

The Whole Bible in 25 Minutes

The Bible can be put into three headings:

GOD IS THE FORMER (Genesis 1-2) - "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). Since God created us, we are accountable to Him. If we never acknowledge the creation, we will never see that we are sinners in need of a Savior.

SATAN IS THE DEFORMER (Genesis 3:1-7) - Called the "hinge of the Bible," this passage is crucial. If it were not in the Bible, the whole book would be changed. We finish chapter 2 with heavenly bliss in the garden, but verse 8 shows the creatures hiding in shame. What happened? Sin changes everything.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRANSFORMER (Genesis 3:15) - From Genesis 3:8, God is beginning to redeem His people through the coming seed of woman. "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2).

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God..." - 2 Timothy 2:15



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Sunday Morning:
Bible Class: 10:00 AM
Worship: 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening:
Worship: 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening:
Bible Class: 7:00 PM

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- ◆ Bible Call
- ◆ Georgia Mission (Soperton Church of Christ, Soperton, GA)
- ◆ Bible Correspondance Courses & Tracts (By Request)

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- ◆ Hospital Benevolence Basket (Orange Park Medical Center)
- ◆ Raintree Village Children's Home (Valdosta, GA)

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- ◆ The Black Creek Courier
- ◆ Black Creek Christian School
- ◆ Visitation Program
- ◆ Vacation Bible School
- ◆ Bible Classes For All Ages
- ◆ Keenagers Group (Over -50)

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Gospel (Matthew 7:24-27; Romans 10:14,17) → Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6) → Repent of My Sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30) → Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10) → Be Baptized (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21) → Be Faithful Unto Death (Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:10).



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"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly."

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Dispelling Geologic Myths

A recent article published by Michelle Roberts of the *Associated Press* describes the formation of a new canyon in the Texas Hill Country between San Antonio and Austin. A flood of water from an overflowing lake sliced open the Earth in 2002, producing a mile-and-a-half long gorge, up to 80 feet deep, in just **three days**.

The canyon, which opened for public tour on October 6, 2007, was accessible only to researchers the previous five years. The first line of the article is compelling, and, perhaps, reveals more than evolutionists are willing to concede: "Geologic time has a **different** meaning when it comes to Canyon Lake Gorge" (Roberts). Such a statement implies that the events at Canyon Gorge are merely an anomaly, a "glitch" in the evolutionary timetable.

A perceptive reader, however, can see that this "glitch" calls the geologic timetable, posted by evolutionists, into serious question.

Furthermore, it weakens the naturalistic argument of modern geologists who attempt to explain the formation of the Grand Canyon from a Darwinian point of view. The quantitative details from the localized flood in Texas, along with the Biblical record of the flood in Genesis, provides an intriguing comparison that supports the sacred account of a global flood capable of producing the Grand Canyon as some reputable scholars have suggested.

If a canyon in Texas—that is approximately 80 feet deep—can form over three days, then what does that suggest about the formation of the Grand Canyon and its relationship to the Global Flood of the Bible? At its deepest vertical point, the Grand Canyon is roughly 6,250 feet deep.

If three days of land erosion by the force of 70,000 cubic feet of water can produce a canyon of 80 feet, then according to the mathematics from this documented event it would take about 234 days (6,250/80 X 3) for the Grand Canyon to form as the waters

from the Biblical flood receded from the land. This equation, however, does not take into consideration that the receding waters from the flood would have been much more powerful given the magnitude of that global catastrophe.

Many geologists assert, of course, that the Grand Canyon was formed over millions of years, a myth that evolutionists continue to disseminate. In fact, Roberts' article suggests that it "took water around 5 million to 6 million years to carve the Grand Canyon." Many readers will accept this figure as a proven fact despite the absence of objective details explaining how the "experts" arrived at their numeric conclusion. "To ensure that theories are tested objectively and do not become subjective myths," Jonathan Wells writes in *Icons of Evolution*, "the testing must be public rather than private."

