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Creation, Dinosaurs and the Flood



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1. INTRODUCTION

To many people the scientific claims concerning evolution, undermine the validity and claims of Scripture. If dinosaurs existed millions of years before man, then how can Genesis be divinely inspired. If life is the result of a chemical reaction, if human life is something that has evolved from apes, then I am not accountable to a creator. If however I have been designed and made by God, then I belong to Him and am accountable to Him.

Modern science claims that the earth is billions of years old, sufficient time for evolution to take place. A study of the generations within the scriptures suggest that the earth is relatively young, approximately six thousands years.

Scientists are trying to prove that man has evolved a little higher than the apes, whilst the word of God declares that God made man a little lower than the angels¹.

We can only discover our true value and worth when we realise that God has created us in His image, and it is in worshipping Him that we are elevated to our potential and worth.

If man evolved from apes, then Adam and Eve would be fictional characters, and there would be no such thing as original sin. Mankind would not be living in a fallen state, but rather would be in an elevated state of having evolved above other creatures. If the first Adam was a myth, then the second Adam (Jesus) could not deliver mankind from sin.

1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

1 Cor 15:45-47 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. {46} However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. {47} The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

The purpose of this study is to give a brief look at biblical and scientific facts concerning God's dealings with His creation as defined in those early chapters of Genesis. This should help believers to give an answer when objections caused by so called science are raised.

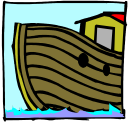
2. CREATION AND THE PRE-FLOOD ORDER

2.1. DAY ONE

Gen 1-5 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. {2} The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. {3} Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. {4} And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. {5} God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

The second law of thermo-dynamics tells us that there had to be a beginning, since if the universe were infinitely old it would now be completely run down, dark, cold and dead. The first law of

¹ Psa 8:5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honour.



thermo-dynamics tells us that the universe is incapable of creating itself, so a creator must have been involved.

God made a beginning, which means that He created time. He made the heavens which means that He made space. He made the earth, which means that He made matter. But He exists outside these, and is greater than these. All things may be categorised into two groups: that which is God, and that which isn't God - and that which is God is greater than that which isn't. It is not possible for the creator to be controlled, constrained or manipulated by the creation. He is outside time and unaffected by it. He is never hurried, never compelled by deadlines. He is outside space - even the heavens cannot contain Him².

We picture God sitting on a throne and surrounded by the angels in heaven, and although this is partly true, since this is how He appears in Revelation, this is not the whole truth, but another way He has chosen to reveal Himself.

In verse three we see God created light. Later he would create the sun which would be a source of light, but the sun was not the beginning of light. In Revelation we read that in the New Jerusalem there will be no need for a sun because the glory of God will illuminate it³.

Repeatedly in Genesis chapter 1 there is the declaration that God's workmanship was good; this means that the created order faithfully and truthfully represented the creator: His invisible attributes being faithfully disclosed⁴.

Some people have tried to marry the Genesis' creation account with modern scientific belief. But the Genesis account is deliberate in defining each day with the term evening and morning. There is no allowance in the text to allow for millions of years between verses for evolution to take place and neither does a day mean anything other than a 24-hour period.

In God's questioning of Job, reference is made of the angels rejoicing at the founding of the earth. So it appears that the spiritual realm was created before the physical realm.

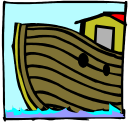
Job 38:4-7 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. {5} Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? {6} To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, {7} When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

² 2 Chr 2:6 But who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build Him a temple, except to burn sacrifice before Him?

³ Rev 21:23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

Rev 22:5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

⁴ Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,



2.2. DAY TWO

Gen 1:6-8 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." {7} Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. {8} And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

There is above our atmosphere a volume of space at a temperature of hundreds of degrees, the Thermosphere. Scientists have said that this space, now empty, could hold a vast amount of water vapour. Hydrogen bonding allows water vapour to vary in density and to be lighter than air at very high temperatures. Hence on the second day it appears that God divided the waters so that some was upon the earth, and some was above the earth in what we now call the thermosphere.

This water canopy would protect the early earth from harmful radiation. Water vapour absorbs infra-red rays so this canopy would maintain a greenhouse effect. The earth would be almost uniformly warm and moist, ideal for growing the giant vegetation found in the fossil record. Herbivore dinosaur fossils have been found under the ice of Antarctica, which then would have been covered with lush vegetation.

