

CHRONOLOGY OF THE FLOOD¹

Specific Event of Flood	Date (with reference to Noah)	Day of Flood
Rains begin	2.17.600 (Gen. 7:11)	1 st day
40 days of rain end	3.26.600 (7:12)	40 th day
Waters prevail 150 days	7.16.600 (7:24; 8:3)	150 th day ²
Ark rests on Mt. Ararat	7.17.600 (8:4)	151 st day
Mountain tops become visible	10.1.600 (8:5)	225 th day
Raven sent forth	11.10.600 (8:6-7) ³	264 th day
Dove sent out returns	11.17.600 (8:8-9) ⁴	271 st day
Dove returns with leaf	11.24.600 (8:10-11)	278 th day
Dove does not return	12.1.600 (8:12)	285 th day
Face of the ground is dry	1.1.601 (8:13)	315 th day
Noah leaves the Ark	2.27.601 (8:14-16)	371 st day

¹ For other charts of the chronology of the Flood, see Derek Kidner, *Genesis*, Tyndale Old Testament Commentary (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1967), 99; and Allen P. Ross, "Genesis," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: Old Testament*, edited by John Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 39.

² The 150 days that the waters prevail include the forty days of rain since the Ark rests on Mt. Ararat on the seventeenth day of the seventh month. All calculations are based on thirty-day months.

³ In other words, Noah sent out the raven *on* the fortieth day ("at the end of forty days," 8:6). The Hebrew method of counting is inclusive, that is, it includes the final day of the calculation (see Deut. 14:28; 15:1; Gen. 19:34). Also note that the forty days *includes* 10.1.600. Thus, 11.10.600 must be the 264th day of the Flood, not the 265th day, in order to avoid counting 10.1.600 twice.

⁴ Some debate whether Noah sent out the dove and the raven at the same time. But "waited yet another seven days" (8:10, NKJV) indicates that this was the *second* time Noah had waited seven days. The first time was the seven-day period between the sending out of the raven and the dove. See Kidner, 99.