

# Why Have So Few Human Fossils Been Found?

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From the genealogies given in Genesis 5 and 11, we noted on page [479](#) that those in the patriarchal line—from Adam to Joseph—had many children. If

- that population growth rate continued, and
- death rates were not unusually high,

the world's population at the time of the flood would have exceeded today's population of about 7 billion people. Therefore, one might expect to find many human fossils. Instead, only a few have been found. [See "[Fossil Man](#)" on [page 15](#).]

## *Fossil Man*

*Bones of modern-looking humans have been found deep in undisturbed rocks that, according to evolution, were formed long before man began to evolve. Examples include the Castenedolo skeletons,<sup>a</sup> Reck's skeleton,<sup>b</sup> and possibly others.<sup>c</sup> Remains, such as the Swanscombe skull, the Steinheim fossil, and the Vertesszöllos fossil present similar problems.<sup>d</sup> Evolutionists almost always ignore these remains.*

*a . Bowden, pp. 78–79.*

*u Frank W. Cousins, Fossil Man (Emsworth, England: A. E. Norris & Sons Ltd., 1971),pp. 48–50, 81.*

*u Sir Arthur Keith correctly stated the dilemma evolutionists face with the Castenedolo skeletons.*

*As the student of prehistoric man reads and studies the records of the "Castenedolo" find, a feeling of incredulity rises within him. He cannot reject the discovery as false without doing an injury to his sense of truth, and he cannot accept it as a fact without shattering his accepted beliefs. Arthur Keith, The Antiquity of Man (London: Williams and Norgate, Ltd., 1925), p. 334.*

*However, after examining the strata above and below the Castenedolo skeletons, and after finding no indication that they were intrusively buried, Keith surprisingly concluded that the enigma must be resolved by an intrusive burial. He justified this by citing the unfossilized condition of the bones. However, these bones were encased in a clay layer. Clay would prevent water from transporting large amounts of dissolved minerals into the bone cells and explain the lack of fossilization. Again, fossilization depends.*

Some pre-flood, human artifacts and footprints have also been found. [See "[Human Artifacts](#)" on [page 39](#)

## **67. Human Artifacts**

*At various times and places, man-made objects have been found encased in coal. Examples include a thimble,<sup>a</sup> an iron pot,<sup>b</sup> an iron instrument,<sup>c</sup> an 8-karat gold chain,<sup>d</sup> three throwing-spears,<sup>e</sup> and a metallic vessel inlaid with silver.<sup>f</sup> Other "out-of-place artifacts" have been found inside deeply buried rocks: nails,<sup>g</sup> a screw,<sup>h</sup> a strange coin,<sup>i</sup> a tiny ceramic doll,<sup>j</sup> and other objects of obvious human manufacture.<sup>k</sup> By evolutionary dating techniques, these objects would be hundreds of millions of years older than man. Again, something is wrong.*

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## 69. *Humanlike Footprints*

*Humanlike footprints, supposedly 150–600 million years old, have been found in rock formations in Utah,<sup>a</sup> Kentucky,<sup>b</sup> Missouri,<sup>c</sup> and possibly Pennsylvania.<sup>d</sup> At Laetoli, in the east African country of Tanzania, a team headed by Mary Leakey found a sequence of humanlike footprints.<sup>e</sup> They were dated at 3.7 million years. If human feet made any of these prints, then evolutionary chronology is drastically wrong.*

While a few of these can be questioned or debated, the fact remains there are some pre-flood human fossils, artifacts, and footprints. To explain why there are not more human fossils, we must examine the two bulleted assumptions above.

Did the early population growth rate continue to the time of the flood?

Probably not. The Book of Jasher, mentioned twice in the Bible (Joshua 10:13 and II Samuel 1:18), is described on page [468](#). Jasher contains over 3,000 years of history, from the creation of Adam and Eve, continuing through the flood, and ending with Israel's entry into Canaan—the promised land. Jasher's description of conditions before the flood may explain why and how birth rates dropped sharply.

For in those days the sons of men began to trespass against God, and to transgress the commandments which He had commanded to Adam, to be fruitful and multiply in the earth. And some of the sons of men caused their wives to drink a draught that would render them barren, in order that they might retain their figures and whereby their beautiful appearance might not fade. (Jasher 2:19–20)

This helps us understand why God emphasized—both before and after the flood—to be fruitful and multiply.

- Genesis 1:22. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply.”
- Genesis 1:28. And God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth,”
- Genesis 8:17. “... be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”
- Genesis 9:1. And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.”
- Genesis 9:7. “And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it.”
- Genesis 35:11. God also said to him, “I am God Almighty; Be fruitful and multiply;”

Were death rates unusually high before the flood?

Yes. About 120 years before the flood “the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” (Genesis 6:1,5) Human behavior was so wicked that God grieved and was sorry He had made man. Therefore, God decided to destroy all but Noah (the only blameless person on earth) and his family. We find it difficult to imagine how bad things were, but Jasher reports in some detail on the sensual indulgence and violence that developed before the flood.

And every man made unto himself a god, and they robbed and plundered every man his neighbor as well as his relative, and they corrupted the earth, and the earth was filled with violence. And their judges and rulers went to the daughters of men and took their wives by force from their husbands according to their choice, ... and God saw the whole earth and it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon earth, all men and all animals. (Jasher 4:17–18)

Jasher 4:5–5:5 briefly describe the premature deaths from violence and famine for many of the wicked and all but one of the followers of God—Noah.

Jasher is a family history of the Hebrews. It was probably begun by Joseph, Egypt's second in command under Pharaoh. Jasher incorporated earlier documents and was updated by later Hebrews. No doubt it contains some errors and embellishments, but it supports many accounts contained in the first five books of the Bible with fascinating details.

For example, according to Jasher 6:14–17, Noah warned people (daily) for 120 years that God would destroy the earth, but it took Noah only five years to build the Ark. After Methuselah died, God told Noah and his family to enter the Ark. Seven days later, “all the fountains of the deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened, and the rain was

upon the earth forty days and forty nights.” Jasher explains that when the flood began, the world’s population was about 700,000. Men and women, exhausted by the falling rain, came to Noah and the Ark pleading to be let in. “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? Therefore, the Lord brought upon you this evil to destroy and cut you off from the face of the earth.’” (Jasher 6:19)

Let us not forget the indescribable violence of the flood, detailed in Part II of this book. God said He would “blot out” (not just kill) “man whom I have created from the face of the land.” (Genesis 6:7) The flood may have done just that—blotted out, erased—human remains from the earth.

Based on the recorded (although not inspired) history in The Book of Jasher, when the flood began, the world’s population was only one-ten thousandth of what is today. Therefore, both of the commonly made assumptions listed in the first paragraph are probably incorrect. As Genesis 6:11 states, “the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence.” It should not be surprising that only a few human fossils have been found in the hundreds of millions of cubic miles of flood sediments.