

## Genesis 6-8 – Chapter Study

### INTRODUCTION

Let's get right into it . . .

### GENESIS 6

**<sup>1</sup>Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup>that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.**

These 2 verses throw all kinds of interesting stuff at us.

One of them is hidden in the phrase, "*When men began to multiply on the face of the earth.*"

With the long ages of people listed in ch. 5 for the pre-flood world, and the mention that they had *sons and daughters*, the population of earth could have been tremendous!

Let's say people lived to be 900, and *started* having children at 150 and had 1 every 5 years and did so for 300 years.

Then, each of those kids did the same.

At the end of 1500 years, which would be the length of time from Adam & Eve's first child, till the flood – there would have been a population of about 30 million!

To give you an idea of how explosive this population growth is -

It took from the flood till 1850 to reach 1 billion.

Then it took on another 80 years to go from 1 to 2 billion.

Then it took just 30 more years, 1960, to reach 3 billion.

Right now it's estimated there are about 6,268,499,742 people on earth, so population *doubled* in 40 years.

Statisticians estimate we'll add on another billion every 15 years!

The point is, with the increased life-spans of the pre-flood world, the world population reached a point at which it literally *exploded*.

[Show chart]

Scientists and sociologists have done extensive studies and found when population *density* increases dramatically, there are all kinds of social problems that arise that degrade the *moral* environment.

All you have to do to see the truth of this is to look at any densely populated area of the world, like large cities where people are jammed into close proximity to one another.

This population explosion sets the scene for the evil and violence that marks the scene of Noah's world.

But there's another and even more sinister factor that comes into play here.

It was at this time that –v. 2 – ***“the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.”***

This verse has proven to be an interpretive *minefield* for many years with people suggesting several different ways to understand it.

While I would like to review the main ways it's been interpreted we simply don't have the time, so let me cut to chase and give you my understanding of the text and why I see it this way.

“Daughters of men” refers to *human women*, while “sons of God” refers to *angelic beings*.

Every other time the words “sons of God” (*bane eloheem*) are used in the OT they speak of angelic beings. (i.e. = Job 1:6, 2:1, and 38:7)

The translators of the Septuagint translated sons of God as “angels.”

Let's read on because we learn more about these *sons of God* and their union with the daughters of men.

**3And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”**

This is not the new life-span and cut off date God is assigning man; it's God's pronouncement that it will be only 120 more years until the judgment of the flood will come.

And why such a serious judgment was absolutely necessary becomes clear as we read the next verse and see how horrifying things had become.

**4There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those**

**were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.**

There's something unusual about the union of these sons of God with the daughters of men that produced *unusual* children.

They became the ancient men of renown; the legendary figures of old!

V. 4 says that there were *giants* on the earth in that day.

The word for giants is *Nephilim* – Literally = “Fallen ones.”

How are we to understand all this?

In Jude 6 we read of a unique groups of angels who forsook their proper place and committed some crime so heinous, it resulted in their being incarcerated in a special place of confinement until the day of judgment.

Jude goes on in v. 7 to say these fallen angels gave themselves over to sexual immorality and went after *strange flesh*.

In 1 Peter 3:20, Peter refers to spirits in a special prison who had been disobedient in the days of Noah when he was building the ark.

Then in 2 Peter 2:4 he refers to “the angels that sinned,” whom God “cast down to” the abyss, “and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.”

In the very next verse he refers to Noah and the flood.

Here's what's going on in all this – [\[1\]](#)

God had given the promise of redemption through the Seed of the woman.

Satan, in an attempt to pollute the human race, hatched a demonic strategy to forge a link between demons and humans.

The giants of v. 4 were the *Nephilim*, fallen angels, who *forced the possession* of certain human men whom the demons knew would produce inordinately large children if they mated with certain human women.

These *forced possessions* earned these demons the special judgment of God.

They're now confined in a special holding place awaiting judgment on the last day.

But back in the time we read about here in Genesis 6, they took certain women, and produced children by them.

