

THE FLOOD

Genesis 7:1-24 (p. 10)

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Then the Lord shut him in.

Genesis 7:16

A theology of remembering

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals

Genesis 8:1

- 1) God's covenant promises are THE CENTER OF THE STORY
- 2) God's covenant promises are BIGGER THAN NOAH

De-creation before re-creation

*The Lord then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family,
because I have found you righteous in this generation*

*Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights,
and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made."*

And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.

Genesis 7:1-5

- 1) Seven reflects GOD IS IN THE BUSINESS OF RE-CREATING
- 2) Forty means that God ALWAYS LEAVES ROOM FOR REPENTANCE
- 3) Righteousness points to THE END OF THE LINE → JESUS!

A story Hebrew style

Noah was six hundred year old when floodwaters came

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life

On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife . . . entered the ark.

Genesis 7:6; 7:11; 7:13

- 1) The story OVERPOWERS
- 2) The story identifies CREATOR WITH COVENANT MAKER

When God acts

Then the Lord shut him in. For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth
Genesis 7:16-17 (Genesis 18:25; Luke 13:5)

- 1) God is STILL SOVEREIGN
- 2) JUDGMENT is consistent with God's character

Even more lessons from Noah

Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.
Genesis 7:23

- 1) It's best to be LEFT
- 2) I AM SAFEST in the storm
- 3) We are a READY people

The Chiastic Structure of Genesis 6–9

Genesis 6–9 employs a literary structure called a chiasm, named after the Greek letter *chi* (χ). The concepts are carefully arranged in a particular order and then are repeated in reverse order to highlight a central theme. It is easier to illustrate than to describe. Notice the central statement.

- A. Transitional Introduction: Noah and His Sons (6:9–10)
 - B. The Corruption of All Flesh (6:11–12)
 - C. God's Resolution to Destroy the Earth by Flood (6:13–22)
 - D. God's Command and Noah's Response: The Entrance into the Ark (7:1–10)
 - E. The Beginning of the Flood: The Inundating of the Earth (7:11–16)
 - F. The Rising of the Waters (7:17–24)
 - G. God's Remembrance of Noah (8:1a)
 - Central theme of the account of Noah's Flood**
 - F'. The Recession of the Waters (8:1b–5)
 - E'. The End of the Flood: The Drying of the Earth (8:6–14)
 - D'. God's Command and Noah's Response: The Exodus from the Ark (8:15–19)
 - C'. God's Resolution Never Again to Destroy the Earth by Flood (8:20–22)
 - B'. The Covenant with All Flesh (9:1–17)
 - A'. Transitional Conclusion: Noah and His Sons (9:18–19)

From Lee Anderson's "A Deeper Understanding" at <https://answersingenesis.org/the-flood/making-the-most-of-the-message/>

Resources for studying Genesis 5-11

These are some of Pastor Fakkema's go-to resources for studying Genesis 5-11. The list will be growing through January!

David Horrocks' sermon "After the Flood" at <http://beginningwithmoses.org/bt-briefings/161/after-the-flood>

John Stevenson's studies in Genesis at <http://www.angelfire.com/nt/theology/genesis.html>

Tremper Longman and John H. Walton, *The Lost World of the Flood* (InterVarsity Press, 2018)

J.I. Packer's article on the hermeneutics of Genesis 1-11 at <http://preachingsource.com/journal/hermeneutics-and-genesis-1-11/>

Bob Deffinbaugh's sermon "The Sons of God and the Daughters of Men" at <https://bible.org/seriespage/7-sons-god-and-daughters-men-genesis-61-8>

Allen Ross' *Creation and Blessing* (Baker, 1988)

William Ryan and Walter Pitman's *Noah's Flood: The New Scientific Discoveries About the Event that Changed History* (Simon and Schuster, 1998)

John Sailhammer's Genesis commentary in the Expositor's Bible Commentary series, Volume 2 (Zondervan, 1990)

Kenneth Matthews' commentary has some good thoughts about the genealogies in Genesis. *New American Commentary* (Broadman and Holman, 1996).