With no arid heat or polar ice, there would be little wind, which would mean there would be an absence of rain. Later on in Genesis this is confirmed:

Gen 2:5-6 ... For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; {6} but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

The increased atmospheric pressure caused by the water canopy would lower some metabolic rates (breathing, heart beat, etc.) and would mean that wounds would heal more rapidly. These factors may have contributed to pre-flood longevity (Adam lived for 930 years).

This store of water high above the earth would explain the source of 40 days and nights of rain during Noah's flood.

The second day is the only day where there is no declaration that what was done was very good. Some have surmised that this is because fallen angels occupied the heavenly places.

2.3. DAY THREE

Gen 1:9-13 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. {10} And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. {11} Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. {12} And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. {13} So the evening and the morning were the third day.

This passage describes that the seas were in one place, that is there was one ocean and one super-continent. This is also what scientists believe. This super land mass was split up after the flood in the days of Peleg, five generations from Noah.



Gen 10:25 To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

The high mountain ranges which now exist are the result of the collision of the continental plates, and therefore date since the time of Peleg.

Within the seed of all living things is the coded information, the DNA, that is necessary to reproduce that life form and to enable the new plant or animal to grow and develop. This code determines the creatures distinctive characteristics. Even in the simplest life forms this DNA is complex.

2.4. DAY FOUR

Between the third and fourth days there appears to be a line of symmetry, as this table shows.

First Day: Light	Fourth Day: Lights (sun, moon and stars)
Second Day: Water and Heavens	Fifth Day: Creatures that live in the sea or the air
Third Day: Earth and vegetation	Sixth Day: Creatures that live on the earth

Gen 1:14-19 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; {15} "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. {16} Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. {17} God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, {18} and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. {19} So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

The lights (stars etc.) are to give signs (such as the Jesus' natal star) and for seasons, days and years. One day the heavens will also contain the sign of Jesus' second coming. Over the years the enemy of humanity has distorted this, and caused people to enquire of the stars in an occultic manner, and to ignore their creator.

2.5. DAY FIVE

Gen 1:20-23 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." {21} So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. {22} And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." {23} So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.



2.6. DAY SIX

Gen 1:24-31 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. {25} And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

{26} Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." {27} So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. {28} Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

{29} And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. {30} "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. {31} Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2.7. SUMMARY

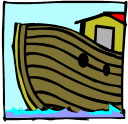
According to Scripture the earth is relatively young, approximately 6000 years old. This compares with the billions of years that scientists believe would be necessary for evolution to take place. The Scriptures declare that God created a mature world. This means that all the living things, plants, animals, birds, fish and man, were created as mature beings, being capable of reproducing. It also means that each living thing was created mature in its species, there was no need to evolve or develop.

As we have seen the climate was totally different, the weather being more even and the air pressure greater. Amber fossils (made for tree sap) have contained bubbles of air. When the air was examined the oxygen level was 30 % rather than the present 20 %. Such high levels of oxygen with the greater barometric pressure would increase plant growth.

Creation was initially perfect, without fault, without decay and without the presence of death, and all creatures including mankind, were herbivores. The order of creation was drastically changed by two events, firstly Adam's rebellion and sin, and secondly the flood in the time of Noah

3. THE EFFECT OF THE FALL

Adam's sin brought the resultant death which God had warned of. This death not only worked in mankind, but also in the whole of creation, such that all plants, animals etc. die. Paul declares that as a result of the fall, all of creation was brought into bondage.



Rom 8:19-22 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. {20} For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; {21} because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. {22} For we know that the whole creation groans and labours with birth pangs together until now.

In the Genesis account of the fall we read of how the beasts of the field, and the serpent in particular, and the ground was cursed. Enmity, pain and toil all resulted from the fall. Child birth became difficult and painful, which is something that does not exist for other creatures.

Adam's sin detached mankind from God and left them carnal (1 Cor 15:45-49), no longer spiritually alive or one with God. As the account of Cain and Abel also shows, it was necessary for people to approach God with sacrifices.

