



Genesis chapter 7 leads us into an awe-inspiring section of scripture. After God's warning of a coming _____ and Noah's 100-120 year preparation for it, the climactic moment finally arrives. Noah's knowledge of carpentry, botany, zoology, and preaching are amazing; his obedience and faith in the face of opposition and ridicule are truly inspiring, but now his work is _____. Whether or not God spoke to Noah throughout the construction time is unknown. However, as today's text opens we clearly hear God's voice _____ out to Noah and his kin with a message of hope and salvation from impending judgment.

THE GREAT FLOOD

1. The invitation – verses 1-3

- Noah and his _____ – verse 1
 - Notice it says: "Come" _____ "Go" –
 - Man's _____ choice –
- _____ and unclean beasts – verse 2
 - Unclean beats by two – a _____ (*male and female*)
 - Clean beasts by sevens – seven _____ ()
- Fowls of the air – verse 3
 - By sevens – seven _____ ()

2. The operation – verses 4-10

- God's part – verse 4
 - Noah will be _____ and sound...
 - God will cause it to rain _____ days and _____ nights
 - _____ will be destroyed
- Noah's part – verse 5
 - To _____ all that God told him to do

- The details – verses 6-10
 - Flood traditions are (and always have been) in global circulation

FLOOD TRADITIONS TABLE – Grouped by areas of global distribution (by location and/or people group)

<u>Middle East and Africa</u>	<u>Pacific Islands</u>	<u>Far East</u>	<u>Europe and Asia</u>
Central Africa	Alamblack tribe	Anals	Celts
Babylon	Alfoors of Ceram	Bahnara	Druids
Bapedi Tribe	Ami	Bengal Kolhs	Finland
Chaldea	Andaman Islands	Benua-Jakun	Iceland
Egypt (Pharaaic)	Australia	Bhagavata-Purana	Kelts
Egypt (Priestly)	Bunya	China (Fo-hi)	Lapland
Hottentots	Dutch New Guinea	China (Joa)	Lithuania
Jumala tribe	East Indian Island	China (Tao-tse)	Norway
Lower Congo	Engano	Cingpaws (Burma)	Romania
Masai tribe	Falwol tribe	India	Russia
Otshi tribe	Fiji	Kamars	Siberia
Persia	Flores Island	Kamchadales	Transylvania
Sudan	Foremosa tribesmen	Karens (Burma)	Wales
Syria	Hawaii	Lolos	
	Kabidi tribe	Mahabharta	<u>South America</u>
	Leeward Islands	Matsya-Puranta	Abederys
<u>Hellenic Cultures & authors</u>	Maoris (New Zealand)	Satapatha Brahmana	Ackawois
Apamea	Melanesia	Singphos (Burma)	Araucanians
Apollodorus	Micronesia	Sumatra	Arawaks
Aristotle	Nais	Tartary Mongols	Brazilian Mnt. Indians
Athenian			Brazilian Sea Coast Indians
			Caingans
Cos	New Britain		Carayans
Crete	Otheite Island		Chiriguanos
Diodorus	Ot-Danomas		Colombian Indians
Hellenucus	Polynesia		Incas
Lucian	Queensland		Kataushys
Megaros	Rotti tribe		Macusis
Ogyges	Samoa		Maypures
Ovid	Sea Dyaks (Borneo)		Orinoco Indians
Perirrhoos	Tahiti		Pamarys
Pindar	Toradias		Peru (Bomara)
Plato	Valman tribe (New Guinea)		Peru (Guancas)
Plutarch			Peruvian Indians
Rhodes	<u>North America</u>	<u>cont.</u>	Rio de Janeiro Indians
Samothrace	Acogchemens	Kathlamets	Tamanacs
Sithnide Nymphs	Aleutian Island Indians	Knistineaus	Terra-Firma Indians
Stephanus	Algonquins	Kolosh	Tierra del Fuego Indians
Thessalonica	Appalachian Indians	Lake Tahoe Indians	
	Arapahos	Lenni-Lanap Indians	
<u>Central America</u>	Arctic Eskimos	Luisenos	
Achagnas	Athapascans	Mandans	
Antilles	Blackfoot Indians	Mantagnais Algonquins	
Aztecs	Caddoques	Natchez Indians	
Canaris	Central Eskimos	New California Indians	
Cholulans	Cherokees	Nez Perces	
Coras (Highland)	Chippewas	Ojibway	
Coras (Lowland)	Crees	Pacullies	
Cuban Indians	Deleware Algonquins	Papagos	
Huichals	Dogribs	Pimas	
Mayas	Eleuts	Potawatomi Indians	
Mexico	Eskimos (Alaska)	Rio Erevato Indians	
Michoaccans	Eskimos (N. Sound)	Salteaux Algonquins	
Muratos	Esquimaux	Sarcees	
Nicaraguan Indians	Flatheads	Smith River Indians	
Rio-Crevato Indians	Greenland	Spokanas	
St. Domingo Indians	Great Lakes Indians	Thlinkuts	
Tlascalans	Haidas	Thompsan Indians	
Toltecs	Hareskins	Tinneh Indians	
	Huron Indians	Twangs	
	Innuitt Eskimos	Virginia Indians	
	Iraquois	Yakimas	

