

# Think Believe

Discover Creation...Worship the Creator

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## Standing with Jesus as Creator

by Dr. Dave Demick, Guest Writer

I grew up in a rough neighborhood. One day my brother and I were playing in a park near our home when a group of boys tried to take our sporting stuff. We beat a hasty retreat to our yard. The boys yelled insults and threw rocks. Thankfully physical injuries were minimal, but my biggest injury was to see the boy I had thought was my best friend standing with them, not me. He didn't throw rocks, but he stood with them and scoffed when they did. That kind of thing is very hard on a relationship!

At the last supper, Jesus said to His disciples, "You are those who have stood by me in my trials, and I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me..." (Luke 22:28-29 NIV). I'm sure Jesus felt a special affection for His disciples as He said these words. Nearly all the Jewish leaders wanted to kill Him, which must have given His followers a constant sense of danger and social ostracism. For all his doubts, Thomas summed it up well when Jesus was going to raise Lazarus. After protests of danger from the disciples, Thomas said, "Let us also go, that we may die with him (John 11:16)." Although the disciples weren't perfect, they stood with Jesus in His earthly troubles,

just as we need to do today.

Does it grieve you when you know you're telling the truth and people won't believe you? How does God feel when we doubt His Word? How does that affect our relationship with Him?


We in the U.S. swim in a sea of false teaching and fake scholarship that targets Jesus directly. The constant flood (irony intended) of Darwinian and Lyellian (old earth) doctrine that rolls over us and our children every day is a major and terrible force against Jesus.

Even many Christian leaders compromise God's Word. Frequently, they piously say, "It only matters that God created, it doesn't matter how." To them, evolution and millions of years of fossil-bearing rock layers is substituted for the Genesis account in God's Word. That means, instead of death and struggle coming as a result of Adam's sin in the garden, that is exactly what ultimately *created* mankind via millions of years of evolution. Thus, for them, the age of the earth and evolution are non-essential side issues. Many even say that Creation

and young earth teaching hurt the Gospel and are important only to "troublemakers and church-splitters." But quite the opposite is true. The idea of an old earth with death and pain before Adam's sin is an extreme insult to Jesus as Creator and remains so despite denials by many Christian leaders.

Jesus is the very-good, perfect Creator. Biblical Creationists rightly expose the bad science, anti-God, fake history and false philosophy of those who belittle or deny Him as Creator. We need to strip away their long

pretense of being objective scientists and expose their calculated efforts to dethrone Jesus as Lord. All Christians, not just a few, need to stand all the way with Jesus.

Standing with Jesus and upholding Biblical creation is more than just an exercise in correct Bible interpretation. Remember, our worship of Jesus is intensely personal and relational. Let's not grieve our triune God by disbelieving part of His Word or by standing with evolutionists who scoff at and devalue His beloved Son. Let's give Jesus the full worship He deserves as the spotless Creator and Savior and loudly proclaim who He is. As the apostles did, let's stand with Him in His troubles, until His enemies fully submit to Him (Phil. 2:9-11). 

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# Can You Really Believe the Flood?

by Mary Jo Nutting

**M**any people think the Flood was just a myth or a side issue of no importance to us today. However, note that Jesus and New Testament authors believed in its accuracy and relevance.

## From the Gospels

- Luke 3:36: Noah is included in the genealogy of Jesus.
- Luke 17:26,27 – “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man: People were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.” (See also Matt. 24:37-39, 42)
- Luke 16:31: “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.”

## From the Epistles

- I Peter 3:20: “...God waited patiently while the ark was

being built. In the ark a few people, only eight souls, were saved through water.”

