

the proof he apparently needed. He goes on to say that the comet was created at the same time as the earth, for God foresaw that man would sin and provided a punishment. First, it gave the earth its rotary motion by coming near and cutting obliquely across the earth's orbit. On the next trip, man had sinned and God was angry. It was time for punishment. So along came this convenient comet and cut-a-corner across the ecliptic and came within nine thousand miles of our Globe. Noah was at L'ekin, and it was mid-night, but you all know that he was ready. Coming so near the comet attracted the water of the sea just as the moon does, but being so much nearer, made a much greater tide. It also drew all the waters out of the springs and wells wherever they were and piled them upon the land, till the tidal wave was over six miles high. Then the atmosphere of the comet and the earth combining caused it to rain forty days and nights. Thus according to Whiston was the flood caused.

He then went on to prove that at the end of time this comet would appear again, this time behind us and attract us so much as to retard the earth in its revolution around the sun. Now, if the earth slows ever so little in this movement it will drop just so much nearer the sun. Thus the comet will cause us to drop so near as to bring about what has been called the "Regeneration by Fire," this done the saints will reign a thousand years, and then along comes the comet. This time it strikes us behind so hard as to drive us off into space, as a comet too. Our end then, is to turn