

Cultural, Historical, and Geographic Significance



And the LORD shut him in

Genesis 7



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Acts 17:11 (ESV)

Now these (Berean) Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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Blessing for Torah Study

Blessed are you, LORD God, King of the universe who sanctifies us and commanded us to immerse ourselves in the words of Torah. Sweeten the words of your Torah in our mouths. Blessed are you Lord, giver of the Torah. **אמן!**



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Genesis 7:1

Then the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation.

References

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Mat 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Heb. noach).



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Scoffers...following after their own lusts



Wine cup depicting a reclining man and a prostitute at a symposium, from Athens, circa 490 BC



2 Pet 3:3

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Flood = Tribulation


Matthew 24:39 “...until the flood came and took them all away.
So will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

Dan 9:26 And the people of the prince who is to come shall
destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come
with a flood, and to the end there shall be war.
Desolations are decreed.


Rev 12:15 The serpent poured water like a river out of his
mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood.



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<i>Genesis 7:2-3</i>	<i>References</i>
<p>Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth.</p>	<p>Lev 11:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, These are the living things that you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth.</p>
	

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<i>Genesis 7:4-5</i>	<i>References</i>
<p>For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.</p>	<p>Targum Pseudo-Yonatan: “Behold, I give you the space of seven days; if they will repent they will be forgiven, but if they still will not repent, seven days from now, I will cause rain to come down upon the earth forty days and forty nights.”</p>
	

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Genesis 7:6-9

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth.

And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood.

Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah.



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Genesis 7:10-12

And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth **forty days and forty nights**.

References - Forty

- Moses on Mt. Sinai **40 days/nights** (Exodus 24:18) & Moses fasted just like Jesus did (Ex 34:28).
- The twelve spies scout the promised land (Numbers 13:25).
- Sentenced to wander in the wilderness specifically one year for every day the spies were in the land (Numbers 14:34; Heb 3:9); God provided manna (Ex 16:35; Deu 8:4).
- **40-year** periods of either rest or subjugation occur throughout Judges.
- Goliath mocked Israel **40 days**.
- Ezekiel lay on his right side **40-days** to bear the iniquities of Judah (Ezekiel 4:6)
- Jesus fasted in the wilderness **40 days/nights** being tempted by the devil (Mark 1:13).



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On that day, all the fountains of the great deep burst forth and the windows of the heavens were opened.



Waves of the Mediterranean Sea, at Ashkelon



Gen 7:11

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Genesis 7:13-15

On the very same day **Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons** with them entered the ark, they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the **breath of life**.

Reference

^{1Pe 3:20-21} ...God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, **eight persons, were brought safely through water**. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, **not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience**, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,



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In which a few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through water



Depiction of Noah's Ark, at the Mar Saba monastery

1 Pet 3:20

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Genesis 7:16-17

And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. **And the LORD shut him in.**

The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.



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Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire

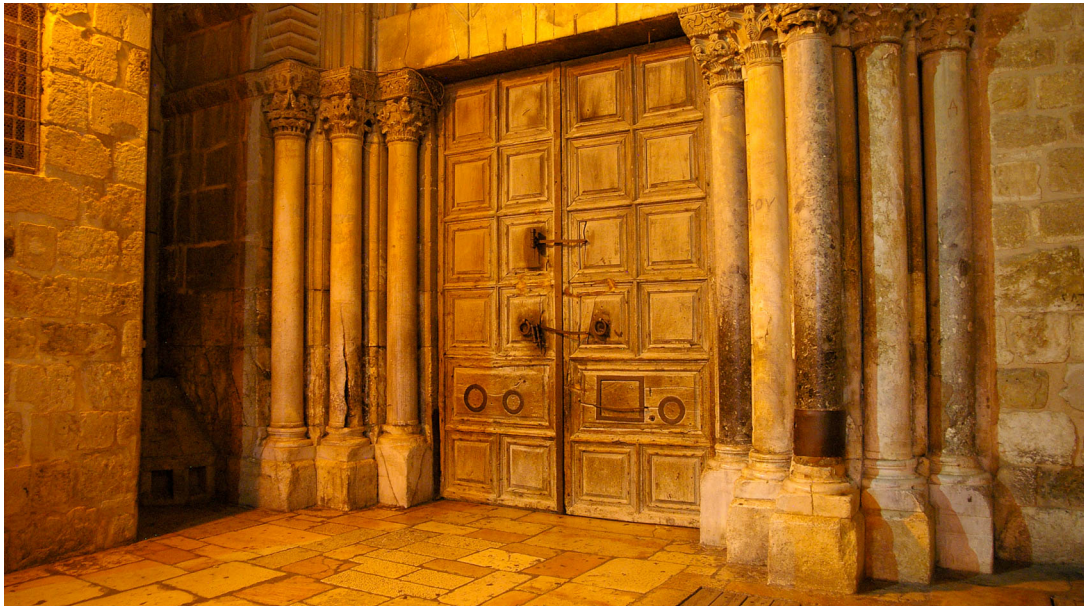


Large bonfire on Lag BaOmer

Matthew 3:10

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And the door was shut



Locked doors at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher

Matthew 25:10

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And the door was shut

- Rev 3:8 “I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.
- Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him, and he with me.
- Mat 25:10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.
- Luke 11:7 and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’.



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And the door was shut

- Luke 13:24-25 “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’
- Joh 10:1-2 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
- Joh 10:7,9 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.
- Joh 18:16 *but Peter stood outside at the door.*



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And the door was shut



The "Parables House" with closed door

Matthew 25:10

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Genesis 7:18-20

The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.



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Genesis 7:21-24

And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the **breath of life** died. He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. **Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark.** And the waters prevailed on the earth for 150 days.

Outline

1-5: entry into ark
 6: outside ark
 7-9: entry into ark
 10-12: outside ark
 13-16: inside ark
 17-23a: outside
 23b: inside
 24: outside



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Through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water



Gilgamesh Epic, tablet 11 with Flood Story, from Nineveh, 7th century BC



2 Pet 3:6

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Through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water



Fossil of a fish together with a small pterosaur, from Solnhofen, Germany

 2 Pet 3:6

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Through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water



Fossilized remains of a Tyrannosaurus Rex discovered in Montana

 2 Pet 3:6

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While the ark was being prepared



Building the Ark, by James Tissot, circa 1899

 1 Pet 3:20

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