

Before we look at geology or paleontology, we need to understand the Flood, recorded in Gen 6-8. Because of the wickedness of humans, God brought judgment to destroy “all flesh in which is the breath of life”, except for two of every “kind” of animal and those humans who would repent and accept His mercy by coming aboard the Ark. That was a large ship, 510 feet long (one and a half football fields), 85 feet wide and 51 feet high.

Gen 7:11 says “all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of heaven were opened”. The earth split open and huge amounts of hot, pressurized, salty water gushed high into the atmosphere, accompanied by 40 days of intense rain, covering the highest points on earth for over six months, and not fully abating for a whole year. This would have produced thousands of gigantic earthquakes and tsunamis and been the cause of dividing Pangaea (the one large continent) into the continents as we know them today. All the forests and plants, and billions of animals would have been rapidly buried under the enormous amounts of silt and sediment, producing most of the geologic column and the fossil record.

But it was not only the rising water that shaped our planet, the receding waters left enormous features as well.

Also, the Flood is the best explanation for the ice age. Secular scientists say there were many ice ages over long periods of time cause by cooling and then warming cycles. But cold weather will not produce an ice age. It requires large amounts of warm water rising into the atmosphere and then cooling and condensing to produce enough snow for an ice age. The Flood accounts for the warm water better than any other explanation, and also much volcanic ash in the atmosphere which would produce colder temperatures and heavy snow.

Of course, many people reject the idea of a world wide flood, and instead say the Flood of Genesis was a local or regional flood. But that has both theological and scientific problems.

The purpose of the Flood was God's judgment on earth. A local flood would not have judged all wicked people. And 2Peter 3 says that the Flood was a picture of the judgment God will bring on the world at the end of time. If the Flood was local, what would that say about God's final judgment? That He would only judge one area? That is not what the Bible says.

If the Flood was local, why go to the trouble of 120 years of making the huge boat? People and animals would have had plenty of time to go a couple hundred miles away. Gen 7:20 says the waters covered the highest points on land by over 20 feet. If it was a local flood, would it be possible for water to stay that high for months without running off? Of course not! Water quickly seeks its lowest possible level.

If events happened as the Bible describes, what evidence would we expect to see on the earth? How about "Billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the earth"? And what do we actually find? Billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the earth! From the tops of the mountains to bedrock. Over 75% of the earth's surface is sedimentary rock, and the rest is igneous/volcanic and metamorphic – which are caused by heat and pressure. The earth looks exactly like what would be expected after reading Gen 6-8.

In fact, the fossil record on the whole earth is best explained by the Flood. I think it is not too much to say it is the only explanation. How are fossils formed? Does a fish that dies in a lake or an animal that dies in a field become a fossil? NO! There were millions of buffalo killed in the west, and probably none of them have become fossilized. In order for any fossil to form, the animal or plant has to be rapidly buried, and not just with dirt, but with lots of moisture or in a slurry, so it is cut off from air/oxygen. The billions of fossils discovered all point to rapid burial. Every fossil speaks of the worldwide Flood of Genesis.