Two Floods in Scripture By Jason Jordan 10/12/07

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"And the earth <u>WAS</u> ..." (Genesis 1:2)

Scientists are eager to inform us that the current atmosphere is unable to sustain a forty-day and forty-night continual downpour. Archaeologists insist that the ancient bones of extinct animals found in drifting formations were the victims of small-localised floods scattered throughout the world.

To prepare a researched argument in support of a worldwide flood for sceptics of this event is beyond the scope of this study. Instead I would prefer to shed light on perhaps a more controversial matter and one that I hope will also support the points I have made in the previous chapter. Close examination of all the references in the Bible of Noach's flood will before long show some minor inconsistencies and to the ill informed could plant seeds of contradiction.

Keep the flood in mind, which is supposedly the topic of the following verse, and carefully look at the underlined words. Jeremiah 4 23-28; "I behold the earth, and lo, it was without form, and void, and the heavens, and they had no light. I behold the mountains, and lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I behold, and lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the YHWH, and by his fierce anger. For thus has the YHWH said, the whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavensabove be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and I will not repent, neither will I turn back from it." The prophet Jeremiah informs us quite clearly of an earth that is without form or void and contains darkness. In the same beat he tells us that birds had fled

and cities where broken down (destroyed). If this indeed is telling us of *Genesis 1:2* then how can there have been cities that are broken down? *Genesis 1:2; "And the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the waters."* We know that this takes place well before Noach's time and the passage goes on to say that there was no man or bird. Yet there is a desolation caused by the Elohim's fierce anger. What is the reason for this fierce anger? Who else is He angry with? It can't be something man has done if he isn't there. And the account can't possibly be referring to Noach's flood because Noach and his family were still present before and after the event, and there is no mention of darkness in that flood. In fact there is no indication at all that the days during the flood remained blackened and yet many Christians believe there is only one incident of a global cleansing in the Bible. The account can't be jumping from creation to the flood because after the desolation described in the verse the heavens are still black.

The Contemporary English Bible tackling of verse 2 in Genesis 1 is also worth noting, as it seems to immediately acknowledge the existence of a land beneath vast waters. Genesis 1:1-2; "In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth. The earth was barren, with no form of life; it was under a roaring ocean covered in darkness. But the spirit of Elohim was moving over the waters." With the exception of the water, all other stages of creation that follow this verse are given an introduction.

The Strange Appearance of the word "Replenish"

The next verse has a particular choice of word that should ring alarm bells with anyone possessing a King James Bible. Genesis 1:28; "And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." (CAB) The key word here is "replenish," meaning, "to refill" or "fill again." Most other modern

Bibles render the same word in this verse as "fill," which comes from the more correct Hebrew root, which begs the question why in *Genesis 1:22* is "fill" found there and six verses later in 1:28 "replenish" used? The common explanation is that the word "plenish" was an old English term for "fill" that later only survived in modern English as *re*plenish. It is said that ultimately this word was a stylistic choice. "Re" gradually became a prefix for many words giving them the meaning of a repeated action. Interestingly, six verses later the rendering of "fill" appears from the same Hebrew root apparently devoid of such an evolution.

My experience with various choices of words found elsewhere in the Bible shows that translators nearly always decide upon particular words for a practical purpose, such as adding emphasis, deliberately changing a meaning or hiding something. For example the word "cross" is added to a Hebrew root that means "upright pole," or "stake," while the word "church" comes from the old English word "Kirke" that refers to a pagan place of worship, replacing the more correct translation of the word, "assembly."

Nonetheless, the appearance of such a word as "replenish" is at the very least mysterious, as its origin, going by the above explanation, is the product of three obscure coincidences with no practical purpose except the ambiguous choice of style. Coincidence #1, it supports the notion of a prior creation (though devoid of man). Coincidence #2, it survived in its old English version "plenish" with a later addition of "re," when six verses away it did not. Coincidence #3 even though it survived in its English version, it only did so by receiving a modern addition to the word "re" that added to its meaning.

King David also appears to write about at least two floods in the Psalms. Psalms 24:2; "For He has founded it (the earth) upon the seas, and established it upon the floods (notice the plural)." And 93:3; "The floods have lifted up, o YHWH, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves." And 98:8; "Let the floods clap

their hands: let the hills be joyful together." So why this vague mention of an initial flood before the time of Noah? Remember the agenda of Constantine's appointed council and how they set a precedence of hacking and cleaving out books from the Bible. Well in doing this they have left gaps that may not hinder our salvation, but certainly make it difficult to build a complete picture of a cohesive story in some places within Scripture.

