

Event	God	Man	Nature
Creation vs. pagan cosmologies	Creator/creature vs. Continuity of Being	Revelatory image of God vs. part of nature	Revelatory environment under human management vs sacred order of the gods
Fall (partially remembered in paganism)	Revelation of justice with gracious extension	Abnormal condition of death vs “normal”	Disordered by divine curse vs. normal environment
Flood (partially remembered in paganism)	Revelation of judgment/salvation vs. Arbitrary anger	Held accountable vs. passive victim	Reflects man’s status before God vs. just there

Ark seen?

Church fathers: Berossus, Josephus, Theophilus of Antioch, and Chrystom

Post 1840 sitings on “Mt. Ararat”

- Went inside it (1856)
- Turkish officials announce discovery (1883)
- Nestorian Church official enters it (1887)
- Armenian boy visits site 2x & describes it to artist (1902-1904)
- Russian report (1915-16)
- Kurdish farmer sees protruding part (1948)
- Various people collect timber from the site
- Dr. Randall Price’s two expeditions confirm at least one very large man-made object under the ice

Toledoth Structure

Gen 2:4 *“of the heavens and the earth”*

Gen 5:1 *“of Adam”*

Gen 6:9 *“of Noah”*

Gen 10:1 *“of sons of Noah”*

Gen 11:10 *“of Shem”*

Gen 11:27 *“of Terah”*

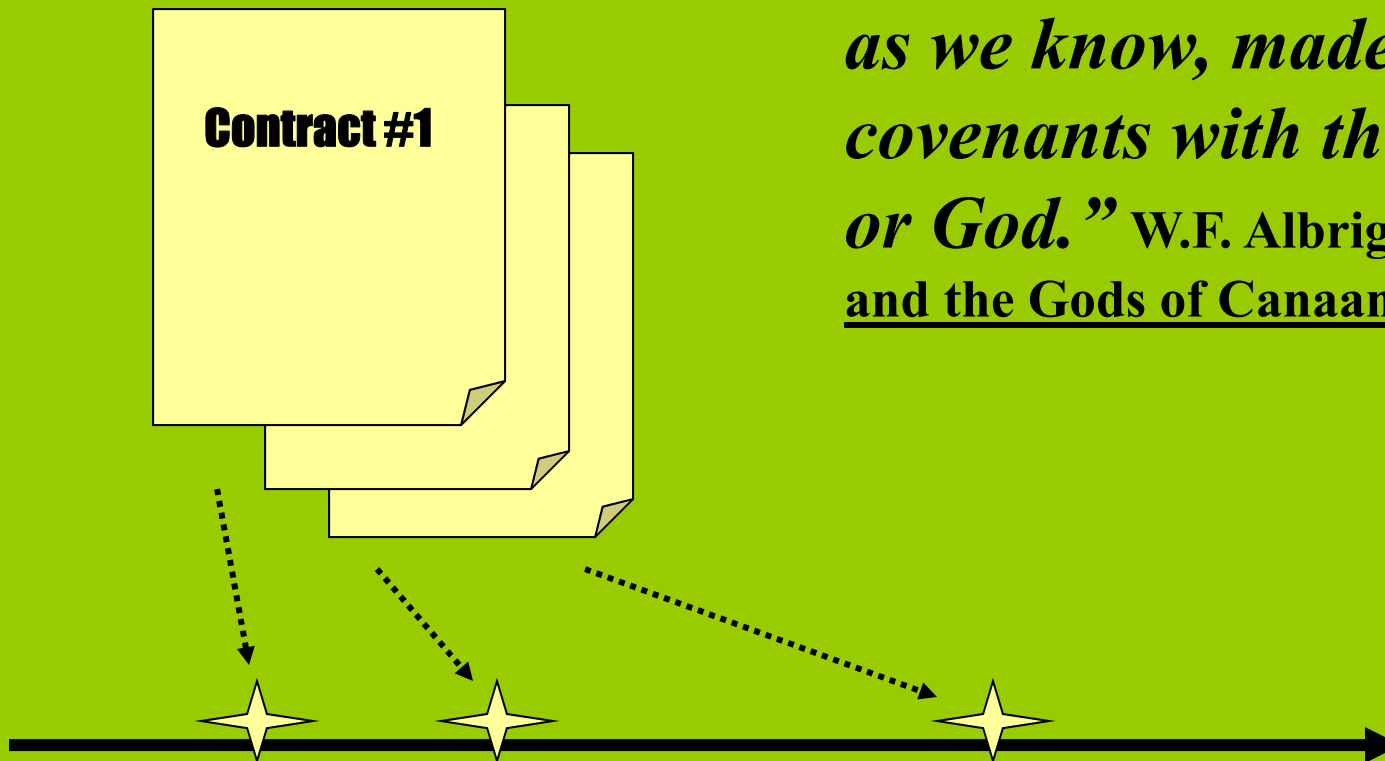
Forms of Covenant

“Covenant”	Traditional Dispensational Categories	ANE international treaties
Abrahamic, Palestinian, Davidic, New	Unconditional	Royal Grant
Mosaic	Conditional	Suzerainty-Vassal Treaty

“The biblical examples of covenants, though based upon well-documented analogues from the ancient Near East, were adapted to the special needs. . .of OT theological agenda. . . .All the same, careful study of the OT covenants in light of those of the cultural context of the OT has yielded profound exegetical and even theological insight into the biblical texts.” -- Merrill

THE ONLY SOURCE OF A JUSTIFIABLE PLAN OF HISTORICAL PROGRESSION: THE BIBLE !

