

Genesis Chapter 7

V: 1 *“Then the Lord said to Noah, “Come” (1st mention) into the ark,”*

- Shepherds in Israel lead their sheep as opposed to the western mode of “driving” their sheep.

Jesus said:

John 10:27 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

- God said “*come*” into the ark, because He would be in the ark with them, He was beckoning them to Himself – just as He does with each of us.

Isaiah 26:20 “Come My people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past.”

Matthew 11:28-29 “Come unto Me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

- Throughout the Bible God is beckoning us to Himself:

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the LORD, though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

- Even at the end of the Book, the message is still essentially the same, come, come to Me - I want you to be where I am.

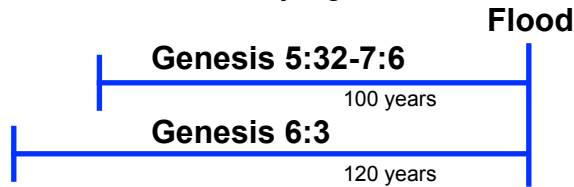
Revelation 22:17 “And the Spirit and the bride say, come! And let him who hears say, come! And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”

Timing:

Genesis 6:3 “And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

- Many assume that because God gives a time limit of 120 years, that this is the amount of time it took to build the ark, which could be true.
- **Genesis Ch. 5** describes the genealogy of Noah. We read in **Genesis 5:32** that Noah was 500 years old when he begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Describing the genealogy leading up to the flood.

- Then in **Genesis 7:6**, Noah was 600 years old when the floodwaters were on the face of the earth, giving us a 100 year time frame.
- **Chapter 6** backs up to before Genesis 5:32 when God tells Noah that in 120 years the world will be judged.



- Is the mention of 120 years the beginning of Noah's commission? Possibly. Context suggests so with the command to build the ark - **Genesis 6:14**.
- In that 100-120 year span of time it appears that the last recorded conversation between God and Noah takes place in **Genesis 6:13** where Noah was given instruction and specifications for the ark, he was told about the covenant that God would make with him, and about the animals that would be taken onto the ark.
- If construction didn't begin until each of his sons grew up and took wives, assuming that they took their wives when they were 20-25 years of age, that leaves 75 or so years to build the ark - give or take.
- If Noah started work on the ark prior to the sons being born or married that could lengthen the construction time out to 120 years. We don't know.
- What we do know is that (**Genesis 6:22**) Noah did according to all that God commanded him.
- God spoke and Noah listened.

Isaiah 30:21 "Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, this is the way, walk in it, whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left."

- Noah heard God's voice, knew His will, and acted on it.

Revelation 2:7 "He that has ears to hear, let him hear..."

James 1:22 "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

1 John 3:18 "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

- Usually – starts with a question, or a need.

- Hearing God's voice comes best by practice – not in the midst of a crisis.
- Noah had been faithful to do as the Lord had commanded – 120 years of building and preaching.

V: 1b “... *you and all your household*...”

- We have a definite responsibility to our wives and children – we are to bring them along on this journey of faith.

Acts 16:25-34 Philippian jailer, Paul & Silas praying and singing hymns at midnight – earthquake – prison doors flew open – intent on killing himself.

Acts 16:31-34 “³¹So they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household. ³²Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.”

V: 1c “*Because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.*”

(singular)

- That's an incredible testimony, God declares that Noah is righteous, Noah met God's righteous standard.
- How did Noah get to this place?

Hebrews 11:7 “By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with Godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”

Just like Abraham:

Galatians 3:6 “Just as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

- Peter declares Noah to be a preacher of righteousness.

2 Peter 2:5 “and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;”

Romans 1:16-17 “¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also

for the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

- We can have that same righteousness, which is from God by faith.

Philippians 3:9 “and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;”

“... *you are righteous before Me in this generation.*” – singular

- Chapter 6 used “generations” plural to mean Noah’s genealogy; his pedigree so to speak. Here, generation singular speaks comparatively – Noah stood out from those around him, separate from them.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 “¹⁴Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness. ¹⁵And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ¹⁷Therefore “come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. ¹⁸I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

V: 2-3 Take seven each of every clean animal, and two each of every unclean animal.