Based on this principle, as advocated by the National Academy of Science, the public must not accept the figure above as an objective fact given the absence of verifiable data available for scrutiny.



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In their book, "The Genesis Flood", John C. Whitcomb and Henry M. Morris calculate the chronology of the flood:

- The waters continued to recede for 74 days after the deluge. This was from the seventeenth day of the seventh month to the first day of the tenth month (Genesis 8:5). There being 30 days to a month, the figures in days are 13 + 30 + 30 + 1 for a total of 74.
- Forty days elapsed before Noah sent out the raven (Genesis 8:6-7).
- Seven days elapsed before Noah sent out the dove for the first time. One can deduce this figure by the phrase "seven more days" (Genesis 8:10).
- An additional seven days passed before sending out the dove for the second time (Genesis 8:10).
- Seven more days elapsed before the dove was sent out for the third time, never to return to the ark (Genesis 8:12).
- Up to this point, as Whitcomb and Morris observe, 285 days (including the 150 days when the water fell and prevailed on the earth) can be ascertained, but the next episode is dated the first of the month in the 601st year of Noah's life. From the date of Genesis 7:11 to this point in Genesis 8:13 is a period of 314 days; therefore an interval of 29 days elapses between the third departure of the dove and Noah's removal of the ark covering.
- From the removal of the covering of the ark to the very end of the experience was a further 57 days: (Genesis 8:14).

Thus, by a close reading of Genesis, Whitcomb and Morris are able to conclude that the waters receded for 221 days. (The total amount of time they calculate for Noah being on the ark was 371 days!) This figure closely resembles the above calculation of 234 days for the formation of the Grand Canyon using the data from the recent event in Texas.

It is logical to conclude that a larger, catastrophic flood produced the Grand Canyon in a relatively short amount of time. The Flood of the Bible is the most reasonable explanation. Whitcomb and Morris state this explicitly: Spectacular exposures of flat-lying sedimentary rocks such as in the Grand Canyon provide **simple visible evidence of Deluge deposition**. In this area, there are thousands of square miles of horizontal strata, thousands of feet thick, supposed to have been deposited over about half a million years! The strata include **limestone**, shale, and sandstones. According to uniformist concepts, numerous changes of environment, with great regional subsidences and uplifts, must have been involved, but this would appear quite impossible.

The strata simply could not have remained so nearly uniform and horizontal over such great areas and great periods of time, while undergoing such repeated epeirogenic movements. **By far the most reasonable way of accounting for them is in terms of relatively rapid deposition out of the sediment-laden water of the Flood.** Following the Flood, while the rocks were still comparatively soft and unconsolidated, **the great canyons were rapidly scoured out as the waters rushed down** from the newly uplifted pene-plains to the newly enlarged ocean basins.

The explanation behind the formation of the Grand Canyon

that Whitcomb and Morris provide is strikingly similar to the details of the flood in Texas when "70,000 cubic feet of **water gushed downhill** toward the Guadalupe River for three days, **scraping off vegetation and topsoil and leaving only limestone walls**" (Roberts, emp. added).

The comparison between the localized event in Texas and the global Flood recorded in the Bible is too similar to reduce the Lake Canyon gorge to a mere geologic anomaly. Geologic time does not have a "different" meaning as Roberts suggests, but an erroneous foundation that evolutionists use to support their pseudo-scientific dogma.

Interestingly, the Greek word for "flood," as used in the New Testament in reference to the deluge of Noah's day (Matthew 24:38; Luke 17:27; 2 Peter 2:5), is *kataklysmos*, from whence we derive "cataclysm." A cataclysmic event, by general definition, is one that involves a dramatic and violent upheaval that produces significant changes. The Holy Spirit certainly chose the appropriate word when He guided the New Testament writers to recall the global deluge, not to mention Jesus who likewise endorsed the historicity of this universal catastrophe. The localized flood in Texas unquestionably produced "significant changes" in the land just as the Genesis Flood caused violent geologic upheaval.

