World Continents Divided During Noah’s Flood
The World Continents Were Divided From Noah’s Flood To The Days of Peleg.

Today we have maps of the ocean floor which makes it very easy for anyone to cut and paste the continents together the way they were before they were divided. Today, a third or fourth grader could do it very easily. It hasn’t always been that easy. Anciently, and down to the last few decades, people have struggled with how it could have been one land. Today, it’s very easy with the National Geographic maps of the ocean floor. (See Map 2) The following map (See Map 1) is a general idea of how the continents looked before the flood and the days of Peleg. The continents could have been smuggled up a little tighter. They are left loose so you can recognize the continents.

The world continents were dividing very rapidly during the flood of Noah. The continents continued to divide at a slower pace down to the days of Peleg when the land was considered divided (Gen 10:25). “Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God” (Gen 6:9). “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Gen 6:5). “And the earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence” (Gen 6:11). “And God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth” (Gen 6:13). “And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die” (Gen 6:17). And Noah was commanded to build an ark. “And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him. And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the Earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood” (Gen 7: 5-7). From the day Adam and Eve were placed on the earth, to the days of Noah in 2348 BC, the earth’s continents were one body of land. Noah and his sons had spent five years building the Ark and in 2348 BC, Noah six hundred years old, entered the Ark, closed the doors as it was starting to rain. “And the sons of men approached in order to break into the ark, to come in on account of the rain, for they could not bear the rain upon them” (Jasher 6:24). “And Noah, with a loud voice, answered them from the ark, saying, have you not all rebelled against the Lord, and said that he does not exist? And therefore the Lord brought upon you this evil, to destroy and cut you off from the face of the earth. Is not this the thing that I spoke to you of one hundred and twenty years back, and you would not hearken to the voice of the Lord, and now do you desire to live upon earth” (Jasher 6:19-20). “And on that day, the Lord caused the whole earth to shake, and the sun darkened, and the foundations of the world raged, and the whole earth was moved violently, and the lightning flashed, and the thunder roared, and all the foundations in the earth were broken up, such as was not known to the inhabitants before; and God did this mighty act, in order to terrify the sons of men, that there might be no more evil upon earth. And still the sons of men would not return from their evil ways, and they increased the anger of the Lord at that time, and did not even direct their hearts to all this” (Jasher 6:11-12). Deluge means great flood or heavy fall of rain. Genesis 8:1, asswaged, means move rapidly back and forth. According to the Bible, “all the foundations of the great deep (were) broken up," implying seismic activity that ruptured water-storing aquifers beneath the surface of the earth” (Gen 7:11). Floods, plural, means floods in various parts of the world eventually ran together (Pearl of Great Price Commentary P. 165 Draper, Brown, Rhodes). Noah’s ark was raised from the earth by water and floated upon the face of the waters leaving the Americas to a new world. During the flood, 1 year and 17 days later (Mortal Messiah book 1 P. 54), the earth was divided. The land continued to divide at a slower pace down to the days of Peleg when the land was considered divided. The land was one land before the flood. (See Map 1) The land was also fairly flat with no extreme valleys or high mountains before the flood. Gen 7:19-20 says: And the water prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were
covered. D&C 133:22-24 says before the land was divided, there were no high mountains or low valleys. As it says, the world raged, and the whole earth was moved violently. Noah and his sons were greatly afraid. Noah prayed to the Lord, and the Lord hearkened to the voice of Noah, and the waters decreased in those days, and the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat, a mountain 17,011 feet high, a mountain that did not exist before the flood. There was land and continent movement while Noah was in the ark. (See Map 2) After the flood there were 23 mountains between 10,000 and 20,000 feet high and 8 mountains between 20,000 feet and 29,028 feet, Mt. Everest, the highest mountain in the world. That's a lot higher than 15 cubits. What a dramatic event this would have been. The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; And the waters returned from off the earth continually; and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated (Gen 8:2-3). And God spoke unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons’ wives with thee (Gen 8:15-16). Obviously the weather patterns were going to change, as Gen 8:22 now states, “While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease”. And I will establish my covenant with you, …and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. I do set my bow (Rainbow) in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth (Gen 9:11-15). And Noah builded an