



The Book of Genesis

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Session 10

The Flood of Noah

Chapters 6-9

Genesis 6-9

- Ch 6 – The reason & warning for the Flood
- Ch 7 – The Flood
- Ch 8 – A new world
- Ch 9 – A new covenant

Genesis 6-9

- If there was once a worldwide flood, what would the evidence be?
- Why would God allow His Creation to be destroyed by a worldwide flood?
- Why are there so many battles in the Old Testament?
 - We have to remember that Satan is man's adversary!
 - Satan has been hell-bent on the destruction on man since Eden



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Chapter 6

¹ And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

² That the **sons of God** saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

³ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be **an hundred and twenty years.**

Genesis 6:1-7

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Genesis 6:1-7

- 'Nephilim'

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Genesis 6:1-7

Repented: *'nacham'*

'breathe strongly; by implication, to be sorry'

⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹ These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

¹⁰ And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Gen 6:7-10

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- New Testament References
 - Christ Matt 24:37-39; Luke 17:26
 - Peter 1 Pet 3:20; 2 Pet 2:5
 - Paul Heb 11:7

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And 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 6:11-13

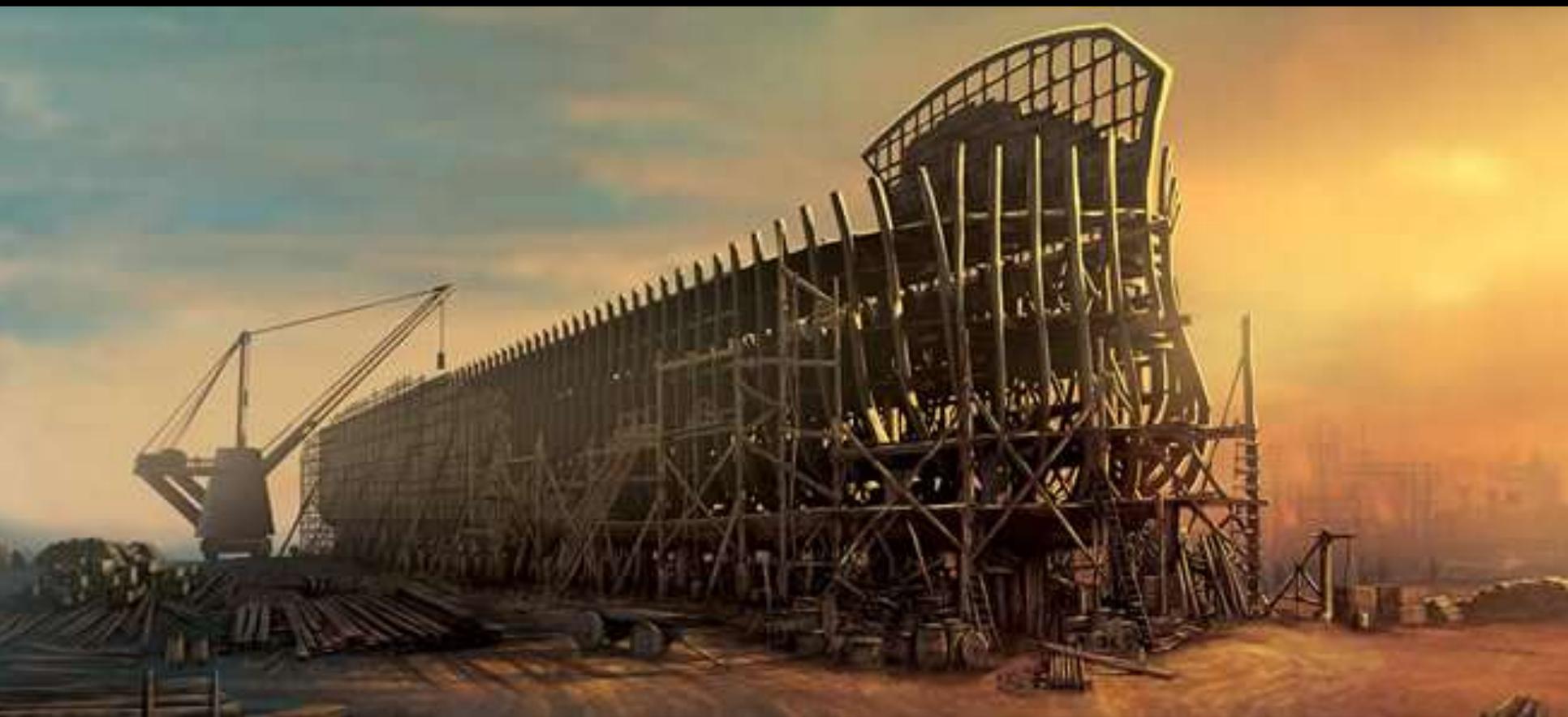
¹⁴ Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. ¹⁵ And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. ¹⁶ A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

Gen 6:14-16

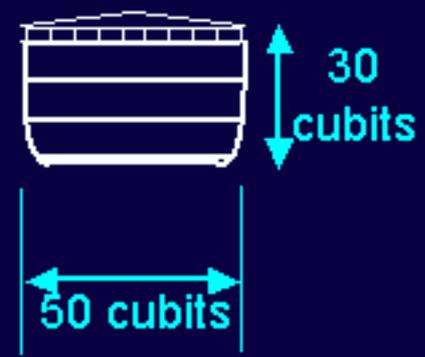
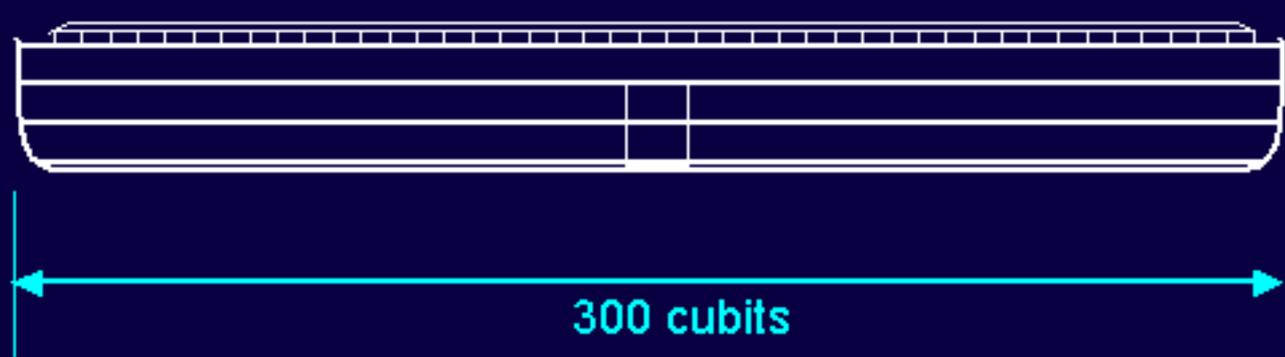
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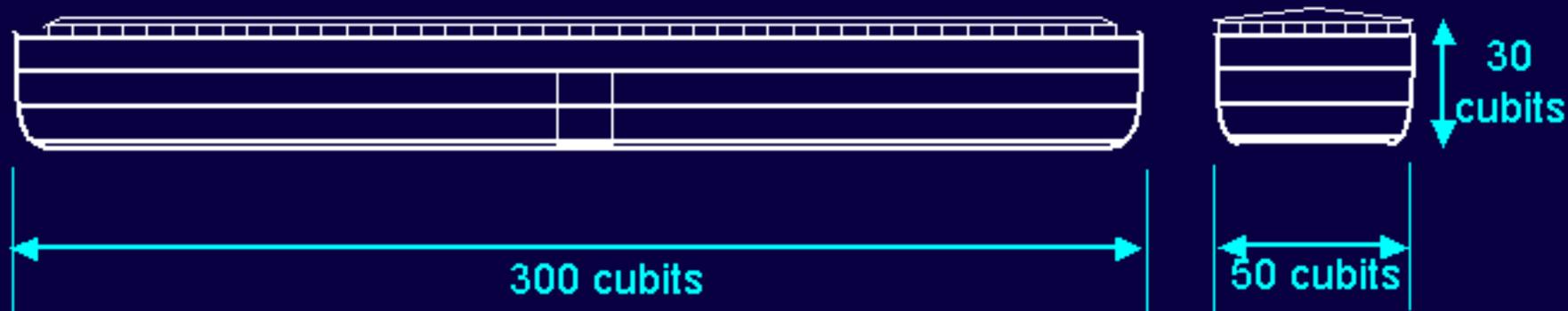
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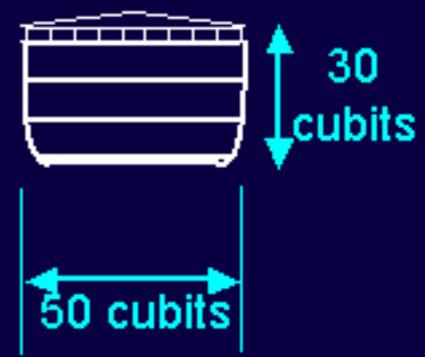
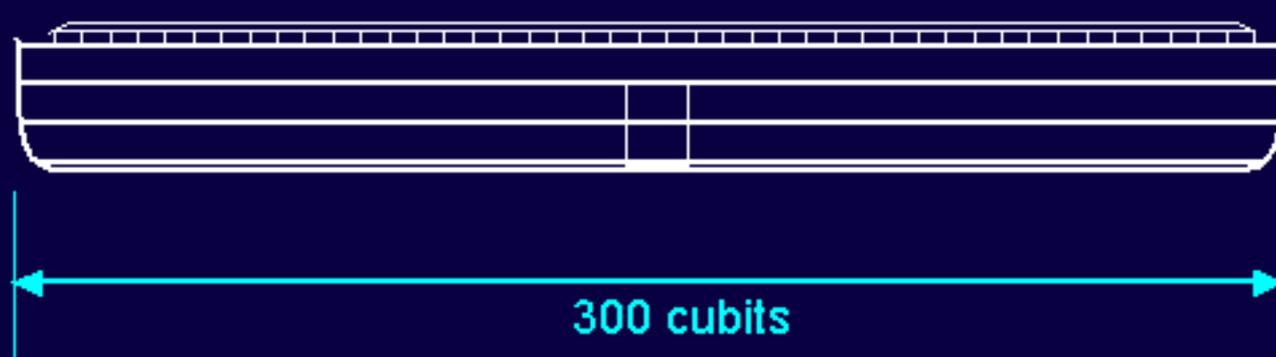
1.4 million cu/ ft.

