



GEOLOGY
&
EVOLUTION

Geology and Evolution

- In 1859 Charles Darwin published *On the Origin of Species* and started a debate that has lasted a hundred and fifty years without indication it's going to end any time soon
- In 1830 Charles Lyell published *The Principles of Geology* where he popularized the idea of uniformitarianism aka the present is the key to the past
- In 2016 Matt Ennen preached a lesson at the Humble Church of Christ that settled both debates once and for all

The Differences

Geology and Evolution

- The earth is 4.6 billion years old
- All living things came from a single celled organism that formed somewhere
- There has never been a worldwide flood

The Bible

- The earth is thousands of years old
- God created different kinds of animals and man in six days (Gen 1)
- Worldwide flood during Noah's time

Things the Bible and Science Agree on

1. They agree that the world is round (Is 40:22)
2. They agree that the world is hung in space (Job 26:7)
3. They agree that there are worldwide streams of water and air, like the jet stream (Ecc 1:6; Psa 8:8; Isa 43:16)
4. They agree that there's a water cycle (Job 36:27-28; Amos 9:6)
5. They agree on the second law of thermodynamics (Heb 1:11; Is 51:6; Psa 102:26)
6. They agree on dinosaurs (Job 40:15-24)

Why Believe in a Young Earth?

- We can sum the ages of men who have lived from Adam to Solomon (Gen 5; Gen 11; Gen 21:5; Gen 25:26; Gen 47:9; Ex 12:40; 1 King 6:1)
- The Bible gives the lengths of time the kings reigned during the period of the divided kingdom
- Archeology provides the number of years from the end of the divided kingdom to the birth of Jesus
- Even with the uncertainties the age of the earth is limited to thousands of years old
- God tells us he created everything in six days, not millions of years

Why Reject Evolution?

- Bible says God created all living things after their kind
 - *3rd day- grass and trees (Gen 1:11-13)*
 - *5th day- water animals and flying animals (Gen 1:20-23)*
 - *6th day- land animals and man (Gen 1:24-26, 31)*
- No indication in the text that everything evolved from a single celled organism
- Even the order of living things created contradicts evolution

Why Reject a Global Flood

- There's not enough water to cover the entire planet (Gen 2:5-6; Gen 7:11)
- There's no world wide layer rock of that came from a single flood
- There's no evidence of a worldwide flood in the rock layers

Not Enough Water?

- Assumes water only came from rain (Gen 2:5-6; Gen 7:11)

Morning Mix

Study: Deep beneath the earth, more water than in all the oceans combined

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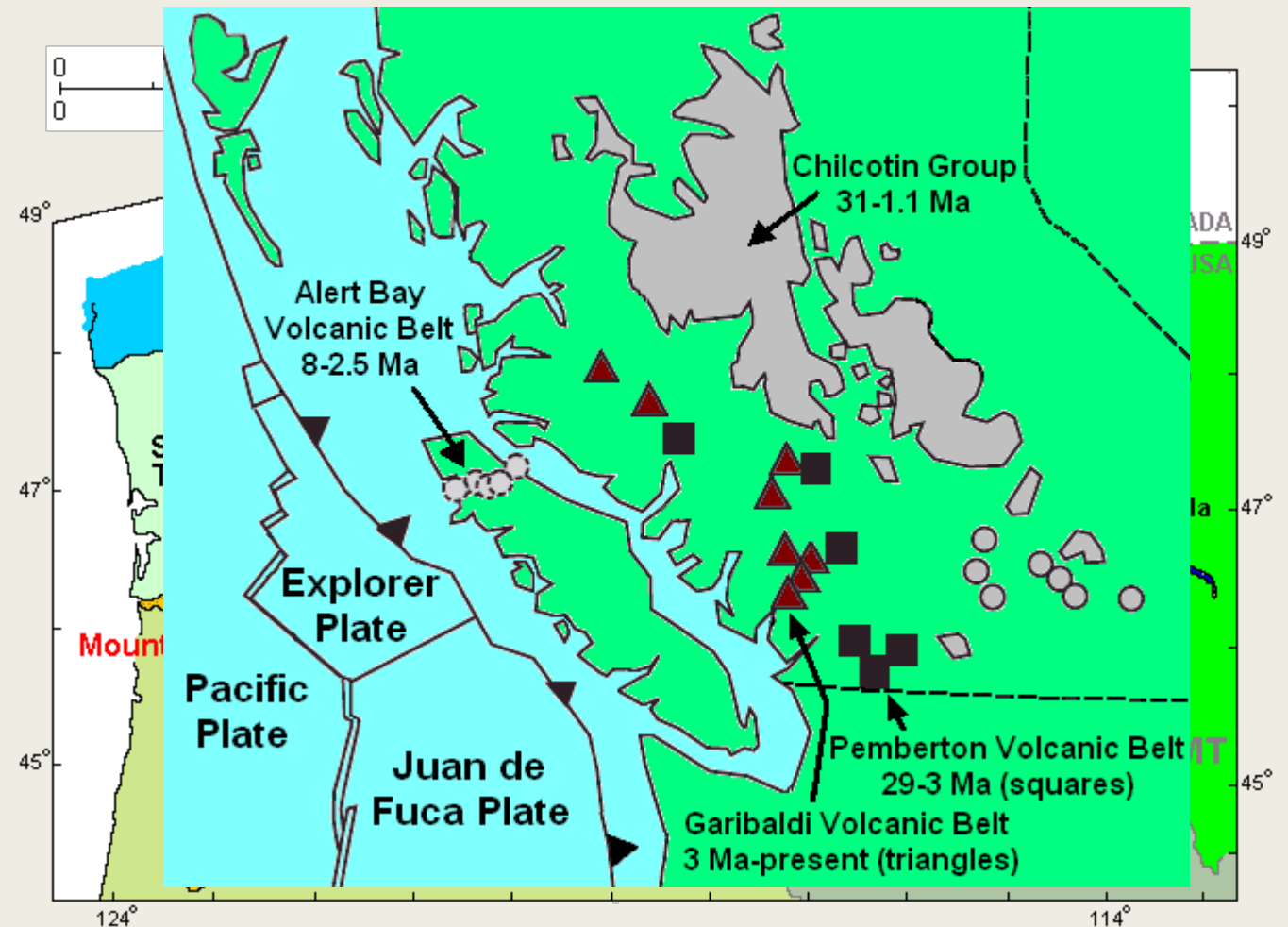
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Timeline of the Flood

- Gen 7:11- Noah's six hundredth year, second month, 17th day
- Gen 7:12- 40 days of rain
- Gen 7:24- 150 days water prevailed
- Gen 8:3- 150 days of water receding
- Gen 8:6- 40 days Noah waited before opening the window
- Gen 8:13- Left Ark in Noah's six hundred and first year, second month, 27th day
- Water covered the earth for an entire year

Major Disasters in History

- Missoula Floods
- Biggest modern lava flow covered 32 square miles
- 19000 square miles is biggest lava flow discovered, would cover Maryland and new Jersey combined



Why Not Say Genesis Is Metaphor?

- The Bible doesn't say it's metaphor anywhere
 - *We're told when the parables or symbols are used (Matt 13:3; Rev 1:1)*
- If the first thing in the Bible isn't true, then what else isn't true
 - *The Red Sea wasn't parted?*
 - *Jonah wasn't in a whale for three days?*
 - *Jesus didn't heal the blind and the sick?*
 - *Jesus didn't rise from the dead?*