

**Book Review - Refuting Compromise**  
**Chapter 7 – The Created Kinds**  
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You may skip this chapter if you wish, because it is really a side issue to the main debate. Both Ross and YECs argue against evolution. Ross has made claims that YECs believe in evolution because of their need for rapid speciation after the flood. This chapter seeks to rebut these claims and other minor ones. I will only touch on a few matters.

Young earth creationists must on the one hand provide a rebuttal against evolution, and then turn around, and with the other hand, claim that the Bible and their model supports rapid speciation after the Flood. Why is rapid speciation necessary? They have to limit the number of animals on the ark, or else the ark would be overfilled with all of today's species. So, on the one hand, they have to deny evolution, but on the other hand, they have to embrace some of evolution's principles.

They get away with this by claiming that no new genetic material was introduced by this speciation. It's a nice job of manipulating the theory of evolution.

**The Biblical Model Predicts Rapid Speciation (page 235)**

Or so Sarfati claims. What is his evidence that the Bible predicts rapid speciation? It is this sentence...

The biblical creation/Fall/Flood/dispersion model would also predict rapid formation of new varieties and even species. This is because all the modern varieties of land vertebrates must have descended from comparatively few animals that disembarked from the ark only 4,500 years ago.

That's it! That's all the evidence he gives to support this claim! Sarfati does in the following section (Examples and Mechanisms of Speciation) give a few minor examples of fish and insects, but nothing related to mammals.

This section gives us a glimpse of how the young earth creationist does science. By stating the biblical model predicts it by supposing that all animals descended from those on the ark, Sarfati (and others) have already reached the conclusion that rapid speciation occurs, before they ever look at the scientific evidence. A true scientist makes an observation, then formulates theories based on that observation. A creation scientist first formulates the theory (the earth is young), and then he looks for observations to prove his theory. This is backwards from the definition of a scientist. As such, you can't call a young earth creationist a scientist, since they don't follow scientific principles. They are best called "creation theorists."