522 railroad cars

125,000 sheep

18,000 species

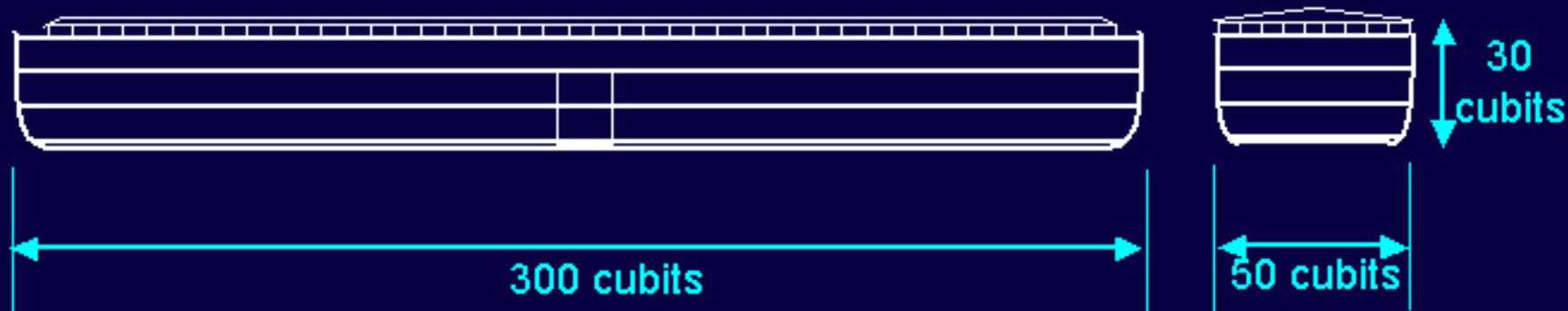
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Cubit = 18 inches 450 ft
 25 inches 625 ft

75 ft 45 ft
104 ft 63 ft

Noah's Ark



Cubit = 18 inches 450 ft

25 inches 625 ft

Displacement: 65,000 tons?

4.1 million cu/ ft.
1400 railroad cars

75 ft 45 ft

104 ft 63 ft

340,000 sheep
18,000 species

Was Noah's Ark the Biggest Ship Ever Built?

Few wooden ships have ever come close to the size of Noah's Ark. One possible challenge comes from the Chinese treasure ships of Yung He in the 1400s. An older contender is the ancient Greek trireme *Tessaronteres*.

At first historians dismissed ancient Greek claims that the *Tessaronteres* was 425 feet (130 m) long. But as more information was learned, the reputation of these early shipbuilders grew markedly. One of the greatest challenges to the construction of large wooden ships is finding a way to lay planks around the outside in a way that will ensure little or no leaking, which is caused when there is too much movement between the planks. Apparently, the Greeks had access to an extraordinary method of planking that was lost for centuries, and only recently brought to light by marine archaeology.

It is not known when or where this technique originated. Perhaps they used a method that began with the Ark. After all, if the Greeks could do it, why not Noah?

The Ark is near the maximum size that is known to be possible for a wooden vessel.

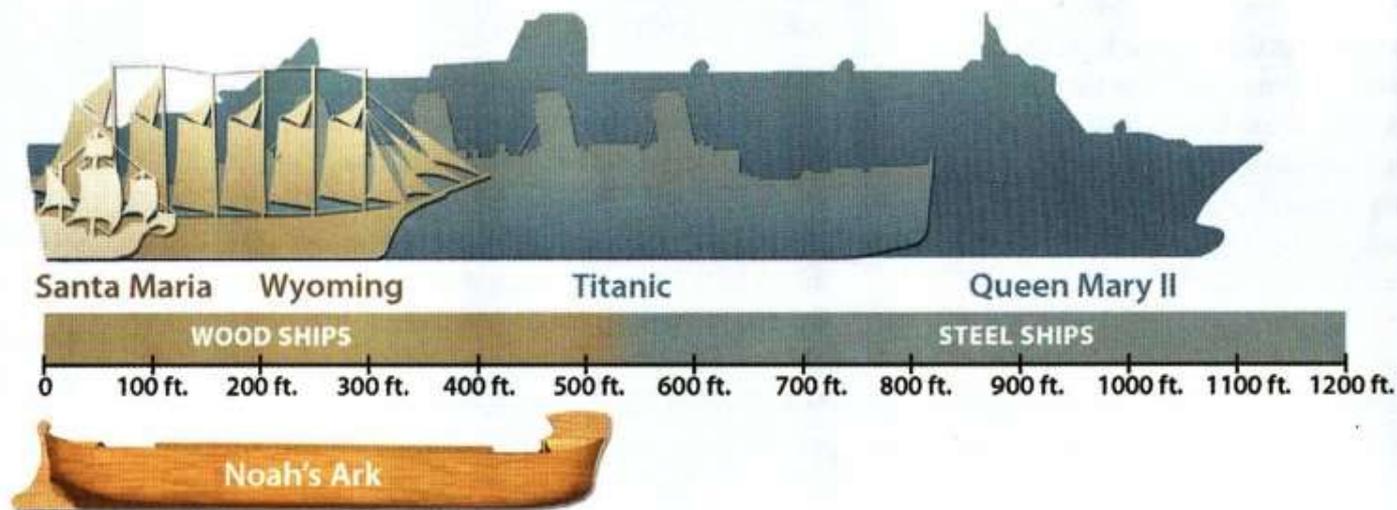
HOW BIG WAS THE ARK?

It depends on your cubit size!

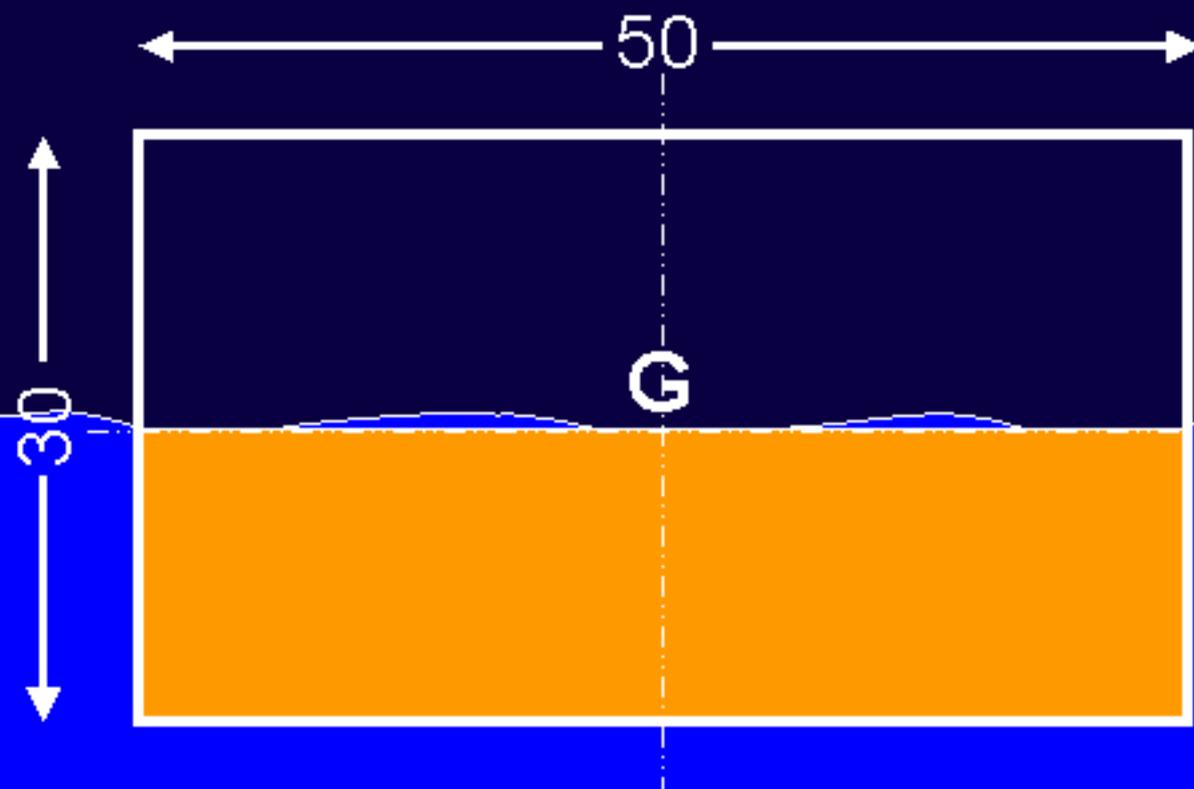
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See *Get Answers* (p. 82) for more information on the length of a cubit.

