Tropical Antarctic?

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"Scientists drilling off the coast of Antarctica made a startling discovery recently ...

"According to a study published in the journal *Nature*, the frozen continent was home to a 'near-tropical' rainforest 52 million years ago, when temperatures measured about 68 degrees Fahrenheit" [www.nature.com].

First of all, realize that this is no *new discovery*, just another confirmation of what has been known already for years. Unfortunately, this may be another effort to tax American businesses and taxpayers under the "*global warming*" farce because that was the direction of the article quoted above.

Second, stop and think about the world-wide flood of Noah's day and how the earth existed *prior* to the flood. When scientists dig deep under the ice layers of the arctic and antarctic and find a "near-tropical" rainforest with average temperatures of about 68 degrees, then that is a phenomenal discovery! How did these polar regions of the earth go from a tropical forest to a frozen tundra? The answer is found in the fact that when the world-wide flood occurred in Noah's day, the "vapor canopy" that enveloped the earth was destroyed. We read in Genesis 7:11-12 "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights." That vapor canopy that encircled the earth kept out dangerous rays from outer space, created a universal greenhouse effect, and stabilized atmospheric pressure in such a way as to make earth a virtual paradise to live in! Indeed, man lived hundreds of years (Gen. 5) in this protected environment. When the earth was affected by the consequences of the world-wide flood, things were never the same and the earth became a more hostile environment. Yes, this "vapor canopy" is a theory, but the latest discoveries in antarctica surely give credence to the idea! Read Genesis 8 for further insight.

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