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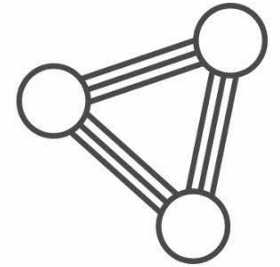
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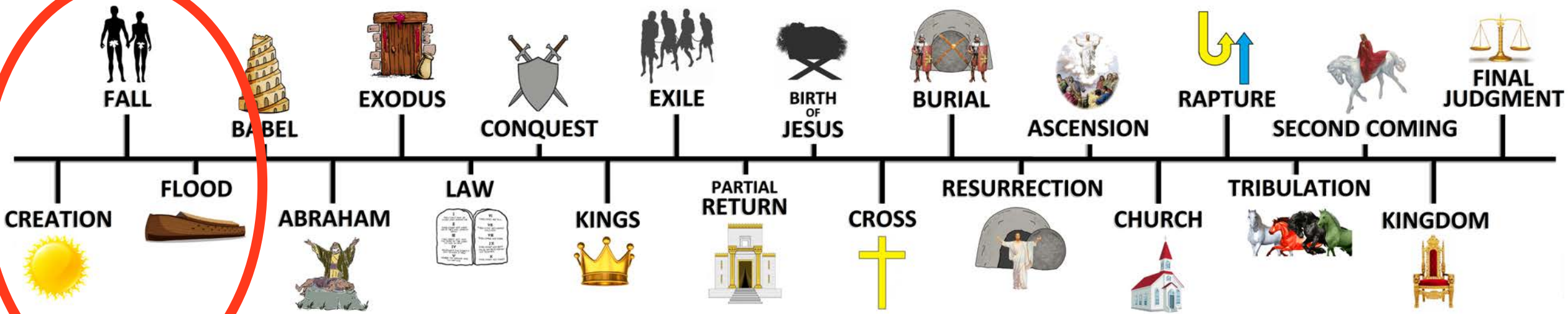
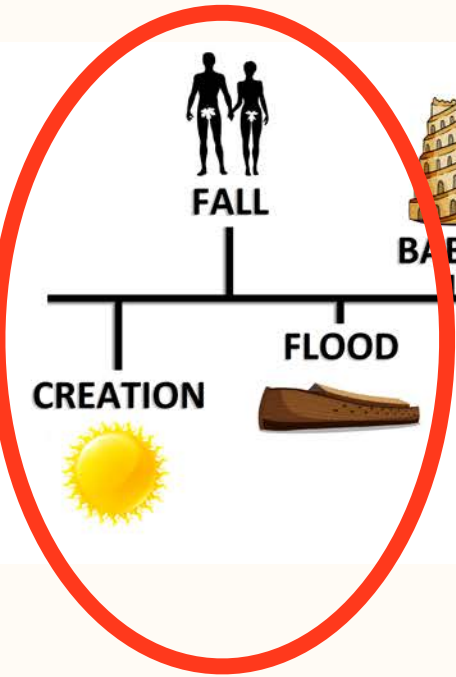
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**Lesson 5 Part 3: The Flood, the Ark,  
Attacks on the Flood History,  
Counterattack on Flood Critics**

Lesson 5: The Global Flood



## Lesson 5.3 Summary

- The depth, size of the flood
- The Ark's distinctive size
- How the old earth ideas became popular
- The commentary provided by the Apostle Peter
  - How did the teachings of the scoffers become so popular that some churchgoers today believe that the world has been the same since the beginning?
  - But does physical evidence and modern-day geology confirm uniformitarianism?
- A biblical perspective of the global flood
- A “counterattack” approach to the flood account
- An Ice Age
- Unstable and changing climate

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## Five Lessons

1. Grace before judgment
2. Who to save, who to judge
3. Only one way of salvation
4. The world changed
5. How to be saved: by faith

## The Global Flood

- 120 year grace period
- Enoch warned
- Noah warned
  
- Saved: Those in the ark
- Judged: Those outside the ark

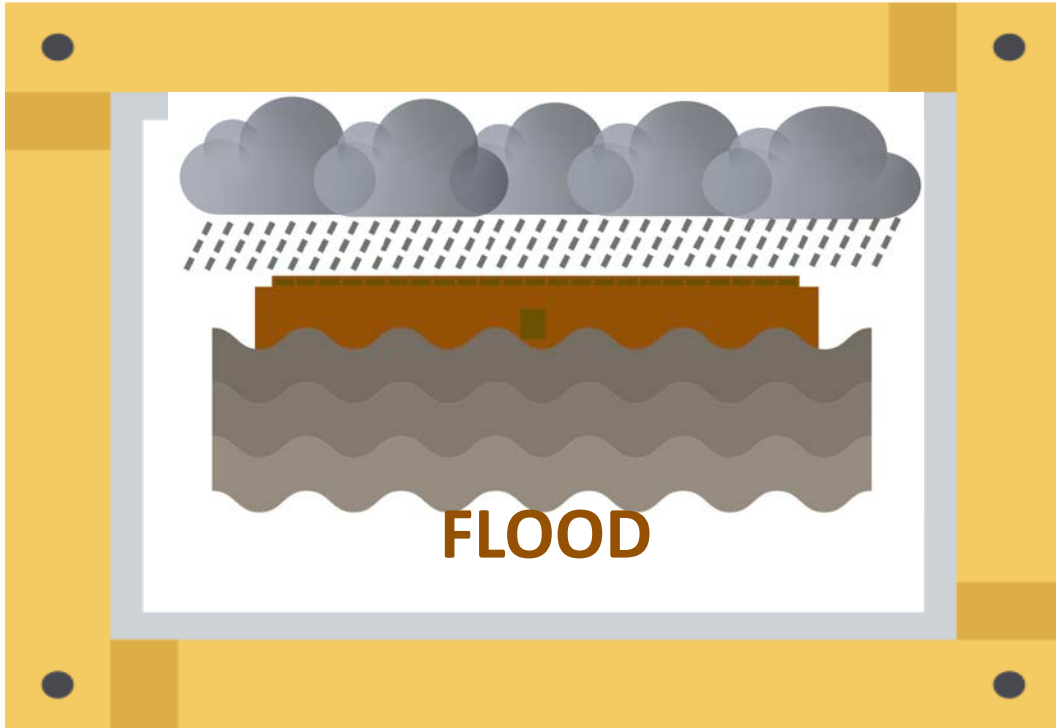
Only one ark designed by God and it had only one door.