**CREATOR &
REDEEMER**



*“Only the Hebrews, so far
as we know, made
covenants with their gods
or God.” W.F. Albright, Yahweh
and the Gods of Canaan.*

Theological Covenant Form in Reformed Theology

Creation

Fall

Covenant of Works	Covenant of Grace
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“Given that God is supremely perfect and without need of constraint, to begin to relate himself to that which is limited, constrained, and not perfect is, in sum, to *condescend*. . . .It is for this reason that the [Westminster] confession wants to summarize God’s condescension in the word *covenant*. That is, the condescension itself includes a contract that God makes with his human creatures, a contract that requires, first, God’s relating himself to us, and, second, an understanding of our relationship to him.” -- Oliphint

Divinely-Designed Civil Judgment—Doctrine of the State

“Taking away man’s fear of a repetition of such judgment, it became necessary to set up some other form of control upon the lawless impulses of man. . .The moral justification for the institution of human government. . .is based solely on the very argument often used against [it], namely, the sacredness of human life. . . .Genesis 9:6. . .becomes one of the most important landmarks in all of human history, for here God. . .lays down the moral and social foundation of all such government.” -- McClain

CIVIL GOVERNMENT



“Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood will be shed; for in the image of God He made man” Gen. 9:6

CIVIL GOVERNMENT

Basis: God's design, revelation, holy nature

Function: enforce some of God's judgments

**Limitations: temporary protector of human life until
grace ends**

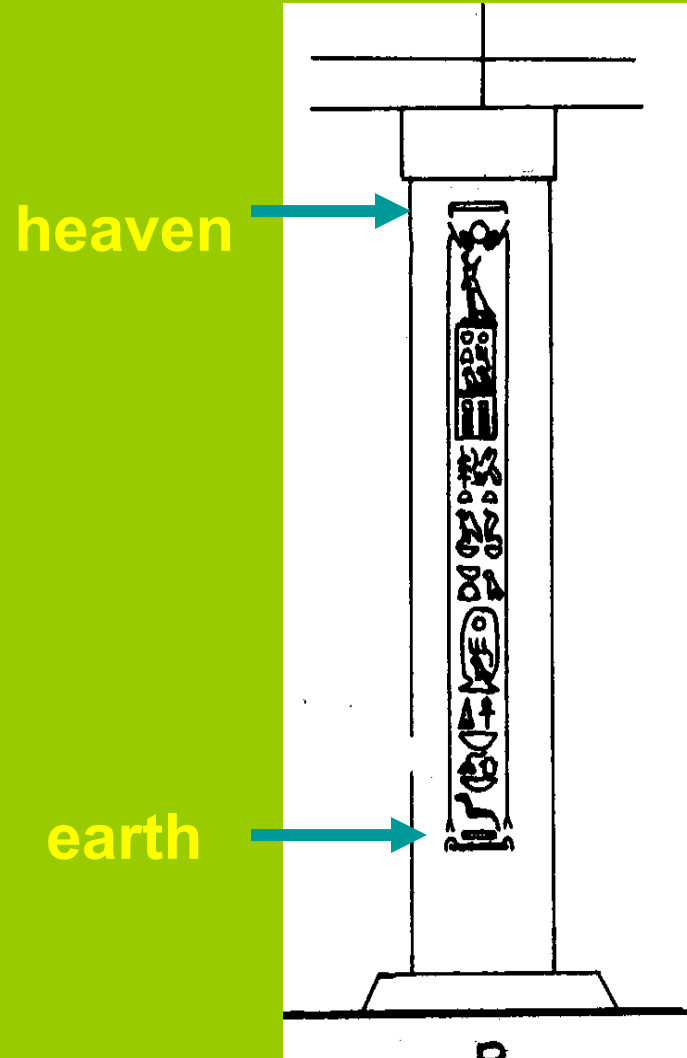
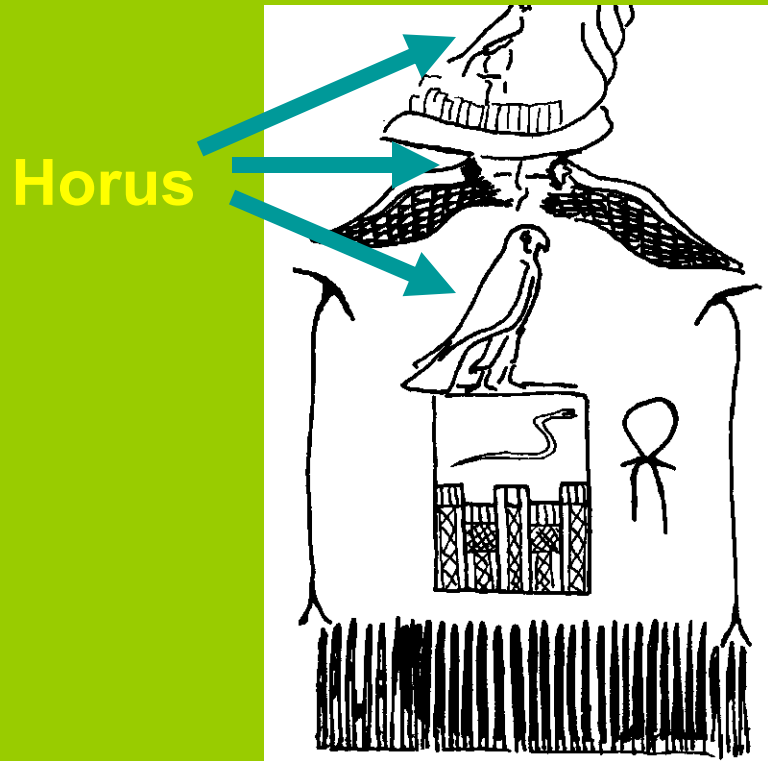
**Danger: extending coercive lethal authority beyond its
designed limits**



