

GENESIS 7

Build An Ark

¹ One day Yahweh said to Noah, “Comeⁱ into the Ark, you, and your family. For I have seen that you are righteousⁱⁱ before Me in this generation.

² “Take seven pairs of every clean animal (male and female) and two pairs of every unclean animal (male and female).ⁱⁱⁱ ³ Take seven pairs of the birds (male and female). Do this so that these animals will continue to live on the face of the earth. ⁴ I will cause it to rain on the earth in seven days. It will rain for 40 days and 40 nights.^{iv} I will wipe every living thing that I have made off the face of the earth.”

⁵ So Noah did according to everything that Yahweh commanded him. ⁶ Noah was 600 years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth.^v ⁷ Noah went into the Ark with his sons, and^{vi} his wife, and his sons’ wives because of the waters of the flood. ⁸ The clean beasts, unclean beasts, birds, and everything that creeps on the earth ⁹ went to Noah into the Ark. They went in two by two, male and female, as Elohim had commanded Noah.

¹⁰ Seven days later,^{vii} the flood waters came upon the earth. ¹¹ In the 600th year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the 17th day of the month, all the fountains of the great deep broke up.^{viii} The windows of heaven opened.^{ix} ¹² Then it rained on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights. ¹³ On that very day Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth (the sons of Noah), and Noah’s wife, and the three wives of his sons with them entered into the Ark. ¹⁴ They, and every beast after its kind, and^x all the livestock after its kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every of fowl^{xi} after its kind, and every bird of every sort ¹⁵ Went to Noah into the Ark. They went in two by two of everything that has the breath of life. ¹⁶ They that went in, went in male and female, of all flesh as Elohim had commanded him. Then Yahweh shut them in.^{xii}

¹⁷ For forty days the flood waters grew higher and higher until they lifted Yeshua’s Ark^{xiii} up above the earth. ¹⁸ As the waters rose and increased greatly^{xiv} on the earth, the Ark floated on the surface of the waters.

¹⁹ The waters rose higher and higher over the earth until they covered all the high mountains across the whole earth. ²⁰ The waters were 15 cubits^{xv} higher than the mountains they covered. ²¹ All flesh that moved upon the earth died. All the birds, and^{xvi} cattle, and beasts, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every person died. ²² Everything on dry land that had the breath of life died. ²³ Every living thing that was on the face of the earth died. This included people, cattle, and the creeping things, and the birds of heaven. God wiped them off the earth. Only Noah and all those who were with him in the Ark remained alive. ²⁴ The waters continued to cover^{xvii} the earth for 150 days.^{xviii}

ⁱ The Hebrew root בוא (bo) means come or go. It is very close in meaning to the Greek ἀπάρχω (“caught up,” *rapturo* in Latin. See 1 Thess 4:17). God takes Noah to safety while the world is going through judgment. The same thing will happen before the Great Tribulation.

ⁱⁱ The Hebrew root צדיק (tsad-deek’) means righteous. Synonyms include upright, just, lawful, right, moral, and decent. Biblical righteousness is a person who is wearing the righteousness of Jesus. First, this righteousness is relational; it depends on being in Christ. Second, this righteousness is forensic; it fulfills the demands of God’s covenant. Third, this righteousness is ethical; it reflects faithfulness to a relationship.

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- iii How did Noah know which animals were clean and which ones were unclean? He didn't have the Torah at that time. God ordained these in the Garden of Eden. God gave Adam and Eve this teaching. Cain and Abel knew about clean versus unclean in their sacrifices.
 - iv They must have ridiculed Noah for talking about rain. Nobody knew what that was. How could water fall from the sky? Up until then, God watered the earth by a mist (Gen 2:6).
 - v Methuselah had just recently died. His name was a prophetic statement: "When he is dead, then it shall come." See Gen 5:21.
 - vi The literary technique of Polysyndeton uses multiple "and"s (or other conjunctions) in a series. It slows the reader and gives emphasis to each item.
 - vii What were they thinking when no rain came for seven long days?
 - viii This is a super catastrophic event. It changed the land, sky, and sea. One result is that lifespans dropped to 70 years.
 - ix We can see the "zipper marks" of this great catastrophe around the world. For example, "the mid-Atlantic ridge." Water spewed out of the rips in the earth and shot up high into the sky in a low earth orbit. This is why it rained for 40 days.
 - x The literary technique of Polysyndeton uses multiple "and"s (or other conjunctions) in a series. It slows the reader and gives emphasis to each item.
 - xi The Hebrew is תְּעוּף. It generally means a bird, but can refer to any flying creature. Synonyms include fowl and things that fly. This is very close to צִפּוֹר (small birds).
 - xii There are many parallels between the Ark and Jesus. Once you are "in Christ," then God shuts the door and you are safe and secure. You will never come into judgment!
 - xiii The Hebrew is אֶלֶף-תַּבָּ. A maqqeph joins the **Aleph-Tav** with the word "ark." Reasonable options are "Jesus' Ark" or "the Ark of Yeshua." See the article "The **Aleph-Tav**."
 - xiv The Hebrew is מְאֹד. The root means vehemently. Synonyms include very, greatly, exceedingly, fervently, passionately, violently, intensely, much, mightily, and vigorously.
 - xv If the Ark was 30 cubits high, then its draft was 15 cubits (22.5 feet). That was enough water so that the Ark was higher than all the mountains.
 - xvi The literary technique of Polysyndeton uses multiple "and"s (or other conjunctions) in a series. It slows the reader and gives emphasis to each item.
 - xvii The Hebrew root גָּבַר means to be strong, to prevail, or overpower. Here, the context implies that the waters prevailed over or covered the earth.
 - xviii This implies a 360 day calendar. If today's calendar were used these 5 months would be at least 151 days. There is a some significant event that happened between Noah and us that changed our calendars.