GENESIS 7

Build An Ark

1 One day Yahveh said to Noah, "Come[i] into the Ark, you, and your family. For I have seen that you alone[ii] remain uncorrupted before Me in this lineage.[iii]

2 "Take seven pairs of every clean animal (male and female) and two pairs of every unclean animal (male and female).[iv] **3** Take seven pairs of the birds of the air (male and female). Do this so 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.[v] I will destroy every living thing that I have made off the face of the earth."

5 So Noah obeyed everything that Yahveh told him. **6** Noah was 600 years old when the flood waters came upon the earth.[vi] **7** Noah entered the Ark with his sons, and[vii] 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 entered two by two, male and female, as Elohim had commanded Noah.

10 Seven days later,[viii] 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 burst open.[ix, x] God opened the windows of heaven. **12** Then rain poured down on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights. **13** On that very day Noah, and his sons Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, and his wife, and the three wives of his sons with them entered into the Ark. **14** They, and every beast after its kind, and[xi] all the livestock after its kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird[xii] after its kind, and every bird of every sort **15** Went to Noah into the Ark. Everything with the breath of life entered two by two. **16** They that entered, went in male and female, of all flesh as Elohim had commanded him. Then Yahveh shut them in.[xiii]

17 The flood waters grew higher and higher for forty days until they lifted Yeshua's Ark[xiv] up above the earth. **18** As the waters rose very[xv] high 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[xvi] higher than the mountains they covered. **21** All flesh that moved upon the earth died. All the birds, and[xvii] cattle, and beasts, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every person died. **22** Everything on dry land with 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 destroyed them off the earth. Only Noah and all those who were with him in the Ark remained alive. **24** The waters continued to cover[xviii] the earth for 150 days.[xix]

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[i] The Hebrew בּוֹא (*bo*) means come or go. It is very close in meaning to the Greek ἁρπάζω ("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 text does not directly contain this word "alone." However, the object "you" appears before the verb ("I have seen"), which places emphasis on Noah. This word order highlights that Noah uniquely stands out as righteous in his generation.

[iii] The Hebrew דּוֹר (*dor*) usually means "generations" or "posterity." In Genesis 6:9 Noah is described as "righteous" (צַדִּיק, *tsahd-deek*) and "blameless" (תָּמִים, *taw-meem*) in his lineage. The word תָּמִים (*taw-meem*) often means "without blemish" and is used elsewhere for sacrificial animals that must be physically unblemished (Leviticus 1:3, 22:21). The same root דּוֹר (*dor*) appears again in Genesis 7:1, where God says, "I have seen that you are righteous (pure human DNA) before Me in this lineage." The repetition of "righteous" and "lineage" links the two verses. What the narrator

states in Genesis 6:9, God confirms in Genesis 7:1. This emphasizes that Noah's family line rather than a time period. In the context of the corruption described in Genesis 6, Noah is singled out as righteous (pure human DNA) within his lineage. This interpretation is consistent with the understanding reflected in the Book of Enoch and echoed in Jude 6–7, 1 Pet 3:19-20; and 2 Pet 2:4-5, which describe fallen angels corrupting humanity through unions with human women. In that interpretive tradition, Noah and his family represent an uncorrupted human lineage preserved through the Flood.

[iv] 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.

[v] 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).

[vi] Methuselah had just recently died. His name was a prophetic statement: "When he is dead, it shall come." See Gen 5:21.

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[viii] What were they thinking when no rain came for seven long days?

[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 one of several reasons why it rained for 40 days.

[x] This is a super catastrophic event. It changed the land, sky, and sea. One result is that lifespans dropped to 70 years.

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[xii] The Hebrew הָעוֹף generally means a bird, but can refer to any flying creature. Synonyms include birds and other things that fly. This is very close to צִפּוֹר.(small birds).

[xiii] 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!

[xiv] The Hebrew is אֶת־הַתֵּבָה. 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**."

[xv] The Hebrew מְאֹד (*m^{e}-od*) means vehemently. Synonyms include very, greatly, exceedingly, fervently, passionately, violently, intensely, much, mightily, and vigorously.

[xvi] If the Ark was 30 cubits high, its draft was 15 cubits (22.5 feet). That was enough water so that the Ark was higher than all the mountains.

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[xviii] The Hebrew גָּבַר means to be strong, to prevail, or overpower. Here, the context implies that the waters prevailed over or covered the earth.

[xix] 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.