

Genesis 6–9

The Flood and Continuation of the Messianic Promise



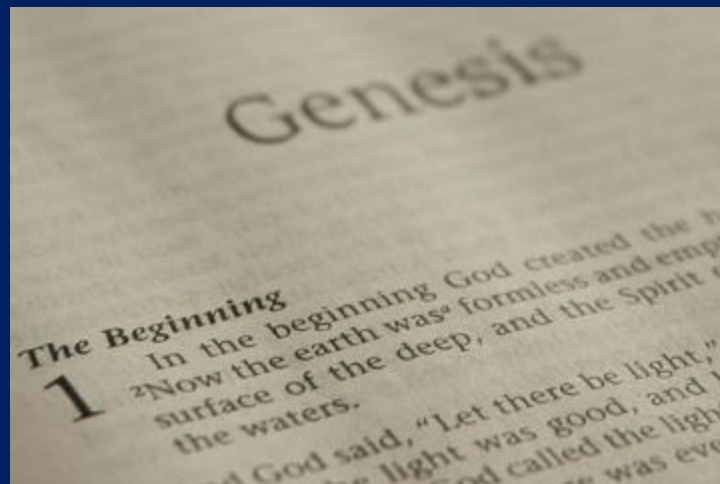
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I. Beginning of the Human race (Gen. 1–11)

II. Beginning of the Hebrew race (Gen. 12–50)



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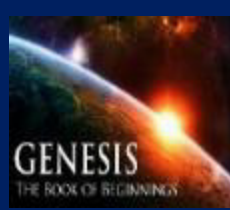




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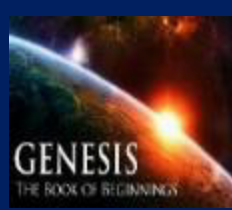


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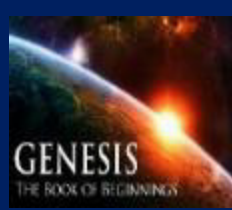


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(Genesis 6:15)

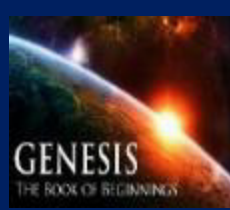


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Hugh Ross

The Genesis Question (Navpress,
Colorado Springs, CO 1998), 164-65.



“First, when God pours out judgment, He gives ample warning ahead of time. He sends a spokesperson, a prophet, and gives that prophet a kind of platform from which to be heard. For the antediluvians, Noah was that prophet and the scaffolding around the ark was his platform.”



Dimensions of the Ark

- Biblical flood account
- Pagan flood accounts (300)
- Similarities and differences



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GENESIS

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- **Ex nihilo (by speech)**
- **Waters divided above & below firmament**
- **Man to rule creation**
- **Man created from the soil**

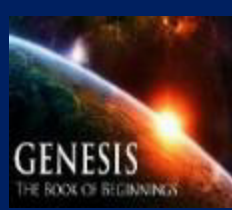
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- **Purpose: praise Marduk**
- **Starts with the deep**
- **No sequence of days**
- **Creation from formerly existing matter**
- **Waters divided above and below corpse of Tiamat**
- **Man created to ease the God's work load**
- **Man created from a slain super hero**



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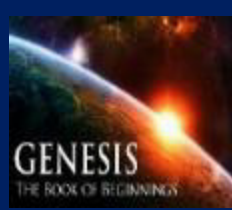


“The eleventh observation is connected with archeology. There are two kings’ lists from archeology that reflect what is happening in this chapter. The first is the Sumerian King List from Sumer in Mesopotamia, dating from about the year 2000 B.C. It lists a total of ten kings, with a total of 241,200 years. That is an average of about 24,000 years per king. Therefore, the concept of longevity of ten generations is something reflected in the Sumerian King List.”



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“It is also interesting that after the list of the ten kings, it then adds, ‘and then the flood came.’ The flood came with the tenth, just as it is in this Genesis 5 passage. The second is the Berussos King List. Berussos was a Babylonian priest of the third century B.C., and he also lists ten kings before the flood.”



