## GENESIS

## **Book of Beginnings**

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### FOUR EVENTS, PRIMEVAL HISTORY OF CREATION FALL

#### FOUR PEOPLE, PATRIARCHAL HISTORY ADDAHAM OF ISRAEL

#### ABRAHAM

#### ISAAC

#### JACOB

**FLOOD** 



BABEL

#### **Eleven "toledots" "these are the generations of ... "**

1:1-2:3 2:4-4:16 5:1-6:8 6:9–9:29 10:1-11:9 11:10-26 11:27-25:11 25:12–18 25:19-35:29 36:1 & 36:9

37:2-50:26

Prologue Heavens and the earth Adam Noah Noah's Sons Shem Terah Ishmael (wrapping up loose ends) Isaac Esau (used  $2\times$ ,  $1^{st}$  Esau, then his sons) Jacob

#### **Flood Doctrines**

**Grace: Exclusivity of salvation** 

Inheritance and a personal sense of eternal destiny

Angelic conflict and the attempt to destroy the human race

Flood geology: Creation and evolution

The dispensations and covenants

**Capital punishment** 

**Ongoing sin** 

**Divine institution 4: Human government** 

#### **Babel Doctrines**

The three great divisions of the human race: Shem, Ham, Japheth

The evil of internationalism as the solution to man's problems

**Divine involvement in history and judgment** 

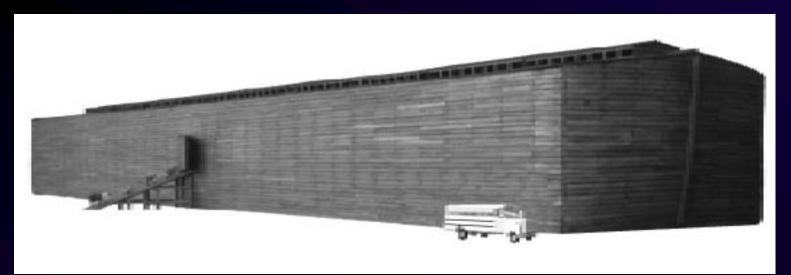
The beginnings of Babylon and the kingdom of man

#### **The Flood Review**

- 1. The reality of Divine judgment and exclusivity in salvation
- 2. The universality of the flood
- 3. The covenant revised
- 4. The failure to spread over the earth and the establishment of the kingdom of man at Babel



#### **Grace: Exclusivity of Salvation**





#### Was the Flood Local or Universal?

 If the flood was local, why did Noah have to build an Ark? He could have walked to the other side of the mountains and missed it.

 If the Flood was local, why did God send the animals to the Ark so they would escape death? There would have been other animals to reproduce that kind if these particular ones had died.

 If the Flood was local, why was the Ark big enough to hold all the kinds of land vertebrate animals that have ever existed? If only Mesopotamian animals were aboard, the Ark could have been much smaller.

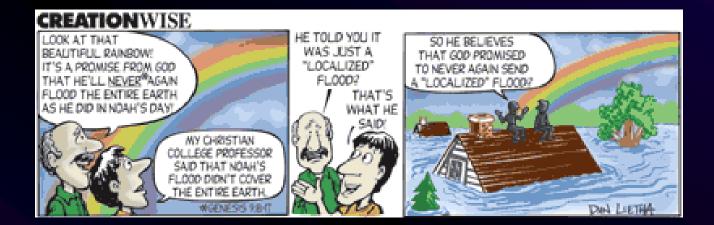
 If the Flood was local, why would birds have been sent on board? These could simply have winged across to a nearby mountain range.

If the Flood was local, how could the waters rise to 15 cubits (8 meters) above the mountains (Genesis 7:20)? Water seeks its own level. It couldn't rise to cover the local mountains while leaving the rest of the world untouched.

 If the flood was local, it would not have solved the problem of the corruption of the human race worldwide.

 If the Flood was local, people who did not happen to be living in the vicinity would not be affected by it. They would have escaped God's judgment on sin. If this happened, what did Christ mean when He likened the coming judgment of all men to the judgment of 'all' men (Matthew 24:37–39) in the days of Noah? A partial judgment in Noah's day means a partial judgment to come.

 If the Flood was local, God would have repeatedly broken His promise to never flood the earth again.



# Genesis 6:11, "the earth was filled with violence."

### Genesis 6:12, "for <u>all flesh</u> had corrupted their way upon the earth."

### Genesis 6:13, "The end of all flesh . . . for the earth is filled with violence"

Genesis 6:17, "to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish."

### Genesis 6:19, "And of <u>every</u> living thing of <u>all flesh</u>, you shall bring two of <u>every kind</u> into the Ark,"

Genesis 6:20, "Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive."

### Genesis 7:2, "... <u>every</u> clean animal by sevens..."

### Genesis 7:4, "…<u>I will blot out</u> from the face of the land <u>every</u> living thing that I have made."

Genesis 7:8, "Of clean animals and animals that are not clean and birds and <u>everything</u> that creeps on the ground,"

#### Genesis 7:11, "all the fountains..."



Genesis 7:14, "<u>every</u> beast . . . and <u>all</u> the cattle . . . <u>every</u> creeping thing . . . and <u>every</u> bird"

### Genesis 7:15, "all flesh in which was the breath of life."

Genesis 7:19, "The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered.

Genesis 7:20, "The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered." 2 Peter 3:4, "and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.'

