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Two Great Floods

Introduction

Did you know there are "Two Great Floods" recorded in the Bible? The events leading to, and the characteristics of the flood of Noah's time are widely known and recognized. However, a complete study of the Scripture will reveal references to a different flood event involving not only water, but darkness and shaking, which were not characteristics of Noah's flood. As we carefully seek God for the correct understanding of His Word, we'll see two different and distinct flood events emerge. Before we pursue our study of the two floods however, let's examine the Scripture precipitating these events, for their commonality will show they are indeed acts of God's judgment.

Various Forms of Judgment used by God

Judgment implies sin by people or angels whom God has created. Only free moral agents or people, can sin. Different forms of judgment have been used by God in the Scriptures; for instance water was used in the time of Noah (Gen. 7:11), darkness was used when the Israelites were in Egypt and had asked to leave (Ex.10:22) "And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:". Jesus declared there will be earthquakes in diverse places (Mt. 24:7) "For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers (diverse) places." There were other acts of weather in (Ps. 148:8) "Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:"

The Reason for Noah's Flood (2nd Flood)

Noah's flood will be described first since it is well known and often viewed as the only major flood in the Bible. In **Genesis 6 and 7** God instructed Noah to build an ark of gopher wood and pitch it within and without. Because He saw sin in the form of wickedness it could not go on unchecked. God is Holy and Righteous; therefore, He must judge sin.

(Gen. 6:12) "And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth". (Gen. 6:13) "God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." (Gen. 6:8) "But Noah found Grace in the eyes of the Lord."

Noah walked with God and was just and perfect in his generations. God then instructed Noah to make rooms inside the ark, three stories high. Altogether the ark was three hundred cubits long (450 feet), fifty cubits (75 feet) wide, thirty cubits (45 feet) high, and the door in the side of the ark allowed access to all three stories. Upon the completion of the ark Noah, his wife and his sons (Shem, Ham, and Japheth), and the three wives of his sons entered into the ark (Gen. 7:13). In addition, all the animals, creeping things, foul, and birds went in unto Noah in the ark (Gen. 7:14-16). Thus God had mercy on eight people and a large number of animals.

In reviewing the flood, we find it first took 40 days of rain and all the fountains of the great deep were broken up to supply the water for this great flood (Gen.7:11,12)! Second, the waters prevailed 150 days (Gen. 7:24) thus eliminating the chance for survivors outside the Ark. Third, this was not a violent flood in the sense that the waters increased over a 40 day period of time and they were quiet enough that the ark with it's large load was safe. Fourth, It came to pass after 150 days that God made a wind to pass over the earth so the waters began to retreat. Noah tested for the presence of the waters by sending a raven and a dove out of the window. The raven stayed out but the dove returned. Noah sent the dove out two more times and the last time she did not return (Gen. 8:1-14). And so the waters increased gradually and retreated even slower. From this description we can see that Noah's flood did not include shaking (major earthquakes), fire or darkness.

Soon after the flood God revealed His plan in:

(Gen. 9:11) "And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth."

Consequently, since Noah's flood there have not been anymore universal floods! Universal floods were either before Noah or during Noah's time.



Another Flood?

Is there another judgment involving at least violence or darkness or flood? In pursuing this question, let us not fall prey to say things that the Bible really does not say; nor assume an agenda or a reason for taking a particular position. We need the Holy Spirit to guide our study so that we will understand what God's Word really says. The Holy Spirit will guide us in all truth if we are humble and diligently study the Bible seeking the truth.

Before The Earth & Its Earliest History

Some Scriptures that apply to this time period are as follows:

(John 1:1) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:2) "The same was in the beginning with God." (John 1:3) "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

(Ps. 90:2) "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

This goes back further in time because the verse speaks of a time before anything we know of was created. "From everlasting" is farther back in time than we can comprehend. We don't have many details about such an early period of time, but we do know that our Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) has existed forever, and that He created a large host of heavenly angels.

Next in time:



(Hebrews 11:3) "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

(Ps. 33:6) "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."

It is evident by the above Scriptures that God spoke the worlds into existence solely by virtue of His own power, and utilizing nothing (no preexisting material)! This very likely is the "Big Bang" event commonly estimated to be some 13.7 billion years ago.

(Gen. 1:1) "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Next we find the Scripture getting more specific about our earth:

(Isaiah 45:18) "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else."

The above Scripture reveals a time between when God the Son (who is our Creator) spoke to begin the universe (the heavens) and when our Earth was created. God certainly planned ahead a very long time in order to create our Earth to be inhabitable. His great love for us is shown by His past plans and His future plans as illustrated through the many prophecies in the Bible.

Preparation of the Earth

Closely following is (**Ps. 104:5**) where Jesus "... laid the foundations of the earth...". Job 38:4-6 gives more details about some of the steps our LORD took in preparing the Earth for habitation.