Gen 3:14-19 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are **cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field**; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. {15} And I will put **enmity** Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

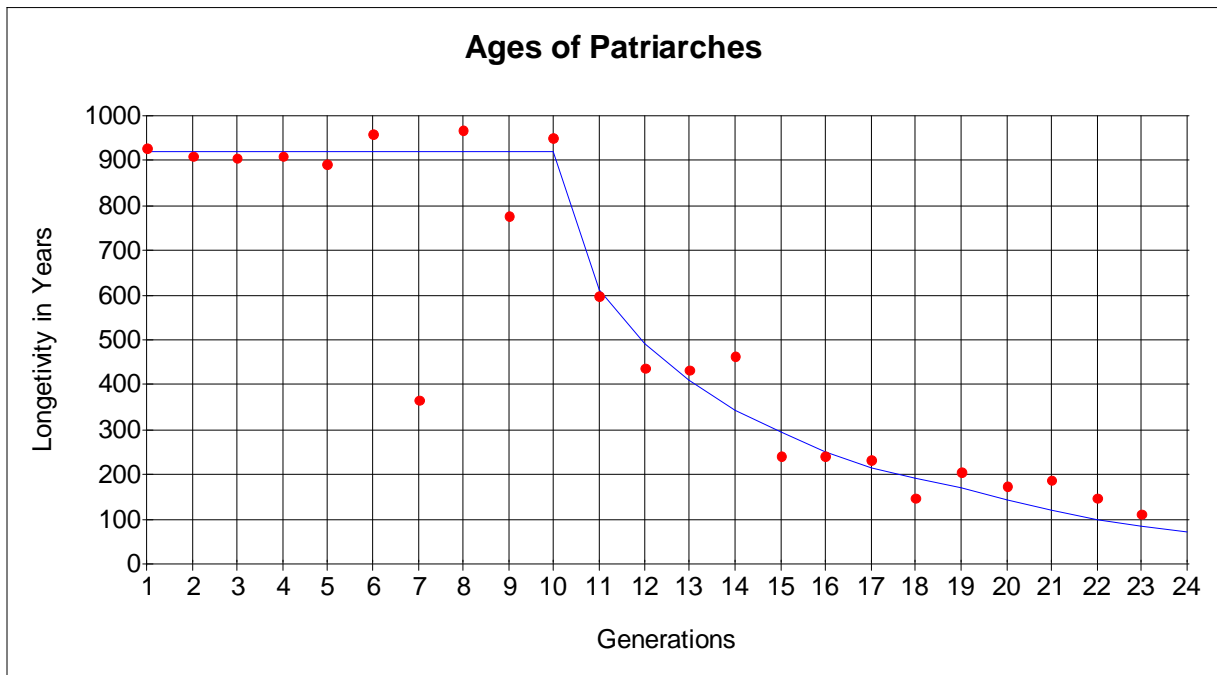
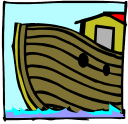
{16} To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; **In pain you shall bring forth children**; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

{17} Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': **Cursed is the ground for your sake**; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. {18} Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. {19} In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

4. THE FLOOD AND THE POST-FLOOD ORDER

The flood had a dramatic effect upon the world's ecology. Some scientists have estimated that as much as half the volume of the current oceans was deposited upon the world as rain in the forty days and nights. Every living thing outside the ark perished from off the land. The fossils show that even vast numbers of sea creatures and fish were killed. The floods caused great corrosion of the land mass, and pulverised rocks. It was as a result of this catastrophe that sedimental rocks were laid down. Similar experiences of erosion and deposition have been experienced in local catastrophes, such as the eruption of mount St Helens. It is little wonder that Noah and his family had to stay in the ark over a year, whilst the world was re-established.

With the removal of the water canopy in the Thermosphere, the globe's climate completely changed. No longer was the surface temperature kept uniform. Polar ice packs and arid deserts formed. These differences gave rise to weather systems, bringing wind, rain and snow. Noah's rainbow was the first seen by human eyes. The oxygen level within the air and the atmospheric pressure dropped, having effects upon plant and animal life. Vegetation could no longer grow to the giant levels recorded in the fossil record.



The Scripture does not say if animals and men became meat eaters after the fall, but after the flood this was certainly the case.