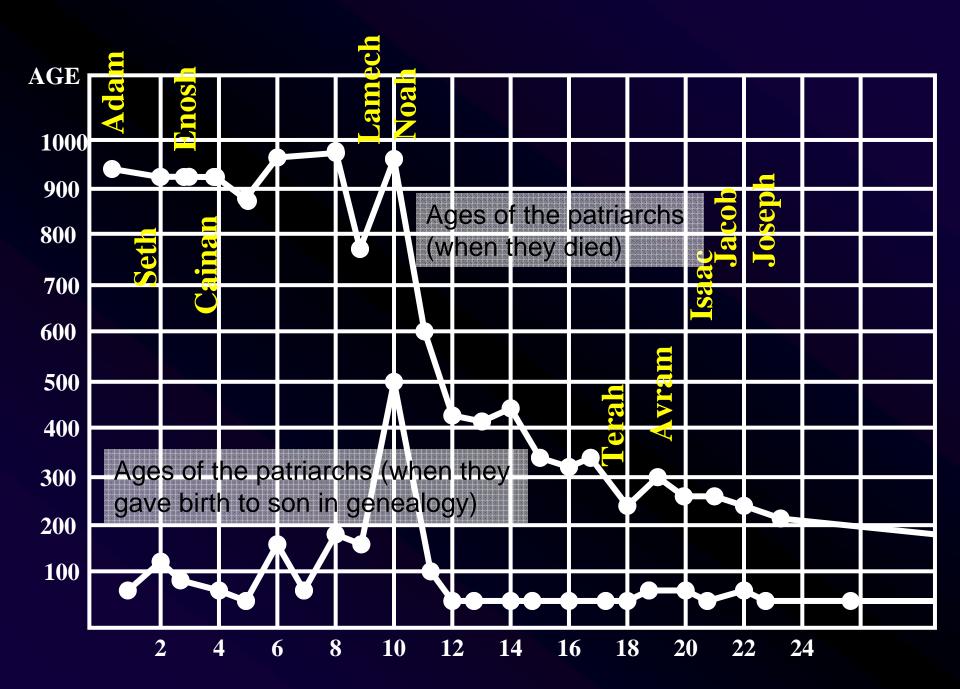
2 Peter 3:5, "For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the Word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water," 2 Peter 3:6, "through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.

2 Peter 3:7, "But by His Word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men." Romans 8:21, "that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Romans 8:22, "For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now."



#### **Chronology of the Flood** Entry of the ark, Gen. 7:11 [waited 7 days] 2 - 10 - 600Forty days and nights of rain, Gen. 7:11 2-17-600**One hundred ten days of rising** After one hundred fifty days, ark rests 7-17-600 **Seventy four days of decreasing:** 10-1-600 **Tops of mountains visible, Gen. 8:5** Forty days then sent raven 11-10-600 Seven days then sent dove 1 11-17-600 Seven days then sent dove 2 11-24-600 12-01-600 **Released dove 3** 1-10-601 **Remove hatch, ground seems dry** Order to offload; Total days: 371 2-27-601



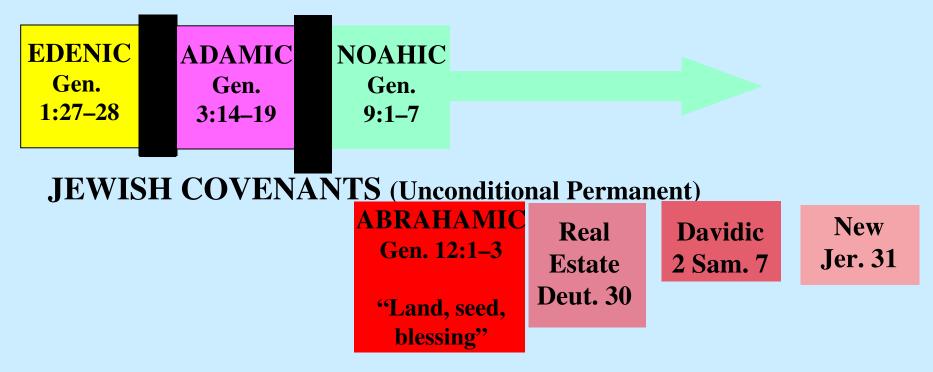
Genesis 6:18, "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark-you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you."

# 1. The first mention of "covenant," [tyrIB. berith] is in Gen. 6:18.

## Hosea 6:7 states: Like ADAM they have transgressed the covenant.

### **8 BIBLICAL COVENANTS**

#### **GENTILE COVENANTS**



## 2. A covenant is essentially a legal contract. This implies...

### ... That both parties are PERSONS.

... That the one who establishes the contract should be able to guarantee the promises.

... The giving of the covenant is an expression of God's grace to fallen man, to supply the guidelines for the relationship.

...This shows that man's relationship with God is always based on immutable, legal principles, articulated in specific, written regulations. 1. Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. (9:1, 7). This is the same command given to Adam and Eve. What is not repeated is that they were to subdue the earth. But this was lost at the fall because man lost authority at the fall and Satan usurped it.

2. "And the fear of you will be upon all the animals." So there is now fear in the animal kingdom, before there was authority. So this relates to the third provision.

### 3. "Given into your hand" – an idiom for being placed under your authority. This relates to the modification of the rule/subdue clause in the Creation Covenant.

### 4. Authorization to eat meat.

### 5. Eating blood prohibited.

 Death required of every beast or man who takes a human life in an prohibited manner.

## 7. Covenant made with Noah, his descendents, and the animals.

 Promises to never again destroy the world in the same way—with a worldwide, watery, cataclysm.