These children, which grew to be of huge stature, the demons

also possessed – and using their massive bodies, usurped control of human affairs, quickly bending human society toward the path of annihilation.

It's interesting that in almost all the myths and legends that come down to us out of the early days of history, there's the persistent story of the *demigods*, like Hercules and Jason; mighty men of renown who carried out great exploits and served as rulers among men.

Such consistent stories throughout the cultures of the ancient world ought to clue us in to a common thread of truth between them.

In fact, there are two primeval stories that seem to permeate *almost all ancient legends*; the Flood and the mighty men of renown who were the offspring of human women and the gods who took human form in order to procreate.

Now, as I said, there are numerous other ways people interpret this passage but I think this is the best and most accurate one because it takes advantage of other passages which shed light on it and it properly deals with all the factors mentioned here in vs. 3&4.

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Back in v. 3 we read that God said it would only be 120 more years until judgment.

God says something there that we need to take one more look at –

**“My Spirit shall not strive with man forever.”**

All through the decades prior to the flood, the Holy Spirit was convicting people of their sin, urging them toward faith in God. But they were resisting.

The only ones who responded were those in the godly of Seth. God declares that there will come a day when His Spirit will stop striving with sinful men and women.

There is no hope for them then – there is nothing left for them but to taste the fruit of their rebellion and the inevitable consequence of rejecting God – Judgment!

God is merciful – He is **FULL** of mercy.

He *delays* judgment – but He does not *deny* or *defeat* it.

God's mercy only provides a delay so that the repentant can find refuge in the salvation God offers as a way of escape from the judgment that *will inevitably fall* on the unrepentant!

It's only by the working of God's Spirit on us, showing us our sin and the remedy there is to be found by faith in Him, that we can come to the place of repentance.

This is what Jesus meant when He said that no one can come to Him unless the Father drew him/her. [John 6:44]

The sobering and urgent warning of Genesis 6:3 is that there comes a point at which the Spirit of God will stop striving with the person who resists that conviction.

### **5Then the LORD saw . . .**

When? When men began to multiply and when this demonic conspiracy to corrupt humanity was well under way.

**5Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

This is a sweeping and justly deserved condemnation of the moral condition of earth at that time.

The image of God in man had been submerged under a huge burden of demonically inspired filth.

Man's thought processes were dominated by immoral motives.

In Matthew 24:37, Jesus said –

**As the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.**

What were the main markers of the days of Noah – what's highlighted in this passage?

- 1) A population boom - v. 1,
- 2) A proliferation of Demonic activity in league with people – vs. 2 & 4
- 3) “Unnatural” sexual perversion - vs. 2 & 4
- 4) Pervasive immorality as a basis of society – v. 5
- 5) Widespread corruption & violence – v. 11

I don't think I need to give statistics or examples to show how all these factors are in place in our own time.

When I heard the report that Peter Townshend, lead guitarist of the Who, had been arrested for purchasing and possession of child pornography, I thought, I wonder how his fans will react.

I shuddered to think that there might be some, who would actually excuse him just because of his celebrity.

Sure enough – driving home last night and listening to the news I heard an interview with someone who was a Townshend fan who said that he didn't care what his hero was into – we would still support and defend him!

I don't want to give any promotion to the evil of this sin-sick world, and I hope most of us are blissfully ignorant of the horrifying things that some use for sick gratification.

But make no mistake – the perversions that are out there and are becoming increasingly more common and sought after are beyond any description in polite company.

As it says here of Noah's day – *“every intent of the thoughts of [man's] heart was only evil continually.”*

Some people's imagination is given over to dreaming up and then executing the most perverse schemes they can conjure up.

Those imaginations, sold out to evil are demonically inspired and manipulated.

## **6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.**

God is not lamenting what HE's done in making man, but the way man's turned out.

Don't think that God is regretting the creation of man here.

He's not saying, “Wow – did I make a mistake!”

This is simply an expression of God's grief at how man has turned away from Him to sin, which is literally killing him.

