The Worldwide Flood
Geological Evidences
Part 3

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I trust that the information in this presentation will be helpful in your study of creation science. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of Origins... you’re making the television production of this program possible.

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Catastrophism is the idea that Earth has been affected in the distant past by sudden, short-lived, violent events that were sometimes worldwide in scope.
Uniformitarianism, in the philosophy of science, is the assumption that the natural processes operating in the past are the same as those that can be observed operating in the present. Its methodological significance is frequently summarized in the statement: “The present is the key to the past.”
One of the key differences between catastrophism and uniformitarianism is that to function, uniformitarianism requires the assumption of vast time-lines, whereas catastrophism can function with or without assumptions of long timelines.
Evidence in the Geologic Record?

- Rapid or no erosion between strata
  - Evidence: Rapid erosion or flat, featureless, knife-edge boundaries between most strata
- Rapid succession of strata
  - Evidence: Rapid deposition of complete thick sequences of many strata
Evidence of:

- Where underlying strata have been rapidly eroded and extensively planed off—for example, at the base of the Tapeats Sandstone
Rapid or No Erosion Between Strata

Evidence of:

• Where underlying strata have been rapidly eroded and extensively planed off—for example, at the base of the Tapeats Sandstone
• Where underlying strata have been rapidly eroded locally—for example, at the base of the Temple Butte Limestone
Rapid or No Erosion Between Strata

Evidence of:
- Where there has been no erosion between strata but just flat, featureless, knife-edge boundaries, indicating continuous deposition—for example, at the base of the Redwall Limestone and Coconino Sandstone
Coconino Sandstone
Rapid Succession of Strata

- Folding of whole strata sequences without fracturing
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Bending (folding) solid rock

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Folding of the Tapeats Sandstone

- Tapeats Sandstone deposited rapidly by storms ("550 million years ago")
- Successive strata deposited on top of the Tapeats up to the Kaibab Limestone (at "250 million years ago")
- At "70 million years ago" the strata are all folded as the Kaibab Upwarp is pushed up
- But the Tapeats Sandstone is folded as though it is still soft from being just deposited "480 million years" earlier
Rapid Succession of Strata

- Folding of whole strata sequences without fracturing
- Polystrate fossils, that is, fossils which required multiple strata to bury them
Joggins, Nova Scotia (Canada)
Polystrate Fossils, Joggins, Nova Scotia

- Upright fossil trees
- Penetrate 20 geological horizons
- Scattered throughout 760 meters (2,500 feet) of strata
- Therefore 760 meters of strata had to have been deposited in very much less than a few years (before the trees rotted)
20th century geologists taught the familiar maxim: "The present is the key to the past." But now that catastrophic processes are widely used to describe the strata record, 21st century geologists are discovering that, "marine flood sedimentation is the key to the past."

Geological strata and their marine fossils provide critical evidence that the oceans once covered the entire planet. Widespread strata blankets are leading geologists to construct a global flood model for earth history!
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