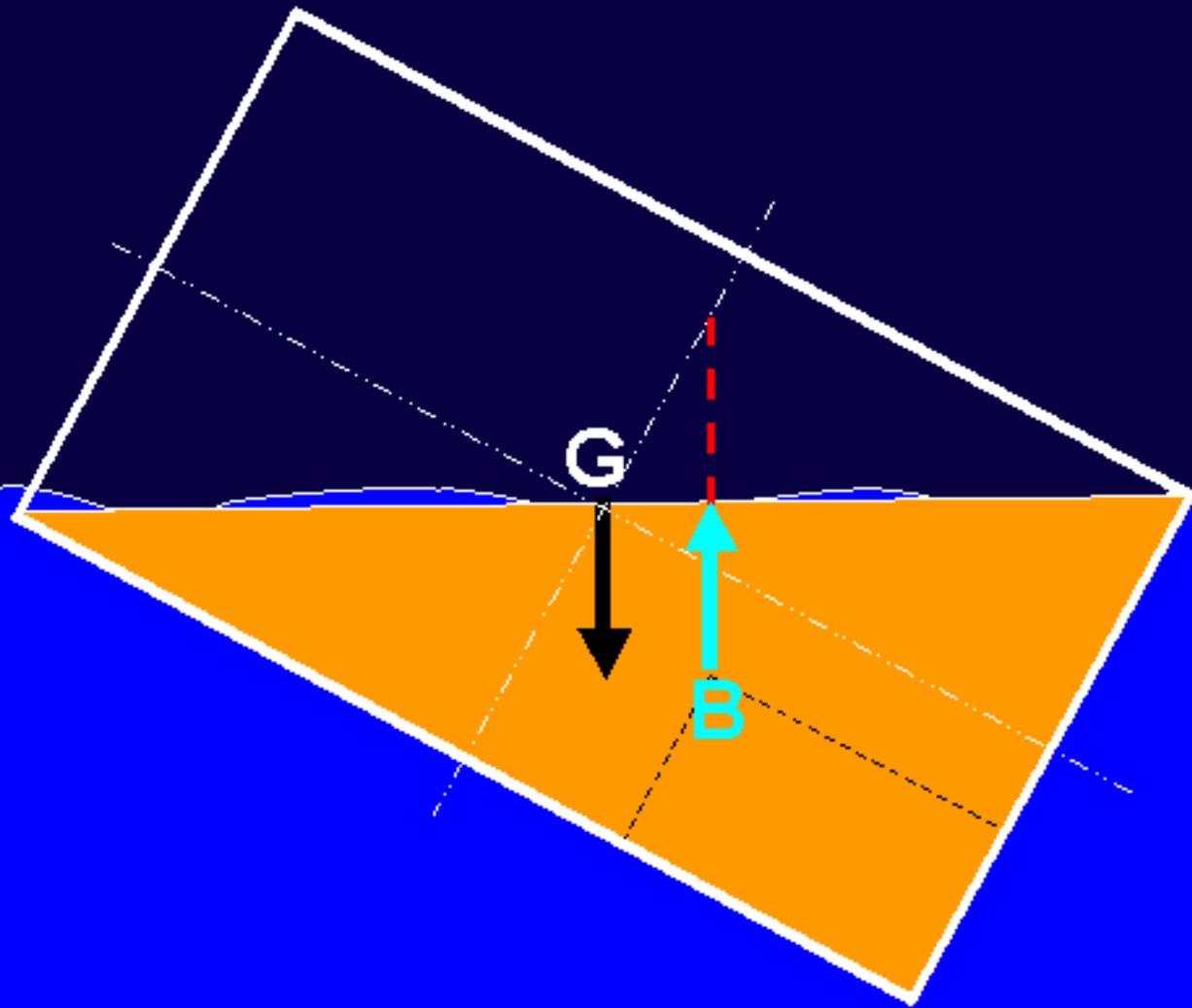
This diagram shows how Noah's Ark compares to other large ships.



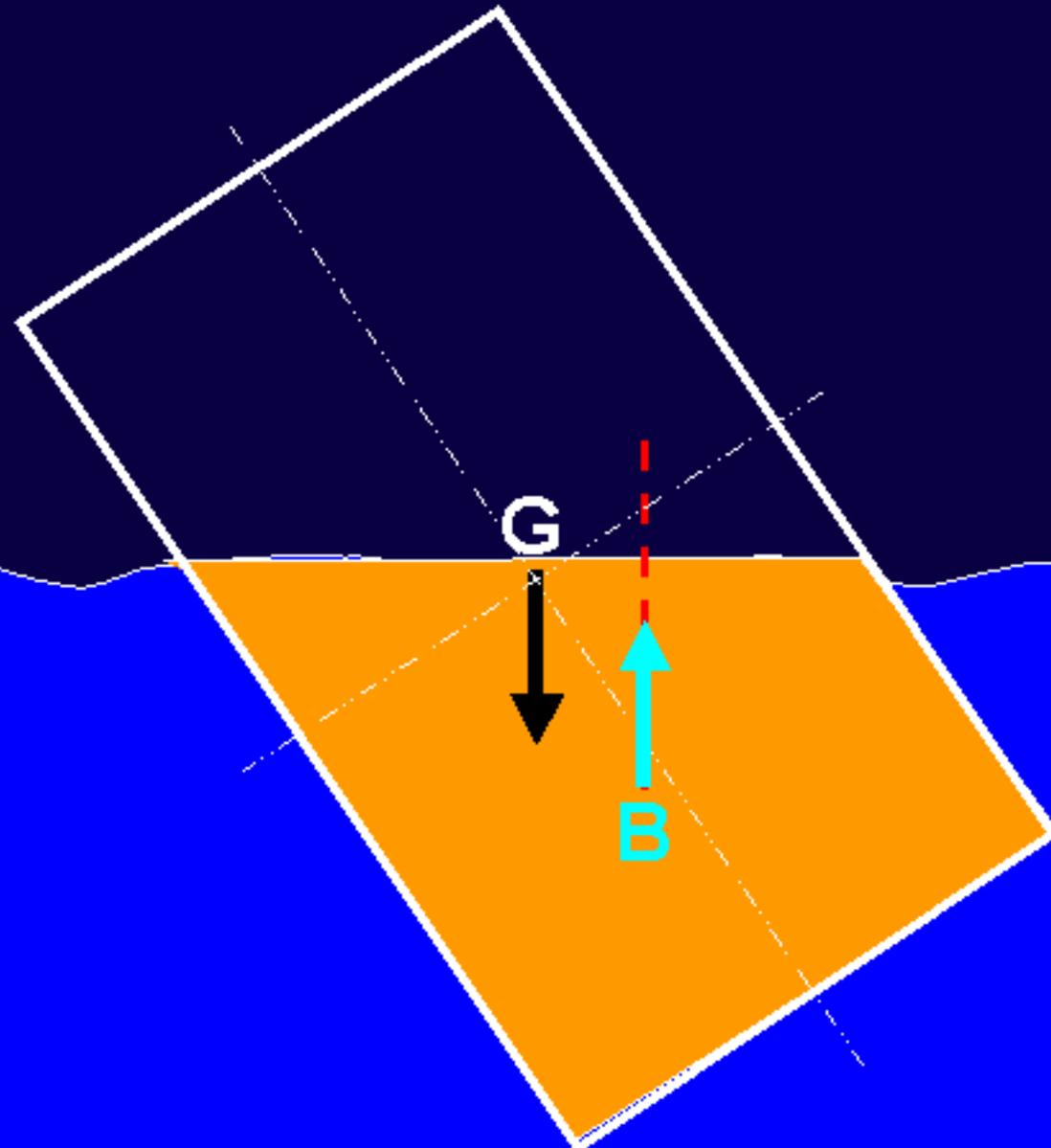
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¹⁷ And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

¹⁸ But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Gen 6:17-18

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

Gen 6:19-20

²¹ And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

²² Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Gen 6:21-22

By Faith

⁷ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Hebrews 11:7



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Chapter 7

¹ And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Gen 7:1

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Gen 7:1

Revelation 4:1?

A Way of Escape

³⁵ For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Luke 21:35-36

A Way of Escape

¹⁰ And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

1 Thess 1:10

A Way of Escape

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thess 5:9

The Judge of all the Earth

²⁵ That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Gen 18:25

Only 3 Groups of People

- Those that *perished in* the Flood

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- Those that were *removed prior to* the Flood

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Gen 7:1

cf: Gen 6:14 'pitch' - כַּפָּר *kâphar*
'Atonement'

² Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.

³ Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

Gen 7:2-3

How did Noah know what was clean & unclean?