Explanation of Similarities & Differences Between the Biblical and Pagan Flood Accounts

1. The pagans accounts (Babylonian creation – *Enuma Elish* & flood – *Gilgamesh*) borrowed from the Bible? – Unlikely since some pagan accounts (1800 B.C.) precede the time when Gen. was written (1446 B.C.)
2. The Bible borrowed from the pagan accounts? – A possibility



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3. Common source

- ◆ Historical event
- ◆ Spreading knowledge of historical event into all early cultures
- ◆ Paganism's adjustment (monotheism, sin, ethics)-
Rom. 1:18-32
- ◆ God's readjustment-correction through Moses



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John 20:30-31

“³⁰ Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”



"7 SIGNS" in Gospel of John



Changing Water into Wine

2:11

Healing official's son

4:46-54



Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda

5:1-18

Feeding the 5,000

6:5-14



Walking on water

6:16-21

Healing a blind man

9:1-7



Raising dead Lazarus

11:1-45



7 “I AM” statements in John



I am the Bread of Life

6:35

I am the Light of the world

8:12

I am the Gate for the sheep

10:7; cf. v.9

I am the Good Shepherd

10:11,14

I am the Resurrection and the Life

11:25

I am the Way and the Truth and the Life

14:6

I am the true Vine

15:1; cf. v.5



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Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants

Name	NOAHIC	ABRAHAMIC	MOSAIC
Human agent	Noah	Abraham	Moses
Scripture	Gen. 8–9	Gen. 12–17	Exod. 19–40
Covenant (<i>Berith</i>)	Gen. 9:9	Gen. 15:18	Exod. 19:5
Party	World, humanity	Israel, Hebrews	Israel, Hebrews
Israel	Pre-Israel	Post-Israel	Post-Israel

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Covenant	NOAHIC	ABRAHAMIC	MOSAIC
Conditional or unconditional	Unconditional	Unconditional	Conditional
Promises	No more flood judgment, enduring earth, capital punishment	Ownership of land, seed, and blessing	Enjoyment or possession of land, seed, and blessing
Sign	Rainbow	Circumcision	Sabbath
Purpose	Restrain & preserve	Redemptive	Redemptive
Directly binding today?	Yes	No	No

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Genesis 8:21

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].



