

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 all the wild animals, and all the domesticated animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God caused a wind to blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.
- 2 And the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, and the rain from the heavens was restrained.
- 3 And the waters receded from the earth gradually, and the waters abated at the end of one hundred and fifty days.
- 4 And the ark came to rest in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.

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

- 5a And the waters continued to recede to the tenth month;

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

- 5b in the tenth month, on the first of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

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

- 6 And it happened *that* at the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made.
- 7 And he sent out a raven; it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from upon the earth.

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

- 8 And he sent out a dove to see *whether* the waters had subsided from upon the ground.
- 9 But the dove did not find a resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned to him into the ark, for the waters *were still* on the face of the earth. And he stretched out his hand and took her, and brought her to himself into the ark.

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

- 10 And he waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark.
- 11 And the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly-picked olive tree leaf *was* in her mouth. And Noah knew that the waters had subsided from upon the earth.

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

- 12 And he waited seven more days, and he sent out the dove. But it did not return again to him.

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

- 13 And it happened that, in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the waters dried up from upon the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked. And behold, the face of the ground was dried up.

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

- 14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.
- 15 And God spoke to Noah, saying:
- 16 “Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons, and your sons’ wives with you.
- 17 Bring out with you all the living things which *are* with you, from all the living creatures—birds, and animals, and everything that creeps on the earth, and let them swarm on the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”
- 18 So Noah went out, with his sons and his wife, and the wives of his sons with him.
- 19 Every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, *and* everything *that* moves upon the earth, according to its families, went out from the ark.

The Noahic Covenant (2517 BC)

Genesis 8:20–9:17

- 8:20 And Noah built an altar to Yahweh, and he took from all the clean animals and from all the clean birds, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
- 21 And Yahweh smelled the soothing fragrance, and Yahweh said to himself, “Never again will I curse the ground for the sake of humankind, because the inclination of the heart of humankind *is* evil from his youth. Nor will I ever again destroy all life as I have done.
- 22 As long as the earth endures, seed and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will not cease.
- 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.
- 2 And fear of you and dread of you shall be upon every animal of the earth, and on every bird of heaven, *and* on everything that moves upon the ground, and on all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they shall be given.

3 Every moving thing that lives shall be for you as food. As *I gave* the green plants to you, I have *now* given you everything.

4 Only you shall not eat raw flesh with blood in it.

5 And your lifeblood I will require; from every animal I will require it. And from the hand of humankind, from the hand of *each* man to his brother I will require the life of humankind.

6 “As *for* the one shedding the blood of humankind,
by humankind his blood shall be shed,
for God made humankind in his own image.

7 “And you, be fruitful and multiply, swarm on the earth and multiply in it.”

8 And God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

9 “As for me, behold, I am establishing my covenant with you and with your seed after you,

10 and with every living creature that *is* with you—the birds, the animals, and every animal of the earth with you, from all *that* came out of the ark to all the animals of the earth.

11 I am establishing my covenant with you, that never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, nor will there ever be a flood that destroys the earth.”

12 And God said, “This *is* the sign of the covenant that I am making between me and you, and between every living creature that *is* with you for future generations.

13 My bow I have set in the clouds, and it shall be for a sign of *the* covenant between me and between the earth.

14 And when I make clouds appear over the earth the bow shall be seen in the clouds.

15 Then I will remember my covenant that *is* between me and you, and between every living creature, with all flesh. And the waters of a flood will never again cause the destruction of all flesh.

16 The bow shall be in the clouds, and I will see it, so as to remember *the* everlasting covenant between God and between every living creature, with all flesh that *is* upon the earth.”

17 And God said to Noah, “This *is* the sign of the covenant which I am establishing 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 Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark *were* Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham *was* the father of Canaan.)

19 These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

20 And Noah began *to be* a man of the ground, and he planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank some of the wine and became drunk, and he exposed himself in the midst of his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and he told his two brothers outside.

