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CAVEMEN? YES! APE MEN? NEVER!

(Job 30, Psalm 142, Isaiah 2, etc)

...In our day one does not have to study the sciences very long before he is introduced to "prehistoric men" whose bones have been found. These "men" are purported to be "the missing links" and whose sketches appear in text-books. Students everywhere are taught that these are our ancestors, and that we have evolved from animals.

...What are we as Christians to think about this? As we discovered last week, we need to humbly and with prayer search the Scriptures to find answers to this mysterious problem.

TWO BIBLICAL OBSERVATIONS PROVIDING US WITH GOD'S FINAL OPINION ON THE ORIGIN OF MAN.

...For all human beings have a God-given dignity and glory by being uniquely made in God's likeness and image! (Ps 8)

I. Cavemen: The Bible Presents The Reality Of Cave Dwellers. This Is Fact!

- A. Job 30:1-10: Again, the oldest book in the Bible tells of cavemen.
 - 1. Job is describing the low estate of men who at one time lived on a higher plane, but dwelt in caves while scratching out a meager existence...they had been driven out from the community.
 - 2. They could not settled down and plant, but moved about hunting, etc.
- B. Genesis 6-8...The flood ended with only 8 human beings, and from these 8 God brought about the human distribution of mankind.
 - 1. A thousand years after the flood, God linguistically divided the human race at Babel causing people to separate and isolate in pockets that caused people to start looking differently from one another. (By in-breeding within a common gene pool) (Gen 11:1-9)
 - 2. During this time, stronger elements forced the weaker people out...they needed food and protection. Driven from society they took refuge in caves, etc.
- C. Some of the greatest saints of God were cavemen.
 - 1. Hebrews 11: 37-38..."those whom this world was not worthy...in caves."
 - 2. 1 Samuel 22-24...one of the greatest men of all time was a cave dweller: David.
...He was driven and chased about for years by King Saul.
...We have in our Bible two "Caveman Psalms" ...Psalms 57 and 142!
...This does provide a warning to us. David was at his absolute best...
 - 3. The greatest who ever lived, was a cave dweller...the Lord Jesus.
...He was born in a cave at Bethlehem.
...He was driven out of His hometown of Nazareth.
...He once said in summarizing His life, "foxes have holes and...but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head." (Luke 9:58)
- D. Isaiah 2:10-22...God is speaking about the future when He will pour out His wrath upon the earth during the Tribulation Period. He tells if you want to survive "that day," find a cave.
...For in this day God will humble the arrogant. Revelation 6:15-17 tells of the same event.

II. Ape Men: The Bible Forbids The Possibility Of Such A Creature. This is Myth!

...There is an infinite difference between cavemen and ape-men. Again, this is Satanic deception...

- A. God told us that He has set the barriers in reproduction..."everything according to its kind." (Genesis 1:21, 24, 25...) It is exclusive.
...So you can't have an ape becoming something else. It would need new genetic information...
- B. Ask: If humans have been evolving from apes for 100s of thousands of years...where are all the "missing links?" If man existence is one million years...the solar system could not hold all...
...But the 6 billion people we have are the number you would expect coming from 8 people...
...The whole world population is not really that huge. They could all stand in Jacksonville, FL.
- C. The genuine debatable fossils (not millions of them) could be placed on this pulpit platform.
 - 1. Piltdown man. 2. Nebraska man 3. Neanderthal man...etc
...All of these are apes, diseased humans, or hoaxes. Don't be fooled!
 - 2. For God has made every human in His image with an infinite gulf between man and animals that will never be bridged. We are responsible...and will give an account...

LESSONS FOR OUR LIVES: