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**Who?
What?
Where?
When?
and Why?**

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for YOU!**

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GENESIS

STORIES IN GENESIS

God Creates the Heavens and Earth	Genesis 1–2
Adam and Eve and the Fall into Sin	Genesis 2–3
God Promises a Savior from Sin	Genesis 3
God Saves Noah from the Flood	Genesis 6–9
Tower of Babel	Genesis 11
Abraham and Sarah	Genesis 12–25
Jacob and Esau	Genesis 25–36
Joseph and His Brothers	Genesis 37–50

Author—As with every book of the Bible, God is really the author. But God the Holy Spirit used human writers to record His words. Moses was the man inspired by God to write Genesis.

Date—Many thousands of years before time was carefully recorded, the flood occurred. Events before the time of Abraham (2166 BC) cannot be dated.

Places—Genesis 1–11 happens in Ur, modern-day Iraq. Much of the next part of Genesis (12–36) takes place in the land called Canaan or the Promised Land. It is known today as Israel and Palestine. Other locations mentioned in the rest of Genesis include Egypt and Mount Moriah, which might be located in the modern city of Jerusalem.

People—There are many important people mentioned in Genesis. We meet Adam and Eve, Noah and his family, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel, Joseph and his brothers, including Judah.

God's Love—God created people to be His friends and the universe to be a wonderful home for us. Even before He made people, He knew that we would fall into sin and that it would cost His Son's life to save us. But He made us anyway and gave the promise of the Savior already to the very first people.

God's Special Messages—Genesis tells how everything began. God created everything; He continues to rule over all He has made. Because our first parents brought sin into the world, every human since desperately needs the forgiveness God alone provides.

God creates the universe and people. People sin, and God punishes them with a great flood. God speaks to Abraham and gives him and his family special promises.

TAU CROSS

	C 2091 BC	2026 BC	1876 BC	1446 BC
CREATION	CALL OF ABRAHAM	ISAAC MARRIES REBEKAH	JACOB GOES TO EGYPT	EXODUS FROM EGYPT

The Creation of the World

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

What does create mean?

God brings into existence everything out of nothing by the power of His Word.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse¹ in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made² the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven.³ And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one

place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth,⁴ and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants⁵ yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons,⁶ and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm

¹ Or a canopy; also verses 7, 8, 14, 15, 17, 20 ² Or fashioned; also verse 16 ³ Or Sky; also verses 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 26, 28, 30; 2:1 ⁴ Or Land; also verses 11, 12, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30; 2:1 ⁵ Or small plants; also verses 12, 29 ⁶ Or appointed times

Days of Creation

ON DAY	GOD MADE	IT SAYS SO IN	AND GOD
One	Light; Day and Night	Genesis 1:3–5a	Saw that the light was good.
Two	Heaven	Genesis 1:6–8a	Called the expanse Heaven.
Three	Earth and Seas, Plants	Genesis 1:9–10, Genesis 1:11–13a	Saw that it was good. Saw that it was good.
Four	Sun, Moon, and Stars	Genesis 1:14–19a	Saw that it was good.
Five	Sea Creatures and Birds	Genesis 1:20–23a	Saw that it was good.
Six	Earth Creatures; Man and Woman	Genesis 1:24–25, Genesis 1:26–31a	Saw that it was good. Saw that all He made was very good.
Seven	God Rested	Genesis 2:1–3	Blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

To be made without sin, perfectly knowing and gladly doing God's will. Before the fall, Adam and Eve were the image of God. Jesus came to earth as a man in the image of God and remained without sin. He was the true man who suffered and died for us, giving us His righteousness in exchange for our sinfulness.

with swarms of living creatures, and let birds¹ fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the

waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man² in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

¹ Or *flying things*; see Leviticus 11:19-20 ² The Hebrew word for *man* (*adam*) is the generic term for mankind and becomes the proper name *Adam*

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GENESIS 1:1-31

That's One Big Science Fair Project!

Do you enjoy doing science fair projects? Science fair projects are a lot of work, and they require a lot of time and creativity. Here was one big science fair project for you: in the beginning, God made everything—including all those things you study and measure in your projects! You might spend a month researching, experimenting, and producing a spectacular display board. In 6 days, God created weather and electricity and chemicals and gravity and colors. And every animal. And your first parents. And He did it just by saying so.

Some people think the Bible's story of creation doesn't make scientific sense. Nonsense! It made science! As you look at a mountain, or at a blue sky, or at a thoroughbred horse in full stride, or at your own face in the mirror, admire God's spectacular display board!



