

Noah and the Flood Genesis 7

I. Entering the Ark – 7:1-10

1. It was time to enter the Ark – 1
God said, “Go into the ark” it was God’s time
2. “You and all your household” – 1
His wife, 3 sons, and their wives
3. Take pairs of animals with you – 2-3
God’s creation must be kept in safety
7 Pairs of all clean animals, male & his mate – 2
For sacrifice unto the Lord Thanks for His protection – Gen. 8:20
For food as God changed man’s diet – Gen. 1:29-30 to 9:3-4
1 Pair of animals that are not clean – male & mate
7 Pairs of birds of the heavens– male & female - 3
4. In 7 days “I will send rain on earth” - 4
Rain will last for 40 days & 40 nights
Every living thing I will blot out
7 days to orderly arrange for what’s ahead
5. Noah did all that God commanded – 5-9
Noah was 600 years old when flood came – 6
Noah & his family entered ark to escape – 7
He took animals by pairs with him - 8-9
Clean & unclean animals, birds, creeping things
6. After 7 days the flood began - 10

II. The Flood Begins – 7:11-16

1. Date of the beginning – 11
600th year, 2nd month, 17th day of Noah’s life
2. Source of all the water – 11
“All the fountains of the great deep burst forth”
Eruption of the seas spilling water on land
Perhaps even release of water from earth’s underground water table
“Windows of the heavens were opened”
Releasing water canopy from heavens
This takes us back to creation – Gen. 1:6-8
Waters separated by heaven (firmament)
God had not yet caused it to rain – Gen. 2:5-6
Such a canopy would be protective cover
To release this canopy of water would bring change
Bring significant change to earth’s climate
We will deal with this further in Gen. 8:22
Bring significant change to earth’s geology
Every continent has a continental shelf indicating more water
The shelf reaches out a significant distance
3. Rain fell on earth 40 days & 40 nights - 12
All over the earth at the same time
This was truly a great deluge
4. Noah, family & animals were safe – 13-16
In the Ark, shut in by the Lord

III. The Flood Continues – 7:17-24

1. Continued to rain 40 days – 17-18
Water-level continued to rise & so did the ark
2. Water rose mightily above mountains – 19-20
15 cubits (22 1/2 ft.) above high mountains
3. Every living being died – 21-23
Humans and animals – except those in ark
4. Water prevailed on earth 150 days – 24
Water continued reshaping earth’s surface
About 5 months (with 30 days per month)
Great geological changes as a result
Canyons, gorges, wide river valleys
Large amounts of silt, soil to be redeposited
This would harden and become sedimentary rock
These layers form 75% of earth’s rock crust
In these layers are found many fossils of previous life
5. It was another 225 days for earth to dry
7 1/2 months before they could leave the ark
Gen. 8:13-14 compared to 7:11 = 1 yr & 10 days