“The rebellious people are tired of being named, of being the recipient of a name. They want to name themselves. . . This means becoming independent. . . It is the desire to exclude God from his creation. And it is this solidarity in a name, this unity in separation from God, which was to keep men from ever again being separated on earth. . . .” Jacques Ellul, The Meaning of the City

The “**Babel Temptation**”

- 1. Lack of faith by people and leadership in God’s design & providence**
- 2. Rejection of transcendent ethical standards above the State**
- 3. Using coercive lethal power of civil authority to create a counterfeit Kingdom of God (State transformed from a preservative institution into a redemptive institution)**



“Wherever a society has a naturalistic religion, grounded in the concept of continuity, man faces the total power of the state. . . .Where there is no transcendental law and power in a separate and omnipotent being, . . .the *state becomes the saving power and the source of law.*” Rushdoony, The One and the Many

Logical
Sequence



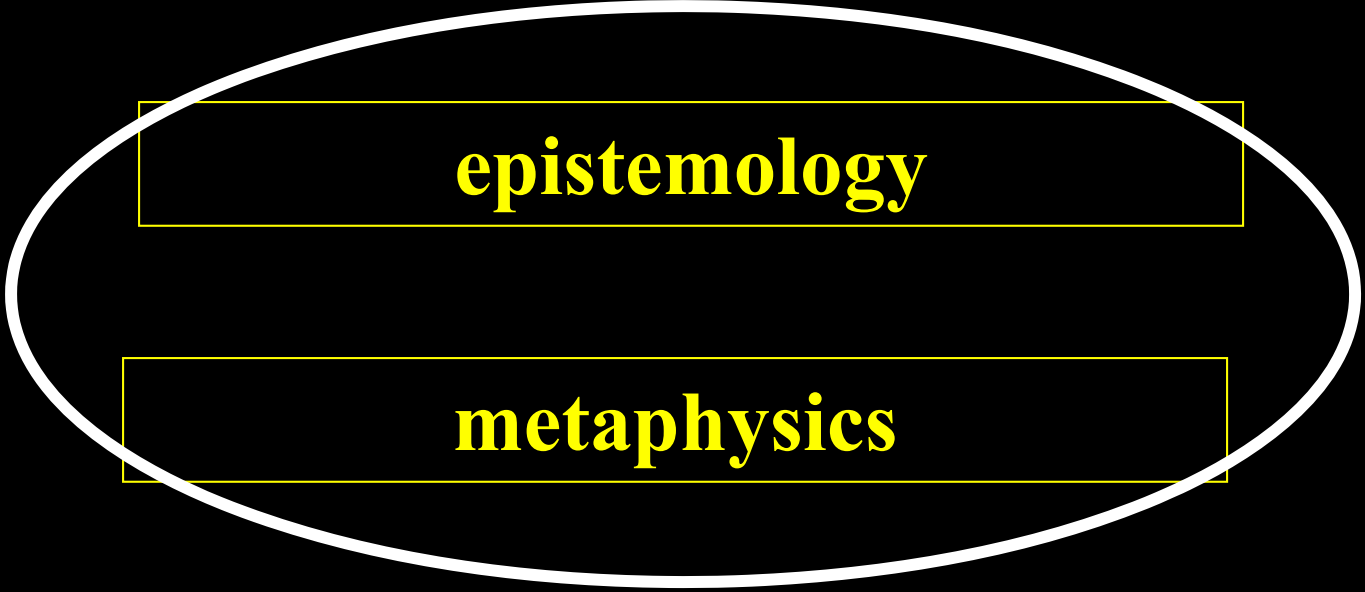
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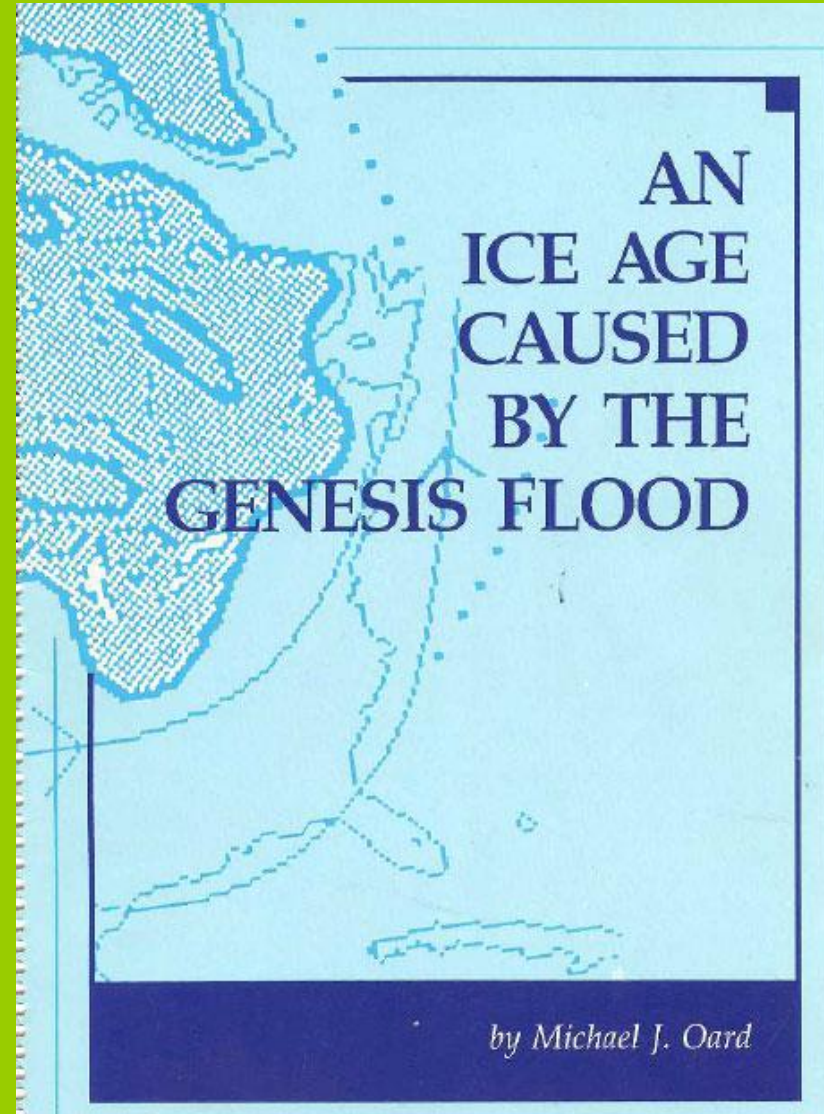
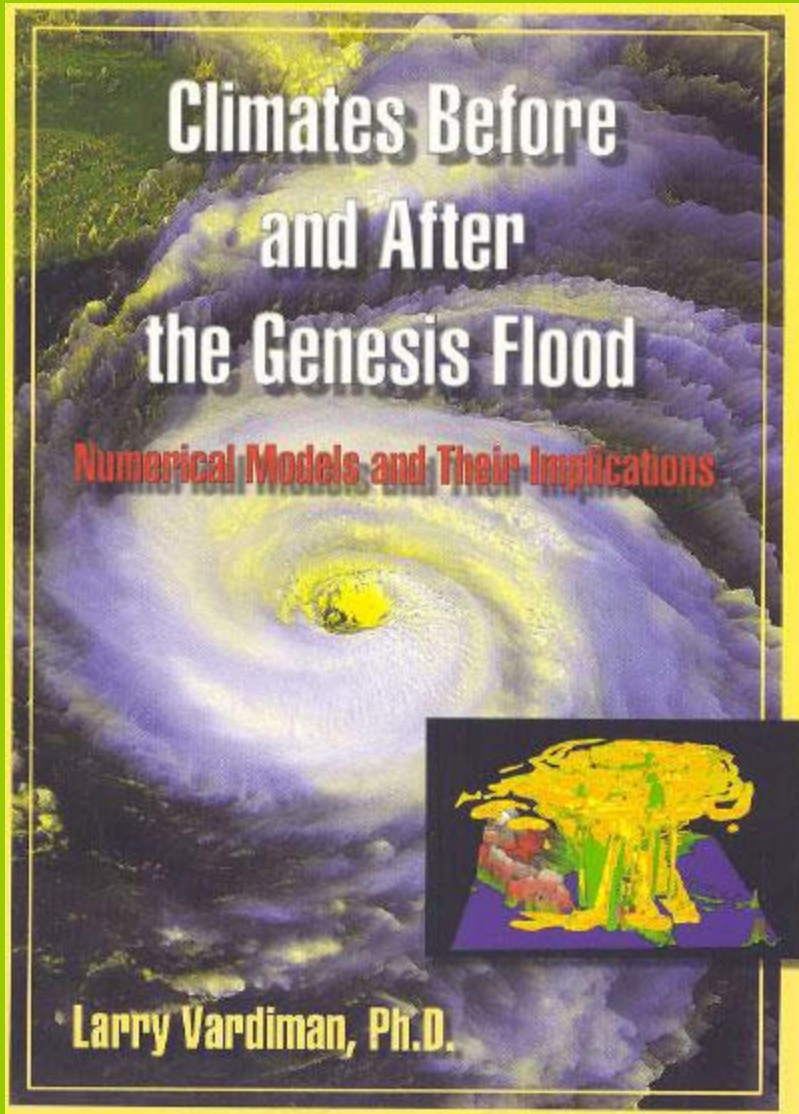
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Pressure of Life



