

7:1-6

Then the LORD said to Noah, “Come this word can mean “go” as well, but 8:16 has a word that can only mean “go” which means that here **come** is the correct translation. This means that God is in the ark with His people. **into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.** **2 You shall take with you seven each of every ^dclean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female; ³ also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep ¹the species alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴ For after ^fseven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth ^gforty days and forty nights, and I will ²destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.” ^{5h}And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. ⁶Noah was ⁱsix hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.**

7:7-12

So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. ⁸ Of clean animals, of animals that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, ⁹ two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰ And it came to pass after seven days taken with verse 13 it seems that there was another week before Noah and his family went into the ark. Luke 17:27 removes all doubt to this.

that the waters of the flood were on the earth. ¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, They disembark a year and ten days later (8:14)

on ^kthat day all ^lthe fountains of the great deep were broken up, this explains how we have fossils on the top of mountain ranges. and the ^mwindows of heaven were opened. ¹²ⁿAnd the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

7:13-16

On the very same day Noah and Noah’s sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark—^{14o}they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every ^psort. ¹⁵ And they ^qwent into the ark to

^dLev. 11

¹ Lit. *seed*

^f Gen. 7:10; Ex. 7:25

^g Gen. 7:12, 17

² Lit. *blot out*

^h Gen. 6:22

ⁱ Gen. 5:4, 32

^k Matt. 24:39; Luke 17:27; 2 Pet. 2:5; 3:6

^l Gen. 8:2; Prov. 8:28; Is. 51:10; Ezek. 26:19

^m Gen. 8:2; Ps. 78:23

ⁿ Gen. 7:4, 17; 1 Sam. 12:18

^o Gen. 6:19

^p Gen. 1:21

Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which *is* the breath of life. ¹⁶ So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in ^r as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

7:17-24

^s Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, ^t and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. ¹⁹ And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰ The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. ²¹ ^u And all flesh died that moved on ³ the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. ²² All in ^v whose nostrils *was* the breath ⁴ of the spirit of life, all that *was* on the dry *land*, died. ²³ So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only ^w Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*. ²⁴ ^x And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days. 7:19-20 give us this in different terms while 8:3 gives it to us in these terms again.

8:1-5

Then God remembered Noah, We know **God** does not forget in a literal sense so this must have a cognitive intent attached to its usage. God, then, doesn't really "forget our sin."¹ **and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.** And this occurs until the time listed in 8:5. See a note on this great wind:

The early phases... would have been quite violent. With nothing but a shoreless ocean, these winds would generate tremendous waves and currents, and vast quantities of water would be evaporated, especially in the equatorial regions.²

The biblical authors also give us a peek at this moment—perhaps creation week as well covered in 1:9 (Job 12:15; Psalm 104:6-9).

2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. ³ **And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the**

^q Gen. 6:19, 20; 7:9

^r Gen. 7:2, 3

^s Gen. 7:4, 12; 8:6

^t Ps. 104:26

^u Gen. 6:7, 13, 17; 7:4

³ the land

^v Gen. 2:7

⁴ LXX, Vg. omit *of the spirit*

^w Matt. 24:38, 39; Luke 17:26, 27; Heb. 11:7; 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 2:5

^x Gen. 8:3, 4

¹ See my commentary on Hosea (8:13).

² Henry Morris *The Genesis Record*, 206.

end ^f of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. **4 Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month,** So while this may not be the calendar Noah used, Moses' calendar says this was exactly 5 months after the water started (7:11) [lasting the first 40 days of the 150 days (7:12)] upon the entrance of the family into the ark (7:13), thus informing us that a month had 30 days in it on Moses' calendar (referencing the "150 days" of 8:3). **on the mountains of Ararat. 5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month,** It has been, then, 233 days since the rain started and 83 days for the waters to decrease to the point where **the tops of the mountains were seen.** They were, then, on one of the highest mountains. This is obviously not a local flood.

8:6-12

So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, this is additional to 8:5 and we are then at 273 days. **that Noah opened ^gthe window of the ark which he had made. 7 Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. 8 He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. ⁹But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. ¹⁰And he waited yet another seven days,** We are at 280 days now. **and again he sent the dove out from the ark. ¹¹Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. ¹²So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.** It seems that we are at about 287 days (9 months and 17 days) into the "flood."

8:13-14

And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, Considering 7:11 & 8:4, this is 56 days before they left the ark (29 days left in the first month and 27 days of the 2nd month until they leave the ark). **that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark if God shut the door (7:16) then this must be the window above (discussed in 6:16). and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. ¹⁴And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.**

^f Gen. 7:24

^g Gen. 6:16