

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1) 06 Sept	Genesis 01
2) 13 Sept	Genesis 02
3) 20 Sept	Genesis 03-05
4) 27 Sept	Genesis 06-07
<b>5) 04 Oct</b>	<b>Genesis 08-10</b>
6) 11 Oct	Genesis 11
7) 18 Oct	Genesis 12-14
8) 25 Oct	Genesis 15-16
9) 01 Nov	Genesis 17
10) 08 Nov	Genesis 18-20
11) 15 Nov	Genesis 21
12) 22 Nov	Genesis 22-23
13) 29 Nov	Genesis 24

**INTRODUCTION**

- Genesis is more than simple stories of creation, the flood, and genealogies. Genesis touches on all major Bible doctrines
- Genesis covers 3 of the 7 covenants and 4 of the 7 dispensations
- Are we (Baptists/Evangelicals) a covenant church or a dispensational church? ..... Answer: Dispensational
  - ♦ Covenant theology is primarily non-literalist or allegorist and equates the New Testament Church to Old Testament Israel
  - ♦ Dispensational theology sees Israel and the Church as two distinct entities since we follow a more literal interpretation
    1. E.g., all prophecies relating to Christ were literally fulfilled, not figuratively. His future coming is also literal
    2. Also, if the NT church are able to claim the promises of Israel, as "Name-it & Claim-it" pundits proclaim, then we should also be open to receive the judgments pronounced on Israel

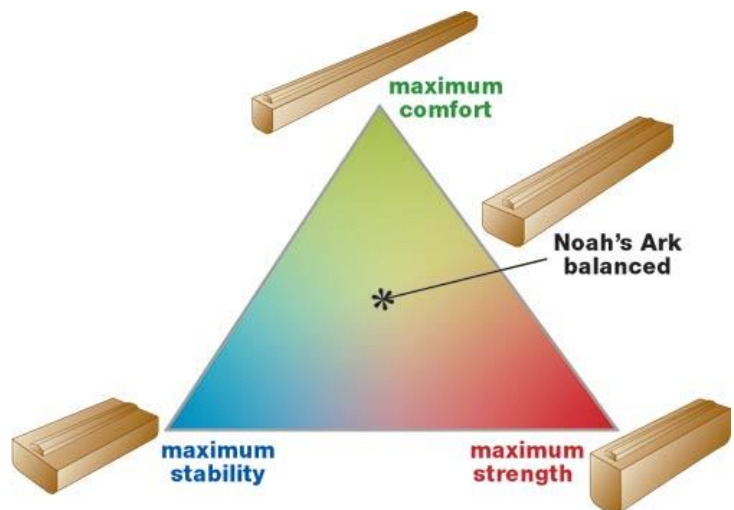
Covenants	Passages	Duration
1. Adamic	Gen 3:15	OT & NT
2. Noahic	Gen 6:18; 9:1-17	OT, NT, Mil
3. Abrahamic	Gen 13:1-3	OT & Millennial
4. Mosaic/Sinaitic	Ex 21-23	OT & Millennial
5. Davidic	2Sam 7:12-14	OT, Mil, Eternity
6. New Covenant	Mt 26:26-29; Mk 14:22-25; Lk 22:19-20	New Testament era
7. New Israelite Covenant	Jer 31:31-34; Is 11; 61-65; Ps 72; 110	Millennial

Dispensations	Era	Bible Period
1. Age of Innocence	Eden	Gen 1:1-3:7
2. Age of Conscience	Pre-Flood	Gen 3:8-8:22
3. Age of Human Govt	Post Flood	Gen 9:1-11:32
4. Age of Promise	Abraham	Gen 12:1-Ex 19:25
5. Age of Law	Moses	Ex 20:1-Acts 2:4
6. Age of Grace	Church	Acts 2:4-Rev 20:3
7. Millennial Kingdom	New Age	Rev 20:4-6

How Long were they in the Ark?	Days
7:12	Rain fell for forty days <b>40</b>
7:24	For another 110 days the waters rose, "prevailing" for 150 days <b>110</b>
8:4,5	The waters took 74 days "going and decreasing," from the 17th of the seventh month to the 1st day of the tenth month. With 30 days to a month, the number of days were 13 plus 30 plus 30 plus 1 <b>74</b>
8:6,7	Forty days elapsed before sending the raven <b>40</b>
8:8-10	Seven days elapsed before Noah sent out the dove for the first time. This is implied in the phrase "another seven days" <b>7</b>

How Long were they in the Ark?	Days
8:10	Seven days passed before sending out the dove for the second time <b>7</b>
8:12	Seven days more passed before the third sending of the dove <b>7</b>
8:13	To this point 285 days are accounted for, but the next episode is dated the 1st of the first month in the 601st year. From the date in 7:11 to this point in 8:13 is a period of 314 days; therefore an interval of 29 days elapses <b>29</b>
8:14	From the removal of the ark's covering to the end of the experience was a further 57 days <b>57</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>371</b>

