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## Genesis 6-8 | "The Great Flood"

### I. THE DAYS OF NOAH (6)

#### POPULATION EXPLOSION (v. 1)

#### OCCULTIC AND DEMONIC ACTIVITY (v. 2-4)

##### A. (v. 3)

1. **"And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."**

a. "an hundred and twenty years"

1) This is a 120-year period of grace before the Flood.

a) Cf. **1 Peter 3:20** - "Which sometime were disobedient, when once **the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing**, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

i. **KEY: GOD IS SO PATIENT!!!**

b) **Q** = Why hasn't God already brought the Great Tribulation Period?!...

i. Cf. **2 Peter 3:8-9** - "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

#### WICKEDNESS OF SOCIETY (v. 5-8)

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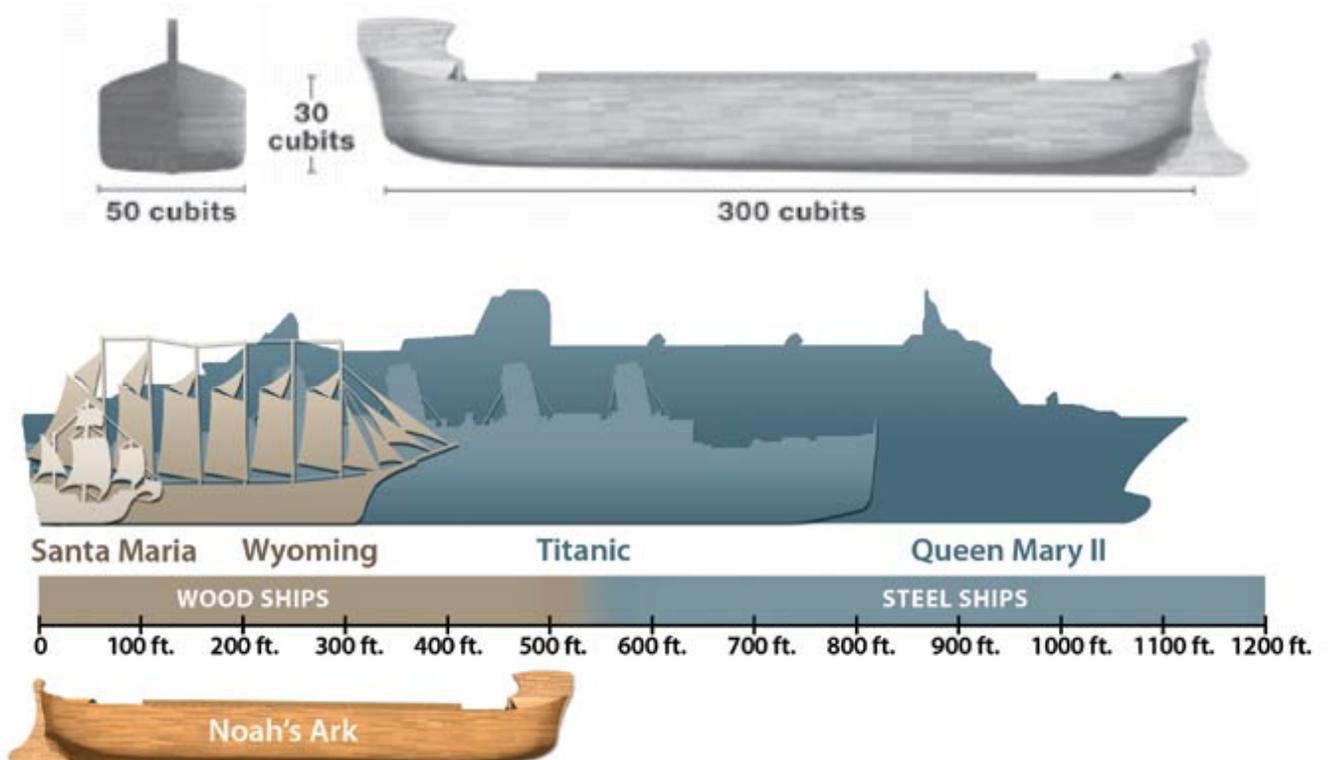
### VIOLENCE, CORRUPTION, AND IMMORALITY (v. 9-13)

### GOD'S JUDGMENT AND RESCUE PLAN (v. 14-22)

#### B. (v. 15)

1. **"And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits."**

a. L=300 cubits; W=50 cubits; H=30 cubits<sup>12</sup>



**1 cubit = 17.5"—24"** (most scholars suggest 18")

**18" = 450' long, 75' wide, 45' high**

<sup>1</sup> Images taken from Answer In Genesis website. <https://answersingenesis.org/noahs-ark/what-did-noahs-ark-look-like/>

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**NOTE:** It has been shown hydrodynamically that a gigantic box with these dimensions would be extremely stable, almost impossible to capsize. Model stability tests show that the Ark's design is stable for a 200' wave — a wave greater than would ever occur in open sea!

