

Genesis 7: The Flood

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When the earth was created, it was **covered** with **water**. (Gen 1:2)

On the second day of creation, God separated **water** from **water**. (Gen 1:7)

On the third day of creation, God brought **dry land** out of the waters. (Gen 1:9)

Before the Flood, there was no **hydrologic** cycle of evaporation and rain as we know it today. The whole surface of the earth was watered by **underground springs**. (Gen 2:6)

The Flood was a twofold event: **rain** came down (“the water above the heavens”) and the **fountains** of the great deep burst open. (Gen 7:11)

The Flood brought the first instance of **global climate change**. It came as a result of **sin**, not excessive carbon dioxide emissions.

The Hebrew word that describes Noah as “righteous” (*tamiym*) is the same word that is used to specify sacrifices that are **spotless**. (cf. Lev 1:3, 1:10, etc.) This may be true of Noah in the sense that he was descended from the godly line of Seth.

While building the ark, Noah took time to **preach repentance** to his contemporaries. More than likely, Grandpa **Methuselah** did, too. (2 Pet 2:5)

Based on the chronology of Genesis 5, **Methuselah died** just before the Flood came.

What was going on just before the Flood came? (Matt 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-27)

In what sense were the people “unaware” before the Flood came?

There is no indication that anyone else tried to **board** the ark before the door was closed.

Noah built the door in the ark, but **God** closed it. What does this signify?

Noah’s Flood corresponds to **baptism** in the New Testament. (1 Pet 3:20-21)

There were **seven** pairs of “clean” animals and birds. (Gen 7:2) Why? (Gen 8:20)

The reference to clean animals and burnt offerings points to a pre-Levitical **ceremonial law**. This probably goes back to **Eden**. (Gen 3:21)

Every creature on the ark had a single **mate**, suggesting a pattern that might have originally been intended for *all* creatures, not just man. (Gen 7:9)

The narrative suggests that the creatures all **came** to Noah, **boarded**, and **disembarked** the ark in an orderly way. This would have been a clear sign of God’s miraculous intervention. (Gen 6:20, 7:9, 8:19)

Genesis 7 covers a period of 157 days.