Passage	Comments
8:15-19	Time to leave the boat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breed abundantly – be fruitful and multiply – and cover the earth</li> </ul>
8:20-22	Time to give thanks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noah was a priest to his family                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Other family/clan priests were Melchizedek, Abraham &amp; Job</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What made Noah's sacrifice a sweet fragrance?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Obedience? Reconciliation?</li> <li>♦ Sweet aroma is mentioned &gt;45x in Bible                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burnt meat (ram, lamb, bull, pigeons) cooked with flour, oil, wine, and frankincense</li> </ul> </li> <li>♦ Christ is the ultimate sweet smelling/soothing, acceptable, &amp; pleasing sacrifice to God ..... Eph 5:2</li> <li>♦ ...and we should be a "living sacrifice" holy, acceptable, pleasing to God ..... Rom 12:1</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Men's hearts are evil from his youth ..... v21b</li> <li>• Equiv to hearts are desperately wicked ..... Jer 17:9</li> <li>• Seasons, weather, and day/night will continue till creation of the new earth ..... Rev 22:5</li> </ul>
9:1-6	Time to start anew – new dispensation with new laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God "blessed" them/enabled them to be fruitful</li> <li>• Animal kingdom is now wary of humans</li> <li>• Man is no longer a vegetarian</li> <li>• Death penalty for murder</li> </ul>
9:7	5th instance in Genesis to be fruitful and multiply with implication to scatter throughout the earth



Scientific study endorses seaworthiness of Noah's Ark. (source: <https://answersingenesis.org/noahs-ark/thinking-outside-the-box/>)

Passage	Comments
9:8-17	Noahic covenant established (see covenant table) • Seven Covenants of Scripture
9:18-19	All races are descendants of Noah's sons ..... Chap 10
9:20-21	Noah's stumble with wine ♦ Other notable problems with drunkenness in Gen. – Lot's impregnation of his 2 daughters • Moabites and Ammonites are Israel's enemies ♦ Wine, like wealth, if treated properly yields good results – else much evil can come from it ♦ What are some good results of drinking wine? • Cheerfulness ..... Ec 9:7; 10:19 • Medicinal ..... Prov 31:6; 1Tim 5:23 • Health issues ..... Pr 17:22 ♦ Modern day evangelicals must consider cultural, leadership, testimony and stumbling block issues for the vices/hobbies we often acquire (drinking, smoking, eating, gambling, hobbies)
9:22-25	Ham's behavior to laugh at his dad's shame leads to a curse on his descendants. Kids inherit the parents' sins. • But why would Noah curse one of his 4 grandsons? • The incident was significant enough to be recorded – so the answer is in the Scriptures • Canaanites are routed from the land by Israel with God's command to wipe out totally due to their immorality (men, women, children and animals) ♦ Also, Canaanites are forever banned from entering God's temple ..... Zech 14:21 ♦ Yet, Rahab was a Canaanite - so God's mercy is extended even to the vilest sinners • Some equate this curse to African slavery, but slavery was common to many people groups, and Cush was the forefather of most Africans • Can we give out generational curses today? ♦ In some regards, yes. Certain sins easily flow down the family tree. ♦ But to curse with definitive results – NO, since we are in a different dispensation with no need for prophets or prophetic capabilities
9:26-27	• Shem is given a spiritual blessing as the one with the Lord God (Israelites are descendants of Shem) • Japheth (Europeans and Asians) is given a blessing of growth in land, yet he still receive a spiritual blessing by abiding in Shem's Tents
9:28-29	Noah, a man of righteousness, passes on (950 years)

- Chronologically, chapter 11 comes before Chapter 10. This reversal seems to be for a specific purpose – Chapter 10 confirms humanity did spread out and repopulate the earth, and Chap 11 provides more details on humanity's sin problem

Passage	Sons of Noah ..... Table of Nations
Chap 10	• Sons of Japheth 1. Gomer ..... Western Europe 2. Magog ..... Romania and Ukraine (Russia) 3. Madai ..... Medes, Persians (Iran, India) 4. Javan ..... Greece 5. Tubal ..... Georgia (Russia) 6. Meshech ..... Moscow (Russia) 7. Tiras ..... Macedonia, Yugoslavia (Russia) • Sons of Ham ..... Africa – Land of Ham

Passage	Sons of Noah ..... Table of Nations
	1. Cush ..... Ethiopia 2. Mizraim ..... Egypt 3. Phut ..... Lybia 4. Canaan ..... Palestine, Philistines • Sons of Shem 1. Elam ..... Persia (Iran) 2. Asshur ..... Assyria 3. Arphaxad ..... Chaldeans (Arabia) 4. Lud ..... Turkey 5. Aram ..... Syria
10:8-9	Nimrod – a mighty warrior/hunter before God • Nimrod means “rebellion” or “valiant” • Nimrod was probably the Napoleon of his day
	Pyramid/Ziggurat structures of ancient dynasties (Mayans, Aztecs, Mississippian, Mesopotamia, Egyptian, and Chinese) were built within 100s of years of each other indicating a common design source and a source of knowledgeable workers
10:25	Peleg – The earth was divided in his day • Some interpret this to be physical separation of the continents, but this catastrophe would be on the scale of a global flood • Continental divide was more than likely a precursor to or as a result of Noah's flood • Context of chaps 10 & 11 leans toward a division of the people groups due to language problems
	Manetho, an Egyptian priest, recorded in the third century BC the Tower of Babel occurred five years after the birth of Peleg. ( <a href="http://www.answersingenesis.org/creation/v22/i1/peleg.asp">http://www.answersingenesis.org/creation/v22/i1/peleg.asp</a> ) • For more information on the descendants of Noah, see: <a href="http://www.answersingenesis.org/creation/v20/i4/noah.asp">http://www.answersingenesis.org/creation/v20/i4/noah.asp</a>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- If we can't trust the 1<sup>st</sup> book of the Bible how can we trust any book?

**NEXT WEEK: Genesis 11.** Again, if God wanted to be vague about the age of the universe, here is a good place to do it. Instead, God was very meticulous to give us exact ages and years so we can tabulate the age the earth from the point of the earth's creation.



As it was in the days of Noah ...