**KEY:** The hull had a ratio of length to width equaling 6:1, which is a stability calculation common in modern ship design.<sup>3</sup>

**VOLUME CAPACITY:** 450' x 75' x 45' = 1,518,750 cubic feet = 596 railroad stock-cars; one standard livestock car handles 240 sheep

**KEY:** There were not 2 of every single species of animal, only the family "kind" of animals. Thus, the maximum number of animals would be 50,000, but probably much less. Most likely about 16,000 to 22,000 kinds of animals.<sup>4</sup>

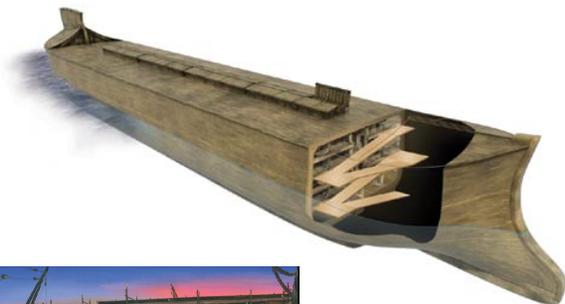
**Illust.** - We've all waited for a train to go by, sometimes with 30 cars, and it seems like forever! Well, this was 569 cars!!!

**NOTE:** Most animals are smaller than a sheep (birds, reptiles, squirrels, mice, dogs, cats, etc...), and the larger animals (cows, elephants, giraffes, dinosaurs) could have been young, thus smaller and not taking up too much space.

**Therefore, all animals on board the Ark could have been housed in:**

**50,000 / 240 = 208 cars**

**— or —**



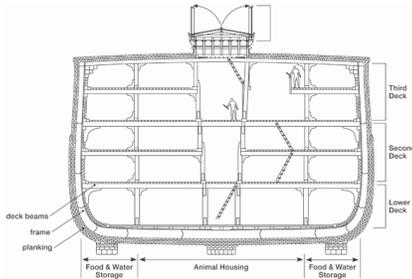
<sup>3</sup> <sup>3</sup> Plaque on wall of the *Museum of Creation and Earth History* in Santee. <http://creationsd.org>

<sup>4</sup> <https://answersingenesis.org/noahs-ark/how-could-noah-fit-the-animals-on-the-ark-and-care-for-them/>

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**208 / 569 = 36.5% of the Ark's capacity**



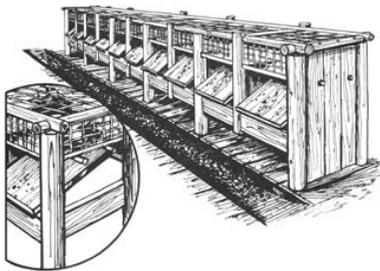
**ANIMALS:** 36.5% of the Ark

**FOOD & WATER:** 6%—12% of the Ark

**FEEDING:** Also, I'm sure Noah was smart enough to put the correct food near the correct animals, thus they wouldn't have to carry it very far.

**WATER:** Noah also may have had the drinking water piped in to troughs for the animals, much like the Chinese have used bamboo pipes for 1000s of years.

**WASTE:** Noah could have made slatted floors so the waste would go underneath the animals, or maybe a sloped floor so that the waste would gather in a gutter-like system. I'm sure it smelled like how Valley Center used to smell when there was the dairy!



**LIVING QUARTERS:** 51.5%—57.5% of the Ark

There was plenty of room for a lot more people, but they didn't get onboard! I'm sure Mrs. Noah set up their temporary living quarters with her favorite plants, and maybe kept the dogs and cats with her. It could even be that Noah built some beds and made them as comfortable as possible.