²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food." ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Seventh Day, God Rests

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

The Creation of Man and Woman

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵When no bush of the field¹ was yet in the land² and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,³ and a mist⁴ was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is

pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good;

Where is Eden?

No one knows for certain, but it is believed to be in the area of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. After the flood, the geographical landmarks were no longer as they had been.



bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat⁴ of it you shall surely die."

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for⁵ him." ¹⁹Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed⁶

¹Or open country ²Or earth; also verse 6 ³Or spring ⁴Or when you eat ⁵Or corresponding to; also verse 20 ⁶Or And out of the ground the LORD God formed

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GENESIS 2:7, 22

What about Evolution?

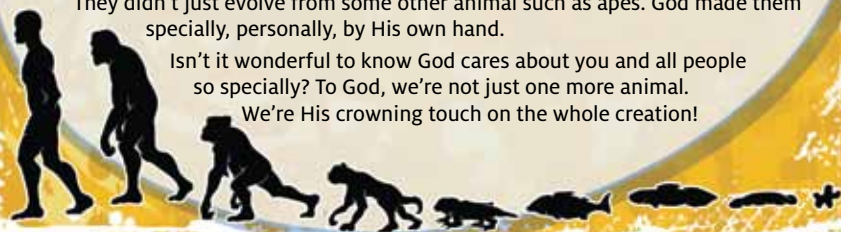
Evolution is a term often used for a theory that all forms of life developed, or evolved, from lower forms. Many Christians would like to think that God created all things, as the Bible says, but that He used evolution. Fact is, however, evolution just doesn't fit with the Bible. Look back at Genesis 1. Notice that the Bible says God did His creating in six regular days, because each day had an evening and a morning (Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31). Notice, too, that one kind of plant or animal didn't become a different kind; they each reproduced "their own kinds" (Genesis 1:11–12, 21, 24–25). Something else interesting: according to evolution, the sun would have to exist long before plants, because plants need sunlight to grow, but God made plants on the third day and the sun on the next (Genesis 1:11, 16).

Most important, see the care God put into making Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:7, 22).

They didn't just evolve from some other animal such as apes. God made them specially, personally, by His own hand.

Isn't it wonderful to know God cares about you and all people so specially? To God, we're not just one more animal.

We're His crowning touch on the whole creation!



every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam¹ there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made² into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of
Man."³

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And

the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

The Fall

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You⁴ shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,⁵ she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he

¹ Or the man ² Hebrew built ³ The Hebrew words for woman (ishshah) and man (ish) sound alike ⁴ In Hebrew you is plural in verses 1-5 ⁵ Or to give insight

ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool¹ of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring³ and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for⁴ your husband, and he shall rule over you."

¹Hebrew *wind* ²In Hebrew *you* is singular in verses 9 and 11 ³Hebrew *seed*; so throughout Genesis ⁴Or *against*

GENESIS 3:15

Friends Again—Reconnected

God created Adam and Eve in His image. He created them to be His friends. But once Adam and Eve sinned, they were afraid of God and disconnected from Him. Sin now stood between all people and God.

Fortunately, God wouldn't leave them or us that way. In Genesis 3:15, He tells the devil He will put "enmity" between the devil and people. Enmity means they'll be enemies. But that also means if we, people, are enemies of the devil, we're friends of God once again! But how did that happen? The answer is in the rest of what God said to Satan: "He [that's talking about Jesus] shall bruise your [Satan's] head, and you shall bruise His heel." The devil would "bruise" Jesus when He died on the cross. But Jesus' dying would do more than bruise the devil. It would crush him! And Jesus' death, by taking away our sin, reconnects us to God.

This is the Bible's first Cross Connection (see page 10 of the Cross Connections intro), but there are lots more. **Go look.**



¹⁷And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the
voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the
days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth
for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the
field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

Why did God place guards at the entrance to the garden?

Cherubim (angels) were
placed to prevent Adam from
returning. Man could not undo
or repair what
he had done.
Salvation
would have
to come
outside of
man—from
God alone
and from
what He
would do in
the future.

²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve,
because she was the mother of all living.¹

²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and
for his wife garments of skins and clothed
them.

²²Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the
man has become like one of us in know-
ing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out
his hand and take also of the tree of life

and eat, and live forever—”²³ therefore the
LORD God sent him out from the garden of
Eden to work the ground from which he
was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man, and
at the east of the garden of Eden he placed
the cherubim and a flaming sword that
turned every way to guard the way to the
tree of life.