Climate Research



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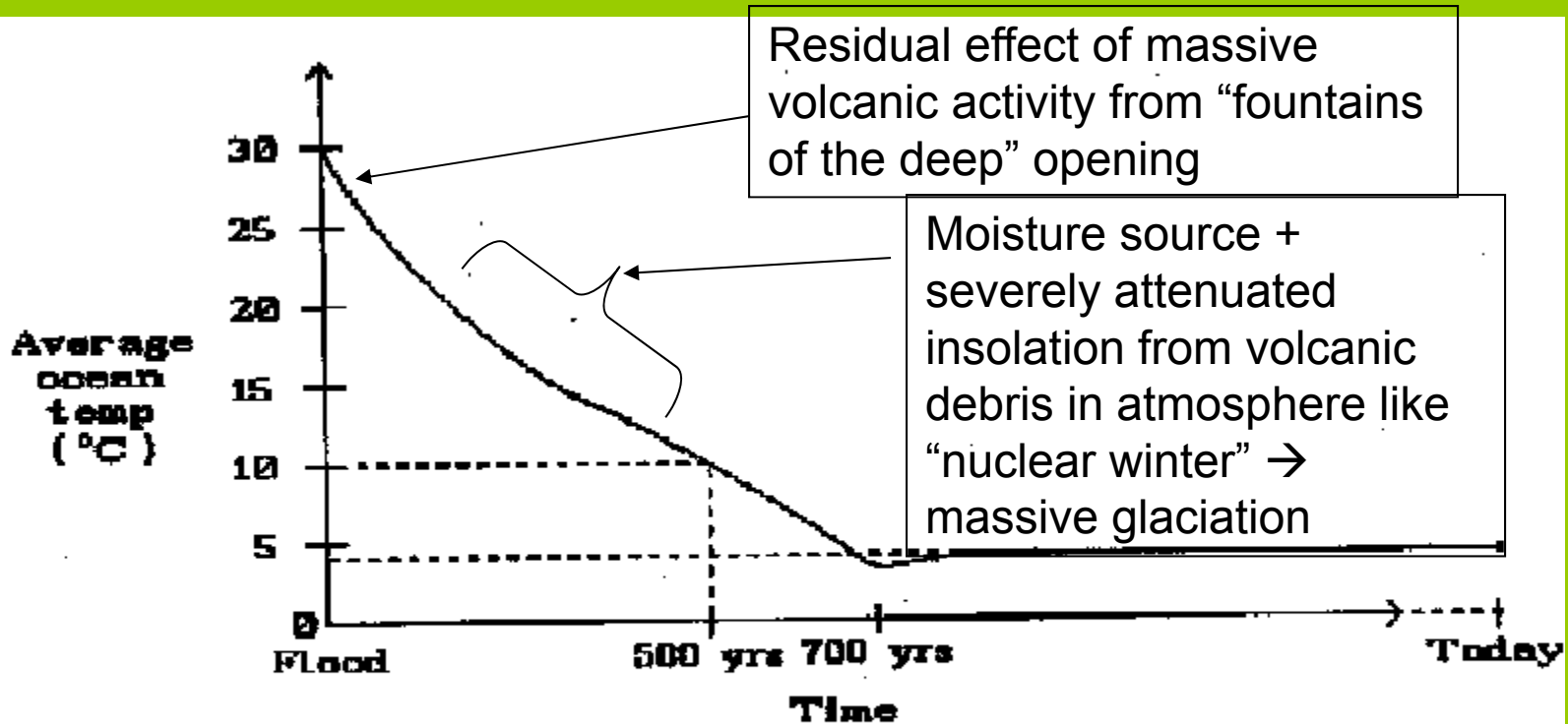
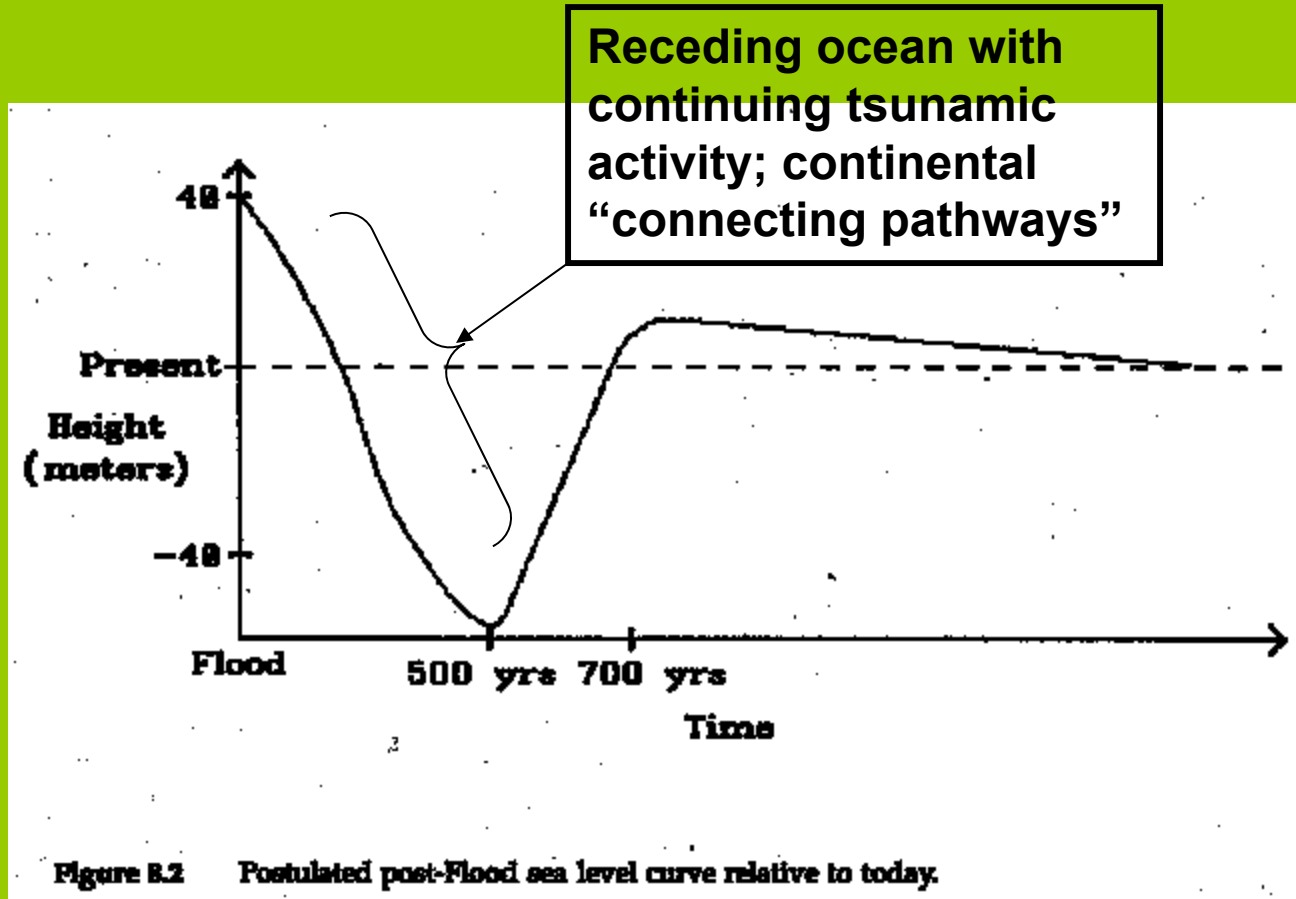


Figure 6.1 Graph of the average temperature of the ocean following the Flood. The average ocean temperature cools below today's average as the ice age glaciers melted because the atmospheric temperature at higher latitudes is much below the present.

