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“Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.” Psalm 127:1.

Ezekiel 38:18-20. And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come up against the land of Israel, saith the LORD GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken: Surely that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all the creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

Revelation 6:12-14: And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood.; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

MOUNT SILVERHEELS AND THE COMING JUDGMENT

One of the greatest expressions of natural destruction anywhere in the world is a process known as orogeny, or mountain building. The same structural interactions described in the science of plate tectonics often produce mountainous terrain above and below sea level. Creationists have long claimed that the Earth’s surface is composed of landforms formed fairly recently under catastrophic conditions. More of this is on the way as the sin of man has caused the creation and the Earth itself to groan under un-natural man-made forces, preceding severe judgment.

MOUNT SILVERHEELS: THE MOUNTAIN, ITS LEGEND AND ORIGIN.

Travelers heading west from Denver and the suburb of Lakewood on US Highway 285 experience rapidly increasing elevations after leaving the city and entering the foothills. After crossing a succession of low ranges, the highway climbs steadily from the historic town of Grant to Kenosha Pass at 10,001 feet. After rounding a curve on a southbound stretch, an impressive view of the Mosquito Range with Mount Silverheels comes into view, rising above a high plain called South Park and dominating the sky to the southwest.

Rising to an elevation of 13,822 feet (4,213 meters), this large and impressive mountain provides a striking appearance. As a Centennial Peak, it is one of the 100 highest summits in the state of Colorado. It may be seen along the entire South Park highway for some 40 miles from Kenosha Pass in the north to Antero Junction in the south. *Western Watchman* has driven this stretch many times going back over 40 years. It forms part of

the “main line” from the Denver metropolitan area to the Phoenix metropolitan area that eventually crosses the Continental Divide at Wolf Creek Pass, some 150 miles from Antero Junction and 255 miles from downtown Denver.

Although US 285 provides fine views, a better way to view Mount Silverheels is follow a county road making up the grade of the former Denver, South Park and Pacific narrow-gauge railroad. This west-to-northwest trending road begins at Como Junction (9,785 feet), travels through the town of Como past an abandoned DSP&P narrow-gauge roundhouse, then continues its gradual ascent up Boreas Pass. At about Mile 8, the sentinel of Mount Silverheels guards the west side of the pass and dominates the skyline to the southwest (see previous e-mail photo attachment). The mountain may be seen at the summit of the pass (11,482 feet) and is connected by a saddle to the Continental Divide perpendicular to Hoosier Ridge.

THE LEGEND. The mountain was named for a dance-hall girl who lived near a Mosquito Range mining camp known as Buckskin Joe. This beautiful young woman wore silver slippers that glistened while she danced. Buckskin Joe was part of a mining area founded in 1859 by prospector Joseph Higganbottom. The camp did not last long however, and two years before Colorado became a state, Buckskin Joe was a ghost town. The “Old Timer” has recalled his prospecting days around Buckskin Joe.

Around 1860 the mining camp was struck with smallpox virus, according to Colorado historian Caroline Bancroft, but Silverheels stayed behind to nurse infected miners while the other women fled. At an elevation of about 11,000 feet, winter in Buckskin Joe was a fearsome force to reckon with during a smallpox epidemic. Her efforts saved many of the miners, so they collected a purse of money to reward her. However smallpox had infected her also, so she moved on. Although she reportedly got well, her beauty was lost to the disease. So in her memory, the miners named the prominent mountain east of Buckskin Joe – Mount Silverheels.

ITS ORIGIN. If you accept the Word of God you must also accept the details Scripture provides about the creation and judgment of the Flood. These details are included in other newsletters (available upon request). The Flood was a worldwide event and all landforms were covered with at least 20 feet of water. The Flood was no quiet event. From the time the great deep was broken up, massive undersea volcanism shattered the Earth’s crust and upper mantle: Genesis 7:11. There may have been a mantle overturn with huge plumes of iron-magnesium silicate magmas rapidly accreting basaltic rock material on the ocean floor. Continental land masses were broken up and with the volcanic intrusions, subject to regional metamorphism (thermal, lithostatic and chemical alteration of the pre-existing rock units). Elsewhere, continental crustal rock such as granite was rapidly broken up and eroded into particles ranging in size from fine silt through sand and pebbles to boulders. These were eventually deposited as clastic (particle-origin) sedimentary rocks such as shale, sandstone and conglomerate. Only after the Flood seas began receding was this devastation evident: Genesis 8:2-5. However, the

Ark of Noah came to rest in the mountains of Ararat near the Turkey-Armenia border, not in the western United States: Chapter 8 verse 4.

Old-earth geologists, also known as uniformitarians, those who claim the planet is about 4.6 billion years old in a 15 billion-year old Universe, generally agree with creationists that there were two recent episodes of mountain building in the western United States and Canada. The first, called the Laramide Orogeny occurred near the end of what is called the Cretaceous Period of the Mesozoic Era about 65 million years ago. It has been estimated that about 60% of modern North America was under water at this time. The world climate was probably warm and moist. Whatever mechanism was responsible began squeezing and folding sediments to higher elevations above sea level on either side of the Continental Divide. As mountains slowly rose from the general inundation, shallow epi-continental seaways formed between mountain ranges within the new Cordillera and east of the rising Rocky Mountain front, stretching from the Arctic Ocean to eastern Old Mexico. As the highlands rose, the epi-continental seas drained off, with striking local erosion and canyon formation near areas of high relief. This is also the time a meteorite reportedly struck the Bay of Campeche in Mexico, enveloping the planet in a huge dust cloud resulting in the extinction of the dinosaurs (but not the little mammals and other life forms evolutionists claim were too smart to face obliteration, and unlike the lumbering dinosaurs, survived the day to become the future *Homo sapiens sapiens*. Heh, heh ...).

The second more vigorous mountain building episode occurred over a 20-million year period in the middle Tertiary Period of the Cenozoic Era, or about 20-40 million years BP. It was during this time that India collided with South Asia, Africa collided with Europe and southwest Asia, South and North America separated further from Africa and Europe, and tremendous chains of volcanoes formed the Pacific “Ring of Fire” from Indonesia to Kamchatka to British Columbia, the Cascades and the Andes all the way south to Tierra del Fuego. In the western United States, as the mountains rose, deep basin subsidence occurred with rapid accumulation of volcano-originated mud and sand deposits. Some mountains fault-blocked vertically with about 10,000 feet of local uplift. More vigorous continental volcanism occurred especially in the Southwest, as a huge western mantle plume broke through in places such as northern New Mexico and southwest Colorado, producing enormous explosive volcanic vents. Elsewhere, such as in Washington State, massive lava flows produced many hundreds of feet of layered basalt. The mantle plume also apparently contributed to fault-block mountain building, volcanic and extension fracture zones across the Colorado Plateau and Great Basin to the California coast.

As the mountains achieved greater height, an ice age arrived and reshaped the mountain landscape. South and west of Mount Silverheels, U-shaped glacial valleys and pointed summits in the Mosquito Range may be found. Remnant ice fields and alpine glacial topography may be found above 11,000 feet across the entire western United States.

In summary, the Cretaceous events correspond to the worldwide flood of Genesis 7:11-8:14, while the second Tertiary mountain-building and continental separation episodes correspond to Genesis 10:25 and I Chronicles 1:19.

Mount Silverheels is composed of reddish sedimentary rocks such as shale, siltstone and sandstone deposited in water conditions, later elevated many thousands of feet. The rocks form what geologists call the Maroon Formation. More spectacular expressions of this rock unit may be found near the town of Aspen where 14,000-foot mountains such as the Maroon Bells, Pyramid Peak and Castle Peak have steep and precipitous slopes.

Given the uniformitarian versus creation viewpoints provided above, the argument is not that these events took place as presented (field and lab evidence is overwhelming), but how long it took. Uniformitarian reasoning almost always assumes slow processes, whereas the creationist view subscribes to rapid change. A few old-earth geologists reluctantly admit that the relatively quiet period now occurring on the planet is temporary and will not last long. Interesting that something like this is coming from those who subscribe to old earth and slow change. God can use the mouthpieces of even those who deny Him and His Word: Numbers 23:7-10. Finally, and in view of the abundance of fresh rock surfaces in the western United States, the creationist view appears to present a higher level of credibility.

THE FUTURE. Geologic terminology aside, the presence of Mount Silverheels should be a warning to anyone (still) reading this newsletter. Though only part of an impressive collection of landforms found throughout the world, the mountain is not a product of Father God's original creation, but it instead a product of His judgment. It was the sin of fallen angels followed by fallen man that brought the Flood judgment in the first place. Like it or not, God deals with sin. He deals with sin in one of two ways, salvation through grace, or in wrath through judgment: Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:36. The Bible speaks of a time of judgment not seen since the beginning of the world in the past, nor ever, is yet future: Matthew 24:21-22. God is serious about dealing with the sin of unrepentant mankind, and He has the final say-so about it: Revelation 20:11-15.

One of the reasons for the bombardment of judgment during the time of the Flood was man's effort to change was God originally created perfectly but, even after the judgment of the Flood, the Earth was restored to a point where man could live in peace and harmony in a changed world. Examination of both the Biblical and secular historic record reveals man's unending rebellion against God. In a modern world of international politics, reprobate antichrist spirits have spread across all nations, directing the brunt of their wrath against the nation of Israel and Jerusalem the city of God, threatening not only a Middle East war (Psalm 83), but a war involving all nations: Joel 3:1-2, Zechariah 12:1-4, 14:1-3, Revelation 16:16. As sin-riddled man has become more technologically competent, he has again discovered ways of altering that which God provided. Biological and genetic experimentation and manipulation, the construction of new life forms and hybrids similar to the *nephilim* of Genesis 6:4 are well underway and nothing meaningful is being done to stop this. Since *Western Watchman* is not a biological, but rather an

earth (and to some extent, physical) scientist, may we focus instead and what it happening in these scientific disciplines? Let's consider Revelation 11:17 in addition to today's texts: *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that hear thy name, small and great; **and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.*** Here it comes: "Okay Watchman, you said nothing about the most dangerous volcanic containment on the planet, the Yellowstone Caldera." Hold on now – we're getting there. But know this first: according the University of Utah Research Institute – the agency that monitors activity at Yellowstone - the mantle plume responsible for most of the post-Flood uplift from the Great Plains to the Great Basin is still deforming the crust across most of the western United States – while feeding the Yellowstone and other active calderas in advance of future eruptions. Geological hell is waiting to happen.

Destroy the Earth? How is this possible? One fair response is this – upset the fabric of space – whether solid, liquid, gas phases or in a vacuum – in some way - in response, space itself must compensate to return to a state of equilibrium. The more violently space it disrupted, the more violently it must compensate for the original disruption. Taken to an unthinkable or extreme level, you are looking at the potential for completely upsetting the balance of what was, into something fearful and out of control and that is in fact, what lies ahead: Isaiah 24:1, Amos 8:9.

Russia, the United States, Israel and (bad news) rogue nations have constructed devices and experimented with energy created in a vacuum, directed energy weaponry and so-called "scalar" weapons, based on theories and experimentation of the late Nicola Tesla. The United States has constructed an array of towers projecting unnatural levels of induced electromagnetic forces (space warp) into the ionosphere above Alaska called HAARP (High Altitude Aurora Research Project). Such experimentation or applied weaponry is responsible for wacky, extreme weather noted since 1976. Worse, applications of this unnatural energy could confuse migrating birds, cause whales to beach without reason, obliterate the bee population and – get this – cause humans to behave erratically. Such applications could also shift tectonic plates and force the eruption of overdue volcanoes. Tesla himself noted that full application of the forces of magnetic resonance could literally split the Earth in two. One way or another, man is responsible for destruction on the Earth. The reprobate environmental fanatics should be screaming bloody murder, but from them you hear nothing. And - this is just a sampling.

Returning to the text in Revelation 6, we see manifested effects when the creation begins responding to man-inspired warfare. With nuclear or scalar weaponry shattering the Earth's surface and crust, tectonic plates begin moving in a manner not seen since the Flood or the time of Peleg in Genesis 10:25, see also Isaiah 24:19-20. Creation scientists estimate quakes as high as 13 on the Richter scale occurred in the Genesis events; there is not a soul alive today who has experienced a quake this great, then lived to describe it. After the worldwide shaking, apparently volcanic vents like Yellowstone will reactivate with nuclear-like blasts of glowing gas and ash, greatly reducing visibility of the Sun and

moon as described in the text. Although Yellowstone has been relatively quiet since the last earthquake swarm of January 2010, it is apparent that man has an appointment with God and with a future eruption from this super-volcano in northwest Wyoming. A major explosive event from this volcano would end this world system as we know it. A magnetic reversal may also be in the offing, totally changing the way man observes and records time, if that is even possible. The horror these events will bring is incalculable.

The sixth seal judgment in Revelation 6 describes the effects of war brought about by the evil, warlike doings of man. On the other hand, the passage in Ezekiel 38 is clearly divine, a direct intervention of Father God to destroy enemy nations determined to destroy Israel. In both cases earthquakes are felt worldwide, and mountains are either moved or leveled. The landscapes we enjoy today will be rearranged during the period of the most intense judgment since the planet came into existence.

This newsletter has repeated time and time again that God will always oppose the efforts of any nation to divide or destroy the land of Israel since the modern state was founded in 1948. Yes, Israel is a nation in unbelief about the identity of their Messiah, yes they rejected Jesus just before Calvary and yes, in partial blindness, still work toward man-made peace solutions with nations who want Israel wiped from the map. But – yes Yes YES - the promises of God to Israel, many still unfulfilled, are irrevocable. You can stand up for Israel by taking God at His Word and by praying for the peace of Jerusalem – the return of the Lord Jesus Christ: Psalm 122:6, Revelation 19:11-15.

A FINAL WORD. This is no time to remain walking on the fence. You may deny that God exists but evidence of His handiwork is everywhere. At some time you are going to have to make a decision about where you will spend eternity. God offers, as a free gift, salvation and grace through Jesus Christ, and in eternity, everlasting life. If you expect someone other than the Lord Jesus to provide you with this – some holy man of another religious system, some politician, banker or Hollywood personality – well, may I say you are in for a grave disappointment. Salvation is not complicated. But your decision to accept Jesus must come from the heart: John 1:12, 5:24, 14:6, Romans 10:9-13, I Thessalonians 5:9-10, Revelation 3:10.

If you already know Jesus, may I ask you this: what is keeping you from sharing your Blessed Hope of Titus 2:13? What is preventing you from building up the saints in the most holy faith in view of these times we are in? Do you seriously expect God to wink and nod at all the evil out there, and do nothing? Are you going to be as the five wise virgins in Matthew 25 who kept their oil lamps full in anticipation of the sudden arrival of the bridegroom? Are you among those who believe there is no way Jesus will come in your lifetime, since it has been nearly 2,000 years since He ascended into heaven? Are you one who will be caught unaware because the pleasures and priorities of this life mean more to you than the study of God's Word: Matthew 24:44, 25:13? And if you study the Bible, are you concerned about sharing the whole counsel of God or just those verses you feel comfortable presenting? Just what are your priorities as the day approaches: Romans 13:11-14, Hebrews 10:25? The day is spent, night is coming, and we're not ready.

But - yes, Jesus IS coming soon. For those in Jesus it will be a - Good day!

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