

HOLBROOK'S DISTURBANCES ©

Most Christians and even Creationists believe that only one cataclysm has occurred in the history of the world – the Flood of Noah. The Bible, however, mentions fifteen major disturbances directly, all of which probably qualify as cataclysms. I include two more for which there is indirect evidence, one of which was predicted by a prophet. I believe that these seventeen disturbances have played a major role in natural and human history.

0 AM¹ – The *Adam Disturbance* – In the year of Adam's creation, after Adam sinned, two major things happened. First, Universe's fabric changed in some manner, after which "the whole of Creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."² Women became subject to severe pain in childbirth.³ The ground became resistant to mankind's efforts to till it.⁴ All living organisms became subject to "the bondage of corruption" (disease, decay, and death).⁵ Second, Earth's topography changed - e.g. the biblical description of Eden cannot be matched to an existing area of land today.

1656 AM – The *Noah Disturbance* – When Noah was 600 years old, torrential downpours from the sky and profuse up-gushing from subterranean reservoirs deep in the earth covered the land with water and drowned all men, animals, and birds with the exception of the passengers on the Ark – an event which is commonly called "Noah's Flood."

1756 AM – The *Peleg Disturbance* – When Peleg was in his mother's womb, a tectonic upheaval broke up the earth's single land mass into the continents and major islands that exist today – an event which the Hebrews called "the Division of the Land."

Undated (est. 1907 AM)⁶ – The *Terah (or Babel) Disturbance* – When Terah was 29 years old, a blast⁷ from heaven confounded the Babylonians' and perhaps all mankind's ability to speak in a common language, destroyed the tower of Babylon, and probably devastated much of the surrounding region.

¹ AM = *Anno Mundi* or "Year of the World."

² HJV Romans 8:8:22.

³ KJV Genesis 3:16.

⁴ KJV Genesis 3:17-19a.

⁵ KJV Genesis 2:17, 3:19b, & Romans 8:21. Although the last text speaks of "the creature," the reference to "the whole of creation" which follows indicates - to me at least - that all living organisms are meant.

⁶ Originally, I assigned *Terah's Disturbance* to c.1907 AM. I forget all my reasons for doing so, but one was certainly the fact that Kenkenes (E03-01) had broken the Akkadian Dynasty's hold on Egypt, which would have probably occurred early in his reign. In recent years, I have leaned toward c.1957 AM, because there was a severe break at the end of Sharguni (AK-10)'s reign, which would have left the Akkadian Dynasty in a weakened state and thereby created an opportunity for Kenkenes to throw off the Mesopotamian yoke. Changing all my documents, however, is beyond my abilities at this point in my life.

⁷ Most likely a titanic, electrical discharge.

2107 AM – The Abraham Disturbance – When Abraham was 99 years old, a blast⁸ from heaven (a) eliminated the Vale of Siddim, thereby destroying Sodom and Gomorrah, and (b) created the Great African Rift or its greater expansion.

Undated (est. 2310 AM) – The Job Disturbance – In Job’s time, raining fire, hurricane winds, and earthquakes killed Job’s children (Job’s first trial).

2513 AM – The Moses Disturbance – When Moses was 80 years old, a mighty perturbation caused the Ten Plagues of Egypt, precipitated the Exodus of the Hebrews from their bondage there, created the tornado which appeared as a Pillar of Cloud by day and a Pillar of Fire by night, parted the Red Sea, destroyed pharaoh and his army, and ended the Middle Kingdom of Egypt.

Undated (est. 2564 AM) – The Joshua Disturbance – Probably in year 11 of Joshua’s leadership of the Hebrews, meteorites fell on the battlefield at Beth-Horon during the conflict between the Israelites and the Amorites. Undoubtedly the Earth’s Axis shifted, causing the Sun to stand still in the sky and thereby prolonging the day in the Middle East and the night in the Americas.

Undated (est. 2716 AM) – The Deborah Disturbance – Soon after Deborah became judge, the stars fought and flooding rains discomfited Sisera’s army.

Undated (est. 2919 AM) – The Samuel Disturbance - In year 15 of Samuel’s judgeship, meteorites fell on the Philistines, accompanied by a great thundering in the sky.

Undated (est. 2969 AM) – The David Disturbance – Probably in year 25 of David’s reign, an angel (comet or planet?) nearly destroyed Jerusalem.

NON-BIBLICAL DISTURBANCES

Undated (est. 3020 AM) – Homer’s Cosmic Battle 1 – In The Iliad, Homer describes three battles in the sky involving Earth, Earth’s moon (Selene), Venus (Athene or Aphrodite), and Mars (Ares). Although there is no direct record of these battles in the Bible, I believe that they probably occurred, and that the first one, which Homer describes in Book 5, fell in year 31 of Solomon’s reign.⁹

Undated (est. 3122 AM) – Homer’s Cosmic Battle 2 – In The Iliad, Homer describes three battles in the sky involving Earth, Earth’s moon (Selene), Venus (Athene or Aphrodite), and Mars (Ares). Although there is no direct record of these battles in the Bible, I believe that they probably occurred, and that the second one, which Homer describes in Book 20, probably fell in year 7 of Jehoram’s reign in Judah. Also, there is an Egyptian record which refers to an unidentified affliction that fell on Egypt during the

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⁹ See my essay, *Homer’s Battles in the Sky*.

reign of Akhnaton – an affliction that the priests regarded as punishment for an unacknowledged incidence of patricide – and there are records by (a) the Greek poet Archilochus, who referred to Zeus turning mid-day into night, and (b) the Roman dramatist Seneca, whose chorus in the drama Thyestes, asks the sun “What has driven thee from thy heavenly course? ...Has Typhon thrown off the mountainous mass and set his body free?”¹⁰

Undated (est. 3223 AM) – The Azariah Disturbance – Probably in year 24 of Azariah=Uzziah’s reign in Judah, a titanic earthquake devastated the Middle East, which the Hebrews called the “Commotion in the Days of Uzziah.” In The Iliad, Homer describes three battles in the sky involving Earth, Earth’s moon (Selene), Venus (Athena or Aphrodite), and Mars (Ares). Although there is no direct record of these battles in the Bible, I believe that they probably occurred, and that the third one, Homer’s Cosmic Battle 3, which he describes in Book 21, probably played a role in the Azariah Disturbance.

3282 AM – The Ahaz Disturbance – In Ahaz’s regnal year 15/16, the day on which Ahaz died was shortened when the sun’s shadow on the sundial moved forward by ten degrees.

3297 AM – The 1st Hezekiah Disturbance – In Hezekiah’s regnal year 14, the day was lengthened when the sun’s shadow on the sundial moved backward by ten degrees, thereby correcting the previous displacement.

3312 AM – The 2nd Hezekiah Disturbance – In Hezekiah’s regnal year 29, a thunderbolt from Mars destroyed the army of the Assyrian King Sennacherib.

¹⁰ These quotes come from Immanuel Velikovsky’s Worlds in Collision, pp 216-217. Velikovsky believed that Atreus & Thyestes were contemporaries of Ahaz, and that the event to which Archilochus and Seneca referred was the Ahaz Disturbance. I disagree. According to my Synchronization of the Greek Generations (see Table 11D), Atreus and Thyestes lived over a century and a half earlier than Ahaz. Also, Typhon was the name of a phenomenon that occurred during the Moses Disturbance. Because the comet Venus emerged from the planet Jupiter (Zeus), Typhon was sometimes erroneously associated with Jupiter rather than Venus, but never with Mars.