It's hard to imagine the sorrow and grief of God as He watched the countless lives of men women and children who were being brutalized by the few with power and the means to oppress others.

And yet, because God gave people the power of choice, He couldn't just step in and stop it all!

Choice must be free – and man had exercised his freedom toward wholesale rebellion.

## **7 So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I**

have made them.” <sup>8</sup>**But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.**

The earth had become so corrupt, there was nothing left but judgment.

God would allow 120 years for people to repent.

And during that time, His Spirit would continue to strive with them, pleading with them and urging them to forsake their sin and know His forgiveness.

He would also provide for them a powerful warning of judgment to come in the life and testimony of Noah who we read here found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Why did Noah find grace? Let’s read on and see.

**<sup>9</sup>This is the genealogy of Noah.**

As we saw earlier – this phrase marks a new record is now beginning.

**Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup>And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**

When it says Noah was *perfect in his generations* it means that as a descendant of the line of Seth, his ancestry was uncorrupted, untouched by the demonic conspiracy mentioned in vs. 2 & 4. And like his great-grandfather Enoch, Noah walked with God. He was a man of steadfast faith in the Lord.

This is how he found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Grace, means unmerited, or unearned favor.

Noah didn’t earn God’s favor because he was a good boy while everyone else was bad.

Noah FOUND favor because his faith in God laid hold of what God was graciously extending to any and all who will look to Him.

Grace is a gift God extends – faith is the hand that receives it!

**<sup>11</sup>The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.**

All that is, except Noah.

**13** And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

**14** Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.

**15** And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. **16** You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*.

**17** And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; everything that *is* on the earth shall die. **18** But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. **19** And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. **20** Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. **21** And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.”

God made it clear to Noah He was going to judge the earth via a flood.

Noah and his immediate family would be the lone survivors.

They would be preserved by building a special refuge, the ark.

God gave them specific direction for its construction.

Gopherwood was a dense and impervious wood which would be great for the task.

It’s seams were to be filled with pitch, a waterproof goo.

If the cubit mentioned here were the standard cubit of 18 inches then



the ark would have been 450 feet long by 75 feet wide and 45 feet high.

Many of the pictures people draw of the ark render it as a boat with a rounded bow.

But this was more a *barge* than a boat: It wasn't intended to sail anywhere, just to provide a floating refuge from the flood. If anything, it's major concern was to be both watertight and stable.

To that end, it's dimensions and construction were perfect! The ratio of 6:1 maximizes stability in water; this is the same dimension used in ocean going vessels today.

And its internal volume with 3 decks meant it could carry the equivalent of 520 modern rail boxcars!!!

Would that have been enough space to accommodate all the species of land creatures from the flood? No sweat!

There are some critics who contend a vessel this size for that period of history is *ridiculous*.

They say it wasn't until 1858 that a vessel that size was or could be constructed.

Skeptics who say such are unaware of the massive lake barges the Chinese built a couple thousand years ago which archaeologists have discovered and which were as large as the ark.

Also, don't forget that Noah had over a hundred years to construct the ark; plenty enough time to complete this project.

As a sidelight – JD Rockefeller who founded Standard Oil, used this passage as the means to his journey toward fabulous wealth.

He was reading his Bible and its reference to *pitch* here and concluded this might be referring to oil.

He figured the location of this story was somewhere in the Middle East so he began to investigate and discovered the massive oil reserves of that region.

## **22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.**

So Noah built the ark and prepared it for that fateful day when he, his family, and all the animals would enter it and be preserved from the judgment of God.

In 2 Peter 2:5, Peter calls Noah a “preacher of righteousness.”

In Hebrews 11:7 we read –

**By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.**

The construction of the ark was a 100 year long sermon Noah preached to his peers.

It was one long object lesson that ought to have moved the people of his day to repentance.

But in the 100 or 120 years that it took to preach this message, Noah saw not a single convert!

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As I'm sure you're aware, there's much discussion about the *extent* of the flood.