- There has been no discussion yet about what constituted clean as opposed to unclean animals. Later this would be codified in the Law, but at this point it is the oral law passed down from God presumably to Adam and his descendants. Just like what sacrifices were acceptable and which were not.
- 7 each of the clean: 3 pairs for replacement / preservation, and one odd man out for sacrifice (chapter 8).
- 1 pair each of the unclean for the replenishing the earth.
- God may have intended the “clean” to have an advantage in reproduction and repopulation, or He may have been taking into account that some of the “clean” offspring / cattle would end up being sacrificed.
- Noah only had three sons, so for man kind there were 3 pairs to replenish the earth – from which all of man kind has descended.

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- Some people question whether such a vessel could contain all the various breeds of animals represented upon the earth today.

Genesis 6:15 gives us the dimensions of the ark:

- 300 standard cubits (18") or 450' long, 50 cubits or 75' wide, 30 cubits or 45' tall.
- 300 "Royal" cubits (20.5") or 512.5' long, 85' wide, and 51' tall.
- 1,400,000 cubic feet / 522 standard livestock rail cars.
- Taking all the land animals into account, the average size animal is less than the size of a sheep, of which the ark using only 60% of it's space could have contained 125,000.
- Most animals are pretty small, mice, robins, lizards, frogs – even the large animals could have been represented by babies.
- Scientists today estimate today that there are approximately 18,000 known species of animals – we can speculate a little and estimate that maybe there are some animals that have become extinct since that time so we could double that number to 36,000 species of animals, with 2 of each kind – now we're only up to 72,000 animals – still much less than 60% capacity of 125,000 – the other 40% of space being for food and supplies.
- Noah was instructed to bring into the ark two of every "sort", each after it's "kind." (**Genesis 6:19-20**)
- Noah didn't need to take every breed of dog onto the ark, just one pair from which the various breeds would come forth – could have been a Chihuahua, probably a Rottweiler.
- Now the numbers are getting smaller, including just the kinds versus the various sub-species of animals.
- The same with elephants or giraffes, just one of each type of animal to represent the various breeds that would result, again they didn't have to be full grown animals, they could have been baby elephants for the larger animals.
- What about the dinosaurs? Reptiles continue to grow for their entire lives. Again the dinosaurs could have been represented by the smallest forms of their respective "kinds".
- It appears that it was the post-diluvian world that cut life spans for both man and animals much shorter with our bodies being bombarded by the various gamma rays and ultra violet light from which we had previously been protected from by the great water barrier in the atmosphere, the firmament above.

- If this was going to be a localized flood as some scoffers assert, then there would be no need to take two of each kind of animal to replenish the earth.
- In fact there would be no need for a boat, just start walking to the nearest safe place and wait.
- Because it was going to be a world wide flood that would wipe out all life on earth – both were needed.

V: 4 7 days, 40 days & 40 nights. Judgment!

7 = completion. 6 days of creation, 7th day was a day of rest.
40 = judgment. 40 years wilderness, Jesus fasted 40 days.

- God will destroy from the face of the earth all living things.

Psalm 69:28 “Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.”

V: 5 Obedience!

- Noah expressed love for God on God’s terms.

1 Samuel 15:22 “So Samuel said: has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.”

John 14:21 “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

- We’re seeing a pattern in Noah’s life:

Genesis 6:13 “And God said to Noah...”

Genesis 6:22 “Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.”

Genesis 7:1 – 7:5

V: 6-12 Noah is 600 years old when everything breaks loose.

- Each time the occupants of the ark are listed, Noah is first – he led his family.
- Everything happens just as God said it would.
- The animals came to Noah & the ark as God commanded, no hunting around.

V: 7 Noah and his family were saved through their obedience.

1 Peter 3:20 “... when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.”

V: 11 2nd month, 17th day – fountains of the deep broken up, windows of heaven opened.