The global flood changed the whole world.

Noah was saved because he trusted God.

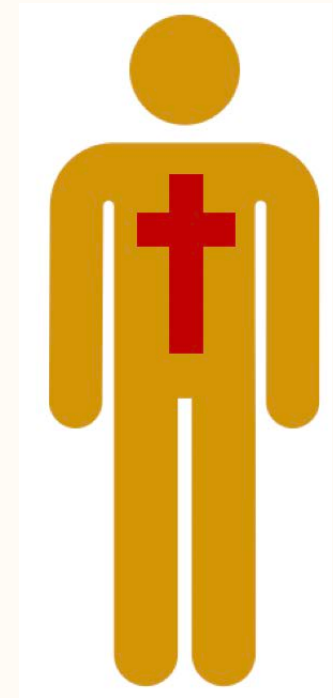
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# A Picture of Salvation



**How God  
Judges and Saves ...**

**... is a picture of ...**



**... How Jesus  
Judges and  
Saves.**

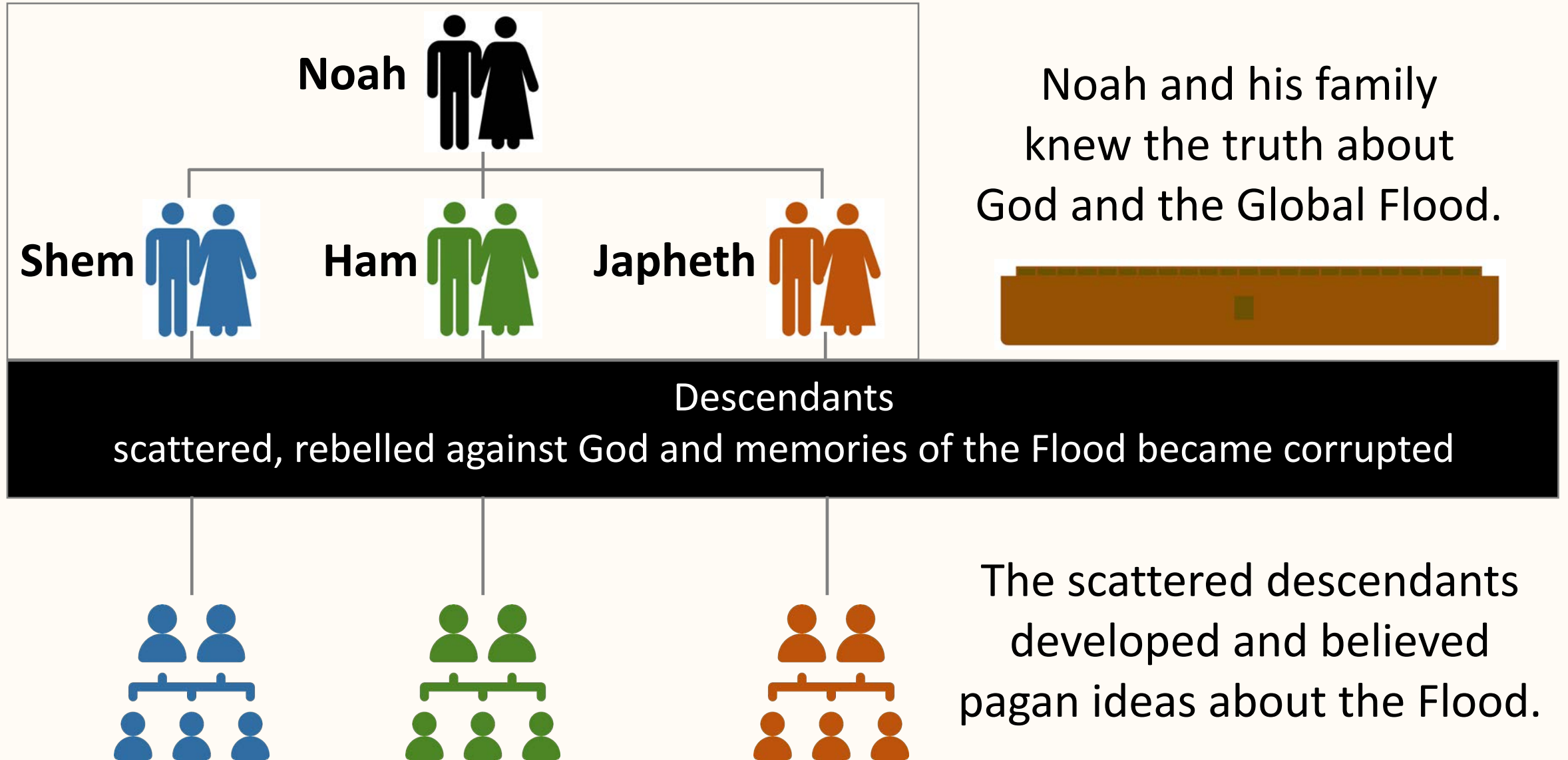
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**1. The existence of pagan accounts of a big flood.**