23 Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, and the two of them put *it* on *their* shoulders and, walking backward, they covered the nakedness of their father. And their faces *were turned* backward, so that they did not see the nakedness of their father.

24 Then Noah awoke from his drunkenness, and he knew what his youngest son had done to him.

25 And he said,

“Cursed *be* Canaan,
a slave of slaves he shall be to his brothers.”

26 Then he said,

“Blessed *be* Yahweh, the God of Shem,
and let Canaan be a slave to them.

27 May God make space for Japheth,
and let him dwell in the tents of Shem,
and let Canaan be a slave for him.”

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

Genesis 10

Introduction

1 These *are* the generations of the sons of Noah—Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Children were born to them after the flood.

Japheth's Descendants

2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 And the sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 From these the coastland peoples spread out through their lands, each according to his own language by their own families, in their nations.

Ham's Descendants

6 And the sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.

8 And Cush fathered Nimrod. He was the first on earth to be a mighty warrior.

9 He was a mighty hunter before Yahweh. Therefore it was said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before Yahweh."

10 Now, the beginning of his kingdom *was* Babel, Erech, Akkad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11 From that land he went out *to* Assyria, and he built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah,

12 Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that *is* the great city.

13 And Egypt fathered Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,

14 Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom the Philistines came), and Caphtorim.

15 Canaan fathered Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth,

16 and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,

17 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,

18 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were spread abroad.

19 And the territory of the Canaanites *was* from Sidon in the direction of Gerar as far as Gaza, and in the direction of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

20 These *are* the descendants of Ham, according to their families and their languages, in their lands, and in their nations.

Shem's Descendants

21 And to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the older brother of Japheth, *children* were also born.

22 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram.

23 And the sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.

24 And Arphaxad fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered Eber.

25 And to Eber two sons were born. The name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided, and the name of his brother *was* Joktan.

26 And Joktan fathered Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba,

29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling *place* extended from Mesha in the direction of Sephar *to* the hill country of the east.

31 These *are* the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, and according to their nations.

Conclusion

32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations *and* in their nations. And from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.

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

Genesis 11:10–19

10 These are the generations of Shem. When Shem was one hundred years old, he fathered Arphaxad, two years after the flood.

11 And Shem lived five hundred years after he fathered Arphaxad, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

12 When Arphaxad had lived thirty-five years, he fathered Shelah.

13 And Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years after he fathered Shelah, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

14 When Shelah had lived thirty years, he fathered Eber.

15 And Shelah lived four hundred and three years after he fathered Eber, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

16 When Eber had lived thirty-four years, he fathered Peleg.

17 And Eber lived four hundred and thirty years after he fathered Peleg, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

18 When Peleg had lived thirty years, he fathered Reu.

19 And Peleg lived two hundred and nine years after he fathered Reu, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

The City of Babel (c. 2300 BC)

Genesis 11:1–9

- 1 Now the whole earth *had* one language and the same words.
- 2 And as people migrated from the east they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.
- 3 And they said to each other, “Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone and they had tar for mortar.
- 4 And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower whose top *reaches to* the heavens. And let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”
- 5 Then Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower that humankind was building.
- 6 And Yahweh said, “Behold, they are one people with one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. So now nothing that they intend to do will be impossible for them.
- 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand each other’s language.”
- 8 So Yahweh scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city.
- 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, for there Yahweh confused the language of the whole earth, and there Yahweh scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

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

Genesis 11:20–26

- 20 When Reu had lived thirty-two years, he fathered Serug.
- 21 And Reu lived two hundred and seven years after he fathered Serug, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.
- 22 When Serug had lived thirty years, he fathered Nahor.
- 23 And Serug lived two hundred years after he fathered Nahor, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.
- 24 When Nahor had lived twenty-nine years, he fathered Terah.
- 25 And Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years after he fathered Terah, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.
- 26 When Terah had lived seventy years, he fathered 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.