Genesis 8:14 On the 27th day of the 2nd month God tells Noah to “go out of the ark.”

- When it's all said and done; Noah would be on the ark for 1 year and 17 days, or 377 days.

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- Fountains of the deep are broken up: underground reservoirs.
 - Long Beach, Naples / Treasure Island – oil out / water in – island sinking.
 - Windows of heaven opened up – the firmament above, the water canopy / barrier being condensed & poured out upon the earth.
 - These are epic events / cataclysmic – world wide events:
 - Emmanuel Villakofsky: Earths In Upheaval & Worlds In Collision.
 - Prior to the flood there was a stable atmosphere, a green house effect, lush plant life, world wide, no deserts, no frozen wastelands.
 - Scientists have found frozen animals in the Polar regions with tropical vegetation in their digestive tracts. Evidence of a world wide catastrophe.
 - Rich coal deposits, meaning that vast forests existed where we now see a frozen wasteland.
 - Sea shells and fossils of sea life found at the top of the Andes & Himalayas mountains.
 - Areas in the Andes that appear to have been terraced for farming, well above the tree line – suggesting that these areas were once well below the tree line and used for agriculture.
 - Villakofsky suggests that there may have been a 360 day-year prior to the flood, but that with a shift in the earth's axis we now have a 365.25 day-year. A shift in the axis to 23 1/3 degrees which now gives us seasons which did not take place prior to the flood.

V: 12 40 days & 40 nights:

40 = judgment & purification.

- Moses was 40 when he was sent into the desert of Sinai, the children of Israel wandered for 40 years in judgment, Jesus fasted for 40 days of testing.

V: 13-15 All aboard!

- Noah / his sons reiterate that what God had commanded was in fact accomplished.

V: 16 Men & animals all in obedience to the Lord.

Describing the millennium:

Isaiah 11:6-7, 9 “⁶The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.” - ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

- Some have suggested that the animals went into hibernation – like bears.
- The fact that Noah was commanded to bring food for all the animals and themselves seems to disprove this to some degree.
- Cleaning out the stalls must have kept them busy.

V: 16b “... *And the Lord shut him in.*”

- Everybody’s in and God Himself closes the door.

Deuteronomy 33:27 “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, and will say, destroy!”

Psalms 46:1-2 “¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;”

Jesus is the door to salvation:

John 10:9 “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”

John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

- The moment that God closes the door, they are forever separated from the world that is going to perish.
- They went in leaving the old world behind, when they came out it was to a new life.

Romans 6:4 “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

V: 17-20 The waters increased and lifted the ark up.

- At that time there probably weren't tall mountains like we have today – but what there was – was covered with water.
- If the whole earth were flat, and we didn't have the great ocean canyons – the earth would be covered in 6,000 feet of water!

“¹⁹*The waters prevailed exceeding on the earth*” – no room for a localized flood, all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered over by 15 cubits. (22')

- At the present day every mountain where examination has been made, offers universal proof that they all had the sea spread over their highest summits; shells, skeletons of fish, etc., having been found there

V: 21-23 All flesh, everything with breath in it's nostrils died – except for Noah and his family.

- God kept His promise!

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“The most incontestable evidence has been afforded of the universality of this fact: the moose deer, a native of America, has been found buried in Ireland; elephants, natives of Asia and Africa, in the midst of England; crocodiles, natives of the Nile, in the heart of Germany; and shell-fish, never known in any but the American seas, with the entire skeletons of whales, in the most inland counties of England.”

V: 24 150 days, great valley's being created by the evacuating of the water from the caverns / fountains of the deep.

- Mountain ranges being pushed upward.
- Land masses being moved and re-arranged by the cataclysmic events.
- Intense geological changes to the world that we now know.

Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.”

- We see God's hand in every part of this account, just as we should see His hand in every part of our lives today:

Galatians 1:3-5 “Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

- Why would God do all of this? So that we would have a chance of eternal life with Him!

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”