

## Supplement to Lesson 10: Noah

### Chronology of the Flood Narrative

	Event	Genesis	M/D/Y	Day of Week
1	Announcement of the flood	<a href="#">7:4</a>	2/10/600	Sunday
2	Flood begins	<a href="#">7:11</a>	2/17/600	Sunday
3	Flood lasts 40 days and ends	<a href="#">7:12</a>	3/27/600	Friday
4	Waters triumph and abate (including flood for 40 days) for 150 days = 5 months till ark grounds	<a href="#">8:4</a>	7/17/600	Friday
5	Mountain tops appear	<a href="#">8:5</a>	10/1/600	Wednesday
6	Raven sent out (after 40 days)	<a href="#">8:6</a>	11/10/600	Sunday
7	Dove's second flight	<a href="#">8:10</a>	11/24/600	Sunday
8	Dove's third flight	<a href="#">8:12</a>	12/1/600	Sunday
9	Waters dry up	<a href="#">8:13</a>	1/1/601	Wednesday
10	Noah leaves the ark	<a href="#">8:14</a>	2/27/601	Wednesday

### Parallels between Creation and the Flood

Creation		Flood	
<a href="#">1:2</a>	the deeps (tehom)	<a href="#">7:11</a>	the deeps (tehom)
<a href="#">1:2</a>	the wind	<a href="#">8:1</a>	the wind
<a href="#">1:6-7</a>	splitting of waters	<a href="#">7:11</a>	reuniting of waters
<a href="#">1:14</a>	rhythm of nature	<a href="#">8:22</a>	rhythm of nature resumed
<a href="#">1:26-27</a>	create humanity	<a href="#">6:7</a>	wipe out humanity
<a href="#">1:28</a>	divine blessing	<a href="#">9:7</a>	divine blessing
<a href="#">1:11-12, 21, 24-25</a>	classification of animals	<a href="#">6:20, 7:14</a>	classification of animals
<a href="#">1:29-30</a>	provisioning of food	<a href="#">6:21</a>	provisioning of food
<a href="#">1:28</a>	divine blessing	<a href="#">9:7</a>	divine blessing
	Adam: first man	<a href="#">5:28-29</a>	Noah: Second Adam
	Adam has 3 sons		Noah has 3 sons

### Parallel Structure of Genesis 1-11

<b>Creation to Noah (10 Generations)</b>	<b>Flood to Abram (10 Generations)</b>
A. Creation ( <a href="#">1-2</a> )	A. Re-creation ( <a href="#">8:1-9:17</a> )
1. Deeps ( <a href="#">1:2</a> )	1. Deeps ( <a href="#">8:2</a> )
2. Blessing ( <a href="#">1:22</a> )	2. Blessing ( <a href="#">8:17</a> )
3. Mandate ( <a href="#">1:28</a> )	3. Mandate ( <a href="#">9:1-2,7</a> )
4. Food ( <a href="#">1:29-30</a> )	4. Food ( <a href="#">9:3</a> )
5. Adam worked the ground ( <a href="#">2:15</a> )	5. Noah worked the ground ( <a href="#">9:20</a> )
B. Adam and Eve ate fruit of the tree ( <a href="#">3</a> )	B. Noah drank fruit of the vine ( <a href="#">9:18-28</a> )
1. Fruit of the tree ( <a href="#">3:1-7</a> )	1. Wine ( <a href="#">9:20-21</a> )
2. Nakedness exposed ( <a href="#">3:7</a> )	2. Nakedness viewed ( <a href="#">9:21-23</a> )
C. Cain sinned and was cursed ( <a href="#">4</a> )	C. Ham sinned and Canaan was cursed ( <a href="#">9:25-27</a> )
D. Genealogy: Adam to Noah ( <a href="#">5</a> )	D. Genealogy: Sons of Noah ( <a href="#">10</a> )
E. Sons of God ( <a href="#">6:1-4</a> )	E. Tower of Babel ( <a href="#">11:1-9</a> )
1. Divine-human mix ( <a href="#">6:1-2</a> )	1. Reach heaven ( <a href="#">11:4</a> )
2. Men of a name [Heb. <i>shem</i> ] ( <a href="#">6:4</a> )	2. Make a name [Heb. <i>shem</i> ] ( <a href="#">11:4</a> )
F. Flood ( <a href="#">6:5-7:24</a> )	F. Genealogy of Shem ( <a href="#">11:10-26</a> )
Result: Undoing of creation	Result: God focuses on Abram and makes his name [Heb. <i>shem</i> ] great ( <a href="#">12:2</a> )

