

LESSON 3: THE POST-FLOOD PERIOD

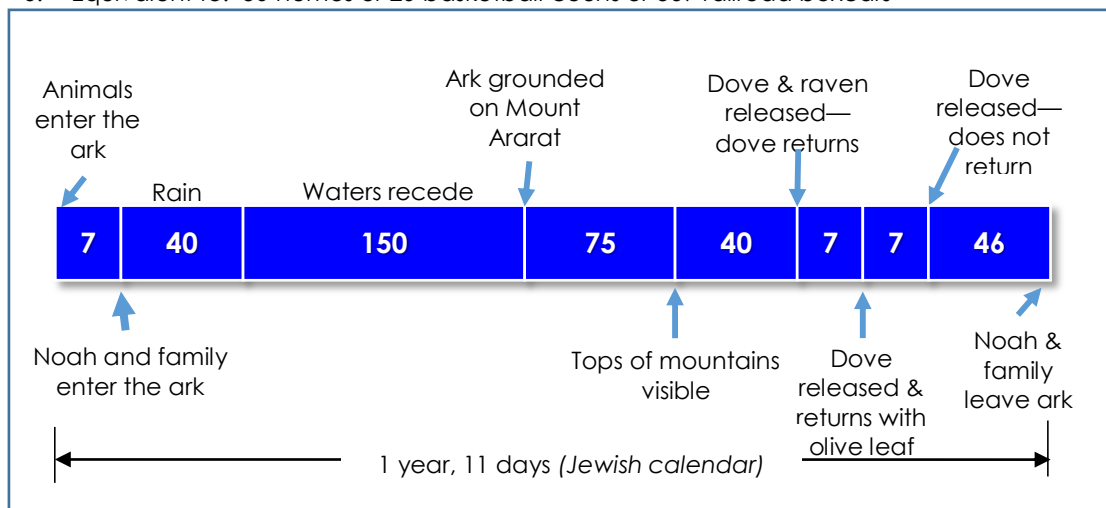
Discovering the Heart of the Old Testament

QUICK LOOK AT THE PERIOD

- A. This period is from the flood to the Tower of Babel
- B. Key people include Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- C. Key Scriptures are Genesis 6:1—11:25.
- D. Key events include: Noah and the Flood, the Noahic Covenant, Noah's Post-flood Prophecy, the Tower of Babel

NOAH AND THE ARK

- A. Noah was the tenth of the pre-flood (antediluvian) Patriarchs.
- B. His father, Lamech, was 56 years old when Adam died
- C. Chronology of Noah's life
 1. Age 480: At God's direction Noah began building the ark.
 2. Age 500: He begat Shem, Ham and Japheth (Genesis 5:32).
 3. Age 600: Noah and his family entered the ark. There were a total of eight people in the ark (2 Pet. 2:5).
 4. Age 950: Noah died (Gen. 9:28-29)
- D. The Ark (Gen. 6:14—7:3)
 1. 450 ft. long x 75 feet wide x 45 ft. high
 2. Gopher wood-strong & flexible
 3. Divided into rooms – three decks
 4. 18-inch opening at top
 5. No rudder or viewing windows
 6. Equivalent to: 50 homes or 20 basketball courts or 569 railroad boxcars



THE NOAHIC COVENANT (GEN. 8:21—9:17)

- A. God would never again destroy man with a flood
- B. There would always be seasons
- C. Meat was added to man's diet
- D. Murderers would forfeit their lives
- E. Man is to repopulate the earth
- F. Covenant was everlasting
- G. Sign: rainbow

NOAH'S POST-FLOOD PROPHECY (GEN. 9:18-27)

- A. Ham's descendants (Canaanites) will be enslaved by Shem's descendants, the Israelites (Gen. 9:25-26)
- B. Shem's descendants will bring a blessing to God (Gen. 9:26)
- C. The territories and numbers of Japheth's descendants would be enlarged (Gen. 9:27)

THE TOWER OF BABEL (GEN. 11:1-9)

- A. The Tower
 1. "Babel" means confusion/gate of god
 2. For man's glory – not God's
 3. Most likely a ziggurat
 4. 300 feet high by 300 feet wide
 5. Built next to a temple
 6. Bed/table/food at top
 7. Plain of Shinar (Babylonia)
- B. Babylonian concept of gods
 1. "Super humans" limited in power
 2. Had physical needs (food, rest)
 3. Assumption: Meeting needs brought favor from gods



POINTS TO PONDER

- A. God always warns sinful man of pending judgment
- B. God always gives plenty of time to repent
- C. God always keeps his covenants (promises)