alter unto the Lord; and offered burnt offerings on the altar. After the flood, 2346 BC, Noah and his sons and their families followed the water, as it receded down the mountain of Ararat, and south to Elam into what they called the plain of Shinar, of the Bible, historically mentioned as Sumer or Sumaria, people known as Sumerians. (See Map 3) The area was also known as Mesopotamia, Greek meaning between two rivers, namely the Tigris and the Euphrates rivers (today Iraq). This location was an ancient region in which the world's earliest known cities and civilizations developed after the flood. Where else could civilization begin after the flood? The flood had destroyed all humanity on the earth with the exception of Noah, his wife, his sons and their wives. We read in Noah’s timeframe from historians today of mythical kings, mythical people, mythical places, and mythical dates which give the readers ideas of questioning its truthfulness and credibility. We need historians writing about real people, real places, and using real dates. The first city built was Nachidsheuan, which signifies the place of first decent (Jospehus P 27-30). History tells about the Sumerians who were the first inhabitants of ancient Babylonia (Modern Iraq), just south of the mountains of Ararat. The Sumerians descended from the mountains of Elam to the swampy plain (ancient sumer) at the head of the Persian Gulf. They drained the swamps in the surrounding areas—Iran, Elam, Assyria, India, and the Mediterranean Coast. The Sumerians worked with metals, textile manufacturing, architecture, and an efficient system of writing (cuneiform). Eventually the Akkadians infiltrated the land and ruled Mesopotamia for a period of time. Before the flood clay tablets were common with cuneiform writings on them. After the flood metals become more widely used. Later some of the cities were Ur, where Abraham was raised, by which time Babylon was becoming very wicked. Other cities of the area were Erech, Umma, Eridu, Nippur, Sippur and Akkad. The people spoke Assyrian in the north and Babylonian in the south. After the flood, and after the confusion at the Tower of Babel the sons of Noah went in separate directions. Noahs second son Shem settled in the Middle East, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran and Europe. Shem was the Progeniter of the semitic peoples, among them the Hebrews, the Arabs, and the Assyrians. Shem acted as Priest after the flood. Noah’s third son Ham, the Progeniter of the Hamitic peoples, settled toward areas of Syria, along the Mediterranean Sea and on to Egypt and other parts of Africa. Noah’s first son Japheth settled toward Asia. Japheth was the Progenitor of the Javan Indonesia (Ionians), Madai (Medes), Kittim (people of Cyprus), Tarshish, Meshech, and Tubal. Japhetic Family would include Basque, Etruscan, and Georgian. All three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth had members of their families who took to the ocean on ships to the islands of the seas. In short, Ham went west, Japheth went east, and Shem stayed in the general location and Europe (Sumerians, Accadian-Colliers Encyclopedia, copyright 1950). Now the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth went in separate ways and directions and inhabited different continents after the Dispersion of the Tower of Babel, every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations. Not only was the land considered divided in the days of Peleg, but the peoples of the earth by the time of Peleg, were also divided into nations and continents, depending on languages and families. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth.
(Gen 11:8). Today, flood legends are common in the ancient traditions of people throughout the world. Now the Americas now had a huge ocean we call the Atlantic to its east. The Lord over the next 1600 years would send 3 separate groups of people to the Americas. The first group was called the Jaredites. Approximately 2200BC Jared came forth with his brother and their families, with some others and their families, from the great tower, at the time the Lord confounded the language of the people, and swore in his wrath that they should be scattered upon all the face of the earth; and according to the word of the Lord the people were scattered. The Lord referred to this land, the Americas, as a promised land which is choice above all the earth (Ether 1:38, 6:5). This account of the Jaredites leaving the Tower of Babel and coming to the Americas can be read from “The Book of Ether” which is found in the Book of Mormon. The second group, 600BC, tells of an account of Lehi and his wife Sariah, and his four sons, being called Laman, Lemuel, Sam, and Nephi. The Lord warns Lehi to depart out of the land of Jerusalem, because he prophesieth unto the people concerning their iniquity and they seek to destroy his life. Lehi and his family also come to the Americas. You can read the Book of Mormon to learn of their history. The third group, 589BC, Mulek's father Zedekiah, King of Judah, was captured, and all his sons except Mulek were slain before his eyes (2 Kings 25:7; Hel 8:20-22). But the Lord led Mulek and a group of other Jews to an inheritance in the American Promised Land. The people of Mulek have become known as Mulekites, they founded the city of Zarahemla, which was discovered in due course of time by Mosiah and his people, and thereafter the Mulekites were joined with and became known as Nephites. You can read about Mulek and his people in the Book of Mormon.

