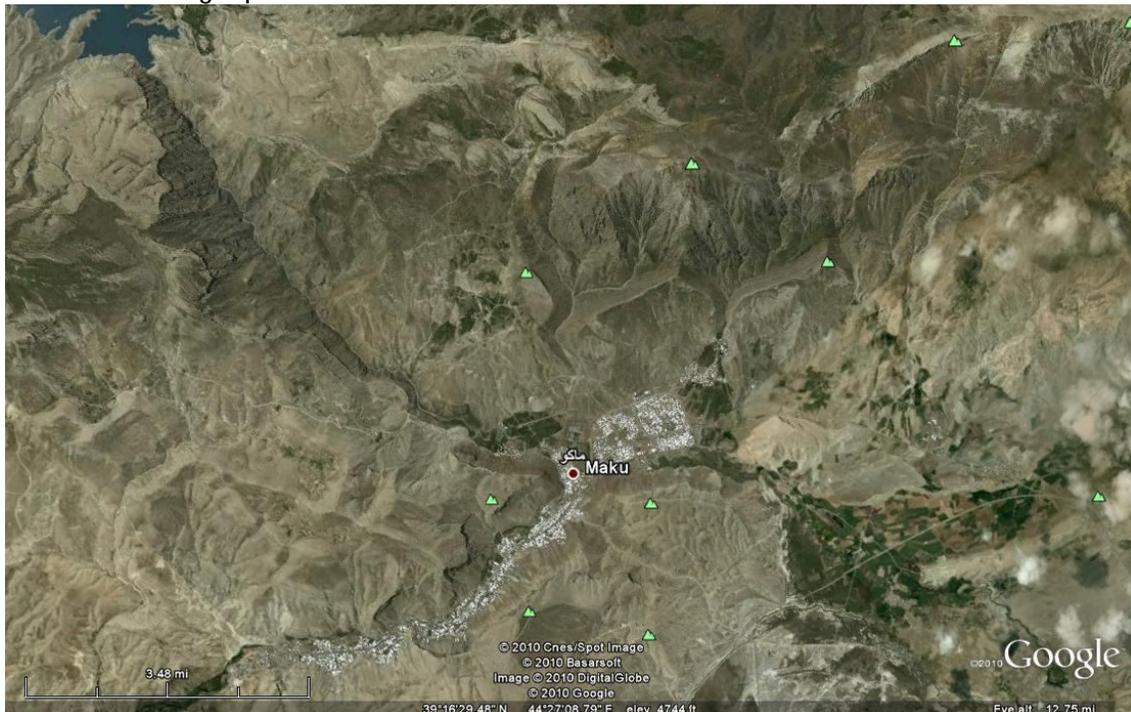
Shelach named his next son 'Overflow' (Eber). Some people translate it as 'Passover' or 'Crossover'. A Hebrew word can often be translated a variety of ways in English:

Eber 'to overflow' or 'to pass over' (can be water, or mountain pass, or area of land, or transgressions. It's used for a whole variety of things.) It might not refer to Eber's parent passing over something. It could be talking about a geological event which would be in keeping with how kids were named during that period of history. **When it's spoken of water, it means to overflow.** It's used in Isaiah 54:9 which says, "For this is as the waters of Noah unto Me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more **'go over'** the earth". Also translated as

an overrunning **'flood'** in Nahum 1:8. In Psalm 124 it's used in verses 4 & 5. Verse 4: "then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had **'gone over'** our soul": verse 5: "then the proud waters had **'gone over'** our soul." When it's spoken of an army it means to overwhelm. Eber was born 67 years after the Flood. It's possible that at the time of his birth some of the inland lakes caused by the Flood began to breach their sides. (The cause might be from massive amounts of snow melt, or it could be from the magma pushing upwards from below, or it could be caused from a massive amount of lava pouring into a lake, or all of the above.) As I studied the area around Ararat & Lake Van, using 'Google Earth', I found some geological scars that fit that description. There's some around lake Van, & there's one in particular centered at Maku. The lake at the base of Mt Ararat on the 'Turkey' side at that time may have overflowed due to the lava flow from the fault line between the 2 Ararats or from Lesser Ararat itself. The evidence is there.

Ancient Armenian Legend has it that Noah founded Naxcivan (the translation means 'Noah's City') in Azerbaijan. It makes sense because it's down river from Mt Ararat, & a somewhat safe distance from its volcanic activity, which he would have sought after the above mentioned experiences. For centuries his tomb was there until the Communists destroyed it. Since then there has been a memorial built to him there. There's a picture of it in the process of being built on Google Earth, titled 'Noah's Grave Monument'. (It's in a large field about half way between the airport & the reservoir, next to an ancient river bed. There also another picture there of ruins, describing it as the Ancient city of Noah.) Noah's wife is buried at Marand⁴. The reason why I make this point is that we would assume that there would have been travel back & forth between where Noah lived & his grandsons & their kids.

Here's the Google picture of **Maku**:



↗ Direction of water flow.

One last thing: I'm not convinced that Canaan (Ham's youngest) or Aram (Shem's youngest) migrated to down to Shinar with the rest, because they both kept the original language. When they were chased out of Ararat by a mud flow, apparently they went in the direction of Syria. It's possible that they were prevented from joining their relatives because they were blocked from doing so by the mud flow. The other possibility is that Canaan didn't want his sons becoming the servants of his brothers as prophesied by Noah (see Genesis 9:25-2), so he went in a different direction.

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End Notes:

3D Map:

World Ocean Floor by Bruce Heezen & Marie Tharp

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Map that shows pre-Flood equator: The map itself without my additions is

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The map below, titled **'World Ocean Floor'** December 1981 **National Geographic Society**. Is my favorite map for showing the complete picture of the Pacific Ocean with the layout of the Mid Ocean Ridge from Baja California to the Gulf of Aden. The red ribbon demonstrates the location of the Equator in the Pacific Ocean right after the mountains were formed during the Flood. This map also shows how Eurasia slid away from The Mid Ocean Ridge in the Arctic. (However, it would be better if you could see it on a globe!)



Recycled Globe (see below): 'World Portrait Globe' patent pending **Rand McNally**

¹ Location of Pre Flood Equator: I took an old beat-up globe, & re-located the Pre Flood Poles according to Dr Walt Brown's information www.creation-science.com & then held a black marker at zero degrees, where the Equator would be located, & then turned the globe in a complete circle. The following sequence show the location right after the mountains were formed during the Flood, just before the earth began to roll.



²Royal European Genealogies presented in 'After The Flood' by Bill Cooper B.A. Hons.

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³See Cliffird Burdick pg 11 Mount Ararat Geological Survey at www.noahsarksearch.com (pg 208 in 'The Explorers of Ararat' hard copy.)

⁴Marand: See http://www.noahsarksearch.com/An_Armenian_Perspective_On_The_Search_For_Noah%27s_Ark.pdf page 23.

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