Founded in Eden

- Atonement through the shedding of blood
- The 'seed of the Woman' = virgin birth
- Marriage
- Clothing / covering
- Clean and unclean laws (ceremonial)
- The Sabbath laws (religious)
- Man to be saved by Grace
- The origin of sin and need for a Saviour

⁴ For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

Gen 7:4

Noah knew the day, he just didn't know the Hour!

cf: Matthew 25:1-13

That Day

⁴ But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

1 Thes 5:4-6

⁵ And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

Gen 7:5

Methuselah?

6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

¹⁰ And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

¹² And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

Gen 7:10-12

The Flood

What actually happened?

Some Historical Quandaries:

- Why did ancient cultures blame the planet Mars for causing the Flood?
- Why were ancient cultures, including the Romans, afraid of Mars, referring to it as the 'God of war' & 'bane of mortals'?
 - Most of us wouldn't even be able to point out Mars in the night sky!
- Ancient Chaldean, Sumerian and Assyrian literature and legends talk of 'two stars' that approached the Earth at the time of the Flood – so what has that got to do with Mammoths?

Some Historical Quandaries:

- What could explain how the great Mammoths could be frozen whole?
 - It has been estimated that it would take temperatures around -400° to freeze a creature of that size.
 - Mammoths have been found with undigested tropical food in their stomachs... & mouths!
 - ...meaning that they froze almost instantly!
 - Grasses, bluebells, butter-cups and wild beans have been found in the mouths and stomachs of the frozen mammoths.



Some Historical Quandaries:

- Mammoths (contrary to the way they are depicted in the textbooks) were not suited to cold weather!
- The mammoth lacked erector muscles that fluff-up an animal's fur and creates insulating air pockets
- The skin of the mammoth and elephant are very similar in thickness and structure. Both lack oil glands, making them vulnerable to cold, damp climates.
 - *"It appears to me impossible to find, in the anatomical examination of the skin and [hair], any argument in favor of adaptation to the cold"*
 - (H. Neuville, "On the Extinction of the Mammoth,"
 - *Annual Report Smithsonian Institute*, 1919, p. 332).

carving, use mammoth tusks from Siberia, and it is estimate



mammoth tusks at an ivory auction yard in Siberia about 1920. Ivo

Some Historical Quandaries:

- There is abundant evidence that the earth once enjoyed a uniformly warm climate.
- Coal seams in the polar regions show that lush forests once grew where now there is only snow and ice.
 - A fallen 90-foot fruit tree, with ripe fruit and green leaves still on its branches, has been found in the frozen ground of the New Siberian Islands, where only 1-inch high willows grow now.
 - Palm tree fossils have been found in Alaska.
 - Admiral Richard E. Byrd (1888-1957) discovered a petrified forest at the south pole
- Something sudden and dramatic occurred in Earth's history!!

Some Historical Quandaries:

- In addition to this, land animals have been found fossilized in locations below sea level!
- ...and it is well known that marine fossils have been found at the top of mountains...
- ...as have many salt water lakes



Some Historical Quandaries:

- In 2007 the BBC carried a headline stating “Great beasts peppered from space”
- The article stated:
 - “Startling evidence has been found which shows mammoth and other great beasts from the last ice age were blasted with material that came from space”.

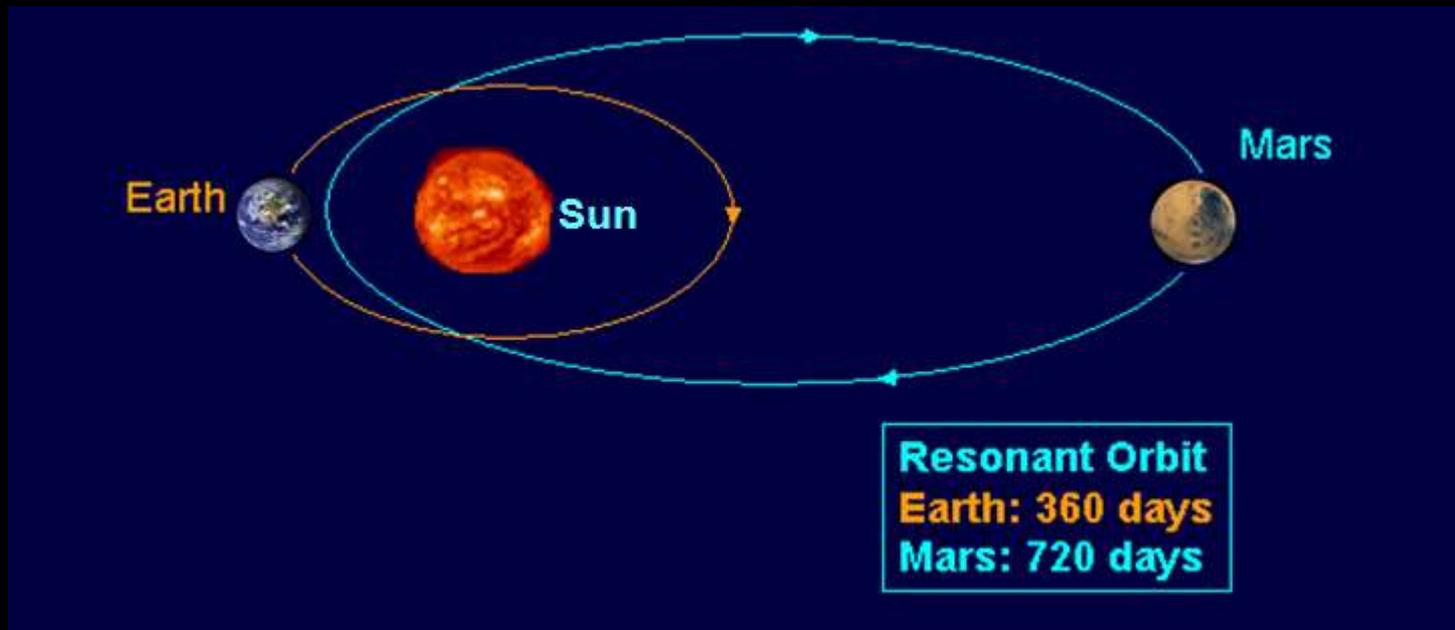
The image is a screenshot of a BBC News website page. At the top, there is a red navigation bar with the BBC NEWS logo, a 'LIVE' indicator, and the text 'BBC NEWS CHANNEL'. To the right of the navigation bar, there are 'News services' and a small icon of a laptop. Below the navigation bar, the page content is organized into several sections. On the left, there is a vertical menu with categories like 'World', 'UK', 'England', etc., and 'Science & Environment' is highlighted. The main content area features the article title 'Great beasts peppered from space' by Jonathan Amos, dated Tuesday, 11 December 2007. The article text states: 'Startling evidence has been found which shows mammoth and other great beasts from the last ice age were blasted with material that came from space.' Below this, it mentions 'Eight tusks dating to some 35,000 years ago all show signs of having been peppered with meteorite fragments.' and 'The ancient remains come from Alaska, but researchers also have a Siberian bison skull with the same pockmarks.' To the right of the text is an image of a mammoth tusk with several small, dark, circular impact marks highlighted by red boxes. The image is captioned 'MAMMOTH TUSK MARKINGS' and 'Impact signs'. Below the image is a small photo of a mammoth skull with similar marks, captioned 'MAMMOTH SKULL WITH MARKINGS'. On the right side of the article, there are sections for 'VIDEO AND AUDIO NEWS' with a 'Listen' button, 'SEE ALSO' with links to related articles, and 'RELATED INTERNET LINKS' with a link to 'AGU Fall 2007'. At the bottom right, there is a section for 'TOP SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT STORIES'.

Some Historical Quandaries:

- So what can account for all of these strange events?
- The answer may be fairly simple, and we find it is supported by the evidence and by historical record
- ...but a word of caution...
- The following is 'a theory that fits the facts'...
- ...but not the Word of God.
- God's Word reveals all that we *need* to know
- The rest (however plausible) is conjecture

