

Holding up Geological Flood Theories to the Light of The Hebrew Text

{This is to be read in combination with The Hebrew Research on Genesis chapters 1 through 11 in the 'Turning over every stone' section of the www.w-rocs.org web site.}

I've pondered, stewed, & prayed about writing this for several months, so here goes...

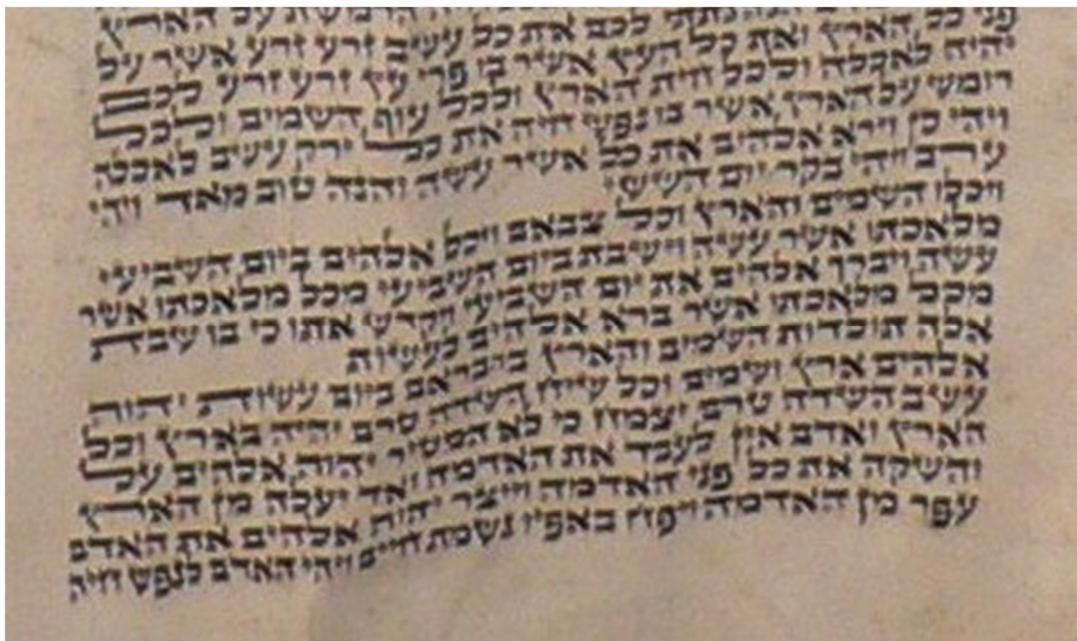
Among Creation Science people there are 2 opposing Flood theories (Catastrophic Plate Tectonics verses The Hydroplate Theory) and a third one (Ice Epoch) that sometimes gets combined with the other 2 & is promoted as the cause of The Flood.

Here's how the Flood Theories compare with the Hebrew Text:



Genesis chapter 1 is the key. You have to start with Genesis chapter 1, because Genesis chapter 1 explains the Flood chapters.

A paragraph in Ancient Hebrew works like a freight train. It has an engine that pulls a string of cars, & no caboose. The first sentence of a Hebrew paragraph is a statement. And then all the sentences that follow start with a 'vav' **ו**, which is a conjunction that means 'and'. Then the next paragraph will start with another statement. With that in mind, in the Hebrew Text, Genesis 1 ends at the end of Genesis 2:3. Genesis 2:4 is the statement for the next 'paragraph'. Here's a picture of that portion of scripture in our 150 year old Torah Scroll:



Count 7 lines up from the bottom of the page, where there is a gap: That is the end of Genesis 2:3. {& don't forget that Hebrew reads from right to left!} The next section (Genesis 2:4) begins on the right hand side of the 6th line up from the bottom. Verses 3 & 4 are separated from each other. Those 2 verses don't go together in a Torah Scroll. Why am I pointing this out? Well, the pre-flood mist watering system is not mentioned until Genesis chapter 2 according to the Hebrew Text. There's no mention of it in Genesis chapter 1. Genesis chapter 1 is talking about outer space & not the localized heavens which we understand to be the earth's atmosphere. **THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT POINT** because sometimes CS people will unwittingly combine the 2 chapters for a proposed canopy theory around the earth's atmosphere.

In the Genesis 1 Hebrew Text there are 4 different waters mentioned. 2 of them are part of the earth itself, and the other 2 are beyond the expanse of outer space. Verse 14 clarifies the location of the 2-heavens. They are the location of the sun, moon, & stars. According to the Hebrew Text birds fly upon the 'face of the raqia'. (See Gen 1:20.)

There's no room for the 'Pangaea idea', the 'Theory of Plate Tectonics', & the 'Theory of Continental Drift' in the Hebrew Text because it says that the dry land was all one piece to begin with, because the word for dry land is singular.