Some say it was merely *local* but both the text and the physical evidence the Earth provides drive us to the conclusion that the Genesis Flood was indeed *global*.

- 1) Remember the likely population of the earth. Such a vast number would imply a wide distribution of the human race.
- 2) 7:19 says –

**And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered.**

- 3) If the flood were merely local, why build the ark? Why not just relocate outside the borders of the flood?
- 4) The existence of the fossil record and many Earth features can really only be adequately explained by a vast, global deluge.
- 5) Virtually every ancient civilization contains a global flood story. Boice specifically cites the legends of the Samo-Kubo tribe of New Guinea, the Athapascan Indians of America, the Papago Indians of Arizona, Brazilian tribes, Peruvian Indians, African Hottentots, natives of Greenland, native Hawaiian islanders, Hindus, Chinese, Egyptians, Greeks, Persians, Australian natives, the Welsh, Celts, Druids, Siberians, and Lithuanians.

Of the more than 200 major cultures which have their own account of the flood, in 88%, there is a favored family, in

70% survival is due to a boat, in 95% the sole cause of the catastrophe is a flood, in 66% the disaster is due to man's wickedness, in 67% animals are also saved, in 57%, the survivors end up on a mountain. Many of the accounts also specifically mention birds being sent out, a rainbow, and eight persons being saved. <sup>[2]</sup>

As for the existence of the ark – <sup>[3]</sup>

- 1) In 275 BC, Berosus, a Babylonian historian, wrote: “But of this ship that grounded in Armenia some part still remains in the mountains . . . and some get pitch from the ship by scraping it off.”
- 2) Around 75 AD, Josephus said the locals collected relics from the ark and showed them off to his very day. He also said all the ancient historians he knew of wrote about the ark.
- 3) In 180 AD, Theophilus of Antioch wrote: “The remains [of the ark] are to this day to be seen . . . in the mountains.”
- 4) An elderly Armenian man in America said that as a boy, he visited the ark with his father and three atheistic scientists in 1856. Their goal was to disprove the ark's existence, but they found it, and became so enraged they tried to destroy it, but could not because it was too big and had petrified. In 1918, one of the atheistic scientists (an Englishman) admitted on his deathbed the whole story was true.
- 5) In 1876, a distinguished British statesman and author, Viscount James Bryce, climbed Ararat and reported finding a four-foot long piece of hand-tooled timber at a height of more than 13,000 feet.
- 6) Six Turkish soldiers claimed to have seen the ark in 1916.
- 7) In the early part of this century, a Russian aviator named Vladimir Rokovitsky claimed to have discovered Noah's ark. He was stationed in southern Russia near the Turkish border and Mount Ararat. He was testing a plane, and he and his co-pilot flew over Ararat and discovered on the edge of a glacier what he described as a boat the size of a battleship. He said it was partially submerged in a lake, and he could see there was an opening for a door nearly 20 feet square, but the door was missing. Rokovitsky told his commanding officer, and an

expedition was dispatched to find the ark and photograph it. The report was forwarded to the Czar, who was soon overthrown and the photos and the report perished.

- 8) In 1936, a young British archaeologist named Hardwicke Knight was hiking across Ararat when he discovered interlocking hand-tooled timbers at a height of 14,000 feet.
- 9) During World War II, two pilots saw and photographed something they believed to be the ark on Mount Ararat.

There have been many more recent attempts to find and document the ark, but they have been hindered by politics and surrounded in controversy.

It's possible God still has a purpose for the ark, to use it to remind the world of a past judgment shortly before a future judgment.

Listen to what Peter says regarding this very thing in 2 Peter 3:3-9 . . .  
[turn there]

**<sup>3</sup>knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, [just as they did in the corrupt days before the flood] <sup>4</sup>and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” <sup>5</sup>For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, <sup>6</sup>by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. <sup>7</sup>But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

**<sup>8</sup>But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

Today is the Day of the Scoffer for the theory and travesty of Evolution rules the day.

