

Genesis 8

Verses 1 - 4

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The waters began to decrease from its highest level (15 cubits above the mountains) due to a wind that caused the flood waters to evaporate. However, this only made a small dent in the process of removing the flood waters.

² Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained;

The two sources of water that caused the flood were shut off. The rain ended after 40 days but the fountains of the deep (the underground water) continued to flood the earth for 3 more months until God also put a stop to it.

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The amount of water that evaporated because of the wind was minute so how did God make the land appear? He may have repeated the same process that He used to create dry land during the first day of creation.

See psalm 104:5 - 8

**⁵ He established the earth upon its foundations,
So that it will not totter forever and ever.**

⁶ You covered it with the deep sea as with a garment;
The waters were standing above the mountains.

⁷ They fled from Your rebuke,
At the sound of Your thunder they hurried away.

⁸ The mountains rose; the valleys sank down
To the place which You established for them.

During creation the waters covered the earth above the mountains so God made the mountains rise and the valleys sink to make the land appear. The same thing may have happened here but God used a gradual process (a period of months) instead of a moment of time as He did in Day 1. We can assume this because in verse 5 it says that the water decreased steadily until the tenth month.

⁴ **Then in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.**

It had been 5 months since the deluge started and now the Ark was resting on solid ground.

See pic 805

The mountains of Ararat



The mountains of Ararat designate an area, not a particular peak. In this region there are two peaks, the Greater and the Lesser Ararat. The Greater peak rises to an elevation of 16,945 feet and The Lesser to a height of 12,877 feet above sea level. The ark must have rested on the highest peak because the other peaks could not be seen at that time.

Verse 5

⁵ **And the water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.**

It was now 71/2 months since the flood began.

See chart 810

Time line for the Global flood.

Date	Total time	Event	Genesis
2-17		Flood waters came	7:14
3-27	40 days	rain stops	7:17
		Water at its highest level	7:19
		Underground water stops	8:2
		Waters begin to recede	8:3
7-17	5 months	Ark rested on Ararat	8:4
10-1	71/2 months	Top of mountains seen	8:5
40 days	9 months	Raven sent out	8:6
7 days		Dove has olive leaf	8:10
7 days	91/2 months	Dove does not return	8:12
1-1	101/2 months	Noah removes the covering	8:13
2-27	1 year 10 days	Leave the ark	8:14

This is a good time to present some of the scientific proof that a global flood occurred.

See video 815 3.3 Evolution destroyed

<http://www.levickfamily.com/3.3.html>

Here is some proof that it occurred about 5,000 years ago.

See video 820 3.4 A new beginning

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Verses 6 - 13

Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made; ⁷ and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth. ⁸ Then he sent out a dove, to see if the water was low on the surface of the land; ⁹ but the dove found no resting place for the sole of its foot, so it returned to him in the ark, for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took it, and brought it into the ark to himself. ¹⁰ So he waited another seven days longer; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹ And the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, in its beak was a fresh olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was low on the earth. ¹² Then he waited another seven days longer, and sent out the dove; but it did not return to him again.

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Now it was almost 9 months since the flood began.

See chart 810 above.

There was still water on the land but the raven was able to find places to rest and did not return to the Ark.

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A dove is a much more passive bird than the raven and it could not find a suitable resting place and it returned to the ark.

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The water had not completely dried up but the olive leaf was a sign that things were beginning to sprout again.

¹² Then he waited another seven days longer, and sent out the dove; but it did not return to him again.

There was enough growth that the dove had no need to return to the ark.

Verse 13

¹³ Now it came about in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first of the month, *that* the water was dried up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground had dried up.

See chart 825

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Even though the waters were dried up, Noah and his family and the animals stayed in the ark for about 2 more months. If all of the animals had been released right away there may have been a shortage of food for them.

Verse 14 - 19

¹⁴ And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. 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 animals and every crawling thing that crawls on the earth, that they may breed abundantly 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. ¹⁹ Every animal, every crawling thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark.

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See chart 825 above.

Noah and his family had been in the ark for 1 year and 17 days. They had entered the ark 1 week before the flood started.

See Genesis 7:7 and 7:10

⁷ Then Noah and his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives with him entered the ark because of the waters of the flood.

¹⁰ Now it came about after the seven days, that the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

¹⁹ Every animal, every crawling thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark.

The animals exited from the ark in an orderly fashion. This tells us that God was controlling the animals as He had when they entered.

Verses 20-22

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took some of every *kind of* clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

²¹ The Lord smelled the soothing aroma, and the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.

²² While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat,
Summer and winter,
And day and night
Shall not cease.”

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Presenting a burnt offering of every kind of clean animal, and of every clean bird had to be an enormous number of animals. However, seeing the flood waters above the highest mountains and knowing that God had chosen Noah and his family to continue the human race had to bring a sense of awe and gratitude

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The offering of Noah pleased the Lord and He promised Himself that He would not punish mankind in these two ways even again.

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God has continued to judge and punish the nations of the earth but He will not harm or take away the natural order of things on this earth.