

Law Review Q & A

In the days of Noah, there were 360 days in a year, 30 days in every month. Here is how we know.

In the Genesis account of the flood in Noah's time, the floodwaters increased for 40 days.

Genesis 7:17-18

And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

The waters increased until they covered the entire earth, 15 cubits (22.5 ft.) over the highest mountains.

Genesis 7:19-20

And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

A reminder: Everything that breathes has the breath of life, the spirit of God.

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

Job 27:3

All the **while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;**

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Then **shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**

Every living thing on the dry land that had the breath of life died.

Genesis 7:21-23

And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: **All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.** And **every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth:** and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

The water covered the earth, 22 ½ feet above the highest mountains, for 150 days.

Genesis 7:24

And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Following is the count to show there were 30 days in every month. The verse above says the waters prevailed “an hundred and fifty days.” The next verse confirms that after the 150 days, the waters started to abate.

Genesis 8:3

And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and **after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.**

So we know that from the start of the flood until the time the waters started to go down was 150 days. Genesis also counts the flood from the 17th day of the 2nd month of Noah’s 600th year...

Genesis 7:11

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, **in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month**, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

...to the 17th day of the 7th month of Noah's 600th year, when the ark found a place to rest on the mountains of Ararat--5 months later.

Genesis 8:4

And the ark **rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month**, upon the mountains of Ararat.

So, Genesis gives us parallel verses that 150 days equals 5 months—which means that there were 30 days in each month.

The waters continued to recede until the tops of the mountains were seen, 2 months and 13 days later (73 days.)

So now Noah has been in the ark for 40 days for the flood, 110 days floating, and 73 days on Mount Ararat until the tops of the mountains were seen. So far, the total is 223 days.

Genesis 8:5

And the **waters decreased continually** until the tenth month: **in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.**

Noah waited another 40 days and then sent out a raven and a dove. The raven did not come back. The Bible says he flew around until the waters were dried up from the earth!

Genesis 8:6-8

And it came to pass **at the end of forty days**, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: And **he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;**

The dove found nowhere to land so she came back and Noah pulled her back into the ark.

Genesis 8:9

But **the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark**, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, **and pulled her in unto him into the ark.**

After 7 days, the dove was sent out again, and this time, she brought back an olive leaf and Noah knew that the waters were gone.

Genesis 8:10-11

And **he stayed yet other seven days**; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; And **the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off:** so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

Noah waited one more week and sent her out again. This time she did not return.

Genesis 8:12

And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

The number of days is now 40(flood) +110(floating) +73(on Mount Ararat) +40(sent out raven and dove) +7(dove brought olive branch) +7(dove did not return) =277(divided by 30 days in a month,) or 9 months and 7 days.

The flood started on the 2nd month, 17th day. So it was the 11th month, 24th day of the month when the dove was sent out and did not return.

It was 36 days later that Noah took off the covering ark and saw that the ground was dry.

Genesis 8:13

And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the **first month, the first day of the month**, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

It was 57 days later that Noah saw the ground was dry and God told him to leave the ark.

Genesis 8:14-16

And in the **second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month**, was the earth dried. And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

What was the total time on the ark?

$40+110+73+40+7+7+36+57=370$ days or 1 year and 10 days! Another way to figure it is the flood started on the 2nd month, 17th day of Noah's 600th year. He and his family left the ark on the 2nd month, 27th day of Noah's 601 year. 1 year and 10 days later!

How many people ignored Noah and were drowned in the flood? If the population growth rate in the pre-Flood world – that is, in the years

between 4004 and 2348 BC – was “equal to the growth rate in 2000, there could have been about 750 million people at the time of the Flood.” But “given the extremely long lifespans prior to the Flood, the growth rate could have been much higher,” and thus the population could have been “close to four billion at the Flood”

Noah celebrated his 600th birthday on the ark. He lived until he was 950 years old.

Genesis 9:28-29

And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

When you look at the generations, there were only 10 generations in 1650 years! The average age of fathers when their sons were born was 165!

Read Genesis 5

When did the days change to 365 ¼ in year?
Here is the story of Hezekiah.

Read 2 Kings 20:1-11

The number of days in a year will return to 360. Jesus even tells us why. The time of the Tribulation will be so bad that unless God shortens the days, no flesh should be saved. But God, in His mercy for His people, will shorten the days. 3 ½ years of Tribulation multiplied by 5 ¼ fewer days is 18.375 days shorter than if the years still had 365 days.

Matthew 24:15, 21-22

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) ²¹For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²²**And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.**

Matthew 24:37

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Luke 17:26

And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Revelation gives the specific days. God will protect the faithful of Israel from the antichrist, during the Tribulation, for 3 ½ years (time and times and half a time) which is 1260 days—with 360 days in a year—3 ½ years.

Revelation 12:6

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**

Revelation 12:14

And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where **she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time,** from the face of the serpent.

How well did Noah and his descendants replenish the earth? Scholars have concluded that when Jesus was born--1 AD, 2348 years later! – the global population was approximately 170 million.

One of the big reasons is that the lifetimes were greatly reduced after the flood.

Psalms 90:10

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.