Gen 9:3-4 "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. {4} "But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

A graph of the ages of the patriarchs as recorded within Genesis chapters five and eleven show that there is a marked difference between the ages of men before Noah (the tenth generation) and after Noah. Prior to the flood people appeared to live approximately 920 years. But after the flood the life expectancy gradually fell to present-day levels.

Note that the seventh from Adam was Enoch, who was not because the Lord took him. A list of the names and ages is given in appendix 1.

5. WHAT ABOUT FOSSILS?

There are numerous skeletons of animals fossilised in various levels of rocks. These rocks were formed by sedimentary deposits. Scientists have always hoped to be able to prove evolution through the fossil record, but have never been able to. Instead there are fossil remains which are fully human in layers of rock (Lower Miocene) which evolutionists would claim existed millions of years before man.

There is also within the fossil record a great deal of evidence concerning the Flood. Grave yards of marine fossils world-wide speak of a global catastrophe. Many of the fossils speak of a rapid burial, animals being covered in sediment whilst still alive. A fossil was found in Scotland of a large fish half swallowing a smaller fish. An ichthyosaur found in Germany was fossilised while giving birth. Many fossils have impressions of delicate tissues indicating that fossilisation took place within a few hours, before these tissues could have rotted.

Fossils are not being formed today. Fish, animals and vegetation die and are devoured or quickly rot away. Yet in the fossil records giant dinosaurs and even vertical trees exist. Some of these



extend through 20 to 50 feet of sediments. To be buried in sediment without suffering decay or being eaten, there must have been a rapid rate of sediment deposition, resulting from some catastrophic action. Similar effects were seen during recent local catastrophes such as Mount St. Helens.

6. WHAT ABOUT DINOSAURS?



The issue of dinosaurs, more than anything else, has caused many people to doubt the Biblical record of creation. This is partly because the assumption is made that dinosaurs are not mentioned within Scripture, and that these gigantic creatures must have existed and deceased before Adam's time. However terrific creatures which have no modern day counter-part, are mentioned in the Bible and described as existing after the flood.⁵

Scientists claim that dinosaurs existed millions of years before mankind. However when God questions Job He says that dinosaurs (in this case the behemoth) were created at the same time as man.

Job 40:15 "Look now at the behemoth, **which I made along with you**; He eats grass like an ox.

But is the Behemoth a dinosaur, or just an ancient name for an elephant? Lets look at the relevant passage:

Job 40:15-24 "Look now at the behemoth, which I made along with you; He eats grass like an ox. {16} See now, his strength is in his hips, And his power is in his stomach muscles. {17} He moves his tail like a cedar; The sinews of his thighs are tightly knit. {18} His bones are like beams of bronze, His ribs like bars of iron. {19} He is the first of the ways of God; Only He who made him can bring near His sword. {20} Surely the mountains yield food for him, And all the beasts of the field play there. {21} He lies under the lotus trees, In a covert of reeds and marsh. {22} The lotus trees cover him with their shade; The willows by the brook surround him. {23} Indeed the river may rage, Yet he is not disturbed; He is confident, though the Jordan gushes into his mouth, {24} Though he takes it in his eyes, Or one pierces his nose with a snare.

This is a description of a giant and powerful herbivore. It's tail is described as being like a Cedar. Now the tail of both the elephant and the hippopotamus could never be described as such. Recent studies of the tails of certain large dinosaurs such as the Dipodocus, has revealed that rather than hanging down, like the tail of the dog, dinosaur tails would be held straight out like branch on a Cedar tree.

These giant herbivores would need a great deal of vegetation to feed upon. But with the change in the climate following the flood there would be a the dramatic changes in temperature and their food supply would have been depleted. These probably contributed to their demise.

Another creature that could be a dinosaur mentioned in Job is called the Leviathan. This appears to describe a crocodile, but there is a very marked difference – this vicious beast breathes fire.

⁵ The term Dinosaur was first was in the 1840 by Sir Richard Owen and means "Terrible Lizard."



Job 41 "Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, Or snare his tongue with a line which you lower? {2} Can you put a reed through his nose, Or pierce his jaw with a hook? {3} Will he make many supplications to you? Will he speak softly to you? {4} Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him as a servant forever? {5} Will you play with him as with a bird, Or will you leash him for your maidens? {6} Will your companions make a banquet of him? Will they apportion him among the merchants? {7} Can you fill his skin with harpoons, Or his head with fishing spears?