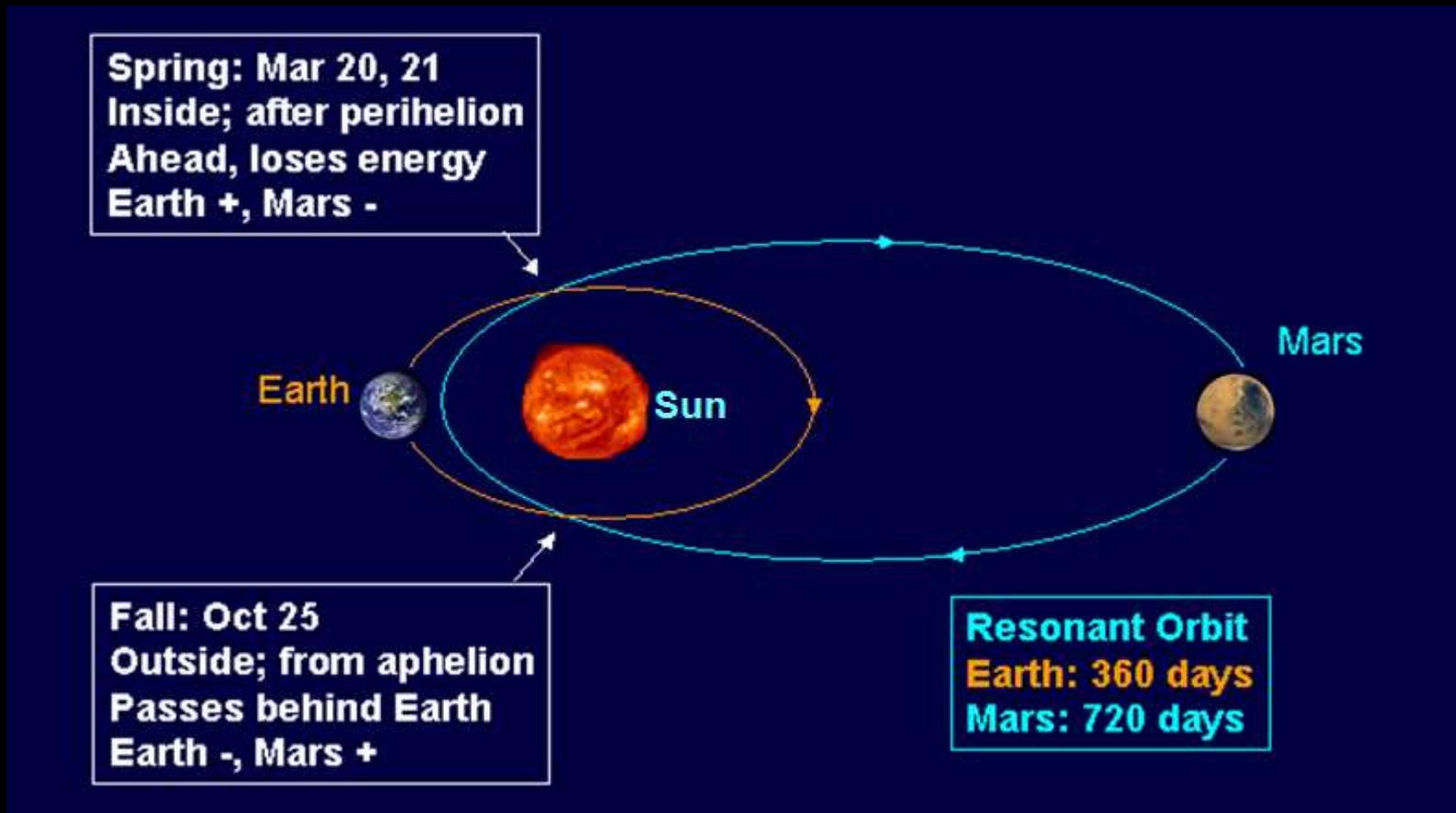
The Flood: What Happened?

- There is compelling evidence that Mars and Earth once had synchronous orbits
- Earth being 360 days and Mars 720 days



The Flood: What Happened?

- The effect of this being that Mars would pass very close to the Earth twice each year



The Planet Mars

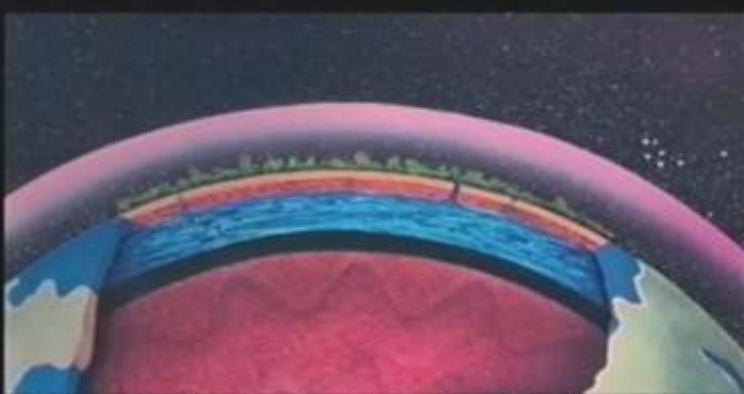
- All the ancient cultures feared Mars
- The Roman god of war
- Homer described 'Ares' as 'bane of mortals'
- Areopagus – 'Mars Hill' – seat of Judgment
- Epic of Gilgamesh blames Mars for the flood!
- Jonathan Swift wrote of the two moons of Mars – and names them – 150 years before they were observed to exist with a telescope
 - Swift was seemingly alluding to eye witness accounts from before 701 BC

The Flood: What Happened?

- Sumerian commentary from The Epic of Gilgamesh expressly identifies Enlil (Mars) as THE CAUSE of Noah's Flood.
- Gilgamesh's eleventh tablet is an extensive description of the onset of Utnapishtim's (Noah's) Flood.
- It is four times as long as is the Genesis account of Noah's Flood.
 - “(But) Enlil shall not come near to the offering,
Because without reflection HE BROUGHT ON THE DELUGE
And consigned my people to destruction!
As soon as Enlil arrived and saw the ship, Enlil was wroth;
He was filled with anger against the gods, the Igigi:
"Has any of the mortals escaped? No man was to live though the
destruction!"

The Flood: What Happened?

- At the time of the Flood Mars passed very close to the Earth and the gravitational effects ruptured the Earth's crust...
- ...causing (among other things) the Mid Atlantic Ridge and releasing huge volumes of subterranean water

