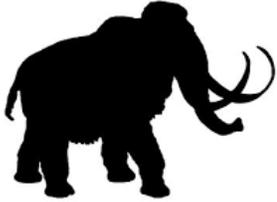




The Ice Age



One area that gets little attention in Scripture is the occurrence of an ice age. Very little if any in the Bible would directly connect to the idea of an ice age. This does not mean that an ice age did not occur or that it is an unbiblical concept

The secular view of multiple ice ages happening over millions of years does not make sense in light of earth's Biblical history

As we try to develop scientific descriptions to explain the physical evidence around us, we must always remember that the Bible must be the authority that we check everything against!

Scripture: Genesis 8:20-22; Job 6:16, 37:10, 38:29
(Job lived about 200 years after the Flood)



The Earth contains abundant evidence for an ice age.

From a Biblical perspective, there is no reason to doubt that much of the earth was covered in ice sheets for a period of time

- The physical evidence is consistent with a recent time where the advancing ice sheets carved the earth's surface, leaving moraine valleys, kettle lakes, and other features characteristic of glaciation.
- Since the Flood of Noah was global, it would have removed the evidence for any ice age that would have occurred before the flood.
- As we survey the Biblical timeline, the Flood occurred about 4,300 years ago, so the ice age must have occurred after that.
- This places the ice age at or about the time of the dispersion from Babel

The events of the Flood can explain the Ice Age in a way that no other model can match:

- As the fountains of the great deep broke open, they would have released lava and hot water into the ocean (Genesis 7:11)
- Clouds and ash would have filled the atmosphere as the continents shifted.

- The atmosphere would have been cooled as sunlight was reflected from the earth, leading to a cooler climate over the continents.
- This mixture of warm oceans with increased evaporation and cool climates caused massive amounts of snow to fall. The snow continued to accumulate into ice sheets that covered large portions of North America, Europe, and Asia in the Northern Hemisphere.
- As the oceans cooled and the atmosphere cleared, the snow decreased.
- The ice age reached its maximum approximately 500 years after the Flood and melted significantly within the next 200 years.
- As the ice age ended and the climate shifted, giant storms covered some mammoths in sediments and trapped others on islands. The food supply decreased, and the animals either moved south or died of starvation. Today, their remains are being found buried in permafrost layer – some have been amazingly well-preserved.

Many of the cave dwelling cultures would have lived in these areas and hunted animals like mammoths, mastodons, woolly rhinos, giant deer, and others depicted on the walls of the caves people used for shelter.

In Summary –

The Events of the Flood brought on the post flood conditions, one of which was an ice age

Another opportunity that resulted from the ice age was the creation of land bridges.

Q&A

How might the ice age be a part of discussion about the truth of the gospel?

There are topics that become intellectual stumbling blocks to people listening to the gospel – the existence of an ice age might be one

How could you respond to someone who asks you a question about the ice age, or any other topic, that you are unable to answer?

Be humble and admit you don't know. Be willing to find the answer and report back.