**NOTE:** There are over 200 ancient flood legends from all over the earth of a Global Flood that was survived by a favored family and the animals due to a large boat.

**Q** = Where did all the water come from?...

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Today, Oceans cover 71% of the earth, and they are deeper than the continents are high. Actually, if the earth were smooth, water would cover it to a depth of 7,500 feet!<sup>5</sup>

## II. ENTERING THE ARK (7)

### A. (v. 1)

1. **"And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation."**

a. "And the LORD said unto Noah"

1) This is 100 years after chapter 6.

a) **NOTE:** It seems that God spoke to Noah when he was around 500 years old (5:32; 6:3, 13), and didn't speak to him again for 100 years (7:1, 6)! Yet he faithfully obeyed God's command.

b) **KEY:** Sometimes God will speak to you and direct you to do something, and then you won't hear anything for what seems like 100 years. What do you do? You just obey and do what you know He clearly spoke to you until He speaks again!

b. "Come"

1) **Q** = Where is the Lord?... In the Ark! And He's inviting Noah and his family to join Him.

a) Cf. **John 10:9** - Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved..."

2) The Ark has been completed, Noah's grandfather Methuselah has recently died, and now Noah and the animals are to enter the Ark.



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- c. "for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation"
- 1) Cf. **Hebrews 11:7** - "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."
    - a) **KEY:** For 100 years, Noah faithfully "preached righteousness" to those "who were disobedient while the Ark was preparing."
      - i. Cf. **1 Peter 3:18-20** - "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."
      - ii. Cf. **2 Peter 2:5** - "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;"
      - iii. Cf. **Luke 17:26-27** - "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all."

### B. (v. 6)

1. "And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth."
  - a. "the flood of waters" - Heb. "the hydraulic cataclysm"

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- 1) "flood" - Heb. *mabbul* - "destruction; deluge"
  - a) In the N.T., the Greek word is *kataklusmos*, where we get our English word *Cataclysm*! (cf. [Matthew 24:39](#); [Luke 17:27](#); [2 Peter 2:5](#); [3:6](#))
  - b. **Q** = It's amazing how powerful water is and how much damage can be caused by a local flood. Can you imagine a Global Flood?...

### C. (v. 16)

1. **"And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in."**
  - a. "and the LORD shut them in"
    - 1) Noah was a *preacher of righteousness*, yet the culture just went on with business as usual, ignoring the signs of their times.
      - a) Cf. [Matthew 24:37-39](#) - Jesus said, "*But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*"
    - 2) **NOTE:** There were the Signs of the Times, and yet people lived their lives like nothing was going to happen, until it did happen!
      - a) **Q** = Can you imagine the people seeing Noah build this huge boat and hear him say for 100 years, "Judgment is coming!" Yet, they thought he was looney! Then the animals come into the Ark and they see Noah enter the Ark... Then the door, all by itself, closes... "Uh oh!" Too late...
      - b) **KEY:** There are people today that will hear you speak of the signs of the 2nd Coming of Christ, and they will just blow you off and live their life as

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normal, until one day we all vanish at the Rapture. Then they will face the judgment of God, and we escaped.

- i. Cf. **2 Peter 3:3-9** - "*Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*"

### FOUR REASONS WHY WE BELIEVE IT WAS A WORLDWIDE FLOOD (v. 17-24)

1. **The wording of the entire record of Genesis 6-9. The expressions used could only speak of a UNIVERSAL Flood.**
  - a. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights (v. 12).
  - b. The waters "increased greatly upon the earth" (v. 18).
  - c. "All the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered." (v. 19)
    - 1) The double superlative - "all the high mountains under all the heavens" - cannot possibly allow the word "all" to be used in a *relative* sense!



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d. "Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered." (v. 20)



- 1) All the mountains were under at least 15 cubits (22.5 feet) of water, which is half the height of the Ark. This means that the Ark floated freely above all the mountains, which include the "mountains of Ararat" (Gen. 8:4), which has a highest peak of 17,000 feet. A 17,000-foot Flood is not a *local* flood!
- 2) **NOTE:** There is enough water in today's oceans to cover the earth to a depth of about 1.7 miles.<sup>6</sup>

e. "All flesh died that moved upon the earth" (v. 21).