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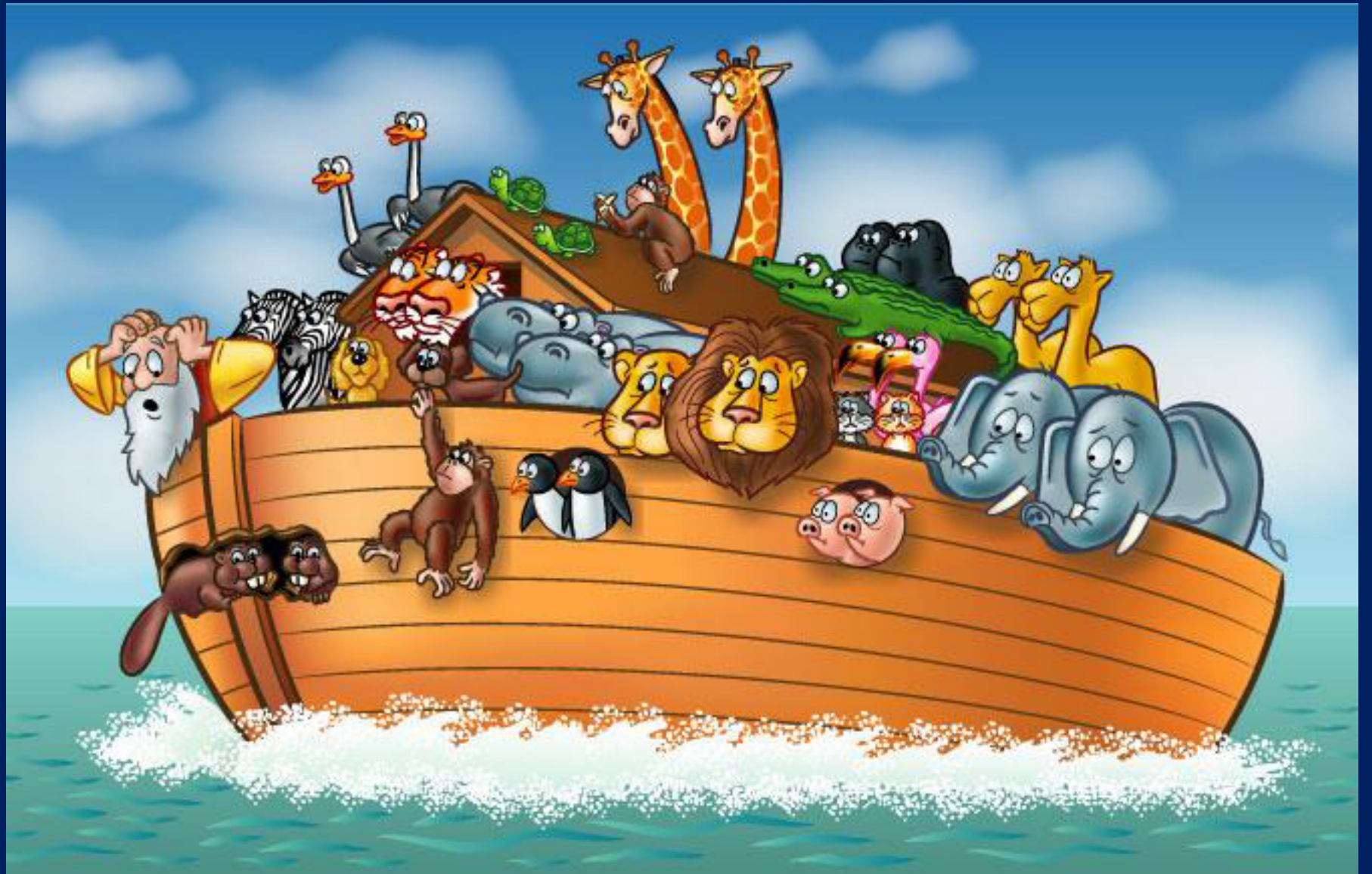
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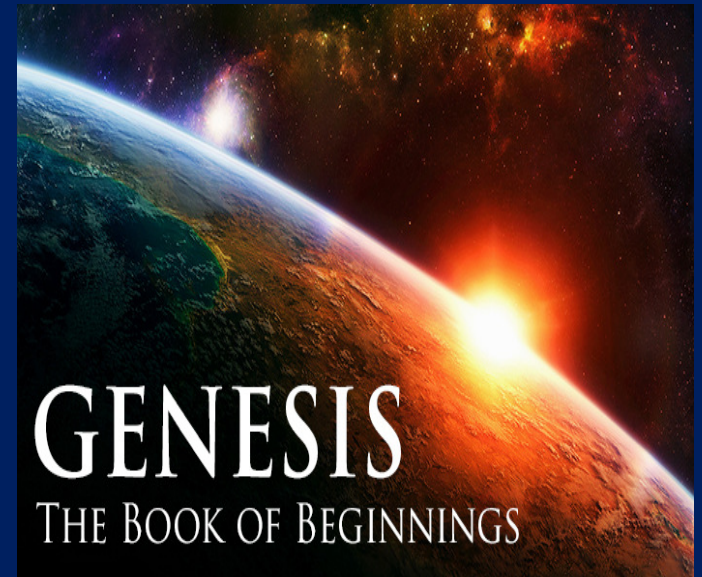
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- No
 - ◆ Sea creatures (6:20)
 - ◆ Insects (7:22)
 - ◆ Plants (6:20)



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■ Limitations

- ◆ Seven pairs or just sevens? (7:2)
- ◆ Only clean animals (7:2; Lev 11; Deut 14)
- ◆ Kind (6:20)
- ◆ Extinct animals overstated
- ◆ Not fully grown
- ◆ Hibernation