# The Existence of Pagan Accounts of a Big Flood



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- i. The water covered the highest mountains by at least 15 cubits (about 22 feet) of water over the highest mountains.**

**Gen. 7:19, “And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered.**

**Gen. 7:20, “The waters prevailed fifteen cubits (22 feet) at least, and the mountains were covered.”**

## **2. The depth of the flood water and the duration of the flood.**

**ii. In Genesis 7:19, the Bible uses the phrase “under the whole heaven.” That phrase represents a huge area rather than a small place. So every area under the heaven was covered in water. It was a global flood.**

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# Was the Flood Local or Worldwide?

- If the Flood was local, why did Noah have to build an Ark? He could have walked to the other side of the mountains and missed it.



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- If the Flood was local, why did God send the animals to the Ark so they would escape death? There would have been other animals to reproduce that kind if these particular ones had died.



# Was the Flood Local or Worldwide?

- If the Flood was local, why was the Ark big enough to hold all the kinds of land vertebrate animals that have ever existed? If only Mesopotamian animals were aboard, the Ark could have been much smaller.



# Was the Flood Local or Worldwide?

- If the Flood was local, why would *birds* have been sent on board? These could simply have winged across to a nearby mountain range.





# Was the Flood Local or Worldwide?

- If the Flood was local, how could the waters rise to 15 cubits (8 meters) *above* the mountains (Genesis 7:20)? Water seeks its own level. It couldn't rise to cover the local mountains while leaving the rest of the world untouched.



# Was the Flood Local or Worldwide?

- If the flood was local, it would not have solved the problem of the corruption of the human race worldwide.



## Was the Flood Local or Worldwide?

- If the Flood was local, people who did not happen to be living in the vicinity would not be affected by it. They would have *escaped God's judgment on sin*. If this happened, what did Christ mean when He likened the coming judgment of all men to the judgment of '*all*' men (Matthew 24:37–39) in the days of Noah? A partial judgment in Noah's day means a partial judgment to come.



# Was the Flood Local or Worldwide?

- If the Flood was local, God would have repeatedly broken His promise to never flood the earth again.



## 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 9:8-11

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?

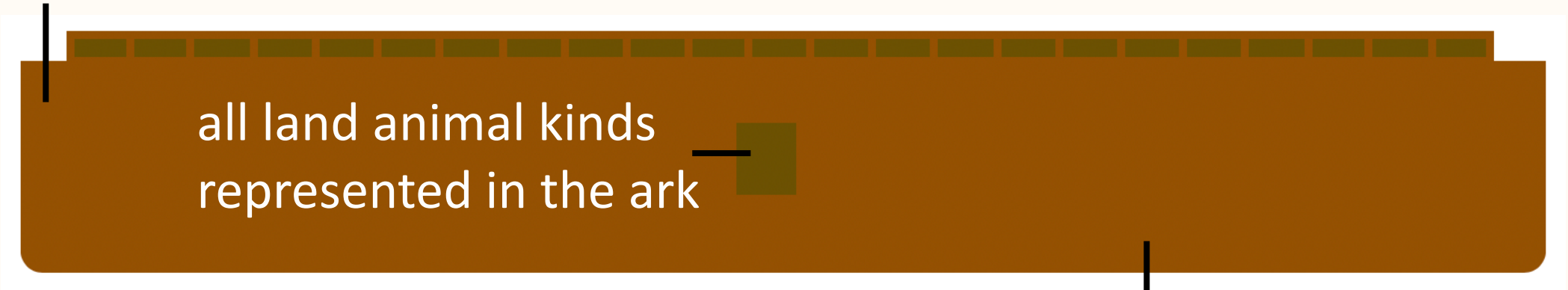
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# Chronology of the Flood

Entry of the ark, Gen. 7:11 [waited 7 days]	2-10-600
Forty days and nights of rain Gen. 7:11	2-17-600
One hundred ten days of rising:	
After one hundred fifty days, ark rests	7-17-600
Seventy four days of decreasing:	10 -1-600
Tops of mountains visible, Gen. 8:5	
Forty days then sent raven	11 -10-600
Seven days then sent dove 1	11 -17-600
Seven days then sent dove 2	11 -24-600
Released dove 3	12 -01-600
Removed hatch, ground seems dry	12 -10-600
Order to offload; Total days; 371	2-27-601

