

## THE TOTAL DURATION & CHRONOLOGY OF THE NOAHIC FLOOD

It is very easy for the student to figure the total duration of the Noahic Flood. Simply compare Genesis 7:11 for the exact day the Flood began and Genesis 8:14 for the exact day when the earth was dry enough for Noah to leave the ark.

7:11 *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.*

8:13-14 *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. And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.*

**Total Duration = 370 days** (Months should be computed as lunar months, 30 days as per Assyrian calculation. The moon actually makes one complete revolution of the earth once every 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes, and 2.8 seconds or approximately every 29 ½ days. Assyrian months were 29 and 30 days alternately.)

What the student should particularly note are the repeated and even meticulous chronological references in Genesis 7 & 8. God seems very much interested in giving us a detailed chronology of the very days of this momentous catastrophe. Whereas, hundreds and possibly thousands of years are passed over in one or two verses in the general context of Genesis 1-11, in the case of the Flood, a detailed account of time is presented!

7:12	40 days deluge	<i>And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.</i>
7:24	110 + 40 = 150 days of water prevailing	<i>And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.</i>
8:3	150 days of water prevailing	<i>And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.</i>
8:5	mountain tops seen 10 <sup>th</sup> month, 1 <sup>st</sup> day	<i>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.</i>
8:6	Noah waits 40 more days to open window	<i>So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.</i>
8:10	7 more days before sending out 2 <sup>nd</sup> dove	<i>And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.</i>

- 8:12 7 more days before sending out 3<sup>rd</sup> dove *So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.*
- 8:13 exact day that the waters were gone *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.*
- 8:14 exact day that the waters were dried up *And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.*

### Conclusion

According to the Bible, the Noahic Deluge lasted 370 days. The waters increased for 40 days (Genesis 8:12), until on the 40<sup>th</sup> day they were actually covering the highest mountains by 15 cubits, Genesis 7:19-20:

*<sup>19</sup> And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. <sup>20</sup> The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.*

This depth was maintained for 110 more days so that the waters are said to *prevail* for a total of 150 days (Genesis 7:24, 8:3). It took 120 more days for the waters to recede.

**Such an extended period of time is compatible only with a geographically – universal flood: a local flood could not be reconciled to this chronology.**