



Wayne's Weekly Words

THE GENESIS FLOOD PART II THE CHRONOLOGY

The following precepts were followed in deriving

the attached chronology.

- It must be entirely consistent with the Bible account. If any part of the chronology is not consistent with the Biblical account, it must be discarded.
- Where the Bible is silent on certain details, any assumptions made must be logical and consistent with other known facts.
- Any other assumptions must lead to a conclusion that is profitable, otherwise these assumptions are unwarranted.

We shall make as few assumptions as possible. The basic assumption will be with respect to the calendar.

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.

Genesis 7:11

This is the first passage dealing with the flood that gives us a specific date. Five such dates are given. These dates do not do us much good if we do not know what calendar is being used. The only calendar which is logical to assume is the lunar calendar with months which alternate between 29 days and 30 days each. This is the calendar the Jews have used consistently and that was used by other ancient people.

The next question, having decided on a calendar, is what year was it? We do not know. Using the chronology in Genesis, we could trace back and see what year it was from the time God created Adam, but that would profit us little. The best thing to do is use the Bible and say that it was in the year 600 AN (According to Noah). The exact time in the history of the earth will be of no spiritual profit.

Finally one assumption we shall make for reasons of profitability is that this date occurred on the Sabbath (Saturday). We shall explain this later. For now, let us determine what we can learn from the Scriptures:

ABSOLUTE DATES:

02/17/600 Genesis 7:11 The beginning of the deluge
07/17/600 Genesis 8:4 The ark rests on Ararat
10/01/600 Genesis 8:5 The mountains visible
01/01/601 Genesis 8:13 Waters dried up
02/27/601 Genesis 8:14 The earth dried up.

These are the only specific dates given us. There are a number of relative times:

7 days	Genesis 7:4, 7:10, 8:10, 8:12
40 days	Genesis 7:12, 17, 8:6
150 days	Genesis 7:24, 8:3

In order to place these relative times on the calendar, we shall have to determine either the start or the end of that time period. We should, if this study is to be profitable, also establish why these specific numbers of days are used. The number seven should require little explanation. It has had Biblical significance since the seventh day when God rested. More is said on this in the study of The Flood.

The number forty also has great Biblical significance and will be discussed in the study of The Flood. I know of no particular significance of the number 150. It was probably reckoned in the way most Biblical time periods were reckoned, 5 months of 30 days each..

Tying the relative times to the absolute times is not very difficult. The first 40 days began on the day the flood began. The second 40 days began on the first day of the tenth month. In a similar manner, the seven day periods may be affixed. The result is the calendar shown on the next two pages.

We make the following observations. More specific points will be found in the study. If you assume that the first day of significance occurred on the Sabbath, then every day of significance occurred on the Sabbath as well, except one. The one day that is not on the Sabbath is the one that marks the beginning of the second 40-day period. It had to be on this day so that the 40-day period would END on a Sabbath.

With respect to the 150 days, it was exactly 5 months from the time the flood began until the Ark rested on Ararat. We conclude that the 150 is to be taken as approximate. Finally, we must point out, then, that all of the important events for Noah took place on the Sabbath day, the day of **REST** which is fitting for a man whose name, in Hebrew, means **REST!**

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	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Year 600	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Month 1	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	01	02	03
Year 600	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Month 2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	01	02
Year 600	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Month 3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Year 600	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Month 4	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
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	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Year 600	29	01	02	03	04	05	06
Month 5	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Year 600	28	29	30	01	02	03	04
Month 6	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
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Year 600	26	27	28	29	01	02	03
Month 7	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
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Year 600	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Month 8	25	26	27	28	29	30	01
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Year 600	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Month 9	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Year 600	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Month 10	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
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	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Year 600	29	30	01	02	03	04	05
Month 11	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
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	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Year 600	27	28	29	01	02	03	04
Month 12	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
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Year 601	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Month 1	26	27	28	29	30	01	02
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Year 601	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Year 601	29	30	01	02	03	04	05
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The Chronology of the Genesis Flood

Entering the Ark: Genesis 7:11

The Flooding Begins: Genesis 7:11

The Forty Days and Nights of Rain upon the Earth: Genesis 7:4, 12 & 17

The 150 Days (approximate) Genesis 7:24 & 8:3

The Ark Rests, Genesis 8:4

Mountain Tops; Genesis 8:5

Forty days; Genesis 8:6

The Raven sent out; Genesis 8:6

The First Dove; Genesis 8:8-9

The Second Dove; Genesis 8:10-11

The Third Dove; Genesis 8:12

No More Water; Genesis 8:13

The Dry Land; Genesis 8:14