### 3. The Ark's distinctive size, design, and purpose.

massive and stable



all land animal kinds  
represented in the ark

sealed with waterproof pitch

**“According to this standard, the Ark was 437.5 feet long, 72.92 feet wide, and 43.75 feet high. Since it had three decks (Gen. 6:16), it had a total deck area of approximately 95,700 square feet (equivalent to slightly more than the area of twenty standard college basketball courts), and its total volume was 1,396,000 cubic feet. The gross tonnage of the Ark (which is a measurement of cubic space rather than weight, one ton in this case being equivalent to 100 cubic feet of usable storage space) was about 13,960 tons, which would place it well within the category of large metal ocean-going vessels today.”**



**The notes in the Lesson 5, page 12 need to be corrected.**

**Studying the dimensions of the ark as recorded in Genesis 6:14–15, we can see that it was enormous, similar in size to modern, ocean-going freighters. Its volume was so great that it equalled the volume of 522 railroad stock cars. If the flood were just a local one, why the need for such a big, stable boat?**

**These were the figures used in Whitcomb and Morris, *The Genesis Flood*. The recent edition, 2022 of *The Genesis Flood Revisited* by Andrew Snelling is much more up to date following 6 decades of research.**

**Here he uses modern freight cars, much larger than those in use in 1960.**

**“Today, using a sheep as the average size of animals, then 240 animals of the size of sheep could be accommodated in a standard two-decked freight car. Thus, if there were as many as 16,000 animals to be carried on the Ark, then at the very most these animals would fit into 67 such freight cars, representing only a quarter of the carrying capacity of the Ark, equivalent to approximately 270 such freight cars. In other words, all the animals would fit into less than one of the three decks of the Ark. Furthermore, even if there had to be as many as 43,000 animals to be carried on the ark, then those animals could still fit into only 180 such railroad freight cars, which would represent two-thirds of the 270 freight car carrying capacity of the Ark, meaning two of the three decks of the Ark would have carried the animals. ...”**

**“Woodmorappe has shown from a detailed analysis of the body-mass categories into which these 16,000 animals would fit that the vast majority were small, and even without allowing for large animals to be represented by juveniles, the median size of the animals on the Ark would have been the size of a small rat. Thus the above calculations based on the average animal size on the Ark being that of a sheep are overly generous, because Woodmorappe’s calculations show that only about eleven percent of the animals on the Ark were substantially larger than sheep. It is therefore abundantly clear that with a few simple calculations this trivial objection can be disposed of once for all.”**

**~Andrew Snelling, *The Genesis Flood Revisited*, rev 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2022, 101–102.**

#### **4. The commentary provided by the apostle Peter.**

**2 Pet. 3:3, “knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,**

**2 Pet. 3:4, “and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.’**

**2 Pet. 3:5, “For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,”**

**2 Pet. 3:6, “by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.**

**2 Pet. 3:7, “But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”**

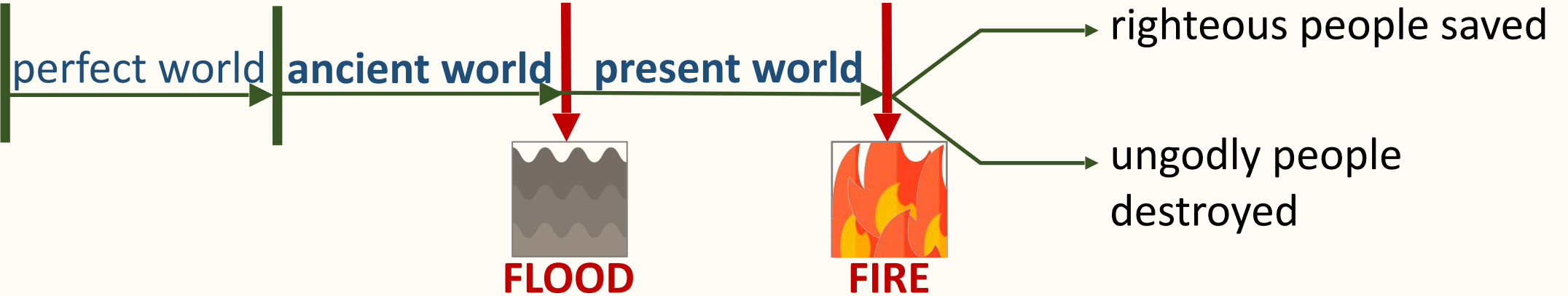
## The Bible says

**Creation**

**Fall**

**Judgment**

**final world**



Scoffers who “deliberately forget”

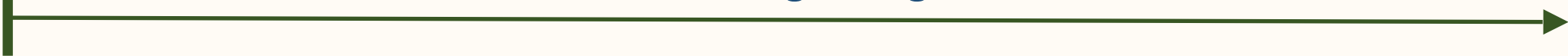


and reject the truth



say:

world has been the same since the beginning



# How the Idea that the World has been the “Same Since the Beginning” Became Popular

← Early Christians believed in biblical Flood geology

- Tertullian (155–240)
- Chrysostom (349–407)
- Augustine (354–430)

📍 Start of formal study of geology (1790–1820)

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**Charles Lyell (1797–1875)**  
Promoted “uniformitarianism”  
and the idea of an “old earth”