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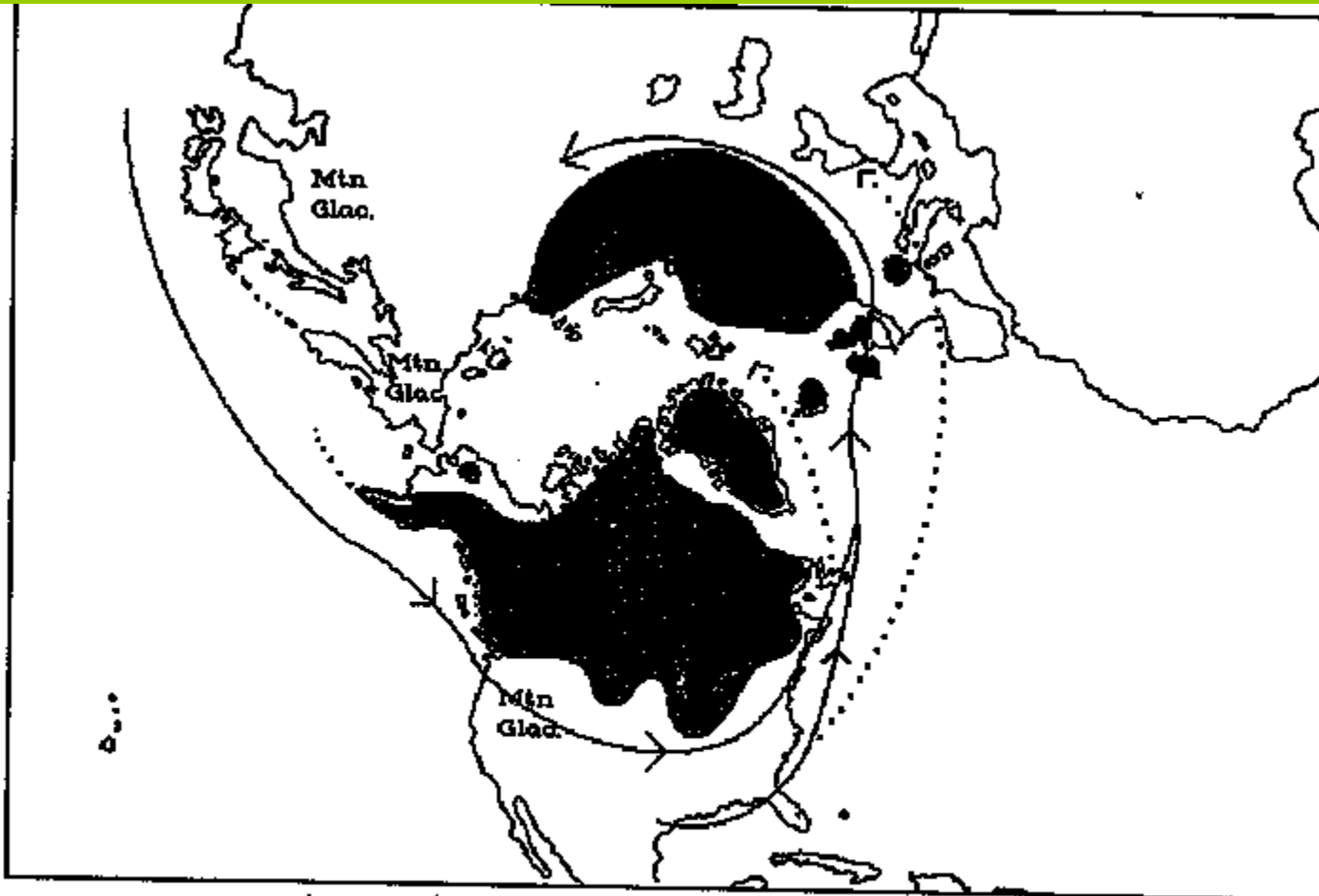


Figure 3.1 Distribution of snow and ice and storm tracks at maximum glaciation. Notation the same as in Figure 3.6. Circular areas within the North American ice sheet represent postulated ice domes. Little sea ice has formed as yet.