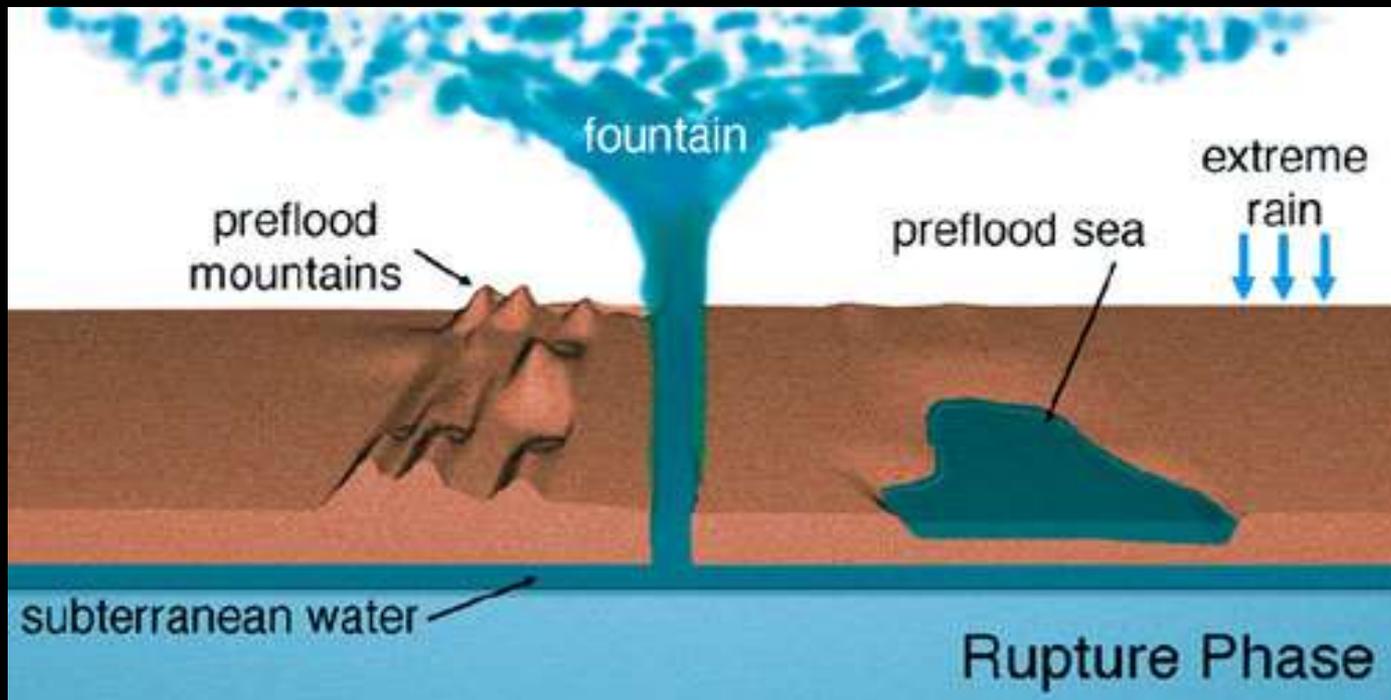


To him that stretched out the earth
above the waters:
Psalms 136:6



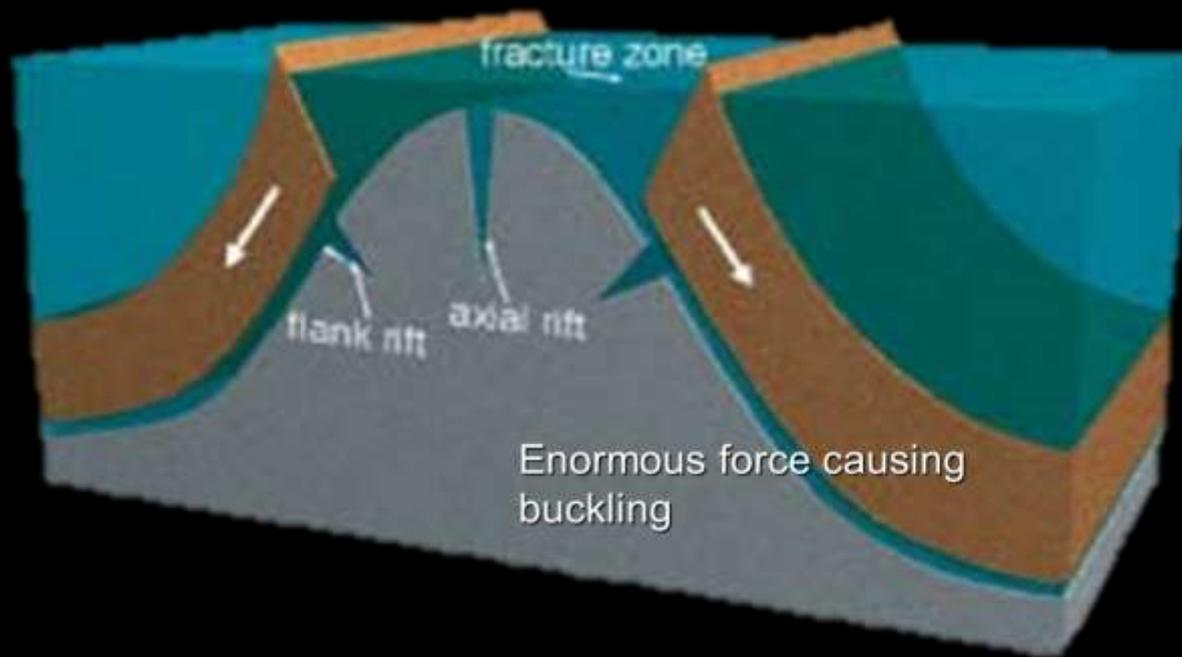
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- The Bible tells us that the windows of heaven and the fountains of the deep were opened (see Gen 7:11)



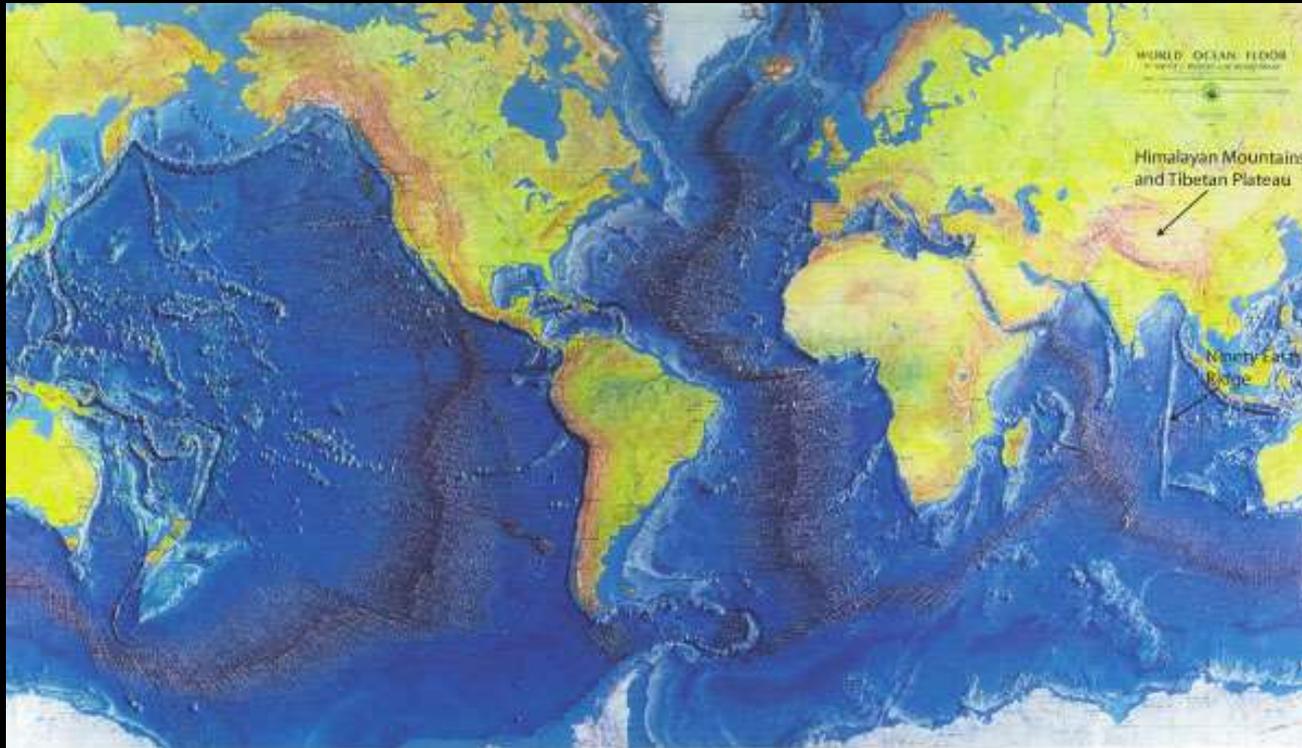
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- The huge quantity of water would literally push the land back, buckling and forming the mountain ranges



The world's mountain ranges run parallel to these scars in the Earth's crust

The Flood: What Happened?



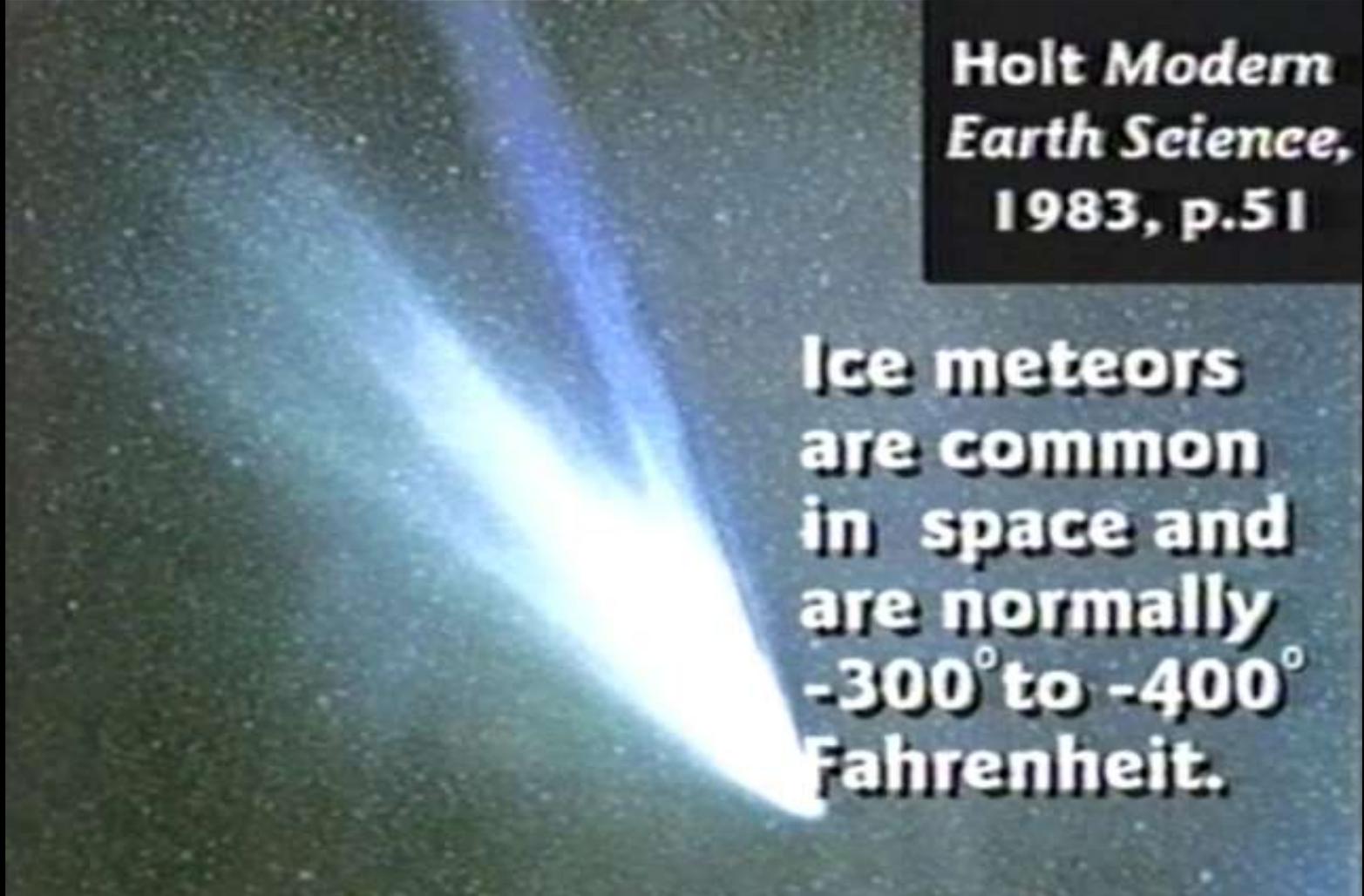
*“You bound the world together so that it would never fall apart. You clothed the earth with floods of waters covering up the mountains. You spoke, and at the sound of your shout the water collected into its vast ocean beds, and **mountains rose and valleys sank to the levels you decreed**. And then you set a boundary for the seas so that they would never again cover the earth.”*

Psalm 104:5-9 The Living Bible

The Flood: What Happened?