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Many in church started to treat “historical” science as “observational” science

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**Charles Darwin (1809–1882)**  
Used Lyell’s “uniformitarianism” to  
explain and promote evolution



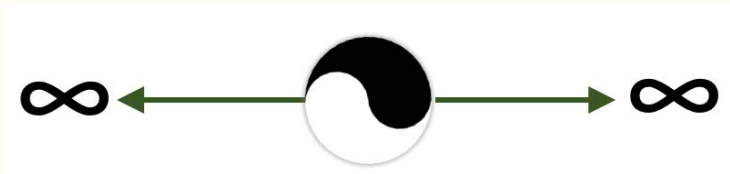
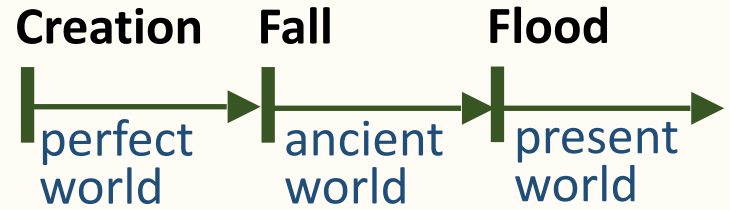
AD 400

1700

1800

1900

# “Historical” Science is NOT NEUTRAL!

	 <b>Pagan Worldview</b>	 <b>Biblical Worldview</b>										
Starting Position	Ignore God. Ignore the Bible. Everything is “natural.” Nature sustains itself.  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #336633; color: white; margin: 0;">Pagan Worldview</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><del>1<sup>st</sup> level</del></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><del>CREATOR</del></td> <td style="padding: 2px;"><i>No such thing</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><del>2<sup>nd</sup> level</del></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">creature: <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">nature</span>, man</td> <td style="padding: 2px;"><i>sustains itself naturally</i></td> </tr> </table> </div>	<del>1<sup>st</sup> level</del>	<del>CREATOR</del>	<i>No such thing</i>	<del>2<sup>nd</sup> level</del>	creature: <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">nature</span> , man	<i>sustains itself naturally</i>	God is the ultimate authority. The Bible is God’s revelation to man. The Bible is true.  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #336633; color: white; margin: 0;">Creator-Creature Distinction</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1<sup>st</sup> level</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">CREATOR: Sustains Everything</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2<sup>nd</sup> level</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">creature: nature, man</td> </tr> </table> </div>	1 <sup>st</sup> level	CREATOR: Sustains Everything	2 <sup>nd</sup> level	creature: nature, man
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Approach to geology	Uniformitarianism. Everything is working in the same way it was from the past till now.  <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div>	The Bible’s account of Creation, Fall and Flood is true. The physical evidence in the world can be explained by the accounts in the Bible. We need to study it well.  <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div>										



**But does physical evidence and modern-day geology confirm uniformitarianism?**

# ANOMALOUS FOSSILS

**Found in 200 million year???  
old coal seam in  
Oklahoma**



Bronze bell  
found in 300  
million year???  
old coal seam in  
Pennsylvania.



**John 2:6, “Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.**

**John 2:7, “Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the waterpots with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim.”**



**John 2:8, “And He said to them, ‘Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.’ And they took it.**

**John 2:9, “When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.**

**John 2:10, “And he said to him, ‘Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!’ ”**

**John 5:46, “ ‘For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.**

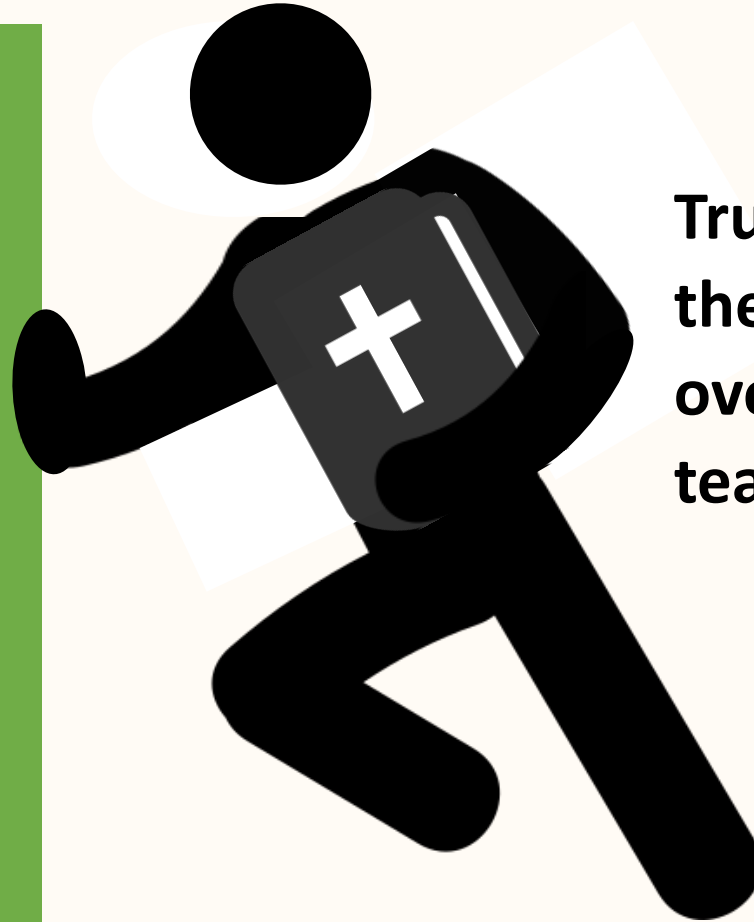
**John 5:47, “ ‘But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?’ ”**