## THE DOCUMENTARY HYPOTHESIS

### Alleged Literary Sources of Genesis 1-11

Story	Yahwist (J)	Priestly (P)	Editor (R)
Creation	2:4b-25	1:1-2:3	
Generations			2:4a
Garden of Eden	3:1-24		
Cain and Abel	4:1-16		
Cain genealogy	4:17-26		
Adam genealogy	5:29	5:1b-28, 30-32	5:1a
Sons of God	6:1-4		
Flood	6:5-8; 7:1-5, 7, 10, 12, 16b-20, 22-23; 8:2b-3a, 6, 8-12, 13b, 20-22	7:8-9, 11,13-16a, 21, 24; 8:1-2a, 3b-5, 7, 13a, 14-19; 9:1-17	
Noah's insobreity	9:18-27		
Noah's age			7:6; 9:28-29
Sons of Noah genealogy	10:8-19, 21, 24-30	10:1b-7, 20, 22-23, 31, 32	10:1a
Tower of Babel	11:1-9		
Shem genealogy		11:10b-26	11:10a
Terah genealogy		11:27b-32	11:27a

### Comparison of the Vocabulary of the Yahwist and Priestly Versions of the Flood

Yahwist		Priestly	
<a href="#">6:19</a> , <a href="#">7:16</a>	male and female	<a href="#">7:2</a>	males and their mates
<a href="#">6:7</a> , <a href="#">7:4</a> , <a href="#">23</a>	blot out (m-ch-h)	<a href="#">6:13-17</a>	destroy (sh-ch-t)
<a href="#">7:22</a>	die (m-w-t)	<a href="#">6:17</a> , <a href="#">7:21</a>	perish (g-v-')
<a href="#">7:4</a> , <a href="#">23</a>	all existence (kol ha-yekum)	<a href="#">6:13</a> , <a href="#">17</a> ; <a href="#">7:21</a>	all flesh (kol basar)
<a href="#">7:2-3</a>	seven pairs of animals	<a href="#">6:19-20</a>	one pair of animals

## Palistrophic Structure of the Flood Narrative

A Noah (vi 10a)  
-B Shem, Ham and Japheth (10b)  
--C Ark to be built (14-16)  
---D Flood announced (17)  
----E Covenant with Noah (18-20)  
-----F Food in the ark (21)  
-----G Command to enter ark (vii 1-3)  
-----H 7 days waiting for flood (4-5)  
-----I 7 days waiting for flood (7-10)  
-----J Entry to ark (11-15)  
-----K Yahweh shuts Noah in (16)  
-----L 40 days flood (17a)  
-----M Waters increase (17b-18)  
-----N Mountains covered (19-20)  
-----O 150 days waters prevail ((21)-24)  
-----P GOD REMEMBERS NOAH (viii 1)  
-----O' 150 days waters abate (3)  
-----N' Mountain tops visible (4-5)  
-----M' Waters abate (5)  
-----L' 40 days (end of) (6a)  
-----K' Noah opens window of ark (6b)  
-----J' Raven and dove leave ark (7-9)  
-----I' 7 days waiting for waters to subside (10-11)  
-----H' 7 days waiting for waters to subside (12-13)  
-----G' Command to leave ark (15-17(22))  
-----F' Food outside ark (ix 1-4)  
-----E' Covenant with all flesh (8-10)  
---D' No flood in future (11-17)  
--C' Ark (18a)  
-B' Shem, Ham and Japheth (18b)  
A' Noah (19)

**Gordon J. Wenham, *The Coherence of the Flood Narrative*, 1978.**