

Genesis Series

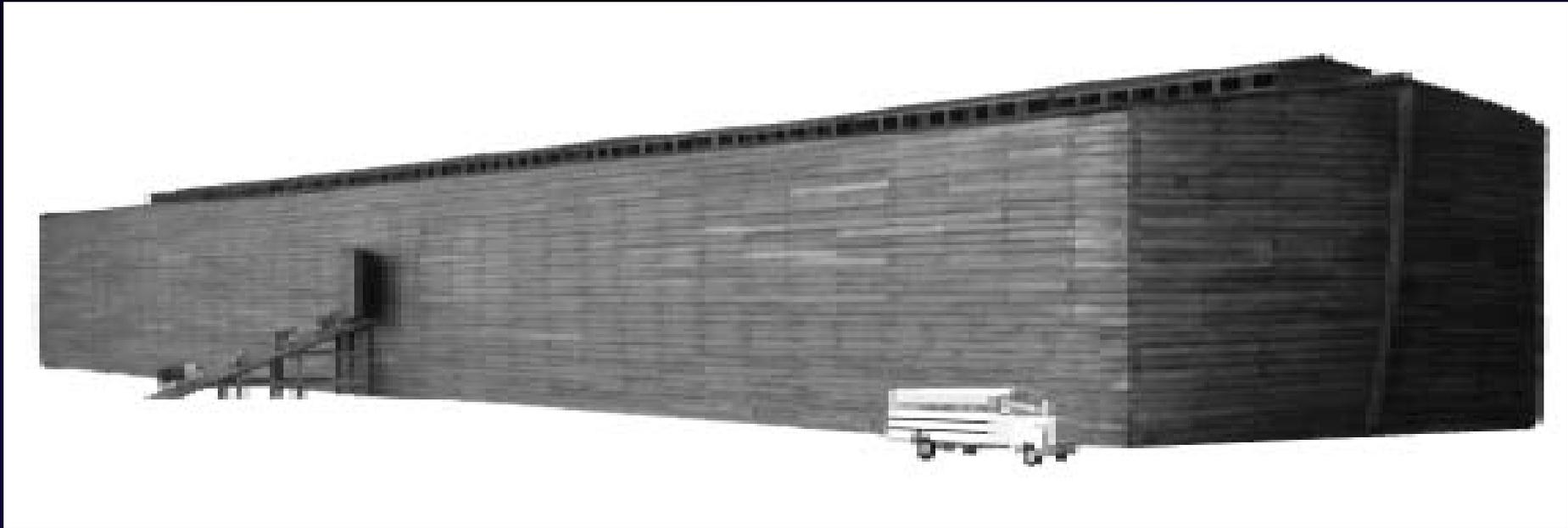
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Chronology of the Flood

Entry of the ark, Gen. 7:11 [waited 7 days]	2-10-600
Forty days and nights of rain, Gen. 7:11	2-17-600
One hundred ten days of rising	
After one hundred fifty days, ark rests	7-17-600
Seventy four days of decreasing:	10-1-600
Tops of mountains visible, Gen. 8:5	
Forty days then sent raven	11-10-600
Seven days then sent dove 1	11-17-600
Seven days then sent dove 2	11-24-600
Released dove 3	12-01-600
Remove hatch, ground seems dry	12-10-600
Order to offload; Total days; 371	2-27-601

1) Using the principle of a plain, literal hermeneutic, this passage can only refer to a universal flood.

2) Expressions involving universality of the Flood and its effects (all, every, etc.) occur more than thirty times in Genesis 6–9.

3) A forty-day rain would be impossible under current meteorological conditions.

4) The term for the Flood, מַבּוּל *mabbul*, is used exclusively of Noah's flood, the term for local flood שֶׁטֶף, *sheteph*, is not used. Used in Gen. 6–11; Psa. 29:10.

5) The construction, outfitting, and stocking of the Ark, would be unnecessary in a local flood.

6) All the mountains “under the whole heaven” were inundated under at least fifteen cubits, 22 ft, of water. Ararat is about 17,000 feet. A 17,000-foot Flood is not a *local* flood!

7) The mountains were “covered.” כסה
kasah, means to overwhelm,
conceal, cover, put on (as in
clothes). Gen. 7:19

8) A double superlative—“all the high mountains under *all* the heavens”—cannot convey a local meaning.

**9) In a local flood, the animals could escape or be taken to another area.
(v. 21)**

10) “Every man” died, in accordance with the very purpose of the Flood. In a local flood, most people escape.

**11) All that possessed the nishmat ruah
chayiym, the breath of the spirit of
life (Gen. 7:22).**

**12) No local flood continues to rise for
150 days.**

13) Even after the waters began to abate, and the Ark grounded on the highest of the mountains of Ararat (Genesis 8:4), it was another 2-1/2 months before the tops of other mountains could be seen (8:5).

14) Even after four months of receding flood waters, the dove sent out by Noah could find no dry land on which to light (8:9).

15) It was over an entire year (7:11; 8:13) before enough land had been exposed to permit the occupants to leave the Ark. (21) God's promise never to send such a Flood again (Genesis 8:21; 9:11, 15) has been broken repeatedly if it were only a local or regional flood.

16) The New Testament uses a unique term (*kataklusmos*, “cataclysm”) for the Flood (Matthew 24:39; Luke 17:27; 2 Peter 2:5; 3:6) instead of the usual Greek word for “flood.”

17) New cosmological conditions came into being after the Flood, including sharply defined seasons (Genesis 8:22), the rainbow along with rain (Genesis 2:5; 9:13–14), and enmity between man and beasts (Genesis 9:2).

18) Man's longevity began a long, slow decline immediately after the Flood (compare Genesis 5 and Genesis 11).

19) Later biblical writers accepted the universal Flood (note Job 12:15; 22:16; Psalm 29:10; 104:6–9; Isaiah 54:9; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5; 3:5, 6; Hebrews 11:7).

20) The Lord Jesus Christ accepted the historicity and universality of the Flood, even making it the climactic sign and type of the coming worldwide judgment when He returns (Matthew 24:37–39; Luke 17:26, 27).