# A Biblical Perspective of the Global Flood



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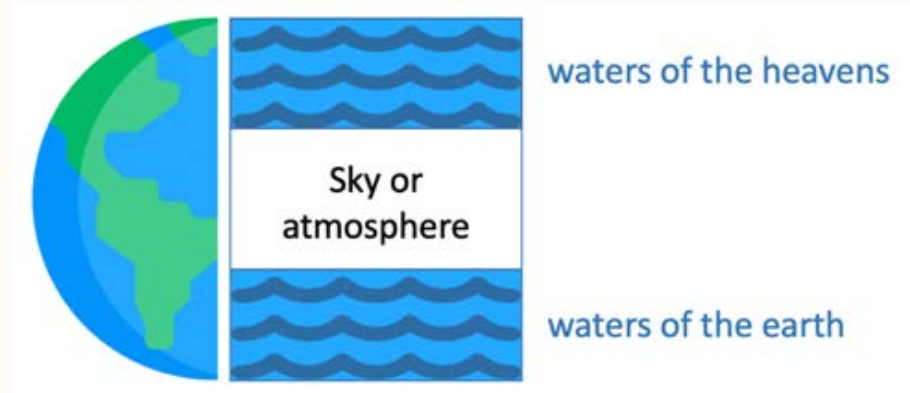
Push back on what the world teaches if it goes against God's Word.



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Trust God's Word as the ultimate authority over what the world teaches.

# How was the earth originally created?



**Gen. 1:6**, “Then God said, ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.’”

**Gen. 1:7**, “Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.”

**Gen. 1:8**, “And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.”



**Gen. 7:11**, “In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

**Gen. 7:12**, “And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.”

## **A. Mountains Higher, Valleys Lower**

**Psa. 104:6, “You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters stood above the mountains.**

**Psa. 104:7, “At Your rebuke they fled; At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.**

**Psa. 104:8, “They went up over the mountains; They went down into the valleys, To the place which You founded for them.**

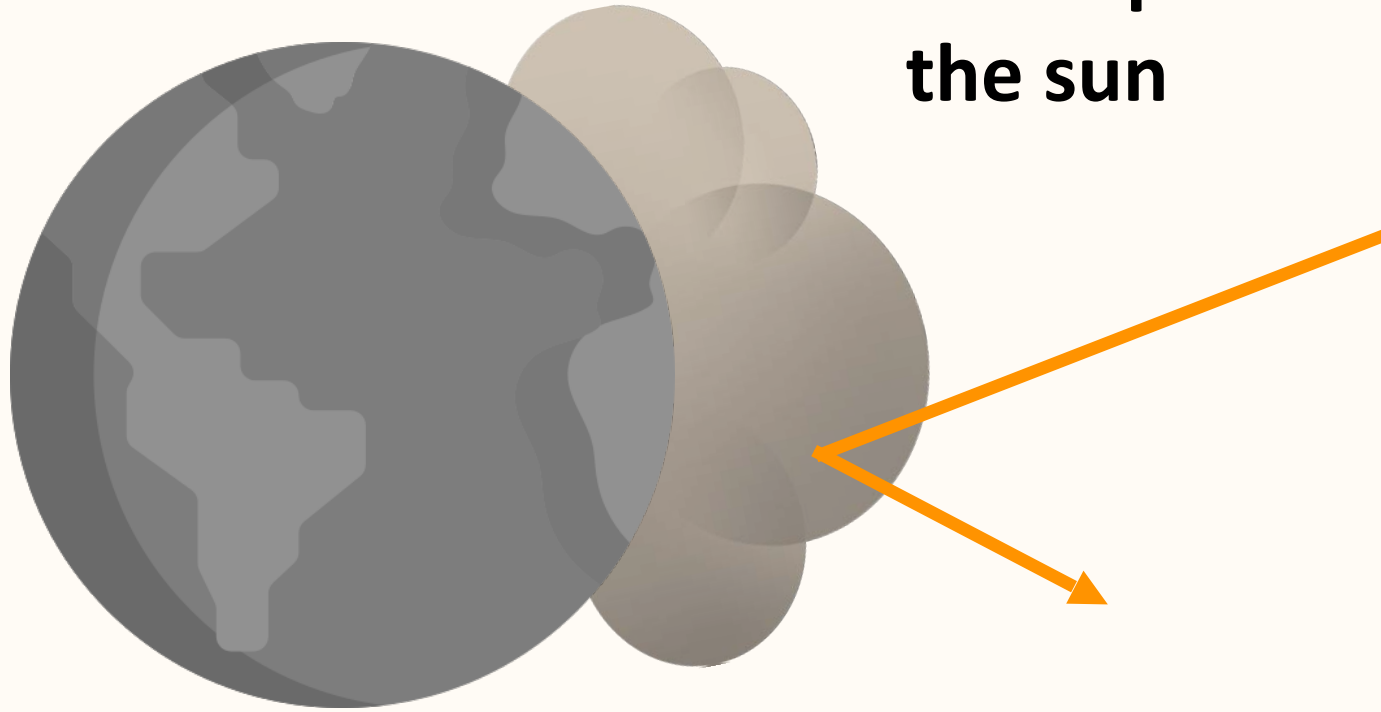
**Psa. 104:9, “You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, That they may not return to cover the earth.”**