ärëtz yăbăshăh lāy Ēlōhēm yē-krāh vī
 #rāê hvBī: I; ~yhō a/ arqīyī vī: 1'10
 Earth dry-land(singular) to Elohim He-calls &

But some people contend that Genesis 7:11 is talking about volcanic activity caused from the catastrophic movement of plate tectonics. The following is the breakdown of Genesis 7:11

Noach l-chi-yeiy shanah mayot shish shnat be
 xno yē&l. hnV' tAame vve tnv. Bi 7'11
 Noah to-life-of year 100s 6 year in

zeh hă yōm bi chodesh l yōm asar shivah b shennee hă chodesh ba
 hZ<h; ~AY B; vd& I; ~Ay rF['' h[b.vi B. ynMe h vd& B;
 this the day in month to day 10 7 in 2nd the month in

nif-ta-choo shămiyim hă arubot va rabah t-hom maynot kol niv-k-oo
 W&Tpnl ~ymV' h; tBr&] vī: hBr: ~AhT. tnp&M; I K' V[qbri
 were-opened/let-loose 2-heavens the *windows/floodgates/ambush & great deep fountains all split/broke-open

'were-split'['Word by Word']. It's the idea of something being cracked open.

maynot/fountains. This word means FOUNTAINS-OF-WATER. It doesn't have anything to do with fire, as some claim!!

t-hom/deep. This concept has to be 'water' or else it wouldn't be in keeping with the concept of Genesis 1:2-5. In Genesis 1:2-5, the only thing that exists at that point is water & God's light. For this reason, 'deep' cannot mean 'hot molten lava & that sort of thing' as some purpose. It can only mean 'water' because Genesis 1:2-5 explains Genesis 7:11.

rabah/great is not even used in Genesis 1:2-5. It's used here to distinguish the 'great deep' from the shallow pre-flood seas. 2 Peter 3:5 says that 'the earth was standing out of water & in the water'. The 'great-deep' was under the land mass according to Peter.

'rabah' used here also has to do with rank, as to 'chief'. Apparently, this underground body of water was the chief or biggest body of water on earth. 't-hom' in the Hebrew not only means 'deep', but it also means something that is in perpetual motion. This great body of water under the land mass was in a constant state of motion right from day one of it's existence.

*'arubot'. This is not the same word as Genesis 8:6. 'arubot' means 'to lie in wait or ambush'. The word 'floodgates' used in NASB is closer to the true meaning.

2-heavens: The only way that rain can come from outer space is if the fountains of the great deep shot it up there to begin with!

And so the theory of Catastrophic Plate Tectonics is ruled out.

Now what about the Hydroplate Theory?

It totally fits with the complete Genesis 1-11 Hebrew Text (except for Dr Walt Brown's interpretation of the Hebrew word 'raqia' & that's a minor issue). And not only is it in alignment with the Hebrew Text, but it also explains some of the Hebrew Text's mysteries.

So what was the cause of The Flood? Dr Walt Brown's theory on supercritical water is the best explanation so far. His research can be read on line at www.creationscience.com

My own research & translation work of the Genesis chapters 1 to 11 Hebrew Text is up on line in the 'Turning over every stone (Hebrew Research Project & Creation Science)' section of the www.w-rocs.org web site. You can down-load the required 'Bible Works Hebrew Fonts' listed at the top of that section's index page. My resource page is also included in the index.

Aside from my convictions concerning what the Hebrew Text says, here's some other items of interest:

- 1) When they got off the Ark, they had no prior understanding of volcanic activity and it's life threatening potential. The research into the 2nd generation born after the Flood indicates that instead of fleeing the potential danger of the volcanoes in the Ararat area, they stayed in the area while their wives continued to give birth to several sons in a row. (& the daughters aren't even mentioned!) If they had a prior understanding of the danger they were in, they would have fled at the beginning of the volcanic activity. (See the Hebrew research for Genesis 10 at www.w-rocs.org)
- 2) I collect & study ocean floor maps. The scars are missing from the ocean floor where the plates supposedly moved from to form 'Pangaea'. Instead, the scars are telling a different story. They are saying that the land moved away from the Mid Ocean Ridge & buckled into mountain chains & ocean trenches running parallel with the Mid Ocean Ridge all across the globe. (& it becomes even more apparent when you see a pressed plastic relief map of the world ocean floor.) Even a 'traditional domestic engineer' can figure that one out!
- 3) I live in the Alberton Gorge, about 30 miles NW of Missoula, Montana where there are fossilized water ripple rocks from Noah's Flood. These water ripple rocks also contain fossilized plant material, lots of it!. However, there are some in the 'Catastrophic Plate Tectonics' camp who will tell you these rocks are from the first week of the Flood. However the evidence doesn't line up because of the abundance of fossilized plant material found in them.



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