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God does not have a Plan B - He doesn't need one! He is omniscient and omnipotent.

When you think of the future, the possible directions for your life are literally infinite - well, almost. When you think of the past, all the events are already concluded, but you are capable of imagining what <u>could</u> have been.

In mathematical terms of sets and subsets, the set of events that actually happen are a subset of all the events that could have happened. So, God knows everything - including what could have happened but did not happen. All-knowing: omniscience (from Latin omnis "all"+ scientia "knowledge").

Hebrews 1:2 In these last days He has spoken to us through a Son, whom He appointed heir of all things and through whom He created the universe.

Colossians 1:16-17 For by Him all things were created - in heaven and on earth, the seen and the unseen, whether thrones or angelic powers or rulers or authorities. <u>All was created through Him and for Him. He exists before everything, and in Him all holds together.</u>

Creation was complete at the end of the sixth day - meaning sunset (not midnight). Next began the seventh day, the day of rest. There was no more <u>creation</u> (making something from nothing) after that - however, there was ongoing change for accomplishing adaptation.

There was the possibility that Adam and Eve would not sin - I recommend the C. S. Lewis book "Perelandra" for that discussion. We <u>do</u> sin - YHVH knows that - yet He is always here with us <u>IF</u> we reach out to Him. He will not force us - free will - so we can only approach Him (come near to Him) by laying aside our pretence of being "like gods" and in charge of our own lives. There is a place on the earth called true north - the North Pole (not the magnetic north - that's something different). The earth spins around that axis. If you stand on that spot, there is only one direction away from it: south. In the same way, we are either walking in the path YHVH created and revealed in the Bible, or ... we are not. Yes, we make the decisions, but each decision takes us toward Him or away from Him.

After we sin, YHVH knows there is only one way to bring us back to Him, to draw near to Him, and in Genesis chapter 3 He described it with a visual example, and then a literal prophecy: a descendant of Eve (a man born of Woman) would take the consequences - the results of disobedience - upon Himself, and that would redeem us. <u>But only if we live by the Book.</u> You may pass the driver's test and get your license, but if you keep ignoring the laws and safety guidelines, your time as a legitimate driver will be short!

After a time, the descendants of Adam and Eve completely turned away from YHVH - not just the descendants of Cain, but also the descendants of Seth (and all the rest, in Genesis 5:4). There is much speculation about the world before the flood. We know the Garden of Eden was still there, and could be seen, but was guarded by warrior angels. The earth was still vibrant with energy from creation, and DNA of all plants and animals had abundance of possible combinations, and many of those gradually disappear over time from extinction or lack of use. The second law of thermodynamics is still a law, not just a theory: life goes from complex to simple, and energy goes from potential usefulness to waste heat. All life eventually deteriorates - that's why so-call Cro-Magnons aren't around anymore. Those people probably had an amazing civilization - living 700 years allows time for each individual to accomplish incredible breakthroughs. However, there is not much evidence that it had the same types of accomplishments we think of for an advanced society. Instead, they used genetics to create hybrids for controlling the earth, either by cross-breeding or by gene manipulation. That's the source of the legends of centaurs and mermaids and minotaurs. Life was easy, so with lots of extra time, idle minds went toward indulgences that were not of the good kind. Life was very violent (either violence from animals like dinosaurs to humans, or violence from humans to other humans).

Using modern population calculations, based on the genealogical records of Genesis, there were between 4 billion to 10 trillion people on the earth at the time of the Flood.

https://www.neverthirsty.org/bible-ga/ga-archives/guestion/how-was-the-world-populated/

The higher numbers should be reduced because of the violence - lots of murder, because not much (if any) disease. <u>https://www.icr.org/article/human-fossils-present-day-flood-example/</u>

https://creationtoday.org/where-are-all-the-bones-of-the-humans-that-drowned-in-the-flood/

Eventually only one person in the whole world still obeyed YHVH - Noah. I mean, you can get into a lot of trouble over a lifetime of 700 years! Even the Nazi holocaust, or the Spanish inquisition, did not begin to reach the levels of violence and debauchery of Noah's time. And now we are headed the same direction. God allows us free will, and eventually continued lawlessness becomes permanent and irreversible - not because God won't allow, but because we refuse.

