

Chronology of the Flood in Noah's Day



Day -7	Day 0	Day 40			Day 150	Day 223	Day 263	Day 270	Day 277	Day 284	Day 300*	Day 314	Day 370
600 th year 2 nd month 10 th day	600 th year 2 nd month 17 th day	600 th year 3 rd month 27 th day			600 th year 7 th month 17 th day	600 th year 10 th month 1 st day	600^{th} year 11^{th} month 11^{th} day	600 th year 11 th month 18 th day	600 th year 11 th month 25 th day	600 th year 12 th month 2 nd day	600 th year 12 th month 17 th day	601 st year 1 st month 1 st day	601 st year 2 nd month 27 th day
Final preparatio n 7 days	Waters prevail 150 days					Waters abate 150 days						Earth dries 70 days	
E1	E2	E3	E4-E7	E8, start E9	E10	E11	E12	E13	E14	E15	end E9	E16	E17, E18
7 days	40 days		110 days			74 days	40 days	7 days	7 days	7 days	15 days	14 days	56 days
Gen 7:1-4	Gen 7:11	Gen 7:12- 17	Gen 7:19- 24	Gen 8:1-3	Gen 8:4	Gen 8:5	Gen 8:6-7	Gen 8:8-9	Gen 8:10- 11	Gen 8:12	Gen 8:3b	Gen 8:13	Gen 8:14- 18, 20-22
Noah and family board the ark, the animals are loaded.	The fountains of the great deep burst open, the windows of heaven are opened, and it started raining.	The rain ends after 40 days and nights, the flood waters increased during this time.	The waters prevail and cover the earth. The waters cover the tallest mountain by 15 cubits, and all flesh that has the breath of life dies.	God remember s Noah and all on the ark. God closes the fountains of the great deep, the windows of heaven, and the rain stops. The waters start receding.	The arks comes to rest in the mountain range of Ararat.	The waters continue to recede, and then the tops of the mountains are seen.	After 40 days Noah opens a window and sends out a raven. The raven does not return.	After 7 days Noah sends out a dove. Although the seven days is not stated here it is inferred by the use of "another seven days" in 8:10	Noah waits another seven days and then sends out a dove. The dove returns that evening with a freshly plucked olive leaf.	Noah waits and additional 7 days sends out a dove and it did not return.	The waters had abated, the flood is over.	The waters are dried off the earth and Noah removed the covering off the ark and sees dry ground.	Noah and all on the ark exit the ark. Noah builds an altar and offers sacrifices to Yahweh.

Notes:

1. The flood account is broken into 18 events (this number itself is not important and depending on how you divide them you could have slightly more or slightly less).

2. The width of the columns do not correspond to the length of days.

3. Numbers or days in red are calculated from text, while numbers or days in black come directly from the text.

4. The 40 days of rain (vs 12) are repeated in (vs 17) as the "flood continued" 40 days.

5. It is likely that the water level peaked on or shortly after day 40.

6. Day 300* is the combination of the 150 days in Gen 7:24 with the 150 days in Gen 8:3b.

7. Noah and his family were on the ark a total of 377 days.

8. The waters "prevailed" or were strong or mighty for 150 days. It is noteworthy that the waters started decreasing during this period of prevailing.

9. The ark landing marks the end of the waters prevailing.

10. The waters were "abated" or lacking or diminished after 150 days that followed the 150 days of prevailing.

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Event Number	Details
1	Gen 7:1-4 – God commands Noah and his family to "go into the ark" and take with them all the animals and God clearly states in verse 4: "For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground."" (Ge 7:4 ESV)
2	Gen 7:11 – The flood commences: "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened." (Ge 7:11 ESV)
3	Gen 7:12-17 – It rained for 40 days and nights and during this time the flood continued: "12 And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, 14 they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. 15 They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. 16 And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in. 17 The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth." (Ge 7:12-17 ESV)
4	Gen 7:19 – The waters prevail and cover the earth. The waters prevailed so mightily that the high mountains were covered. "And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered." (Ge 7:19 ESV)
5	Gen 7:20 – The waters cover the tallest mountains by 15 cubits. "The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep." (Ge 7:20 ESV)
6	Gen 7:21-23 – God blots out everything on the planet that has the breath of life. "21 And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. 22 Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. 23 He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark." (Ge 7:21-23 ESV)
7	Gen 7:24 – And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days." (Ge 7:24 ESV)
8	Gen 8:1-3a – God remembers Noah. "1 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. 2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, 3 and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated," (Ge 8:1-3 ESV)
9	Gen 8:3b – At the end of the 150 days. "At the end of 150 days the waters had abated," (Ge 8:3 ESV)
10	Gen 8:4 – The ark comes to rest. "and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat." (Ge 8:4 ESV)
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11	Gen 8:5 – The mountain tops become visible. "And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen." (Ge 8:5 ESV)
12	Gen 8:6-7 – Noah opens the window and sends out a raven. " $6 \P$ At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made 7 and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth." (Ge 8:6-7 ESV)
13	Gen 8:8-9 – Then he sent forth a dove, but the dove found no place to set her foot and returned to Noah. "8 Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. 9 But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him." (Ge 8:8-9 ESV)
14	Gen 8:10-11 – Noah waited an additional 7 days and sent forth a dove from the ark, that evening the dove returned. "10 He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. 11 And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth." (Ge 8:10-11 ESV)
15	Gen 8:12 – Noah waited an additional 7 days and sent forth a dove and she did not return. "Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore." (Ge 8:12 ESV)
16	Gen 8:13 – The waters were dried up from off the earth. "In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry." (Ge 8:13 ESV)
17	Gen 8:14-18 – The earth is dried up and God command Noah to go out from the ark. "14 In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. 15 Then God said to Noah, 16 "Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. 17 Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh — birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth — that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." 18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him." (Ge 8:14-18 ESV)
18	Gen 8:20-22 – Noah builds an altar and offers sacrifices to Yahweh. "20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. 22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."" (Ge 8:20-22 ESV)