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WHERE DID ALL THE WATER COME FROM?

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Mr. Jones was reading about Noah's Flood during the family's evening devotions. *"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. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights."* (Genesis 7:11-12).

"What does it mean by 'fountains of the great deep broken up'?" asked his daughter Mary.

"That's a good question," answered Mr. Jones. "Some scientists and Biblical scholars believe that at the beginning of the Flood, the sea and other deep parts of the earth broke apart or split open and water hidden inside the earth shot out like fountains."

Very confused, young Billy declared, "But, Dad, I thought that all the water from the Flood came from the forty days of rain, rain, rain."

"When the windows of heaven or sky were opened it did rain for forty days and forty nights. However, notice that the fountains are spoken of before the rain. The water surging out of the earth may have been where most of the Flood waters came from. Geologists have discovered

that the rocks deep inside the earth still contain a lot of water - enough to fill the oceans twenty times over.¹"

"But, Dad, even the highest mountains were covered by water (Genesis 7:19-20). It would have taken lots and lots of water!" Mary exclaimed.

"Some believe that the mountains before the flood were not as high as our mountains today. So with the waters from the earth and the rain, there would have been plenty of water to cover the whole earth. Some creation scientists believe the break-up of a single large continent (continental drift²) could have been

the cause for the earth to split open and the fountains of water to gush out."

Mr. Jones continued, "Also, this breaking up or splitting open of the earth would have caused enormous earthquakes and powerful volcanic eruptions. Do you kids remember when we were in California we felt an earthquake?"

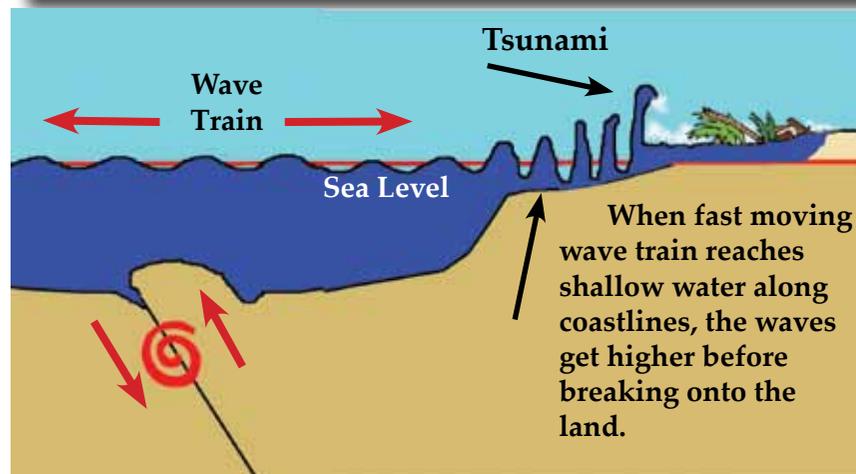
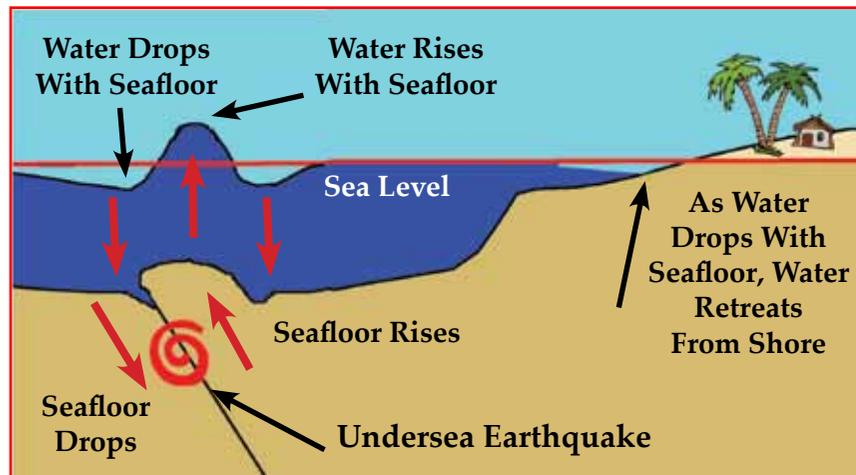
Wide eyed, Billy exclaimed, "Yeah! The whole room shook and things were falling off of the wall! I was real scared, Dad!"

"I know you were, but that was just a small earthquake. Earthquakes are caused by underground movement along a split or fracture. Seaquakes (underwater earthquakes) or undersea volcanic eruptions

can make large parts of the sea bottom move up or down, producing a tsunami."

"What is a two-man-knee, Dad?" Billy asked.