Modern studies have proposed that over a 200-300 year period, world populations of people could have reached in the hundreds of millions. Within the 2,854 years after the flood to the day Columbus discovered the Americas, there was enough time for hundreds of millions of people to have lived in the promised land, the Americas. Remember, 2348 BC Noah built the ark and left the Americas. What about the people who lived in the Americas and throughout the lands from the days of Adam and Eve to the day Noah entered the ark? From Adam and Eve to the day Noah entered the ark was about 1600 - 1700 years, enough time to have generated large populations throughout the land. Today, one place the archaeology of the Americas before Columbus can be studied is from the “Ancient American” magazine, PO Box 370, Colfax, Wisconsin 54730 (www.ancientamerican.com) and other like publications of ancient findings. In the January 2011 National Geographic p. 127-145, you can read of one of Americas Lost Cities, the old city of “Cahokia” (approx 1000 AD), found a few miles from St. Louis, in Illinois. Cahokia was thought to have a population of 15,000 people for the city proper and another 20,000 to 30,000 in the surrounding areas. The whole eastern half of the United States had hundreds of similar sites from New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois to Missouri and south to the Gulf of Mexico.

“There is no question but what many of the so-called geological changes in the earth's surface, which according to geological theories took place over ages of time, in reality occurred in a matter of a few short weeks incident to the universal deluge”. (Man: His Origin and Destiny, pp. 414-436.) (Mormon Doctrine-McConkie 1966 p. 289) (See Map 2)
The flood was the Baptism of the earth; before it occurred the land was all in one place, a condition that will again prevail during the Millennial Era. (D&C 133:23-24.) (See Map 5)
“Presumably, when our sphere becomes a new earth; when every valley is exalted and every mountain is made low; when the islands become one land, and the great deep is driven back into the north countries - when all these and other changes occur, then there will also be changes in the climate, and ice masses of the polar areas will no longer be as they now are”. (The Milennial Messiah, McConkie p. 326-327.) Because of the unending increase of gross wickedness and sin on the earth; “In consequence, at the appointed time the Lord will burn the wicked with unquenchable fire. It will be a day of burning and desolation and death. As the earth was cleansed once by water, so it shall be cleansed a second time by fire.” (The Milennial Messiah, McConkie p. 360.)
The whole earth shall be as the Garden of Eden, for the earth has been renewed and received its paradisiacal glory. And those who dwell on earth shall see the glory of God, “They who are in the north countries shall come in remembrance before the Lord. The lost tribes of Israel, the Ten Tribes whose members are scattered among the northern nations, shall be remembered. (The Millennial Messiah, McConkie p.325.)

The Earth and Its Five Transformations

From the day of its temporal creation to the day when it becomes a celestial sphere, planet earth has passed or will pass through five transformations. Each of these is or will be of such a magnitude as to change the whole course of the lives of all or of major portions of the inhabitants of the earth. As the future home of mortal man, this earth was created first spiritually and then temporally. In the pristine day, before the fall, before death entered the scheme of things, the earth was in a paradisiacal or Edenic state. It was then a glorious garden and a fit abode for Adam and Eve, whose bodies of flesh and bones had been made from the dust of the earth, even as ours have been.

In order for our first parents—the first man and the first women—to have children, however, a change had to be made in their bodies. It was decreed that they fall from their then deathless state to a state of mortality; death itself must enter the world. Procreation must needs commence among all created things, and procreation, in the sense of mortal offspring who are born and die, requires mortal bodies. The life of the body is in the blood, and blood must begin to flow in the veins of man and beast.

Being thus reminded of the nature of this earth when it was first brought into temporal existence, and being thus reminded of the immortal existence that then prevailed among all the creations of our gracious God, we are in a position to list the five transformations that have since befallen the earth. We are ready to be made aware of the effect each one has had or will have upon man and all forms of life.

1. This earth was created in a terrestrial state, an Edenic state, a paradisiacal state. It was pronounced very good by its Creator. All of the land masses were in one place and the waters in another. There was no death or sorrow or disease. Then came the fall of Adam, which brought temporal and spiritual death into the world. And the effects of the fall passed upon the earth and all forms of life on its surface. It became a terrestrial or fallen orb as at present, a world in which death and disease, sorrow and suffering, and all the ills of the flesh are everywhere to be found. Adam and Eve, earth’s sole human inhabitants, became mortal so they could begin the process of providing bodies for the spirit children of the Eternal Father.

2. In the days of Noah came the flood, a universal flood, a flood that immersed the earth and destroyed men and beasts. We suppose that at this time the continents and islands were divided, with the division becoming complete in the days of Peleg.

3. At the time of the crucifixion there was a great earthquake. In the Americas this was of such immeasurable proportions that the whole surface of the continents was changed. Mountain ranges arose, valleys disappeared, cities sank into the sea, and almost a whole civilization was destroyed.