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The Flood was a reset, not a re-creation - God kept the best of life, that which had not become polluted with the horrors of cross-breeding - to start over. Still, He gave 120 years advanced notice in Genesis 6:3 (no, that is <u>not</u> a declaration that humans could only live 120 years - right after that statement, and after the Flood, many people still lived hundreds of years). Can you imagine Noah preaching the coming destruction for 120 years, and no believers? This destruction was not just 40 days of rain - that is only part of the flood. Other major catastrophes also happened. Dramatic geologic processes, like volcances and tsunamis, occurred right away, in full intensity and so rapidly that debris and ash and melted glaciers rapidly destroyed any evidence of that the earth looked like. "The same volcanic 2023-10-21 The Flood msg.doc

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processes that brought water up from below the surface when the Earth first formed are still going on today, all along the mid-ocean ridges. They're constantly erupting and constantly off-gassing water from the deep Earth into the oceans. So the oceans are always being topped up in those areas, and then losing water in subduction zones, like off the coast of Alaska and South America, where it's dragging down water. Not so much liquid water, but water trapped in clays and other minerals." From Adam Sarafian, a former Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and MIT researcher. He's an expert in the early formation of the Earth and the hidden water inside the planet's mantle. In 2014, he and his colleagues published a groundbreaking paper that finally revealed the source of all water – and ultimately life – on Earth.







God told Noah to build an ark. What's that? The work <u>ark</u> is a noun, from Old English <u>earc</u>, Old Northumbrian <u>arc</u>, from Latin <u>arca</u> (large box or chest), and so it means a place of safety or refuge. Yup, like where we keep our Torah scroll, and that ship of Noah. Ark videos 1->4 Rapid Deposition video Geological Lamination video

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"The Ice Age likely occurred soon after the Flood, perhaps in the days of Job, for references to ice and snow abound in his book (see, for example, Job 38:29). Job didn't live in a glaciated area, but he evidently knew about icy conditions farther north. The key to the Ice Age was temperature - not cold, but warm. Ice comes from snow, and snow from moisture in the air, which in turn comes through evaporation, which comes from warm water. The Flood oceans were quite warm due to the introduction of huge volumes of superheated water from the "fountains of the great deep" (Genesis 7:11) and frictional heating by shifting continents, etc. Warmer water evaporates much more rapidly than cold. The immediate post-Flood time was marked by frequent major storms fed by excessive evaporation. Polar ice caps built up as water vapor condensed and fell as snow. Pressure packed it into ice, which spread as glaciers. The earth was not completely frozen, but the polar ice caps were much larger then. Large-scale volcanism in the Flood's latter stages clouded the atmosphere with volcanic dust, reflecting solar radiation back into space. This prohibited snow and ice from melting. The Ice Age commenced and continued until the oceans gave up their excess heat and the atmosphere cleared. Water trapped as ice on the continents lowered the sea level by an estimated four to six hundred feet, no doubt exposing the continental shelves. During the Ice Age, all the continents were probably connected by land bridges.

What happened when the Ice Age ended? The volume of ice returned to liquid form and reentered the ocean, raising sea level and drowning all areas near the ocean. Today, we find numerous remains of civilizations that evidently had been built in coastal areas soon after the Flood. Genesis 10:25 states that in Peleg's day "was the earth divided." This certainly could not imply that in Peleg's day the Atlantic Ocean was opened up, for this would have caused another flood to rival Noah's. Perhaps what Scripture is saying is that in Peleg's day the Ice Age ended, increasing the volume of water in the oceans, raising sea level, drowning land bridges, and "dividing" the continents. As the great Flood of Noah's day ended, God instructed the animals and man to multiply and occupy the entire planet. Man's refusal was overcome at Babel as God enforced migration, graciously working through nature, for at this time the Ice Age connected all the land, facilitating travel. As the globe filled with occupants, the ice melted, dividing the continents and trapping the migrants in place. God made it possible for both animals and man to obey His command."

YHVH promised to never do another global flood.

He did mention fire and heat and melting elements.