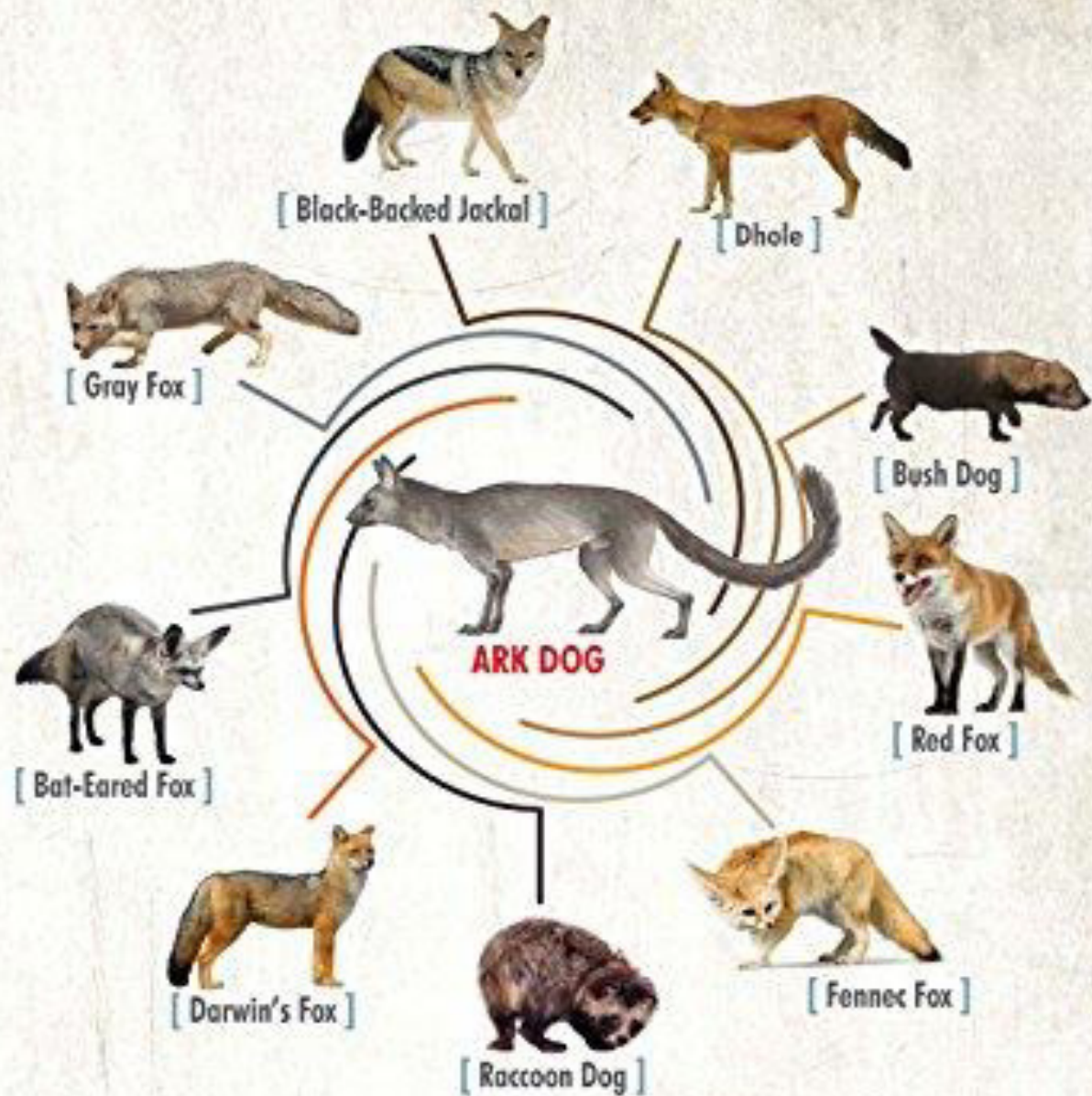


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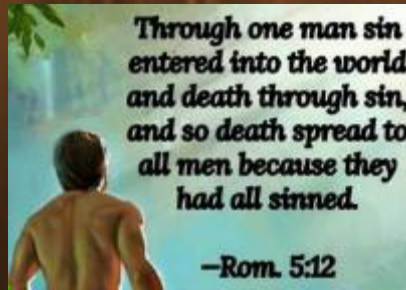


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Genesis 1:29-30

“²⁹ Then God said, ‘Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; ³⁰ and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food’; and it was so.”







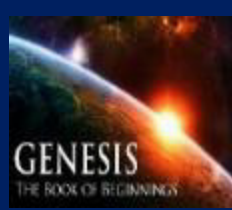


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- The flood (Gen 7)
- The abating of the waters (Gen 8)
- Events following the flood (Gen 9)



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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)