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9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.

10 Noah was the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 Now God saw that the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence.

12 God observed all this corruption in the world, for everyone on earth was corrupt.

13 So God said to Noah, "I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth!"

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14 “Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior.

15 Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.

16 Leave an 18-inch opening below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boat—lower, middle, and upper.

17 “Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die.

18 But I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat—you and your wife and your sons and their wives.

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19 Bring a pair of every kind of animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you to keep them alive during the flood.

20 Pairs of every kind of bird, and every kind of animal, and every kind of small animal that scurries along the ground, will come to you to be kept alive.

21 And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals.”

22 So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

3 SCIENTIFIC REASONS TO BELIEVE IN THE GENESIS FLOOD



"The fountains of the great deep burst open, and the windows of the heavens were opened." – GENESIS 7:11

— **GOD'S WORD. REAL HISTORY. REAL SCIENCE.** —

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THE GENESIS FLOOD

A TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS

Day 7

GOD SHUTS THE DOOR

God himself shuts the door of the ark, sealing Noah's family and the animals inside before the rain begins. (Gen 7:16)



THE ARK IS SEALED.
TRUST BEGINS.

DAYS 8-48

THE RAIN FALLS

Rain falls for forty days and forty nights (Gen 7:12), with waters also surging up from "the great deep." (Verse 11)

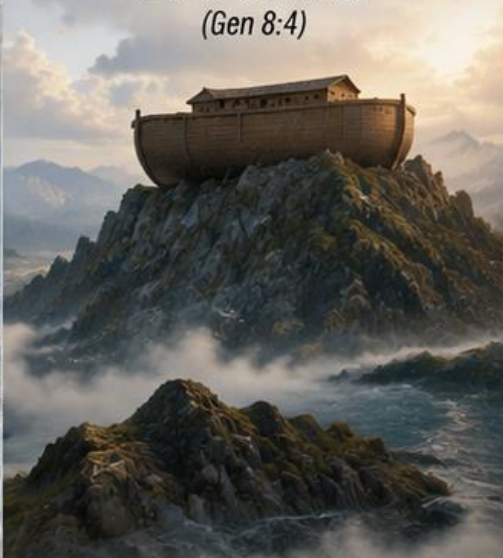


FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS
OF RELENTLESS RAIN.

DAY 197

WATERS PEAK AND RECEDE

The waters reach their peak and begin to recede. The ark comes to rest on the mountains of Ararat. (Gen 8:4)



THE ARK COMES TO REST.
THE WATERS BEGIN TO FALL.

DAYS 260-274

BIRDS SENT OUT

Noah sends out a raven, then a dove three times at seven-day intervals. The dove's failure to return on the third flight signals the earth is dry enough. (Gen 8:6-12)



Day 264

Noah sends out a raven. It keeps going back and forth.



Day 271

First dove sent out. It returns—no rest for its feet.



Day 278

Second dove sent out. It returns—no rest for its feet.



Day 285

Third dove sent out. It does not return. The earth is dry enough.



HOPE TAKES FLIGHT.
THE EARTH IS DRY ENOUGH.

DAY ~370

COME OUT AND WORSHIP

God commands Noah to come out. After more than a year on the ark, the family steps onto dry land and Noah builds an altar. (Gen 8:18-20)



A NEW BEGINNING.
WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING.



TOTAL TIME ON THE ARK: JUST OVER A FULL YEAR — ABOUT 370 DAYS.

A TESTAMENT TO THE ENORMOUS PATIENCE AND FAITH REQUIRED OF NOAH AND HIS FAMILY.

"Noah did everything just as God commanded him."

— Genesis 6:22

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18 The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Now Ham was the father of Canaan.) 19 These were the three sons of Noah, and from them the whole earth was populated.

20 Noah, a man of the soil, began to plant a vineyard. 21 When he drank some of the wine, he got drunk and uncovered himself inside his tent.

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. **Hebrews 11**

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You can honour or dishonour God

22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers who were outside. 23 Shem and Japheth took the garment and placed it on their shoulders. Then they walked in backwards and covered up their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 When Noah awoke from his drunken stupor he learned what his youngest son had done to him. 25 So he said, "Cursed be Canaan!

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