One of the basic under-girding premises of Evolution is that the Earth is billions of years old and that all Earth features can be explained by the geologic processes we see today.

This Principle of Geology is known as *Uniformitarianism*.

It says that the key to understanding the past is by looking at the present.

And we don't see catastrophe much today so we can explain all Earth features by long, slow processes.

Uniformitarianism laughs at the Genesis Flood!

Indeed, Uniformitarianism fits perfectly with what Peter describes here.

**All things continue as *they were* from the beginning. For this they willfully forget . . .**

They *willingly* turn a blind eye to the evidence for the flood – evidence that is simply overwhelming in its abundance and clarity.

Take it from someone who majored in geology and has been on numerous field trips to examine the evidence first-hand.

Take for example, the *fossil record*.

The Earth is a proverbial graveyard that is filled with fossils.

And yet the way in which fossils are made requires a very specific and exacting set of conditions.

An animal or plant has to be buried rapidly – slow burial will not allow for a fossil due to scavengers and simple rot and decay.

Once buried, and that rapidly, then there has to be the deposition of a lot of layers of soil on top of that potential fossil.

All of this needs to be in the presence of a tremendous amount of agitated water which erodes the silica and calcium and reduces it to microscopic particles that replace the cell structure of the creature being fossilized.

In light of the billions of fossils to be found around the world, nearly all of them in sediments and strata that were water deposited – only a global deluge on the scope described in Genesis could account for the fossil record.

Uniformitarianism could NEVER account for the fossil record!

In fact, secular science is now reviewing and adopting the role of *Catastrophe* in the formation of much of the Earth because of what

was discovered in the eruption of Mt. St. Helen in May, 1980. Many of the theories of sedimentation that geology had held for decades were disproven by Mt. St. Helens.

Sediments and strata classical geology had said would take millions of years to lay down were deposited in a matter of hours!

There are some geologists who claim Mt. St. Helens was a mortal blow to the theory of Uniformitarianism.

And yet, the majority of the Evolutionary community cling to it – because they need billions of years in order for evolution to take place.

But there's a serious problem with the idea that the universe is billions of years old.

Think about it – the sun consumes 1,200,000 tons of mass per second.

If the solar system is billions of years old, then the sun would have been so big and so hot, no life would have been possible in any form on earth.

There would have been no water in liquid form!

Look at 2 Peter 3:8 again –

**But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

Remember that God said on the day Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden tree they would die.

Adam died when he was 930 – within the boundary of what God considers a day.

In fact, from that reckoning – everyone dies on the day of their birth.

The oldest man, Methuselah, lived to be only 969 – still the day of his birth from God's reckoning.

## **GENESIS 7**

**<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that you are* righteous before Me in this generation. <sup>2</sup>You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and**

his female; two each of animals that *are* unclean, a male and his female; <sup>3</sup>also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. <sup>4</sup>For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.” <sup>5</sup>And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. <sup>6</sup>Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.

The ark is now finished and it's time to load it up because the flood will come in just 1 more week.

In v. 20 of ch. 6, God said the animals would “come to” Noah.

God has placed a strong migratory instinct in many animals.

It wouldn't be at all difficult to place an urge in them to come to where Noah had prepared the ark and then send them inside.

It's interesting as well how animals can sense danger before man is aware. [Pets with earthquakes.]

To see them fleeing to the refuge of the ark is not really all that hard to imagine.

While only one pair of the unclean animals were included on the ark, 3 pairs plus one extra of the clean & birds were taken.

This would provide for the sacrifices they were to offer and ensure that the clean animals & birds survived the drastically different conditions of Earth *after* the Flood.

**<sup>7</sup>So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. <sup>8</sup>Of clean animals, of animals that *are* unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, <sup>9</sup>two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. <sup>10</sup>And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. <sup>11</sup>In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. <sup>12</sup>And the rain was on**

**the earth forty days and forty nights.**

**13**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—**14**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 sort.

**15**And they went into the ark to 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 as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

Once everyone and every creature was inside, God shut the door and opened the floodgates.