- At the same time a passing icy comet fragmented
- Some of the ice got pulled into Mars' gravity causing the 'flash floods' evidenced on one side of Mars...
- The rest of the ice got pulled in by the Earth's gravity, and due to the magnetic field of the Earth, crashed into the poles instantly plummeting temperature & freezing Mammoths and other creatures.
- The force of this impact being so great it actually changed the axis of the Earth

The Flood: What Happened?



**Holt Modern
Earth Science,
1983, p.51**

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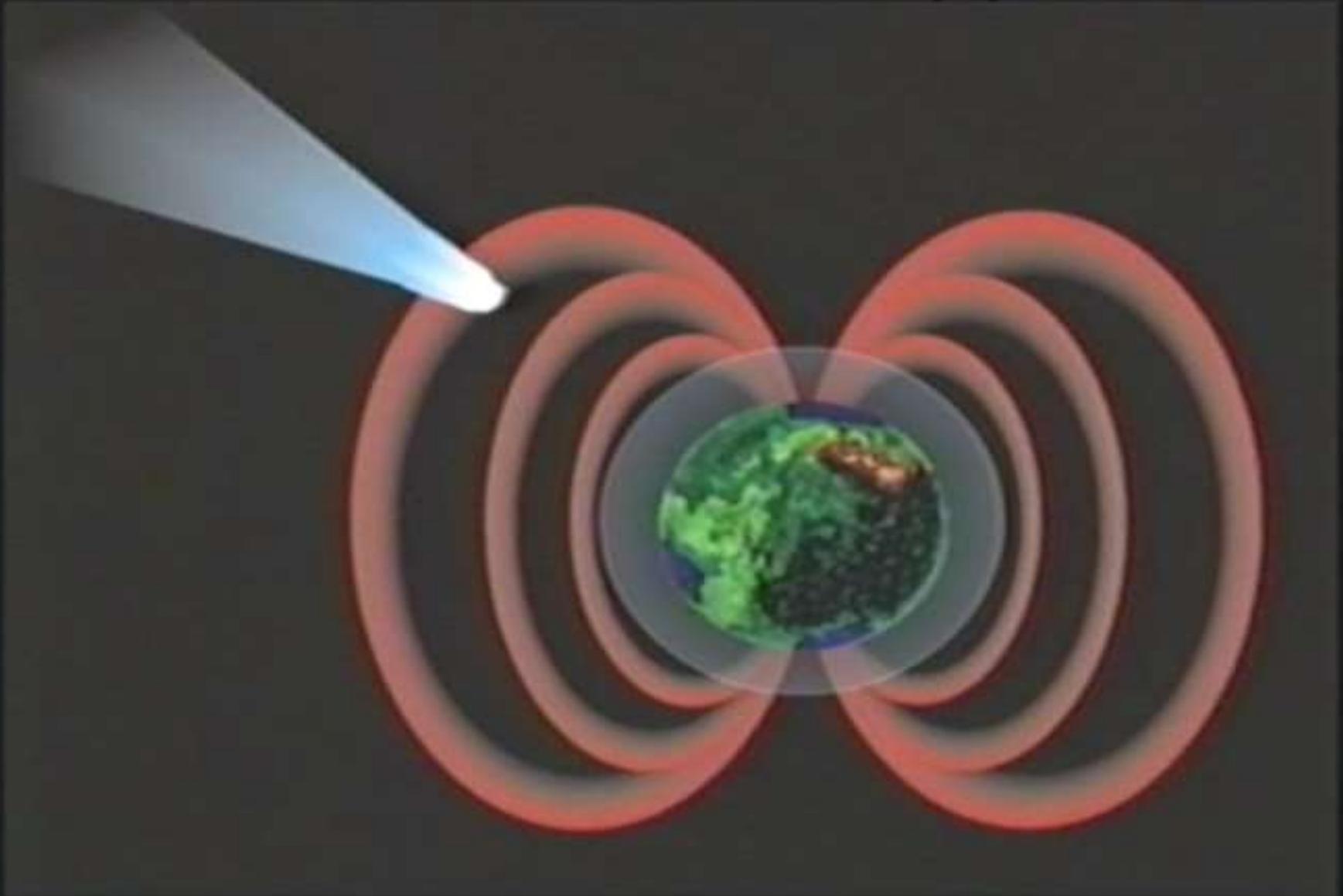
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“What was the other star that also approached the Earth? Was it Glacis, an icy satellite with a diameter of 500 to 600 miles? Was it shattered ice, coming in from a fragmented Glacis, that entered our atmosphere, burned, and recondensed into a hemisphere-wide rain? Talmudic evidence points in this direction.”

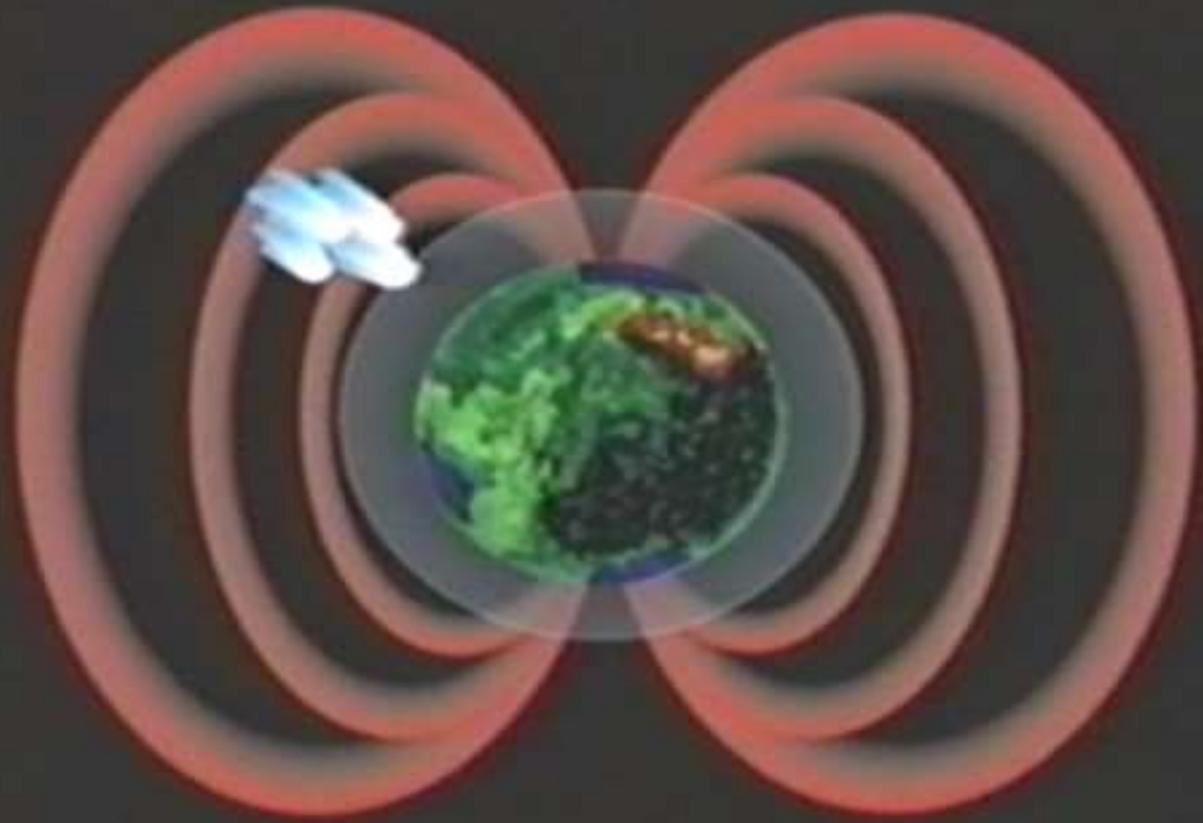
‘The Mars Earth Wars’ Donald Pattern

“Ice is found today 3,000 to 4,000 feet thick below sea level, resting on Antarctic bedrock. This ice is deficient in the oxygen 18 isotope common to ocean water and clouds. Also the ice is deficient in the deuterium form of hydrogen – in other words, it is not indigenous to those areas.”