(Job 38:4-6) "4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened?" (Job 38:7) "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

A beautiful scripture depicting the great joy in heaven as proclaimed by the morning stars and sons of God (angels). It shows how important our Earth was going to be.

The Time Before Adam & Eve

(John 1:4,5) "4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

Verses 4 and 5 make it clear that human beings were to be the inhabitants of the Earth and that Jesus was to be their light. The Light of "God the Son" was far too difficult for evil (darkness) to receive or comprehend. Hearts must desire God's light in order for God's light to be understood or received! We see the first mention of men in John 1:4 while very early Scriptures lead up to this verse (John 1:1-3). These men were earlier than Adam and Eve and perhaps much earlier. We must note that John 1:1-5 looks beyond John's day to the distant past.

These Scriptures mention both angels and the presence of human beings. Angels are sometimes referred to as gods (**Ps. 82**) and sons of God. Broken down cities (**Jer. 4:26**) give us a direct clue about the presence of men. The first mention of man is (previous paragraph) and the second mention of man I believe to be:

(Isa. 42:5) "5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:"

The third mention of man is found in verses three and four of Psalm 82.

(Ps. 82:1) "God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods."

In verse 1 the angels are first described (gods) and then admonished and rebuked in:

(Ps. 82:2-4) "2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. 3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked."

They had been sinning against God by mistreating man. Satan had thus sinned already and recruited angels and in turn humans to be wicked and do evil!

(Ps. 82:5) "5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course."

This is a major judgmental event in the Bible in which the foundations of the earth are out of course.

(Ps. 82:6,7) "6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. 7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes."

The angels are told they shall die like men. Presently, they are largely free, as is Satan and the evil demons, however some are in chains (locked up, **Jude 1:6**).

We now need to turn our attention to one of the most amazing Scriptures for this time period. It is:

(Jer. 4:23-27) "23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. 24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. 25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. 26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. 27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end."

Verse 23 is the same description found in **Gen. 1:2a "...the earth was without form and void"**. Therefore, the restoration of the earth follows this point in time (**Gen. 1:3-31**). As we look at (**Jer. 4:24-26**) verses 24 and 25 picture a judgment nearly complete while verse 26 shows the judgment well under way since the fruitful place was no longer fruitful but a wilderness and the cities were broken down by the presence of the Lord. This is all prior to Adam and Eve and Noah's flood! It stands to reason that verses 24, 25 and 26 go back in time from verse 23. In (**Jer. 4:27**) God concludes the matter when He says: "...the whole land shall be desolate; yet I will not make a full end." Adam and Eve, and you and I are living proof of this statement. God did restore the Earth during the six Genesis days (**Ps. 104:30**).

It is also important to examine another Scripture to see how more than one writer is used by God to emphasize an important fact or teaching.

(Ps. 104:32) says: "He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke."

This verse follows verses 30 and 31 where God was rejoicing in His works (verse 31) and in verse 30 where He renewed the face of the earth. Again, reading thru verses 30-32

(Ps.104:30-32) "30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth. 31 The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works. 32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke."

These verses are looking back in time. In verse 30 why did God have to renew the face of the earth? **Because He had judged it for sin in the time of a Pre-Adamic Civilization!**

God's Plan for the Pre-Adamics

We can gain further insight into the identity of a pre-Adamic civilization in:

(Heb. 12:22-24) "22 But ye are come unto mount Sion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel."

Verse 22 is a very heavenly setting. Verses 22 & 23 list various groups present: 1) angels, 2) general assembly or Old Testament saints, 3) church of the firstborn or New Testament saints, 4) God the judge of all or those not mentioned previously, and 5) spirits of just men made perfect or, very likely, a reference to the godly of the Pre-Adamic race.

What about the ungodly Pre-Adamics (remember that SIN caused the judgment) [1]. Most likely they are disembodied demonic spirits which Jesus encountered. Why else would God cover the Pre-Adamics in so many Scriptures unless we needed to have understanding with regard to demonic action? They can speak, torment, occupy and control humans whom they have entered. They know they have a day of judgment coming and they knew who Jesus was. They were also referred to as devils (plural), whereas Satan is referred to as the Devil (singular is used). The scriptural use of the word "devils" by greatest frequency (58 occurrences in the New Testament), is the Greek word: daimonion, which is translated: a demonic being. Forthwith, a more accurate word for our reference to devils would be "demons".