- 1) In a local flood, most of the animals could have ran away or flew away from danger.

f. "Every man" died. (v. 21)

- 1) People could have escaped if it was a Local Flood. But they didn't escape because it was a Global Flood.

g. No local flood continues to rise for 150 days. (v. 24)

**2. The 100-year construction project of the Ark, and all the preparations would be a waste of time and money if it were a Local Flood. They could have moved with a 100-year warning! Why build the big boat?**

**3. God promised to never send such a Flood again (Gen. 8:21; 9:11, 15).**

- a. If it was a Local Flood, then God lied, because there have been many local floods throughout history. However, He didn't lie because He spoke of a Global Flood.

<sup>6</sup> Ken Ham. <https://answersingenesis.org/the-flood/global/was-there-really-a-noahs-ark-flood/>

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4. **Other Biblical writers, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, spoke of it as a GLOBAL Flood.**
- a. Cf. Job 12:15; 22:16; Psalm 29:10; 104:6-9; Isaiah 54:9; 1 Peter 3:20
  - b. Cf. Hebrews 11:6 - "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."
  - c. Cf. 2 Peter 2:5 - "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;"
    - 1) The WHOLE EARTH was ungodly (Gen. 6:5-6, 11-12)!!
  - d. Cf. 2 Peter 3:5-7 - "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

### III. LEAVING THE ARK (8)

#### A. (v. 1)

1. "And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;"
- a. "asswaged" - Heb. "receded; subsided; decreased; abated"
    - 1) The force of the receding waters caused DRAMATIC RESHAPING OF THE EARTH'S GEOLOGY!
      - a) **KEY:** The tremendous amount of water ERODED and TRANSPORTED great quantities of sediment forming the majority of GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS,



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like the Grand Canyon<sup>7</sup>, the Mountain Ranges (Sierras, Rocky Mountains, Himalayas), etc.

b) **NOTE:** Mount St. Helens erupted on May 18, 1980, and gave observable evidence that our earth's geology could change quite rapidly.



i. There was a 5.1 earthquake that blew the "lid" on the North side of the volcano, which caused debris to surge downhill as a landslide. The landslide (a combination of ice, water, air and debris) tumbled down the side of the volcano, reaching speeds over 150 mph. Over 1,300 feet of Mount St. Helens' summit and northern slope were ripped away and thrown over 230 square miles of the surrounding area.<sup>8</sup>

ii. **Layers of Sediment:** 600 feet of strata has been formed since the explosion, many of which came from the landslide of debris.

iii. **Canyon Formation:** According to many geologists, most canyons on Earth were formed as a result of slow erosion by rivers and other natural sources over time—great amounts of time. Contrary to this view, Mount St. Helens tells a different story. A small eruption in 1982 carved a canyon over 150 feet deep in a single day!

a. These canyons that were formed are similar to the Grand Canyon, only 40 times smaller.

iv. *Answers In Genesis* brochure: "When Mount St. Helens erupted on May 18, 1980, the surrounding land was forever transformed. The explosion showed that rock layers, coal and canyons could all be formed rapidly, instead of slowly over periods of millions of years as is traditionally taught. The effects of

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<sup>7</sup> I recommend the movie "Is Genesis History?" that is currently on Netflix where they talk a lot about the Grand Canyon and evidences for the Flood.

<sup>8</sup> <https://answersingenesis.org/geology/mount-st-helens/mount-st-helens-in-washington-state/>

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the eruption of Mount St. Helens remind us of another much larger catastrophe that forever changed the face of the entire earth—the Genesis Flood (Genesis 6–9). The ensuing rapid uplift of the mountains would have caused great canyons to be formed in a very short period of time. The eruption of Mount St. Helens provides us with a glimpse of what happened during the worldwide Flood around 4,500 years ago. It shows that the ideas of "millions of years" are simply myth and provides testimony to the fact that the biblical record is accurate and the earth is only thousands of years old."<sup>9</sup>

- c) Cf. **Psalm 104:5-9** - *"Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.*"

2) This also explains the FOSSIL RECORD!