4. When the Millennium is ushered in, there will be a new heaven and a new earth. It will be renewed and will receive again its paradisiacal glory. The islands and continents will come together again, and there will be one land mass, as it was in the days before it was divided. It will become again a terrestrial sphere. As it was baptized in water in the days of Noah, so it shall be baptized by fire in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ. The entire vineyard will be burned and the wicked will be as stubble.

5. Finally, when all things relative to the salvation of men are completed, it will become a celestial sphere, to be inhabited by saved beings to all eternity.

We are approaching the day of burning when the promised new heaven and new earth will be created. And as we shall now see, the transformation in the days of Noah, and all that attended it, is a similitude and type of that which is to be in the day of burning that is soon to be.

“The Son of Man shall come,” Jesus said. “But of that day, and hour no one knoweth; no, not the
angels of God in heaven, but my Father only." Then he gave one of the great signs whereby the general time of his return might be known. “But as it was in the days of Noah, so it shall be also at the coming of the Son of Man,” he continued, “For it shall be with them, as it was in the days which were before the flood; for until the day that Noah entered into the ark they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage; and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.” (JS-M 1:37-43.)

This similitude lets us know that the normal activities of life will continue unabated until the day of cleansing comes, and also that these ordinary activities will be as evil and wicked as they were in that day when men were drowned by the flood lest their evil deeds further offend their Maker.

(The Millenial Messiah - McConkie p.355)

This Second Coming - a return of the same personal Being who first ministered in humility, meekness, and lowliness (D&C 130:1-2) - will be in power and great glory with the hosts of heaven attending. At that day “the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.” (Isa. 40:4) He will come, “not in the form of a woman, neither of a man traveling on the earth” (D&C 49:22), but in his might, power, and dominion to take vengeance on the ungodly and reward the righteous.

But before that day, certain promised signs and wonders are to take place, an understanding of which will give those who wait for him an assurance as to the approximate time of his return.

It is true that no man knoweth the day nor the hour of his return - “no, not the angels of heaven, but my father only” (Matt. 24:36), as he himself expressed it - but those who treasure up his word will not be deceived as to the time of that glorious day, nor as to the events to precede and to attend it. (Jos. Smith 1:37.) The righteous will be able to read the signs of the times. To those in darkness he will come suddenly, unexpectedly, “as a thief in the night,” but to “the children of light” who “are not of the night, nor of darkness,” as Paul expressed it, that day will not overtake them “as a thief.” They will recognize the signs as certainly as a woman in travail foreknows the approximate time of her child’s birth. (1 Thess. 5:1-6.)

At his coming, also, those who have earned the right to come forth in the resurrection of the just will rise from their graves and inherit their places in a celestial or a terrestrial kingdom. (D&C 88:95-99)

Watch and be ready. - “And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Luke 21:34-36)

(Mormon Doctrine - McConkie 1966 p.688)
This is an example of a “Cuneiform Alphabet”. During this time in history there was almost as many forms of cuneiform alphabet's as there was families, tribes, groups of people or nations throughout the Lands and the Continents.
Noted events from Adam and Eve to Noah and the Flood

1. The garden of Eden was in Jackson County, Missouri.
2. When Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden of Eden they went to a place called "Adam-oni-ahman, Davies County, Missouri".
3. From Adam to Noah and the flood was approximately 1600 years.
4. The flood was brought about for two reasons. 1. Baptism of the earth by water. 2. Because of the wickedness of the people in the sight of God.
5. Before the flood there was no high mountains or low valleys, it was all one land. (Gen. 7:19-20)
6. America or the Western Hemisphere is the old world, the most anciently inhabited part of the earth.
7. Noah’s Ark left the Americas and landed on Mt. Ararat.
1. The world continents were dividing very rapidly during the flood of Noah.
2. This map shows the seismic activity and major movement of continents.
3. One year and seventeen days later, 31 mountains as high as 29,028 feet, Mt. Everest, Ararat, 17,011 feet high.
1. This map shows where life and civilization developed after the flood. For Noah, as the water receded, the plain of Shinar (of the Bible, Iraq today, Babylonia on this map) became a fertile land for vineyards and crops.
1. Weather patterns changed when the continents separated.
2. Separation of continents by huge oceans.
The World - One Land
Beginning of the Millennium
2. Doctrine and Covenants 133:22-24 (22) And it shall be a voice as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder, which shall break down the mountains, and the valleys shall not be found. (23) He shall command the great deep, and it shall be driven back into the north countries, and the islands shall become one land; (24) And the land of Jerusalem and the land of Zion shall be turned back into their own place, and the earth shall be like as it was in the days before it was divided.