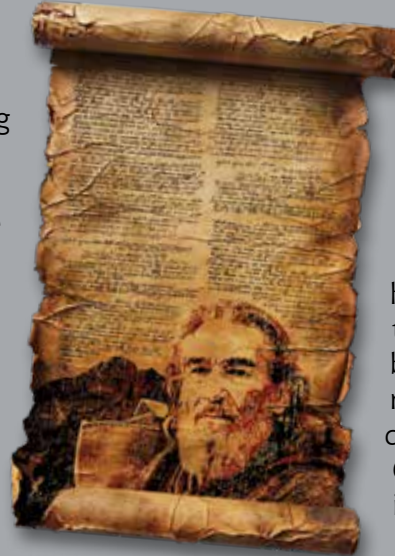
• II Peter 2:5, 9: “...if He [God] did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, among the eight; ...if all this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.”

• II Peter 3:5-7: “But they [scoffers] deliberately overlook the fact that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world of that time

perished in the flood. And by that same word, the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.”

• Hebrews 11:7: “By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in godly fear built an ark to save his family. By faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.”

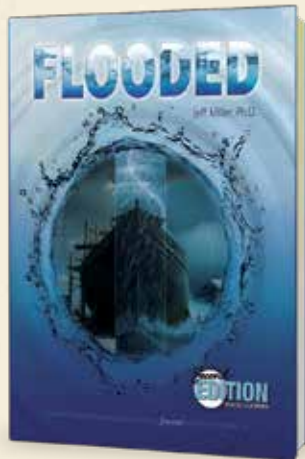
**Conclusion:** If it was important enough for Jesus and the New Testament writers to include, it is important for us to believe. (All references are from the Berean Standard Bible.) **AOI**



## Flooded (2nd Edition) by Jeff Miller, Ph.D.

Review by Gail Tompkins

**H**i, I’m Gail, the office manager at Alpha Omega Institute. I unpack all the books that come into the office. When I saw the new **updated & expanded** 2nd edition of the **Flooded** book, I was very impressed with the beautiful color pictures and multiple sections on “Ask Doc.” These are sections where Dr. Jeff answers questions regarding creatures before/after



the flood, reptiles, birds, bears, owls, a Biblical genealogical timeline, the age of the earth, and on fossils. He also answers questions like: Where did the water go? How did plants survive the Flood? What about the Ice Age? How do science and the Bible fit together? Most importantly, what do we learn about God by studying

His amazing work in the Flood (Psalm 111:2)? There are chapter review questions for you and your family with teacher resources available online. This would make an excellent book for home school families, and for a “coffee table” book to start discussions with people that visit your home. I was also impressed with the low price of **\$25.00** for such a quality, full-color book.

279 pages, hardback. 8.75” x 11.25”. Ages 11 and up. See insert. **AOI**

# A Biblical and Scientific Model of Early Earth History

by Dave Nutting

We've written many articles showing the problems with evolution vs. the authenticity of the Bible. But what evidence is there for the Biblical history of Planet Earth and the distribution of people groups? The Bible gives us a basic historical account and clues for further analysis.

## Biblical Framework

**Creation:** Genesis 1 & 2 and Exodus 20:11 say God created the heavens, the earth, the seas, and all that is in them in 6 days. This included atmosphere, water, land, plants, sun, moon, stars, fish, birds, animals, and humans – made in the image of God. All was “very good.”

**The Fall:** Genesis 3 tells how sin entered the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed in the Garden of Eden. God cursed the ground, and as a result, thorns, thistles, struggle, decay, and death prevailed.

**A Global Flood:** Genesis 6-8 records that violence filled the earth and God told Noah he was going to send a flood. Noah was told to build a huge ark 1.5 to 2 football fields in length. We read about Noah, the building of the ark, and the progression of the flood waters over the top of the mountains. We also read that Noah was told to leave the ark after the year-long Flood.

**The Ice Age:** Although not specifically referred to as an Ice Age, God asked Job if he has visited the storehouses of Ice. (Job 38: 22, 30). Could this be a reference to ice sheets which played a huge part in post-Flood events?