A well-known passage depicting a demon's inherent characteristic need to inhabit a body, (even if it is an animal), is aptly illustrated in **Mark 5:1-20**! The Gadarene demoniac, (possessed with a legion of demons [devils]) was greatly under their control until Jesus cast them out. Since demons wish to inhabit human bodies (first choice) and secondly animals (see **Matt. 8:31**), it is reasonable to make this assumption. Evil angels, who wish to be worshiped [**Col. 2:18**], and are involved in major battles [**Rev. 12:7**]), have more powerful roles to perform in fighting God's angels (**see Daniel 10:13**).

Another scriptural reference dating the existence of demons, is <u>their prior</u> knowledge of Jesus as revealed in:

(Luke 4:41) "And devils (demons) also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ."

We can now see a reasonable explanation for both the righteous Pre-Adamics (Heb12:23) and the unrighteous Pre-Adamics (demons). Satan is the author of rebellion against God and so He and his unrighteous angels caused the Pre-Adamics to sin badly enough for a drastic judgment that left the earth in darkness, covered with water, and uninhabitable. But God in His great love has clearly reserved for Himself a believing remnant from the time prior to Adam and Eve.

Condition of the Earth Just Prior to Adam and Eve

This period of time involves the other steps of judgment involving water and darkness and finally the absence of light. These Scriptures will bring us right up to Gen. 1:2 (not back to). There is a time gap between Jer. 4:23 and Jer.4:24 in which most of this section fits.

(Jer. 4:23,24) "23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. 24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly."

Beginning with (Isa. 24:17-21) "17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth." God had begun to dispense judgment for human rebellion. Verse 18 describes them fleeing:

"18 And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake."

"The windows on high" (first flood mentioned) in this verse clearly belong in the time period between **Gen. 1:1** and **Gen. 1:2**. Verses 19 and 20 of Isaiah describe how complete the destruction was at the end of a Pre-Adamic civilization.

"19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. 20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again." 21 "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth."

Verse 21 above identifies the sinners as the host of the high ones (angels) and kings of the earth who represented the Pre-Adamic civilization on the earth; whose judgment is assured!

(Isa. 24: 1-3) "1 Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. 2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. 3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word."

In reviewing this passage above, we see how absolute the Lord's judgment was. Nothing is more complete than making the earth empty and waste. Void in Gen. 1:2 is the Hebrew "bohuw" which means emptiness, void, and waste which parallels the conditions found in this passage. This passage had no opportunity to be fulfilled since Adam and Eve. Noah's flood did not make the earth empty as the linage before Noah's flood was continued.



The First Flood: Devastation with Water, Great Shaking, and Darkness

The following additional Scriptures complete the devastation which accompanied the first flood.

(2Pet. 3:5,6) "5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:"

The following passages in Job, Psalms, and Genesis completes the description of water, thick darkness (as in a swaddlingband), and more great shaking of the earth. None of these refer to Noah's flood.

1. (Job 9:5-7) "5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. 6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. 7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars."

Note: Shaking the earth out of her place might refer to tilting the earth's axis. The sun not rising and the stars not visible completes a setting of darkness.

- 2. (Job 38:8-11) "8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? 9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, 10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, 11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?"
- 3. (Ps. 104:6) "Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains."

These verses describe a total flood which we also see in Gen. 1:2 below:

(Gen. 1:2) "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

The Spirit of God moving in this fashion shows a desire on God's part to return men, who are free moral agents, to the earth which He had carefully prepared earlier for habitation. Because of His great desire to fill the Kingdom of heaven with mankind God began another race via Adam and Eve upon this earth to accomplish His eternal purpose.

The Tempter: Satan, Promoter of Sin

Satan, in the form of a serpent, had other plans (**Gen. 3:1**) to thwart God's effort to establish fellowship with the earth's new inhabitants by suggesting to Eve that God did not really mean what He said and that Adam and Eve could become very wise if they ate of the forbidden tree's fruit. Thus obedience to God was challenged thru the pride of Adam and Eve since they desired to be wise. It is important to note that Satan (Lucifer) came into the garden as a fallen and sinful creature. His sin is a direct result of causing the Pre-Adamics to sin as well as dragging 1/3 of God's angels with him (**Rev 12:4**). It follows that the free moral agents of the first Flood are called Pre-Adamics for we can see that they were before Adam and Eve.



Satan's Prior State, Fall, and Judgment

(Eze. 28:11-19) "11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee (free will). 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee. O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. 18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. 19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more."

We can readily see the setting in verse 13 that the "Eden the garden of God" does not refer to Adam's garden of Eden where Satan appeared as a serpent after his fall (Gen.3:1-7). His heart was lifted up because of his pride (verse 17) and pride is the biggest stumbling block for all mankind. Interestingly, his place of humiliation will be upon the earth (verses 17 & 18), further linking his past sinning to the Earth's residents.

Another Reference Linking Satan to the Pre-Adamics

(Isa. 14:12-17) "12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?"