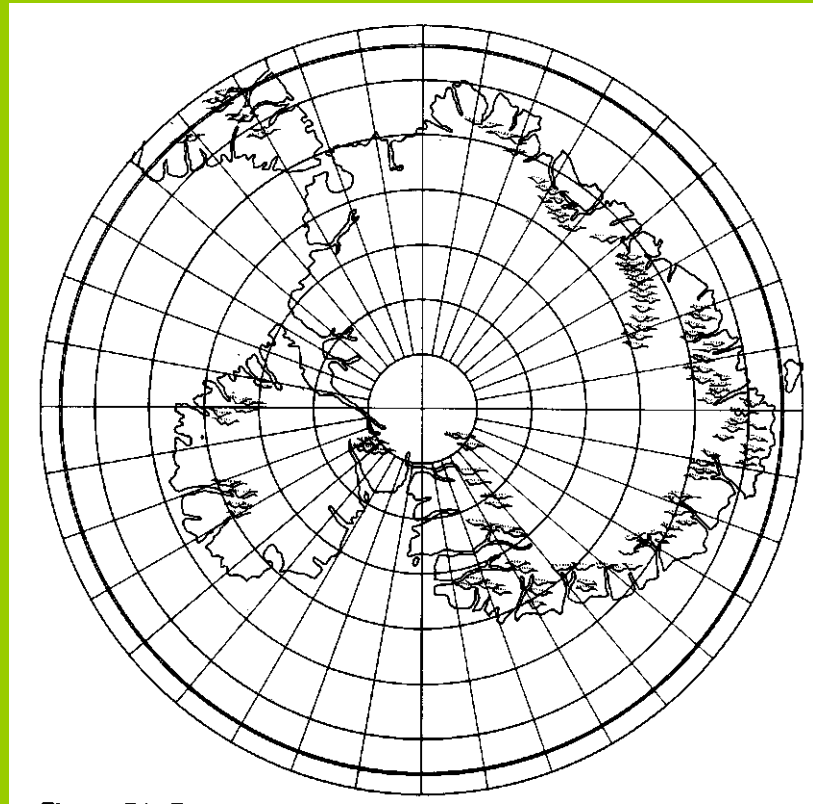
Glaciation begins at mid-latitudes and builds poleward

Glaciation on Antarctica not beginning yet

High Technology of Noahic Re-colonization of Earth

Medieval era maps copied from ancient sources show Antarctic continent before it was totally covered in ice.

Riverbeds and other terrain shown clearly but now are under ice.



Oronteus Finaeus map of 1531 derived from very ancient source maps. Charles H. Hapgood, Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings: Evidence of Advanced Civilization in the Ice Age (New York: Chilton Books, 1955), 84.

Ancient Map Implications

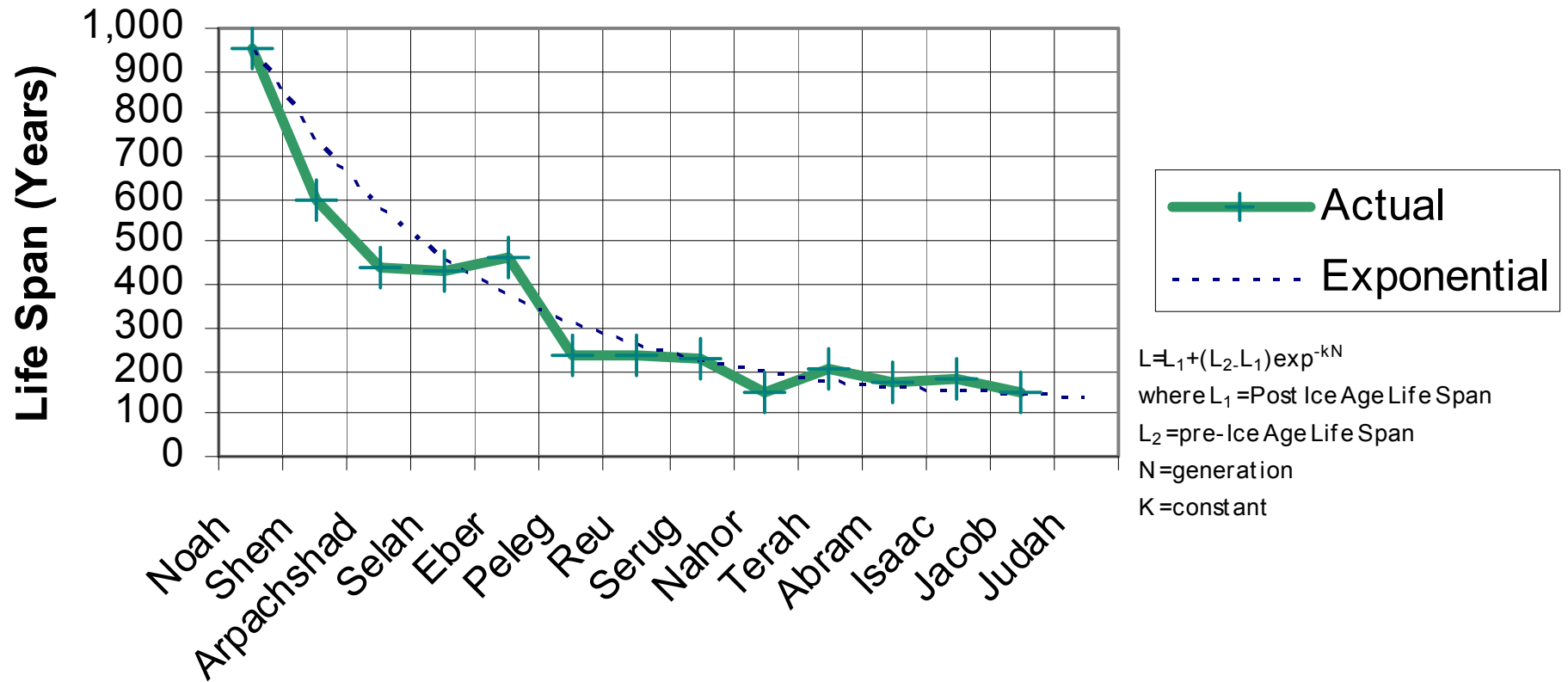
“The evidence presented by the ancient maps appears to suggest the existence in remote times, before the rise of the known cultures, of a true civilization, of a comparatively advanced sort, which either was localized in one area but had worldwide commerce, or was, in a real sense, a *worldwide* culture. This culture, at least in some respects, may well have been more advanced than the civilizations of Egypt, Babylonia, Greece, and Rome. In astronomy, nautical science, mapmaking and possible ship-building, it was perhaps more advanced than any state of culture before the 18th century of the Christian era. . . .Mapping on such a scale at this suggests both economic motivations and economic resources. . . .The mapping of a continent like Antarctica implies much organization, many exploring expeditions, many stages in the compilation of local observations and local maps into a general map, all under a central direction. . . .The idea of the simple linear development of society from the culture of the paleolithic through the successive stages of the neolithic, Bronze, and Iron Ages must be given up.” Charles Hapgood