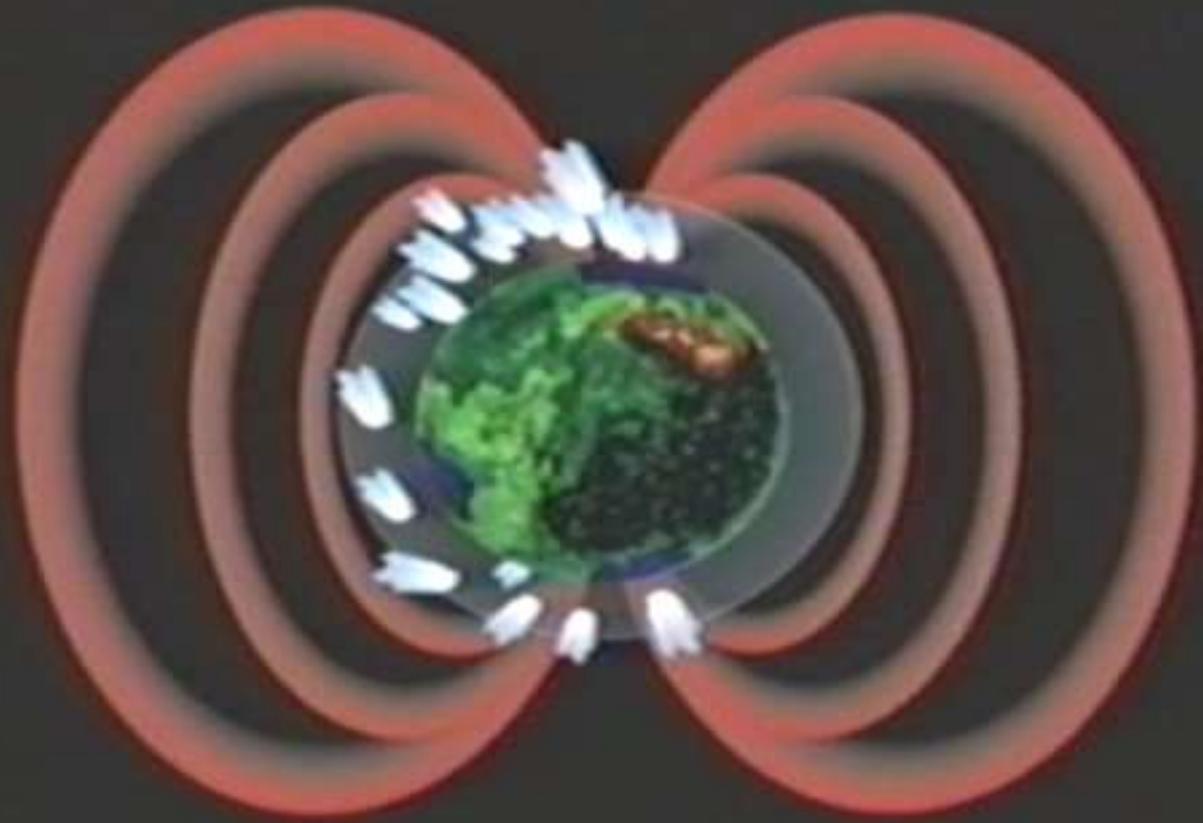
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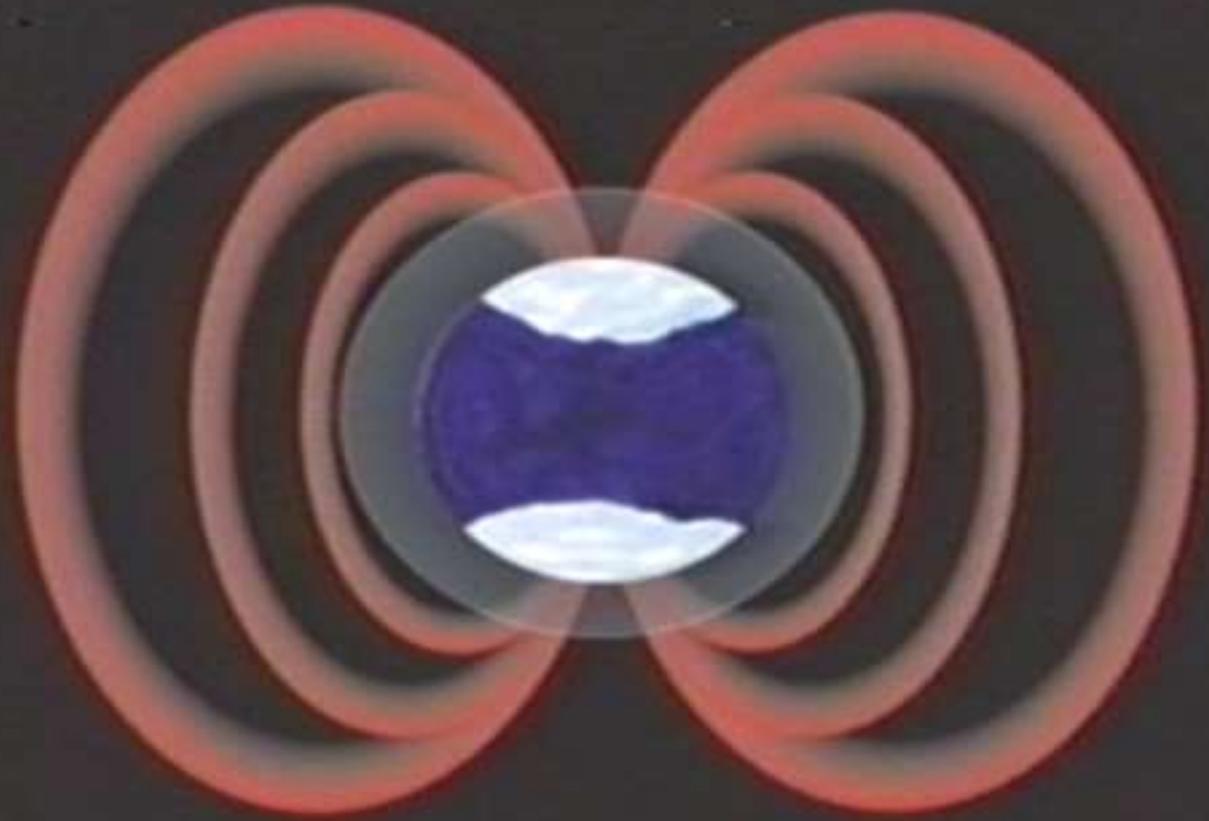
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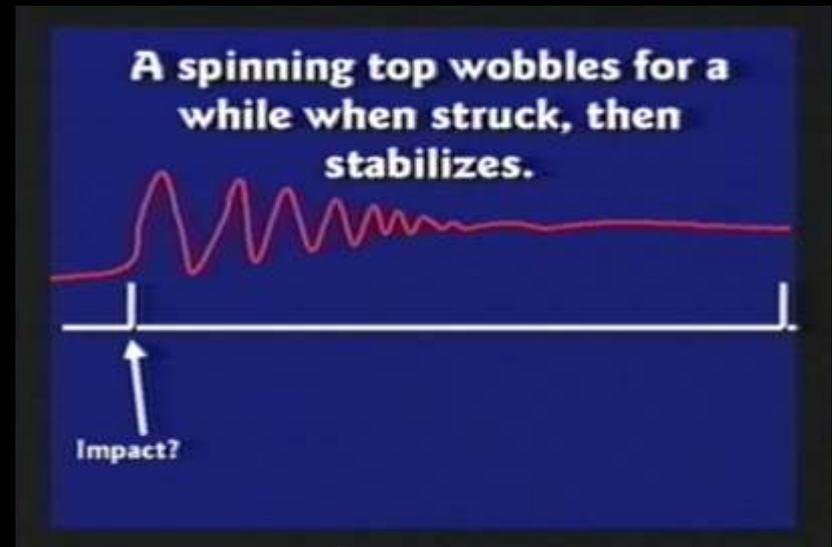
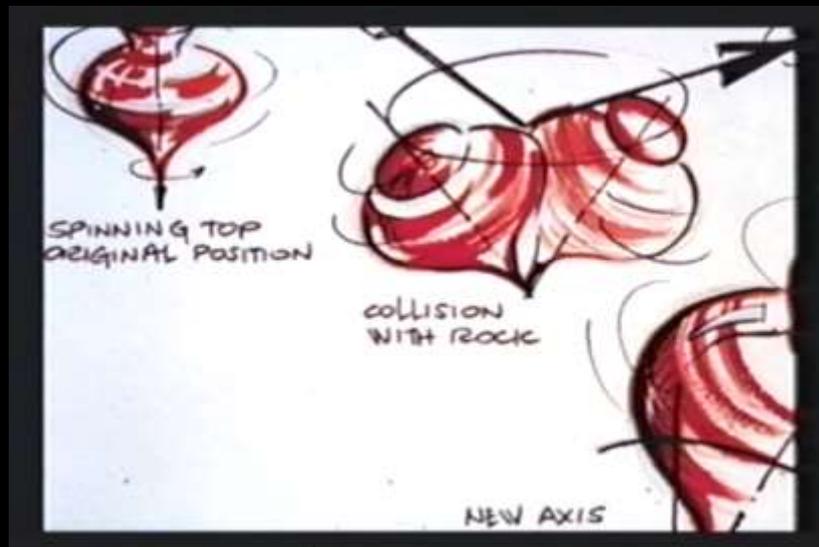
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“The famous Australian astronomer George Dodwell did a study of the solstice shadows recorded by the ancients (Eudoxus, Amen-Ra, Stonehenge, etc.) It appeared to him that something struck the earth about 4350 years ago”

- *It's a Young World After All*, Dr Paul Ackerman



Today the earth is spinning at an angle of 23.5°
This is what causes our seasons – cf. [Gen 8:22](#)

- Source material (for further study):
 - <http://www.hope-of-israel.org/frozenmammoth.html>
 - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/7130014.stm>
 - <http://www.creationism.org/patten/PattenMarsEarthWars/>
 - <http://www.creationism.org/patten/PattenBibIFlood/index.htm>
 - <http://www.khouse.org/articles/2003/479/>

¹³ In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

¹⁴ They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

¹⁵ And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

¹⁶ And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷ And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

¹⁸ And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Gen 7:23-24

The Flood

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The Flood

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- In the Ark 377 days
 - 5 months floating
 - 7½ months on the mountain

Universal or Local?

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Some Perspectives

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