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All of these flood traditions still exist within the surviving group or have been discovered in extinct cultural records. Although these flood traditions vary, there is much agreement. In 88% of them there is a favored family that escaped; 70% survival is due to a large boat; 95% the sole cause of the catastrophe is a flood of water; 66% is due to man's wickedness; 67% animals are saved; 57% the survivors end up on a mountain; in smaller percentages birds are sent out from the boat, a rainbow is mentioned and eight persons specifically saved.

Tim LaHaye and John Morris – *The Ark on Ararat*

The destruction of well nigh the whole human race in an early age of the world's history by a great deluge appears to have so impressed the minds of the few survivors and seems to have been handed down to their children, in consequence, with such terror-struck impressiveness, that their remote descendants of the present day have not even yet forgotten it. It appears in almost every mythology, and lives in the most distant countries and among the most barbarous tribes.

Hugh Miller – Historic Investigator

- In one of the oldest written languages (Chinese) the character word for “large ship” is a picture of a _____ with _____ people in it!
- **Q:** In spite of widespread knowledge of the biblical flood record, and the presence of overwhelming international flood traditions, why has mankind forgotten or denied the flood?
A: 2 Peter 3:1-7 – They _____ forgot...

3. The precipitation – verses 11-24

- The timetable – chapters 7-8

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| - 2/10/1656 – they enter the ark – 7:1-9 | 11/11 – raven and dove go out – 8:6-9 |
| - 2/17 – the floods came – 7:10-11 | 11/18 – dove returns with branch – 8:10-11 |
| - 3/26 – the rain stops – 7:12 | 11/25 – dove does not return – 8:12 |
| - 7/17 – the ark rests – 8:1-4 | 1/1/1657 – Noah removes covering – 8:13 |
| - 10/1 – mountain tops are seen – 8:5 | 2/27 – they all exit the ark – 8:14-19 |

**The first month in the Jewish religious year is April, but the first month in the civil year is _____...*

- Salvation – verses 11-16

- The ark was a provision planned by God, _____ by man – Genesis 6:13-14; Rev. 13:8
- There was only _____ way to be saved from the coming judgment – Acts 4:12
- There was only one _____, only one way into the ark – John 10:9; 14:6; 19:34
- The ark was covered with pitch inside and out – it was watertight, _____ sinkable – Jo. 10:28-29; Col. 3:3
- There were many rooms in the ark – there was a _____ for each of them – John 14:2
- There was a window in the ark, so they could fix their eyes on things _____ – Colossians 3:1-2
- God gave them a personal invitation to be _____ – Matthew 11:28
- God shut them in; he kept them _____ – 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Ti. 1:12; 1 Peter 1:5; Jude 24

- Destruction – verses 17-24

- Only those who were in the ark are saved, every living substance was _____