## B. Cooler Atmospheric Temperature

Waters rushed off  
the land with  
great speed and  
force



**Volcanic ash in the atmosphere blocks off the sun**



## **C. Warmer Oceans**

**Third, it is probable that after the Flood, the oceans would have been much warmer than they are now. Why? There are two reasons for this.**

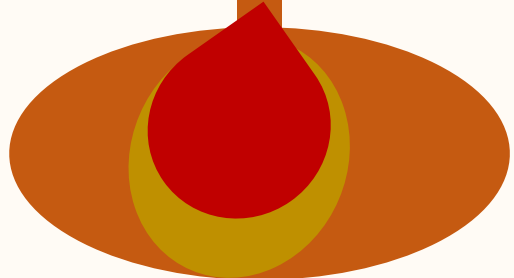
- As we go deeper into the earth's mantle, the temperature gets higher. Any underground water this deep would be heated up. The Bible tells us that this underground water, the "fountains of the deep," was what burst forth to flood the earth.**
- Erupting volcanoes throw up very hot lava which heats up the ground and waters around it to extremely high temperatures.**

**ash cloud**



**lava heats up the ground**

**lava heats up the water**



## **To Create an Ice Age:**

**Importantly, this combination of**

- i. uplift,**
- ii. cooler atmosphere, and**
- iii. uniformly warm oceans**

- **There would have been large and frequent snowfalls in many areas.**
- **There would have been longer and colder winter periods and shorter and milder warm seasons.**
- **Many parts of the north and south would have experienced much larger polar ice caps and glaciers. In fact, the earth today shows evidence of glaciation over many areas.**



