

## The Worldwide Flood

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### **How are fossils formed?**

Most often, the fossil-making process starts when a plant or animal gets buried rapidly. Many fossils are formed by floods, which come without warning and carry enough sediment to bury living things. Creationists believe the Flood caused most fossils and that the animals and plants were all living at the same time, rather than in different geologic ages.

Today when an animal dies, whether on land or sea, the bacteria in the body causes it to immediately begin to rot. Also scavengers, such as vultures, usually eat the carcass. These two agencies prevent the fossilization of most animals. For the carcass to be preserved, it must be buried deep enough so scavengers can't get to it and deep enough so oxygen, which bacteria need, is excluded.

This implies that the animal must be buried quickly, or there will be nothing left to preserve. Ordinary deposition rates of sediment would not be adequate. The deposition of sediments had to have been thousands of times faster than the normal rates of deposition in order for a fossil to be preserved. It is reasonable to assume that the rapid deposition of sediments causing fossilization was caused by the worldwide Flood described by the Bible.

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