

The New World (2518/2517 BC)

Genesis 8:1–19

The Ark Comes to Rest on Ararat (600/7/17, day 151)

- 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 assuaged;
- 2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;
- 3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.
- 4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

The Waters Continue to Recede (600/7/17 – 600/9/30, days 151–224)

5a And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month:

The Tops of the Mountains Become Visible (600/10/1, day 225)

5b in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

Noah Sends a Raven (600/11/11, day 265)

- 6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:
- 7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

Noah Sends a Dove (600/11/19, day 273)

- 8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;
- 9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

Noah Sends the Dove Again (600/11/26, day 280)

- 10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;
- 11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

Noah Sends the Dove a Third Time (600/12/3, day 287)

12 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

The Surface of the Ground is Dry / Noah Removes the Ark's Cover (601/1/1, day 315)

13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

The Earth is Dry / Noah Leaves the Ark (601/2/27, day 371)

- 14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.
- 15 And God spake unto Noah, saying,
- 16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.
- 17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.
- 18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:
- 19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

The Noahic Covenant (2517 BC)

Genesis 8:20–9:17

8:20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savor; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth *upon* the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

4 But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.
 5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.
 6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.
 7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.
 8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,
 9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;
 10 And with every living creature that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.
 11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.
 12 And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:
 13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.
 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:
 15 And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.
 16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.
 17 And God said unto Noah, This *is* the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

Noah's Drunkenness and Canaan's Curse (c. 2500 BC)

Genesis 9:18–27

18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham *is* the father of Canaan.
 19 These *are* the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.
 20 And Noah began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:
 21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.
 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.
 23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.
 24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.
 25 And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.
 26 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.
 27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

Toledot of Shem, Ham and Japheth (c. 2500 BC)

Genesis 10

Introduction

1 Now these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

Japheth's Descendants

2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.
 3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.
 4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.
 5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

Ham's Descendants

6 And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.
 7 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.
 8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.
 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.
 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
 11 Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,
 12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same *is* a great city.
 13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

- 14 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim.
 15 And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth,
 16 And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite,
 17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,
 18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.
 19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.
 20 These *are* the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, *and* in their nations.

Shem's Descendants

- 21 Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were *children* born.
 22 The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.
 23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash.
 24 And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.
 25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan.
 26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,
 27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,
 28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,
 29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these *were* the sons of Joktan.
 30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.
 31 These *are* the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

Conclusion

- 32 These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

Toledot of Shem – Part 1 (2516–2178 BC)

Genesis 11:10–19

- 10 These *are* the generations of Shem: Shem *was* an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:
 11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.
 12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah:
 13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.
 14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:
 15 And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.
 16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:
 17 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.
 18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:
 19 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

The City of Babel (c. 2300 BC)

Genesis 11:1–9

- 1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.
 3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.
 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.
 5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
 6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
 7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.
 9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Toledot of Shem – Part 2 (2355–2226 BC)

Genesis 11:20–26

20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug:
 21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.
 22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:
 23 And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.
 24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah:
 25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.
 26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

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Chronological Notes

- 1) Dates given in the “The New World (2518/2517 BC)” are with respect to Noah’s age and are given in year/month/day notation (e.g., 600/2/10 means the tenth day of the second month of Noah’s 600th year).¹ Months are assumed to be 30 days each² and the Flood year is assumed to exclude an intercalary month.³

- 2) Genesis 10:25 (repeated by 1 Chronicles 1:19) states that in the days of Peleg “the earth was divided.” The traditional opinion has been to interpret this phrase as a reference to the city of Babel story. For this reason, I have placed Genesis 11:1–9 after Genesis 11:19. However, it should be noted that although the traditional view is likely, it cannot be dogmatically held since there is no clear allusion to 11:1–9 because “scattered” (*pus*) and “divided” (*niplega*) are different words.⁴

¹ The dates in my sectional headings follow Dr. William D. Barrick’s “Noah’s Flood and Its Geological Implications” in *Coming to Grips with Genesis: Biblical Authority and the Age of the Earth*. See especially “Translation with Chronological Notations” for more detail. See also Bodie Hodge, “Biblical Overview of the Flood Timeline,” *Answers in Genesis*, August 23, 2010. Cited: October 8, 2013. Online: <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/2010/08/23/overview-flood-timeline>.

² This assumption is in harmony with the fact that Genesis 7:11 and 8:4 state that five months elapsed between the onset of the rains and the grounding of the ark, while 7:24 and 8:3 specify that same period to be 150 days.

³ The calendar assumed here corresponds to the ancient Egyptian civil calendar which was divided into twelve months of thirty days each yielding 360 days exactly. The shortage of five days was accounted for by inserting five extra days before the beginning of the new year (see “The Reckoning of Time in the Ancient World” in Jack Finegan, *Handbook of Biblical Chronology*, Rev. Ed. (Hendrickson Publishers, 1998), p. 21, §40).

⁴ Kenneth A. Mathews, *Genesis 1–11:26*, New American Commentary (Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1996), pp. 463–64.