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Many responses to the South Asia flood were “Why did God do this to us?” The simple truth: He didn’t.

The staggering catastrophe in South Asia eclipses my ability to express horror.

The questions and comments published in newspapers and magazines are many, but two, peculiarly relevant to theology, captured my attention. The first, “Why did he perish?” was asked of a woman whose companion died in the flood. Her answer: “He didn’t believe the warning. He was worried about his stuff, thinking about business. I ran. He stayed.”

Peter explores the theological dimension of end-time scoffers who disregard the warnings of Christ’s return, saying “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the

fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.’ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water” (2 Peter 3:4-6, NKJV).

The second question was: “Why did God do this to us?”

The simple truth: He didn’t. Satan did.

Follow me to the Genesis chronicle for documentation: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of

God was hovering over the face of the waters. . . .

“Then God said, ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. . . . Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear’” (Gen. 1:1-6, NKJV).

Then came Adam and Eve, and Satan, the fallen angel, to the garden, and the woman to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And the Lord came, and the blame game commenced. It was called “sin” and affected not just the man and woman, but the Earth itself. Flowers withered. Trees died. Eden, the garden of God, was put off limits to the fallen race. And Lucifer claimed the world as his own.

Under his subtle probing, his subjects, in their alienation from God, began performing daring experiments in their laboratories. Cloning? Atomic weapons? We don’t know, though an inspired pen hints at major consequences had the fallen race been permitted to continue. God’s answer to the threat was the flood, which virtually wiped out humanity. Or did God say to Lucifer,

“Here’s the Earth; you’ve claimed it. Let’s see what you can do,” and the fallen angel couldn’t control either the atmosphere above the Earth or the forces deep within. Tremors began to be felt. Earthquakes rocked the planet. So catastrophic were the results that even the ark itself would have been destroyed had it not been for the Heaven-sent intervention of loyal angels. Satan found himself unable to control the magnetic field by which the Lord had stabilized his creation. Compelled to remain in the midst of the warring elements, he “feared for his own existence” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 99).

Today’s scientists have found that Earth’s magnetic field is declining. Comparisons with ancient Roman pottery show a 60 percent drop. Is it this declension that is producing today’s earthquakes? If so, we can expect more. And more. Until. . .

Why, then, did the catastrophic Asian flood occur? *It’s the inevitable consequence of Lucifer’s cosmic rebellion and the transference of sin to Earth.*

Thank God we near a new heavens and a new Earth, wherein dwells righteousness. □