Cain and Abel

4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she
conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I
have gotten² a man with the help of the
LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother
Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and
Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course
of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering
of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel
also brought of the firstborn of his flock
and of their fat portions. And the LORD had
regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for
Cain and his offering he had no regard. So
Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The
LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and
why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well,
will you not be accepted? ⁸And if you do not
do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its
desire is for⁴ you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. ⁹And
when they were in the field, Cain rose up
against his brother Abel and killed him.
⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is
Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not
know; am I my brother's keeper?” ¹⁰And
the LORD said, “What have you done? The
voice of your brother's blood is crying
to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you
are cursed from the ground, which has
opened its mouth to receive your brother's
blood from your hand. ¹²When you work
the ground, it shall no longer yield to you
its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a
wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the
LORD, “My punishment is greater than I
can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me
today away from the ground, and from
your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fu-
gitive and a wanderer on the earth, and
whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the
LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills
Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him

¹ Eve sounds like the Hebrew for *life-giver* and resembles the word for *living* ² Cain sounds like the Hebrew for *gotten*

³ Hebrew *will there not be a lifting up* [of your face]? ⁴ Or *against* ⁵ Hebrew; Samaritan, Septuagint, Syriac, Vulgate add
Let us go out to the field ⁶ Or *My guilt is too great to bear*

sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. ¹⁶Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, ¹ east of Eden.

Why don't we know more about Adam and Eve's other children?

Because God chose to reveal only this much. We know of Cain and Abel and how the first murder occurred. As Cain's line did not inherit the promise of the Savior, Scripture picks up with Adam and Eve's son Seth, from whom the Messiah would come.

¹⁷Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. ¹⁸To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. ¹⁹And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. ²⁰Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. ²²Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

²³Lamech said to his wives:

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
you wives of Lamech, listen to
what I say:

I have killed a man for wounding me,
a young man for striking me.

²⁴ If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,
then Lamech's is seventy-
sevenfold."

²⁵And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed² for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain

killed him." ²⁶To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

Adam's Descendants to Noah

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ²Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man³ when they were created. ³When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. ⁴The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. ⁵Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

⁶When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered Enosh. ⁷Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. ⁸Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

⁹When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered Kenan. ¹⁰Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹¹Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

¹²When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel. ¹³Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁴Thus all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.

¹⁵When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered Jared. ¹⁶Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁷Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

¹⁸When Jared had lived 162 years he fathered Enoch. ¹⁹Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁰Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

²¹When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. ²²Enoch walked with God⁴ after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. ²⁴Enoch walked with God, and he was not,⁵ for God took him.

²⁵When Methuselah had lived 187 years,

¹ Nod means wandering ² Seth sounds like the Hebrew for he appointed ³ Hebrew adam ⁴ Septuagint pleased God ⁵ Septuagint was not found

he fathered Lamech. ²⁶Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁷Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.

²⁸When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son ²⁹and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed this one shall bring us relief¹ from our work and from the painful toil of our hands." ³⁰Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. ³¹Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

³²After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Increasing Corruption on Earth

6 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, ²the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in² man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." ⁴The Nephilim³ were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore

children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Noah and the Flood

⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh,⁴ for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. ⁵Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, ⁶its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof⁷ for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And 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. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping

Why was the ark so large?

Scripture says the ark was 450 feet long and 45 feet high. This would make the ark as long as 1½ football fields placed lengthwise and as tall as a 5-story building. Since Noah, his family, and all of the animals were on board, it was important that the ark be large enough to hold everything necessary for a year's stay. Noah and his family came safely through the deathly waters because of God's protection and deliverance.



¹ Noah sounds like the Hebrew for rest ²Or My Spirit shall not contend with ³Or giants ⁴Hebrew The end of all flesh has come before me ⁵An unknown kind of tree; transliterated from Hebrew ⁶A cubit was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters ⁷Or skylight

thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them.” ²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

7 Then the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. ²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, ¹ the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, ³and seven pairs² of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing³ that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” ⁵And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. ⁷And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, ⁹two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, ¹⁴they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. ¹⁵They went into the

ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. ¹⁹And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits⁴ deep. ²¹And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. ²²Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. ²³He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. ²⁴And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

The Flood Subsides

8 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. ²The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, ³and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated, ⁴and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided

¹ Or seven of each kind of clean animal ² Or seven of each kind ³ Hebrew all existence; also verse 23 ⁴ A cubit was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters