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# FACT/GDFM NEWS



## Natural Fire Insurance

Job 12:7-9

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? ”

God’s care for His creation is seen throughout the world. Creation Moments shared the following devotional highlighting this point:

“The 1988 fires in Yellowstone National Park were the worst ever recorded there. But researchers who studied the fires and their effects now say that it is normal for such huge fires to occur every couple of centuries in Yellowstone. And while fires burned about 20 percent of the park, less than 1 percent was so devastated by fire that the soil was made lifeless. Further, pe-

riodic fires speed the release of nutrients to the soil that are trapped in dead wood. Many plants actually depend on fires to shock them out of an unproductive dormant period.

The lodgepole pine makes up 77 percent of Yellowstone’s forests and actually has its own fire insurance. The pine produces two kinds of seed bearing cones. One cone releases its seeds normally. But the other cone is coated with a strong resin that keeps the cone sealed shut. These cones may remain sealed shut on the tree for decades until a fire burns off the resin and causes the core to release its seeds. After a fire, there are up to 20 seeds for every square foot of forest lying on the ground, ready to sprout in the newly enriched



10 years after the 1988 Yellowstone fires, Lodgepole pine forests reestablish themselves amongst still standing dead trees.

soil!

The wisdom and love of the Creator is seen once again in providing for the lodgepole pine tree with an amazing fire insurance system.

For more creation devotionals such, visit our friends over at Creation Moments. They provide creation resources for the whole family. You can find them at [creationmoments.com](http://creationmoments.com) and be sure to click on the resources tab.

## Creation Celebration!

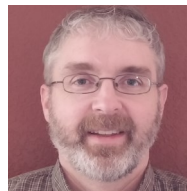
Mark your calendar for **Saturday, July 10, 2021** as we will be celebrating our Creator with reduced admission (\$5 a person), a special expanded Biblical history exhibit, and much more!

Details will follow in upcoming newsletters and at [www.creationtruth.org](http://www.creationtruth.org)

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10am-5pm

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## Where Biblical History Comes Alive!

### Digging Deeper: Where did all the Water Go?

By Tommy Lohman, VP of FACT & Field Paleontologist

Genesis 7:19-20 describes the depth of the flood in terms of covering “all the high mountains under the whole heaven” to a depth of fifteen cubits (about 25 feet). This is not to say the pre-flood mountains were anywhere near the height of post-flood mountains, but this does illicit some interesting questions. Where did the water come from? Where did the water go? Both of these questions presuppose that the total hydrological system had an infusion of water from an unknown source and that water went away to parts unknown.

As Genesis 7:11 notes, a subterranean force broke through the earth’s crust. What was its make up and what impact did it have on the face of the earth? If it was mainly water, then you basically have your answer; the waters came from below the earth’s crust and returned after the flood. This fact alone does not fully explain how water remained over the continental crust of the earth for months at a time.

Consider the possibility of the continental land masses both breaking apart and moving laterally while also falling and rising with vertical displacement and sinking. Instead of committing fully to the idea of adding and then subtracting vast amounts of water to the “above crust” hydrological system, think in terms of both water and molten rock breaking through the earth’s crust thus shrinking the total volume of sub-crust material causing the continents to sink for a period of time. This would enable the water to remain over the continental land mass-

es for an extended period of time.

Getting water to wash up onto continents is not the difficult part; on a small scale, tsunamis today accomplish this task, but the water always washes back out to sea. If you are fond of doing cannonballs into swimming pools, you understand the ease in getting water to splash out of the pool. The real challenge comes when you seek to have water sustain itself over continental land masses for long periods of time.

This evacuation of sub-crust material and the explosive emergence through the crust would also make for an easier move of the continental crusts in a horizontal manner as well. The Genesis flood would have been an event in which there was both a horizontal shift of the continental land masses as well as a vertical drop of those same land masses.

A recent article from Answers in Genesis titled, “Where Did All the Floodwater Go?”, reminds us that two thirds of the earth is water, and the oceans have very deep trenches that are deeper than Mt. Everest is tall. Some of the water returned to its deep crust home, while most of the flood-water remains on earth tucked away in deep caverns. As the energy from the flood began to dissipate the continental land masses would have found equilibrium in this new world of high mountains and deep ocean caverns.

The effects of the flood are seen all around us. Thank God for confirming His Word by simply observing the surface of the Earth!

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