

Amos 3:7 **Joshua 10:10-14** Do we REALLY believe that?

We live in a bubble... and believe all things change *gradually or linearly*.

This is the basis for much of our science and social science – **Gradualism** – or – **Uniformitarianism** **2 Peter 3:3-7**

But the evidence points to something quite different.

The Moon – been through a rough time... full of craters.

All the planets show some evidence of being hit by outside forces.

Even earth has had trouble, but erosion and 70% ocean keeps us from seeing much of it.

Earth is bombarded with more than 100 tons space stuff daily; what doesn't burn in atmosphere is generally small, and ¾ of earth's surface is water, so we don't experience much of it. Occasionally, though, we get hit by something. If larger than 50 meters (half football field), force equal to 10 megaton weapon

Some Famous "Hits"

Winslow Arizona Crater	1000s of yrs ago	10-15 megatons (cp to Hiroshima @ 15KT and Nagasaki @ 21KT)
Siberia	1908	15+ Megatons (or 1000X size of Hiroshima)

Immanuel Velikovsky – 1950 – WORLDS IN COLLISION.

Not a Christian, but took the Bible as a reasonable source of history. Also relied on other Native American, Chinese, Inca, Aztec, Egyptian, Persian, Hindu and other sources. Velikovsky postulated that earth has been formed **NOT through GRADUALISM, but thru CATASTROPHISM.**

The Ancients Worshipped the Planets – appeared to be very fearful of them – WHY?

Gospel in the Stars	Gen 1:14	"for signs and seasons" The Mazzeroth see Job 38:31-33
Nimrod	Gen 10	Babylonian corruption of Gospel / Mazzeroth / Zodiac
Peleg	Gen 10:25	"...for in his days the earth was divided"
Tower (Pyramid) of Babel	Gen 11:1-9	Corruption of languages

Zodiak understood in every culture & continent... Why? **Pyramids on every continent... Why?**
Israel? Apparently... submerged in Sea of Galilee

As Bible Students – important to know that some of the planets often mentioned in Scripture:

Mars	Many forms, but especially as Bel or Baal = Mars
Venus	Nearly as frequently as Mars and called Astarte or Ashtoreth

But the ancient fascination with Mars is something we need to look at tonight

Could you find Mars in the night sky? It's a planet of little consequence to us
War of the Worlds 1938 Radio Broadcast by Orson Wells

Why were the ancients fascinated... TERRIFIED by it?

1976 Viking 1 sent pictures of Face on Mars in the Cydonian region
 1995 Voyager sent similar pics as well as a pyramidal structure – also in the Cydonian region of Mars

One other thing – Before 701 BC, ALL Calendars were 360 days (most had 30 day mos)

All changed in 701 BC. Romans added 5 days. Hezekiah added 1 mo 7 times during 19 yrs. But... why?

"I will cause the sun's shadow to move 10 steps backward on the sundial of Ahaz!"
So the shadow on the sundial moved backward ten steps **ISAIAH 38:8**

In 1973, Patten, Hatch & Steinhaur (well-respected astrophysicists) presented variation on Velikovsky's work and showed reasonable evidence that Mars may have been on a different orbit 1000s of yrs ago. Also that Mars & earth would have made near pass-bys every 54 years or multiples thereof, causing great problems on earth (and Mars).

THE LONG DAY OF JOSHUA & SIX OTHER CATASTROPHES

Catastrophe	Bible Ref	BC
Flood of Noah	Gen 6-8	Oct 2484
Tower of Babel 540yrs	Gen 11	Oct 1944
Long Day of Joshua 540yrs	Joshua 10 q	Oct 1404
Mt Carmel & Elijah 540yrs	1 Kings 18	Oct 864
Sennacherib's Night 163yrs	Isa 37, 38	Mar 701

This "resonant" orbit of Mars & Earth would have occurred in 54-year cycles – with Mars entering a near pass-by of earth in mid-March and departing in mid-October.

Gulliver's Travels –The Testimony on Laputa

Galileo – 1st Telescope 1610 – discovers 4 moons of Jupiter and Saturn's rings

Sir Wm Herschel – 1781 Uranus / 1787 2 moons of Uranus / 1789 2 more moons of Saturn

Asaph Hall – US Naval Observatory – discovers the two moons of Mars – **Phobos (fear) and Deimos (panic)**

Jonathan Swift – Vol 2 of Gulliver's Travels – in 1726 writes of the two moons of Mars / describes them, including their size and reverse orbits! Impossible! He was friends with Newton & Halley

So the question remains: How did the Long Day of Joshua occur?

October 1404 BC, a near pass-by of Mars could have caused a 5+ degree change in the "Precession" of the Earth's axis, being preceded by huge amounts of meteorites (hailstones). *Only a conjecture.*

As for the Missing Day Hypothesis – it's bogus: There's no basis for it

Everything changed after 701 BC. Will it happen again? Bible seems to suggest that.

Isaiah 24:1, 19&20

But how do we know? **ISAIAH 46:9,10**

PSALM 19:1-6

If the heavens declare the glory of God, there's much to be observed still

...And there's also much to be aware of as serious Christians – Much is left to happen

2 Thessalonians 2:3ff

Genesis 6

2 Peter 2:4

Jude 6,7

2 Thessalonians 2:3ff

What's your protection? Only the Holy Spirit

Luke 21:20-25