{8} Lay your hand on him; Remember the battle; Never do it again! {9} Indeed, any hope of overcoming him is false; Shall one not be overwhelmed at the sight of him? {10} No one is so fierce that he would dare stir him up. Who then is able to stand against Me? {11} Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine. {12} "I will not conceal his limbs, His mighty power, or his graceful proportions. {13} Who can remove his outer coat? Who can approach him with a double bridle? {14} Who can open the doors of his face, With his terrible teeth all around? {15} His rows of scales are his pride, Shut up tightly as with a seal; {16} One is so near another That no air can come between them; {17} They are joined one to another, They stick together and cannot be parted.

{18} His sneezing flash forth light, And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. {19} Out of his mouth go burning lights; Sparks of fire shoot out. {20} Smoke goes out of his nostrils, As from a boiling pot and burning rushes. {21} His breath kindles coals, And a flame goes out of his mouth. {22} Strength dwells in his neck, And sorrow dances before him. {23} The folds of his flesh are joined together; They are firm on him and cannot be moved. {24} His heart is as hard as stone, Even as hard as the lower millstone. {25} When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid; Because of his crashings they are beside themselves. {26} Though the sword reaches him, it cannot avail; Nor does spear, dart, or javelin. {27} He regards iron as straw, And bronze as rotten wood. {28} The arrow cannot make him flee; Slingstones become like stubble to him. {29} Darts are regarded as straw; He laughs at the threat of javelins.

{30} His undersides are like sharp potsherds; He spreads pointed marks in the mire. {31} He makes the deep boil like a pot; He makes the sea like a pot of ointment. {32} He leaves a shining wake behind him; One would think the deep had white hair. {33} On earth there is nothing like him, Which is made without fear. {34} He beholds every high thing; He is king over all the children of pride."

Remember this description was made by God Himself. There are fossils of dinosaurs which have large nasal cavities, the functions of which is not known. But if these were for the mixing of chemicals, as currently performed by the Bombardier Beetle, then these creatures could have been fire breathing.

The Bible is not the only ancient literature or historic evidence of dinosaurs. Chinese, European, Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Celtic manuscripts tell of dragon like creatures. Some of these accounts date to only 1000 years ago.



Even today there have been sightings of dinosaurs. Since World War II there has been over 1000 claimed sightings of the Loch Ness monster⁶. In 1977 a Japanese fishing boat caught a recently dead Plesiosaur.

7. THE RESTORATION ORDER OF THE MILLENNIUM

During the one thousand year reign of Christ and His church from Jerusalem, the world shall once again be subject to a totally different order than that which currently exists. Prior to this coming new age, the world will suffer great and dramatic judgements. The word of God appears to be describing some cosmic catastrophe which will befall the earth.

Isa 24:17-20 Fear and the pit and the snare Are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. {18} And it shall be That he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit, And he who comes up from the midst of the pit Shall be caught in the snare; For the windows from on high are open, And the foundations of the earth are shaken. {19} The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly. {20} The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut; Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again.

What part these judgements have in preparing the world for the new order is not known. But after this time of judgements the following characteristics will exist:

- World Peace⁷
- The Physical Presence of God's Glory⁸
- All Creatures Shall Be Herbivores⁹
- Longevity¹⁰

⁶ I personally do not believe that there is a Loch Ness monster and have doubts about the validity of the so called photographic evidence.

⁷ Isa 2:4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁸ Isa 4:5-6 then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. {6} And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

⁹ Isa 11:6-9 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. {7} The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. {8} The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. {9} They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ Isa 65:20 "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.



APPENDIX 1

The longevity of generations from Adam according to Genesis chapters five and eleven.

Generation	Ages	Name
1	930	Adam
2	912	Seth
3	905	Enosh
4	910	Cainan
5	895	Mahalalel
6	962	Jared
7	365	Enoch
8	969	Methuselah
9	777	Lamech
10	950	Noah
11	600	Shem
12	438	Arphaxad
13	433	Salah
14	464	Eber
15	239	Peleg
16	239	Reu
17	230	Serug
18	148	Nahor
19	205	Terah
20	175	Abraham
21	188	Isaac
22	147	Jacob
23	110	Joseph