Loss of Historiographic Source Materials

Library of Alexandria, Egypt: said to have contained 1,000,000 volumes—the entire knowledge of the ancient western world – technology, science, literature, and historical records

Destruction #1– 1/3 of library destroyed	Burning at Julius Caesar's capture of Alexandria
Destruction #2 – most of rebuilt library destroyed	Local bishop warned that as a repository of heathen teachings it threatened Christianity
Destruction #3 – entirely destroyed	Muslim conquest of Egypt

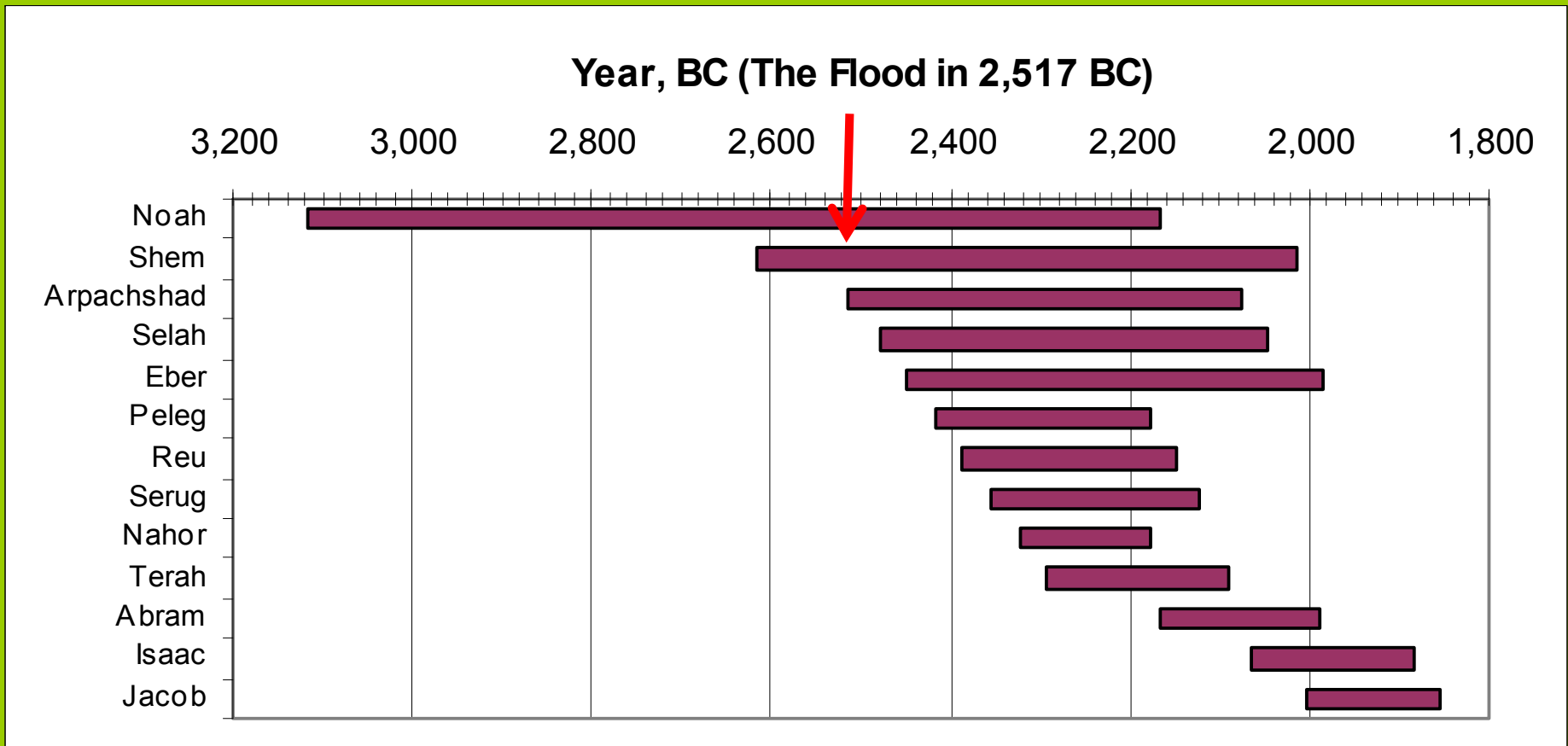
Longevity Decline after the Flood



Constructing a Horizontal Bar Graph with EXCEL for Studying Gen 5, 11

1. Set up data cells in 3 columns—names, birth-date, death-date—in their chronological sequence
2. Select all 3 columns
3. Use two-value selection in Chart Wizard
4. Format birth-date series to make it invisible: no border, no area color
5. Format death-date series to have no area color

Simultaneity after the Flood



Recall a portion of Scripture	Creation	Fall	Flood	Covenant
"Unpack" its truths to surround the circumstance	Attributes of God (Q "behind" q)	Bounded evil; "reasons" for suffering	All evil to be removed; day of grace with only 1-way out	[Limited] dominion supported by natural & social controls
Receive inner rest and stability	Wrap – around the circumstance; then walk by faith through it	Realize hope exists; self-examination; arrive at thanksgiving and walk by faith through it	Acquire sense of grace before God's ultimate judgment; focus on safety in Christ	Perceive God's "hand" behind nature and civil judgments; respect the state for its rightful role