Verses 13 and 14 show his extreme pride and disrespect toward God. It is a gross mistake for one who is created to assume that he can make himself equal to the Creator (see verse 14)! Satan has much freedom now but is limited as to what he can do because Christ's sacrifice on the cross has given us power over Satan in the name of Jesus through power and faith in the shed blood of Christ.

The Meaning of the Days of Genesis

Since there were human beings on the earth before Adam and Eve the six days described in Gen. 1:3-31 are days of restoration when God restored the earth and made it fit for Adam and Eve to inhabit. These days are 24 hour days but have nothing to do with God's original creation of the earth. Six days are described in the rest of Genesis chapter one five of which are described as good or very good in God's sight! The only one not described as good is (**Gen. 1: 6-8**) which states:

"6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And 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. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day."

Interestingly, <u>God did not pronounce the firmament "good</u>." It could be a reference to the immediate occupation of the firmament by demons, or those, indeed, which are its present inhabitants. Since they were, along with their Prince, concerned with the fall of man, they may have speedily appeared in the newly formed atmosphere, escaping from their prison in the deep, and having found some way of escape at the lifting of the waters, may have swarmed into the dominion of the air to be with their Prince (Satan).

The separation of the firmament is beautifully described in:

(Psalm 104:5-9) "5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. 6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. 7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. 8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. 9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth."

It may be helpful to consider that the outer space would most likely be described as lights in the firmament of the heaven, as in:

(Gen. 1:14) "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:"

Implications

What do these two floods imply? We see two judgments described neither of which resemble each other except for the use of water. Noah's flood only saw the use of water without shaking, darkness, and earthquakes! The sin before the first flood brought such great anger from God that water plus darkness, shaking, and earthquakes were used in God's judgment! The common denominator between these two floods was sin! Sin is committed by free moral agents who were permitted to make their own decisions. Who were these free moral agents? They definitly lived before Adam and Eve for we see in Gen. 1:1 God's creating work and in **Gen. 1:2** we see the world judged by God.

(Exodus 20:11) "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

The Hebrew word for "made" is "asah," which means to do, fashion, accomplish, make. This is not the same as the act of creating ("bara" which means to create out of nothing). For example, below in:

(Isaiah 42:5) "Thus saith God the LORD, he that created (bara) the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:"

Common Deceptions

Deception 1: Disbelief

The most common deception is where people do not believe the Bible at all. The Gospel is foolishness to them and their minds are blinded into believing Satan's lies completely.

Deception 2: Misbelief

The next serious deception is a belief that our earth is only some 6,000 to 10,000 years old. This is commonly taught in a number of denominations and is called the Young Earth belief. Some of these churches insist that to become a member of their church scientists, geologists, and other believers in an old earth must renounce their old earth belief. This is quite a roadblock to new believers who know that the earth is billions of years old. The underlying force behind this belief is that they can't allow enough time for the evolution of man to be possible. Several billion years is not nearly enough time to evolve an animal much less a human being which needs a soul, spirit, and body. Seeking the truth in God's Word is far better than stretching the Word to mean what ones agenda requires.

Young Earth's Big Objection... The Appearance of Sin before Adam and Eve

The objection to the idea of sin before Adam and Eve is erroneously based on the scripture:

(Rom. 5:12) "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

We must not ignore the fact that God renewed the face of the Earth. Placed Adam and Eve in the Garden on the sixth day in a sinless fellowship with Him in a renewed world. Therefore, sin was not in the renewed world at that time. It was manifest when Satan entered into the Garden as a fallen creature with the intent to discredit God and His new children, Adam and Eve. He was, of course, successful with his deception; thus, helping Adam and Eve to sin. The descriptions in the earlier text above have already described the fall of Satan and his angels. Young earth writers tend to avoid the importance of Satan's fall, what caused his fall, and his presence in Adam's garden. Only God knows all the answers to this time period, though the earth reveals evidence of long ages of death prior to Adam and Eve. While the evolutionist is also without answers, (for the truth is hidden from the pride of man), the Bible gives us enough understanding to see the tie with Satan, his angels, their judgement, and a Pre-Adamic people.

Conclusion

Satan is still the god of this world which requires of us due diligence as to his lies, deception, and misinterpretation of God's Word. He is behind every false religion and ungodly thought we have. We need to stay close to the glorious gospel of Christ and maintain regular fellowship within a church of humble, loving Christians. The following verses sum up the spiritual battle we are in:

(2Cor. 4:3,4) "3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

(Eph.6:12) "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Are you missing a relationship with God? What will bring peace with God and everlasting life? (Rom. 10:9, 10) explains how:

"9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

And finally, some more reassurance.

(Rom.10:13) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Bow your head right now if you want God's forgiveness for your sins and say your own simple prayer. Afterward, confess to someone that Christ is your personal Saviour.

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