It rained for 40 days straight.

The vapor canopy which had surrounded the earth and protected it from cosmic radiation collapsed.

The great deeps broke open and out gushed massive torrents of water.

I'm tempted at this point to launch into an examination of plate tectonics and all the evidence there is for what we read about here, but we don't have the time.

If you're interested, I have some sheets up here you can take and read. [See Appendix]

**17**Now the flood was on the earth forty days.

What this means is that the process of releasing the flood waters took 40 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, 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, [over 20 ft.] and the mountains were covered. **21**And all flesh died that moved on the



**earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. <sup>22</sup>All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry *land*, died. <sup>23</sup>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 Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained *alive*. <sup>24</sup>And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.**

For 150 days the waters of the flood remained at their peak before beginning to subside.

How this is possible, how there could be enough water to cover all the land, and then how there could be the change that would lead to the earth as we know it today is clearly described in these pages I have up here. [See Appendix to this Study]

## **GENESIS 8**

**<sup>1</sup>Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark.**

Don't think this means that God had *forgotten* Noah!

This is what we call an *anthropomorphism* – an attempt to describe the actions of God using human terms.

Sometimes, as here, language falls short of accurately describing God and we're forced to use terms that are less than adequate.

God hadn't *forgotten* Noah, this simply means that after 150 days of judgment, when the judgment had effected its purpose, God began to move again in Noah's situation.

**And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. <sup>2</sup>The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. <sup>3</sup>And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. <sup>4</sup>Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the**

**month, on the mountains of Ararat. <sup>5</sup>And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.**

150 days after Noah entered the ark and the flood began, the waters began their long descent.

The ark came to rest on the Ararat range of mountains, located in modern day Turkey.

**<sup>6</sup>So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.**

**<sup>7</sup>Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. <sup>9</sup>But 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. <sup>10</sup>And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. <sup>11</sup>Then 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. <sup>12</sup>So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.**

Once Noah could see some land appearing around the beached Ark, he sent out a raven which never returned, meaning it found something to land on somewhere.

Then Noah realized the raven, being a scavenger, might land on just about anything, including a floating carcass, so he released a bird he knew would not land on anything but clean ground – a dove.

Sure enough, the dove returned. 1 week later, he sent her out again, and this time she came back with a fresh twig of an olive tree.

He let another week pass and sent the dove out again, which didn't return.

This was a sign that the dry land was once again producing plant life and could sustain life.

**13**And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. **14**And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

**15**Then God spoke to Noah, saying, **16**“Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. **17**Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that *is* with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”

Just as God had called Noah into the ark, Noah waited for the Word of the Lord to go forth from it.

**18**So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. **19**Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, *and* whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

Noah & his family spent 1 year & 10 days in the ark!

There's a good chance once all the animals were in their places inside the ark, God set a large many of them into a state of hibernation.

**20**Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. **21**And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth;

**nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.**

**22 “While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night shall not cease.”**

The first thing Noah did after leaving the ark is to worship!

He built an altar and made several sacrifices.

God was well-pleased with this act of devotion and declared that even though men are born in sin and bent toward it, He would never bring such a judgment on the Earth again, not until the end when the Earth itself will be dissolved.

V. 22 may imply that just as there has always been day and night, now there will also be a regular cycle of seasons marked by changing temperatures.

With the vapor canopy no longer in place, and with the possibility that there was a pole reversal and realignment during the flood, the Earth would now experience a drastically different set of conditions that would create the seasons and would see the life-span of human beings decline from an average of 900 years to just over a hundred within a couple generations of the flood.

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[1] (From Guzik’s Commentary) From the book of 1 Enoch, which is not inspired scripture, but may still contain some accurate accounts: "And it came to pass that the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters. And the angels, the children of heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: ‘Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children . . . [They] took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments . . . And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants . . . And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways."

[2] Guzik, David *Online Commentary - Genesis*

[3] This list “ripped off” from David Guzik’s Online Commentary.