**Job 38:29, “From whose womb comes the ice? And the frost of heaven, who gives it birth?”**

**Job 38:30, “The waters harden like stone, and the surface of the deep is frozen.”**

Warm, moist air is forced to rise over high mountains

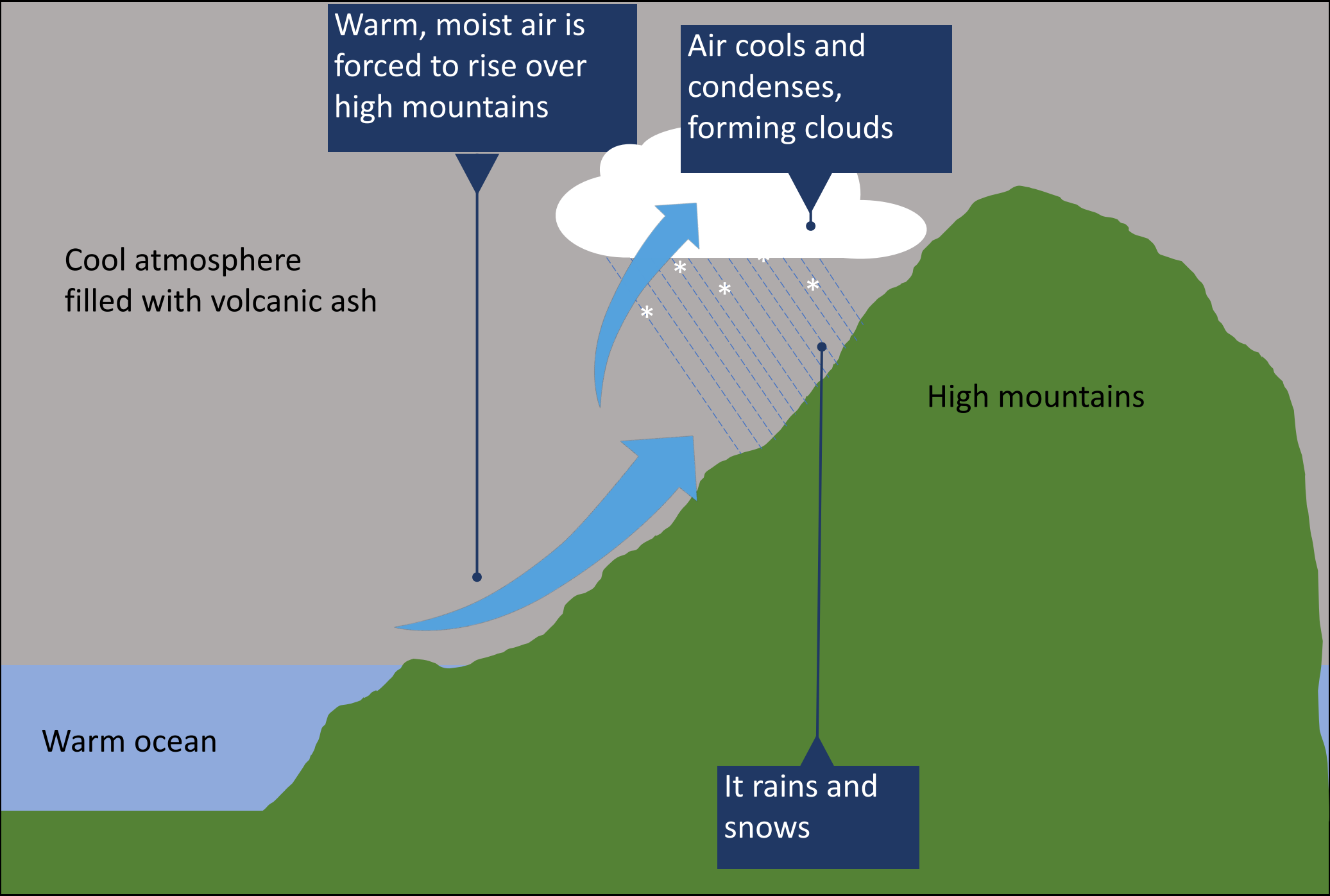
Air cools and condenses, forming clouds

Cool atmosphere filled with volcanic ash

High mountains

Warm ocean

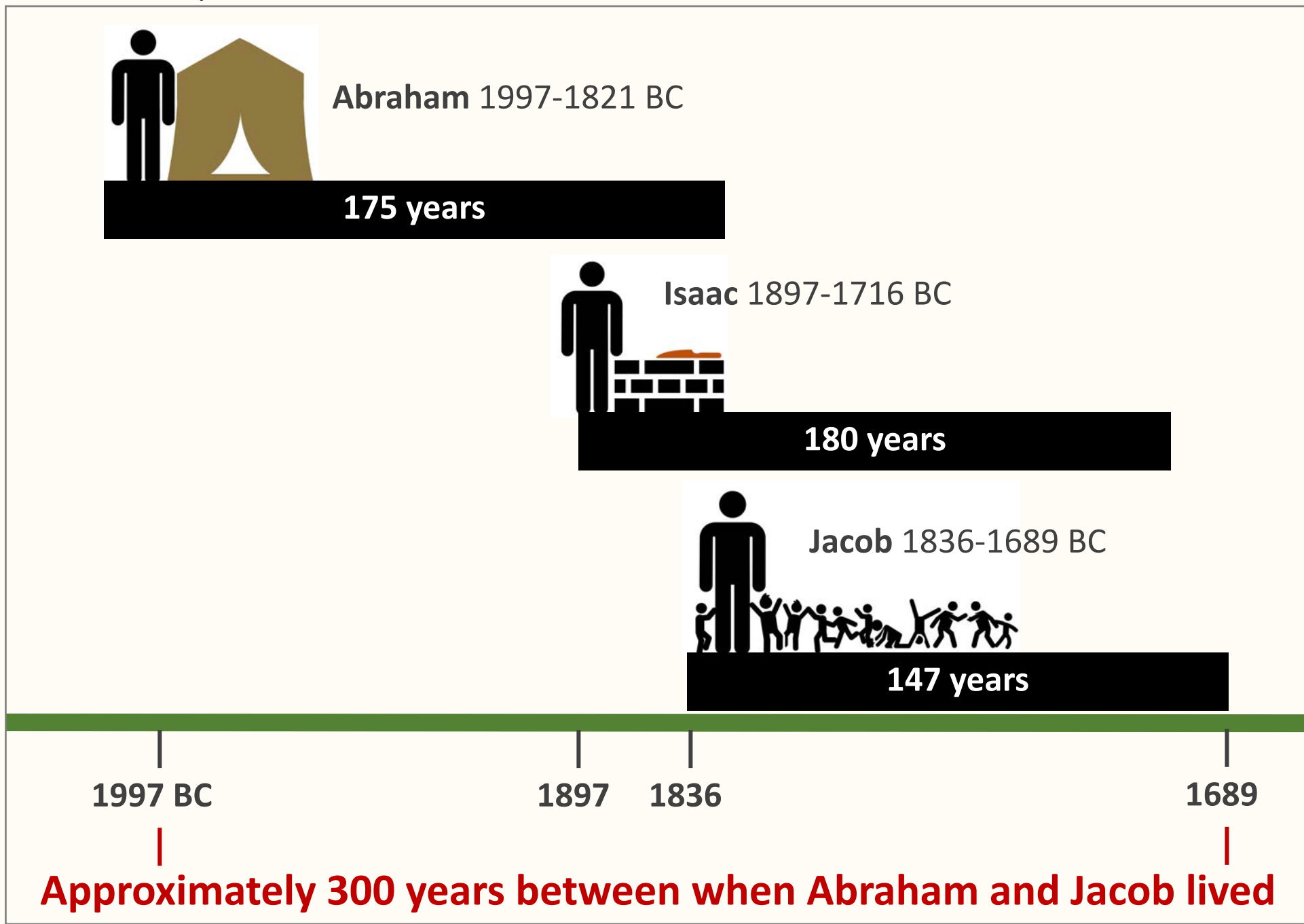
It rains and snows



**Gen. 13:10, “And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.**

**Gen. 13:11, “Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.”**

Note: These dates need to be updated



## Unstable and Changing Climate

**Gen. 41:54**, “and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. The famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

**Gen. 41:55**, “So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, ‘Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do.’ ”

**Is there really a coming global or final judgment?**

**Rev. 20:11, “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.**

**Rev. 20:12, “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.**

**Rev. 20:13, “The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.”**