Spurgeon's "Human Depravity and Divine Mercy" at <https://www.monergism.com/topics/sermon-manuscripts-mp3s-scripture/genesis/chapter-genesis/chapters-06-09-flood>

Jonathan Edwards' message on Genesis 6:22, "The Manner in Which Salvation of the Soul is to Be Sought" at <http://www.biblebb.com/files/edwards/je-manner.htm>

Todd Pruitt's "If God is Love . . ." article in *Credo*, December 2, 2019, at credomag.com

Principles for problem passages

In a wonderful article titled “Hermeneutics and Genesis 1-11” J. I. Packer outlines some very important principles, questions and themes that will help us understand and apply these sometimes divisive and often difficult passages. By “canon” Dr. Packer refers to the rule or authority of the Bible.

1. The canon is *coherent*

2. The canon is *organic*

3. The canon is *churchly*

4. The text is *poetic prose* that illustrates *archetypal history* that are explored with these four questions:
 - exegetical: what is the writer’s meaning and message?
 - theological: what is the writer’s truth for us today?
 - hermeneutic: what prejudices are keeping me from taking God’s word more seriously?
 - practical: what then must I do?

5. Packer identifies these as the key themes of the prologue to God’s word:
 - God’s sovereign power, in creation and providence
 - God’s covenant purposes which shape his dealings with us
 - God’s moral glory which cannot approve evil
 - God’s gracious kindness to humanity, tempering judgment with mercy and never abandoning his covenant promises

Timeline for the Flood

by [David Wright](#) on March 9, 2012

So when exactly was the Flood? There are two possible ways of calculating the date. David Wright, AiG–U.S., explains.

I can find info on the flood but I am looking for good estimation fixing the date of the flood.

So when exactly was the Flood?

For an accurate chronology on the Bible, including the time of the Flood, I highly recommend [The Annals of the World](#) by James Ussher, [Adam's Chart of History](#), [Newton's Revised History of Ancient Kingdoms](#), and [Chronology of the Old Testament](#) by Floyd Nolen Jones.

There are two possible ways of calculating the date. The first is from creation, and the other is from the present. I will focus on the date from creation since the latter would be much more involved. So here we go.

Table 1: Dates of biblical events from Creation

| Event/Person | Passage | Total Time from Creation (years) |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| God created everything. | Genesis 1–2 | 0 |
| Adam became the father of Seth at 130. | Genesis 5:3 | 0 + 130 = 130 |
| Seth became the father of Enosh at 105. | Genesis 5:6 | 130 + 105 = 235 |
| Enosh became the father of Kenan at 90. | Genesis 5:9 | 235 + 90 = 325 |
| Cainan became the father of Mahalalel at 70. | Genesis 5:12 | 325 + 70 = 395 |
| Mahalalel became the father of Jared at 65. | Genesis 5:15 | 395 + 65 = 460 |
| Jared became the father of Enoch at 162. | Genesis 5:18 | 460 + 162 = 622 |
| Enoch became the father of Methuselah at 65. | Genesis 5:21 | 622 + 65 = 687 |
| Methuselah became the father of Lamech at 187. | Genesis 5:25 | 687 + 187 = 874 |
| Lamech became the father of Noah at 182. | Genesis 5:28 | 874 + 182 = 1056 |
| The Flood started when Noah was 600. | Genesis 7:6 | 1056 + 600 = 1656 |

As you can see from Table 1, the year in which the Flood came was 1656 AM¹ (*Anno Mundi* – “year of the world”). From the rest of the Old Testament and other well-documented historical events we understand that creation, as calculated by [Ussher](#), was about 4004 BC. So with a little more math we can calculate the second date.

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Calculated BC date for creation: | 4004 |
| Calculated AM date for the Flood: | - 1656 |
| Calculated BC date for the Flood: | 2348 |

Current Year (minus one²): + 2011
Number of years since beginning of Flood: 4359

Using the Bible, well-documented historical events, and some math, we find that the Flood began approximately 4,359 years ago in the year 1656 AM or 2348 BC. Some may look for an exact date (i.e., month and day), but we are not given that sort of precision in Scripture.

<https://answersingenesis.org/bible-timeline/timeline-for-the-flood/>