- a) **Q** = If there was a Global Flood, do you know what you would find?...Billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the earth. Do you know what you find?... Billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the earth! Fossils! (Ken Ham)
- b) **KEY:** Fossils of MARINE LIFE has been found high above sea level.
- i. We find marine fossils in most of the rock layers in GRAND CANYON.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>9</sup> <https://answersingenesis.org/geology/mount-st-helens/mount-st-helens-in-washington-state/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://answersingenesis.org/fossils/fossil-record/high-dry-sea-creatures/>

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- ii. Marine fossils are also found high in the HIMALAYAS, the world's tallest mountain range, reaching up to 29,029 feet above sea level.<sup>11</sup>

### B. (v. 3-4)

1. **"And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat."**
  - a. The Flood started in the 17th day of the 2nd month ([Gen. 7:11](#)), and ended 150 days later ([Gen. 8:3](#)), with the Ark resting on the 17th day of the 7th month ([Gen. 8:4](#)). Thus, 5 exact months of 150 days = 30-day months.
    - 1) Moses, who is the author of this book, calculated using a 30-day month, thus 360-day year.
  - b. "upon the mountains of Ararat"
    - 1) **NOTE:** It does not say on Mt. Ararat specifically, but upon the *mountains* (plural) or Ararat. Thus, it is that mountain *region*, not necessarily that specific mountain.
      - a) Actually, some scholars give some compelling reasons why it probably didn't land on Mt. Ararat.<sup>12</sup>
        - i. Underneath the mount are thousands of feet of Flood sediments which were, of course, laid down during the Flood. However, Mt. Ararat is a volcano, and it wasn't formed until after the Flood. Thus, to is very unlikely that the Ark landed on Mt. Ararat itself. Otherwise, the Ark would be buried under volcanic ash!

<sup>11</sup> J. P. Davidson, W. E. Reed, and P. M. Davis, "The Rise and Fall of Mountain Ranges," in *Exploring Earth: An Introduction to Physical Geology* (Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1997), pp. 242–247. <https://answersingenesis.org/fossils/fossil-record/high-dry-sea-creatures/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://answersingenesis.org/media/audio/answers-with-ken-ham/volume-127/is-ark-on-mount-ararat/>

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- 2) **Q = Will the Ark be found?...** We don't know. There's nothing in the Bible to suggest that it will. But it would be the greatest archeological discovery in history!<sup>13</sup>
  - a) The LUMBER may have been REPURPOSED.
    - i. It probably took awhile before there were forests for Noah and the family to cut down for firewood or building material.
    - ii. The termites may have thought, "Finally! I've been wanting to eat this thing for over a year!"
  - b) It may have just DECAYED OVER TIME.
    - i. Just look at Barns built 100-200 years ago, and they eventually collapse and disappear.
  - c) If the Ark was trapped in a glacier, the GLACIER MOVEMENTS of advancing and receding could have torn it to shreds.

### C. (v. 5)

1. **"And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen."**
  - a. "tenth month, on the first day of the month"
    - 1) This day was 74 days<sup>14</sup> since the Ark rested (**Gen. 8:4**), and 224 days since the beginning of the Flood (**Gen. 7:11; 8:3-4**), and 231 days they've been on the Ark (**Gen. 7:4, 10-11**).
    - 2) See **Table 9** for Chronology of the Flood.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>13</sup> <https://answersingenesis.org/noahs-ark/noahs-ark-found/noahs-ark-mount-ararat/>

<sup>14</sup> 13 days left in 7th month + 30 days (8th month) + 30 days (9th month) + 1 day (first day of 10th month) = 74 days

<sup>15</sup> Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum. Commentary on the Book of Genesis, p. 305

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Table 9. Chronology of the Flood

Event	Ref.	Mo.	Day*	#**	Description	Days***
Family enters the ark.	7:7-9	2	10	0	Waited in the ark seven days	0
Rain begins.	7:11	2	17	7		7
Rain stops—water keeps pouring	7:12	3	27	40	Water continues for 150 days	47
Ark settles on mountain. Water stops rising	7:24	7	17	110		157
Water begins to settle	8:4	8	27	40	---	197
Ark on dry land. Mountain tops exposed.	8:5	10	1	34	Water recedes in 150 days.	231
Raven—no return	8:6-7	11	11	40		271
First dove—returns	8:8-9	11	18	7		278
Second dove—returns with leaf	8:10	11	25	7		285
Third dove—no return	8:12	12	2	7		292
Water receded.	8:12	12	17	29	---	321
Noah removes the covering.	8:13	1	1	57	Earth dry in 57 days	378
Noah opens the door and disembarks.	8:14	2	27			

\* Day of the month

\*\* Intervals, in days.

\*\*\* Running total of days.