I'll give you another illustration of what is going on here. A man goes to the local shop and buys a loaf of bread. On his way home he stops and realises that he needs two loaves for some guests he is expecting later that evening. So he promptly returns to the shop and purchases another. A bit later his next-door neighbour's dog takes off with one loaf. Fortunately only half of the guests that the man is expecting arrive, so he has enough bread after all. Nice little story. What if I decided to pull out the bit when the man returns to buy a second loaf? We have an anomaly. How did he feed his guests if a dog took off with his only loaf? Poor latter-day Christians have been fielding well-researched and structured Bible contradiction attacks for years without being equipped with the knowledge of what went on at the Council of Nicea and subsequent Roman councils.

Deadly Deception, Desperate Devil

To understand the reason for the first flood it is necessary to shed some light on Satan's background and what his role was. s.a.tan (The Accuser) was originally called Halel Ben Shahar (or Lucifer in Latin). He was the highest ranked angel of all the free-will beings, created long before Adam and Hava.

s.a.tan was a steward (administrator) of earth, presiding over the original Garden of Eden and was the chief trafficker of the praise of heaven. Ezekiel 28:5,18; "By thy great wisdom and by thy traffic hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches: ¹²Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine

iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee."13 Unfortunately the New King James does away with the word "traffic" and inappropriately inserts "trade." Most people know that s.a.tan fell from Elohim's grace through pride and a desire to exalt himself above the Most High. But the exact reason for his fall came about by his redirecting the traffic of praise onto himself instead of YHWH, and the accumulation of independent resources. He even managed to rally the support of one third of the heavenly host (angels) to assist him in this rebellion (Revelation 12:4). His force attempted an overthrow of heaven but was pushed back. Satan being a former steward of earth regrouped there after the defeat. From here he tried to replenish his numbers by engaging in various crossbreedings with his angels and earth animals, thus defiling one of his sanctuaries. Great cities and complexes were constructed and it is from this age where we get stories of fabled creatures like centaurs and the lost city of Atlantis.

The following verses describe the vastness of s.a.tan's former beauty and responsibilities. Ezekiel 28:12-17; "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty (originally a good guy). You were in Eden, the Garden of Elohim; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created (evidence of musical instruments built into Lucifer's original form). You were the anointed Cherub who covers (administrator); I established you; You were on the holy mountain of Elohim; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, and you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of Elohim; And I destroyed you, O covering Cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up

because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you."

Elohim saw that s.a.tan and his minions would not repent. So He sent down a wave of cataclysms that culminated in darkness and a mighty flood. All the hybrid angelic offspring who were the product of flesh and spirit unions perished along with all their cities. s.a.tan's armies were then forced to flee to another sanctuary. Eventually Elohim replenished the earth and this time populated it with new beings called "humans" beginning with Adam and Hava. s.a.tan returned to earth with a portion of his fallen angels who quickly set about concealing themselves within the earth DNA of a particular bipedal reptile. In time members of s.a.tan's forces began to confront and interact with earth's new occupants. Hava was quickly challenged by one of these concealed adversaries and succumbed to go against a Commandment of Elohim. Adam and Eve's relationship with Elohim became damaged which led to all of them, including the serpent, receiving various forms of punishment. Contrary to popular belief, Adam and Hava's flesh became perishable through being denied access to the tree of life as is clearly stated in Genesis 3:22-23; "Then the YHWH Elohim said, 'Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and takealso of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.' Therefore the YHWH Elohim sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken." Despite the fact that these verses get commonly wheeled out to support the notion that Adam and Hava were not meant to be eternal beings, the presence of the tree of life in the garden itself does suggest that it would have been on offer, perhaps if they had rejected s.a.tan's challenge. The presence of a tree in one of the more pleasant moments of Revelation (22:2) suggests its use as a mechanism that generates eternal existence. In achieving this objective of deceiving the pinnacle of Elohim's creations, s.a.tan thought he had won a great challenge.

Elohim was disappointed in Adam and Hava, but told them they could re-enter into a relationship with him once again if they repented of their deed and resumed their obedience toward Him. YHWH then told s.a.tan that from the seed of the very pair he deceived would come a physical and spiritual Son that will be born on the earth in a flesh body and eventually defeat him. s.a.tan did not give up after hearing this and convinced himself that his next move would be a masterstroke, the outcome of which would lead inevitably to the next flood. It is also by this early declaration of a Moshiach in Genesis that we can learn how s.a.tan knew of a deliverer and his motive to try and set up false candidates in different religions before the event at Sinai.

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