**Babel and Beyond:** Genesis 9-11 records how Noah's descendants left the ark and began to populate the new world. Generations that followed didn't obey God's instructions to multiply and fill the earth. God confused the languages at the Tower of Babel and caused them to spread out. This explains the origin of languages, people groups, and nations.

## What We Observe

**Design:** Amazing design defies evolutionary explanations. So-called “simple” cells are amazingly complex (DNA, assembly plants, molecular machines, intercellular highways and delivery systems). <https://www.discovercreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/n2018-6Lo.pdf>



Also, consider the blue morpho butterfly which is actually, not blue. The iridescent coloration is produced by precisely oriented scales with millions of perfectly spaced layers. These filter out all colors except blue and reflect it back as if amplified out of a “color megaphone.” <https://www.discovercreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/n2024-4lo.pdf>



**Death and Decay:** Look around you. Yes, there are thorns, thistles, mutations, competition for survival, disease, and death. Wars, murders, and other evil actions are seen every day on the news. It is a dog-eat-dog and dinosaur-eat-everything world we live in.

**Destruction:** Much geological and archaeological evidence can readily be seen, as well as hundreds of accounts from cultures around the world that indicate this was a global flood. Continent-wide rock layers, deposited by water, contain billions of rapidly buried fossils. We find polystrate fossils crossing many layers, and other layers that clearly had to be deposited by a massive flood. Further, huge erosional features provide evidence of the reality of this Flood. <https://www.discovercreation.org/documents/n2013-4low.pdf>



**Massive ice sheets:** These don't form today since the temperature differential between the oceans and land is not great enough. The Flood, however, gives exactly the right ingredients, including vast, undersea volcanic lava flows, to substantially warm ocean water. As land masses cooled after the Flood, warm oceans led to massive amounts of precipitation to form ice sheets. See: <https://www.discovercreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/n2025-1lo.pdf>



**Origin of Languages, People Groups, and Nations:** According to linguist and professional translator, Oscar Arias, secular models fail to explain the origin of languages and only the Biblical model fits the facts. Other researchers clearly demonstrate that people groups across the world have ancestors that trace back to Noah and his 3 sons. **AOI**

## Director's Column

by Dave Nutting




**W**ow! Summer's almost here! AOI speakers have been busy sharing the truth of creation and the Gospel in 2026. Here are a few highlights:

- "Best Practices in Ministry" conference in Phoenix as well as daily Creation and worldview classes at a local Christian school (Scott)
- A full week of teaching at Frontier School of the Bible in WY plus a variety of church and school engagements (Rich)
- Creation Conference in Vernal, UT (Nuttings, Ellie, and Mike Smith of the Vernal Creation Museum)
- Monthly meetings of Truth Matters in Grand Junction and Cowboy Church in Austin, CO (Ellie)
- Costa Rica Creation Outreach to churches and schools (Nuttings)
- Tours & Field Trips: Costa Rica; Nat. Parks and more (Staff & board)

• Homeschool Conferences in UT, WY, NM, (Stepaneks et. al.)

### Coming up this summer:

- NW Geology Field Trip: Craters of the Moon, Missoula Flood, Channeled Scablands, Dry Falls, Ginkgo Petrified Forest, Mount St. Helens, Columbia River Gorge (May 30-June 5) (Nuttings)
- NW speaking trip: ID, OR, WA, (May 30-31 & June 5-18) (Nuttings, Ellie)
- More Homeschool Conferences: Boise, ID (June 5-6); Denver, CO: (June 11-13); Downey, CA: (July 10-11); Phoenix, AZ: (July 16-18)
- VBS, Kids, Youth, and Family Camps: Call for dates.
- Yellowstone Tours (Aug 21-25 and Aug 28-Sep 1) – some space still available – call today!

These events equip children, youth, and adults to stand firm in their faith and grow in their relationship with God and others. Call for more information. 

## Host a seminar!

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or call (970) 523-9943.

## Costa Rica

**2027** Start planning for mid-February. Call for dates.



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