Using index fossils, evolutionists construct the geologic time table based on the fallacy that organisms have evolved from the simple to the complex. As Wayne Jackson eloquently writes in *The Mythology of Modern Geology*, the "geologic time table is nothing more than a graphic conglomeration of assumptions, wistfully conceived and arbitrarily thrown together, in an attempt to prove the unprovable hypothesis of organic evolution."

A keen student of the Bible and true science will avoid the dangers of accepting the "diverse and strange teachings" (Hebrews 10:9) of modern geologists who deny by their sophistry the evidence of God and the accuracy of the Bible.

~ Kyle Crews

Wrong Motivation

One day, as my four-year-old son and I were walking to our car from Bible class, my son said to me, "Mom, I'm not going to sin anymore." You can imagine my joy at hearing this.

Then I got to wondering why he said this, so I asked him. This was his answer: "Jesus said if you don't sin, you can throw the first stone, and I want to throw the first stone."

**"Love one another; as I have loved you."
John 13:34**

Black Creek... This Week

Servants For the Month of April

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry Russell	Larry Russell
Scripture Reading	Don Miller	Don Miller
Song Leader	Steve Atnip, Jr.	Sam Sipper
Opening Prayer	Gary Evans	Billy Smith
Lord's Table	Stan Posey	Stan Posey
Assistant	Don Shaw	
Assistant	Gorden Richau	
Assistant	Dick Morgan	
Assistant	Ted Copeland	
Sermon	Steve Atnip, Sr.	Steve Atnip, Sr.
Closing Prayer	Don Miller	Floyd Grace
Prepare Communion (For Apr.)	Darren & Dakota	(May) Glenda Smith
Cleaning the Building (For Apr.)	Gay Atnip	(May) Glenda Smith



Black Creek Family:

Posey family, Eula Morgan, Dasher family, Shaw family, Sonny Best, Ann Grace, John Moore, the Dennard family, Wanda Cheek, Herbert & Marie Dix, Kay Van Horn, O'Conner Vaughn, Blair family, Thompson family, Scriven family, Sheila Evans and Ann Maloy.

Away:

Dwayne Seaman and family, Cindy Anderson, James Smith, Kay Taylor, Dorothy Wilson, Eileen Lacy, Amy McCrea, The Moffatt family, Donald Petteway, Robert Vaughn, Gerri West, Terry Thompson, Gary Bartlett, Sloan Hunter, Bob Melson, and Catherine Moon.



We are so happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting with us, please remain a bit after services so we can become acquainted and let you know how special you are to us. Also, if you have any questions concerning anything you saw in our services today, please ask any one of us here today. We will be more than happy to answer any of your questions.



Ladies Bible Class: Come join the fun, learning and fellowship with Gay and the rest of the class. Our next class will be on April 7. **Ladies, do not forget about your nationalities homework.**



On April 12th at 3:00. Come one and all for this fun event for the youngins.

Gospel Meeting: At First Coast Church of Christ in Callahan, April 5-8. For more information see the bulletin board.

Annual Ladies Day: At Arlington Road Church of Christ, on April 18th. For registration and other information, see the bulletin board.



On April 18th at 9 AM. Come work off all your tax frustrations. We have something for all ages.

Volunteers Needed: Our VBS is coming up on June 22-26 from 7-9 PM. If you can volunteer your services for this year or have questions, see one of the ladies on the planning committee.

Reunion: The Greater Jacksonville Christian School is holding a reunion for alumni and friends on July 11th at Lakeside Church of Christ. For more information, contact Lakeside Church of Christ.

Testing: Black Creek Christian School will be testing on the mornings of April 15-17. If you need to be in the church building, please be as quiet as possible as not to disturb the students.

Directory Update: Carolyn Lackey has a new home phone number. It is 282-5989.