

TIMELINE OF THE GREAT FLOOD EVENTS

...in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

- 2 Peter 3:3-7

The Creation	Gen. 1:1 – 2:3	4004 BC (Ussher) ^a
↓ 1700-1711 years		The Flood Event occurred between 2304 BC and 2293 BC ^b
God announces to Noah man's numbered days	Gen. 6:3,7,17	
↓ 120 years	Gen. 6:3	Construction of the ark during this time (Gen. 6:14-16, 22)
Imminent warning, boarding of the ark	Gen. 7:1-20	Flying creatures (birds and insects – Hebrew <i>owph</i>) boarded in seven pairs per Kind; unclean land creatures boarded in one pair per Kind; clean land creatures (divided hoof and cud-chewing – cf. Lev. 11:1-8) boarded in seven pairs per Kind. Aquatic creatures were not boarded.
↓ 7 days	Gen. 7:4,10	
Flood waters begin accumulating on Earth	Gen. 7:11	Noah's 600 th year, month 2, day 17 ^c
↓ 40 ^d days	Gen. 7:11-19	Water sources: 1) Springs of the deep, 2) floodgates of heaven ^e , and 3) heavy rain (Repeated again in 8:2 with reference to their ceasing)
Flood peak: waters 20 ft. above highest mtns.	Gen. 7:20	
↓ 107 days (waters receding)	Gen. 7:24, 8:3-4	"150 days" mentioned twice (for the flooding plus initial receding of waters) is a round figure; Given dates indicate 147 day span; 107 = 147-40
Ark lands on mountains of Ararat region	Gen. 8:3-4	Noah's 600 th year, month 7, day 17
↓ 73 days (waters receding)		
Tops of surrounding mountains become visible	Gen. 8:5	Noah's 600 th year, month 10, day 1
↓ 40 days	Gen. 8:6	
Noah sends out a raven and a dove ^f ; dove returns	Gen. 8:6-9	
↓ 7 days	Gen. 8:10	
Noah sends out a dove;	Gen. 8:10-11	
dove returns with fresh olive leaf		
↓ 7 days	Gen. 8:12	
Noah sends out a dove; dove doesn't return	Gen. 8:12	
↓ 34 days		Thirty-four arrived at from given date span (88 between Gen. 8:5 and 8:13): 34 = 88-7-7-40
Noah removes covering of the ark; sees land	Gen. 8:13	Noah's 601 st year, month 1, day 1
↓ 56 days		
Land is completely dry;	Gen. 8:14-19	Noah's 601 st year, month 2, day 27
Noah's family and creatures exit the ark ^g		

^a Not all creation scientists adopt this exact date, but most, other than "progressive" creationists place Earth's age at 6000-7000 years.

^b "Creation Education: The Date of Noah's Flood," Dr. J. Osgood, *Creation Ex Nihilo* 4:1(10-13), March 1981, Available online <<http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs/3563.asp>> (24 October 2001).

^c The months of this Hebrew calendar were lunar months, and alternated between 30 and 29 days in length. Thus, one full year was 354 days. A thirteenth month was added in seven of every nineteen years to keep the cycle aligned with the solar year.

^d Note the recurrence of "forty" (testing, trial) and "seven" (perfection, completeness), among time spans and among Kind preservation.

^e Some scholars interpret #2 as the dissipation of the vapor and/or ice-crystal canopy, while others interpret #2 as metaphor for #3, and do not regard the canopy content as a major source of water, or do not interpret Gen. 1:6-8 as indicating a canopy's existence.

^f Note the raven, flying "back and forth" as a type of Satan (cf. Job 1:7, 2:2), and the dove as a type of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22, John 1:32).

^g Total time elapsed from the completion of boarding to the exiting of the ark was 364 days, as taken from the given dates, and confirmed by the summation of the shorter spans provided.