Chuckling, Mr. Jones answered, "A tsunami (tsoo-NAH-mee) is an unusually large ocean wave. Normal ocean waves are made by wind or tides which are made by the gravitational pull of the Moon and Sun. A tsunami is created by the displacement of water. Earthquakes (or large volcanic eruptions) along the ocean floor can cause the water above to surge upwards then fall back. This heaving up creates energy which causes the water to move under the surface at high rates of speed, forming series of waves (wave train) known as a tsunami. These waves can travel through the ocean at hundreds of miles per hour. In the open ocean,



people on ships might not even notice a tsunami passing beneath them. When the tsunami waves reach the shallow water along coastlines, the waves get higher before breaking onto the land.

“Some tsunamis can be very destructive. In recent years, tsunamis have hit Indonesia, Nicaragua, and Japan. Not only was there a lot of structures washed away and destroyed, but many lives were lost. In 2004 a tsunami killed over 230,000 people in 14 countries along the Indian Ocean. The east coast of Japan had a tsunami hit killing over 15,000 people in 2011.³ Many countries along coastal areas now have special equipment to warn them of an approaching tsunami.”

“We can’t be certain that tsunamis and volcanic eruptions were actually part of the Flood mechanism,” Mr. Jones concluded, “but, we can be sure that the Flood was catastrophic, producing a violent change in the earth’s surface. *‘Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:’* (2 Peter 3:6).”

¹ <http://creation.com/noahs-flood#watercomefrom>

² See <http://www.discovercreation.org/documents/kids/MarandApr2001KTB.pdf> for more on continental drift.

³ Watch a tsunami’s destructive power in a video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=YlheuDM4Cx4

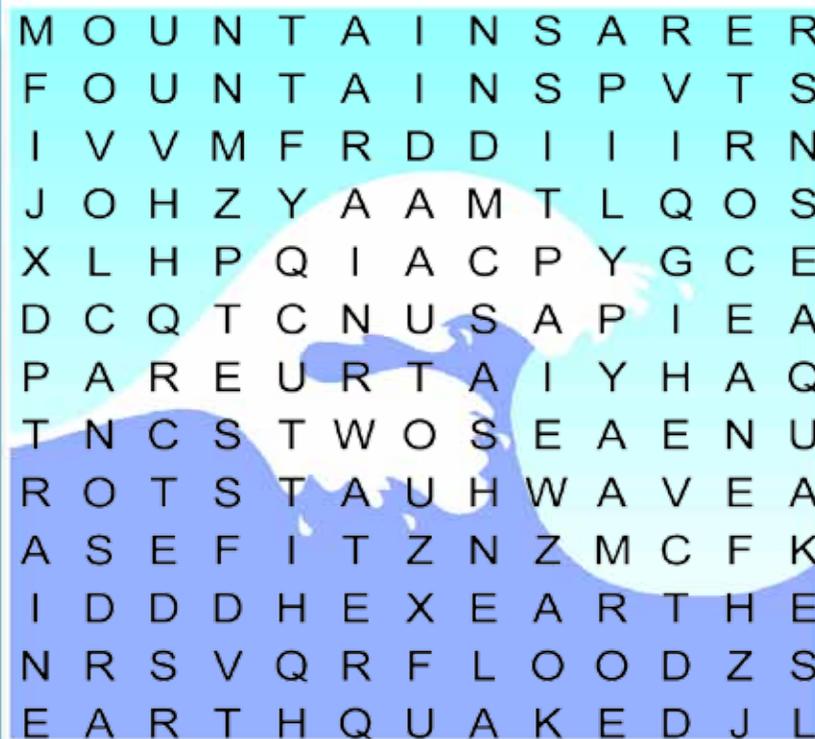
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WORDSEARCH

Look for the words from the WORD LIST below. The hidden word might be up, down, sideways or slanted, but not backwards.

WORD LIST

- DESTRUCTIVE
- EARTH
- EARTHQUAKE
- FLOOD
- FOUNTAINS
- MOUNTAINS
- OCEAN
- RAIN
- SEA
- SEAQUAKES
- SPLIT
- TRAIN
- TSUNAMI
- VOLCANO
- WATER
- WAVE



CROSS-OUTS

The waters of the Flood came from the fountains of the deep and rain from the heavens (Genesis 7:11-12). Solve the puzzle below to find out how long the waters were upon the Earth.

CROSS OUT ALL:

1. Fish
2. Birds
3. Colors
4. Candy
5. Shapes

TROUT	AND	ROBIN	THE
WATERS	RED	TAFFY	PREVAILED
CIRCLE	UPON	THE	OVAL
EARTH	MINT	BLUE	AN
HUNDRED	SPARROW	AND	SALMON
FIFTY	PURPLE	FUDGE	DAYS.
BASS	HAWK	GENESIS	7:24

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