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## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### Warming to an Old Climate



*But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. (Genesis 2:6)*

It was the largest bird that ever lived. It stood 10-12 feet tall and could easily outrun a horse. Being a meat-eater, this fossil bird, which has been nicknamed "terror bird," possibly did chase horses and bring them down with its sharp talons. The only thing that limited this creature's terrible abilities was its inability to fly.

Terror bird existed in a world that also included other large birds – one had a wingspread of 17 feet! In the warm climate of long ago, ferns towered 150 feet tall, huge alligators, marsupials and a strange mix of other creatures hid within the forest of fig and sequoia. Where would one find such a place? Of all places, Antarctica! Yes, it was a long time ago, although not as long ago as evolutionists claim. The location of these fossil creatures indicate that the Earth was once much warmer. Similar fossil remains have also been found in Siberia, Alaska and the Arctic.

It sounds as if a tropical forest is being described when Genesis talks about mist rising from the ground, watering the plants. If the Earth really is warming up, maybe it's just now returning to normal. This is certainly not something that the ancients in the Near East would have made up – offering further evidence of God's authorship of Scripture!

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