



Genesis

Chapter 7

Entering the Ark

- "Come" — $\chi\iota\upsilon$ (bô')
- Not merely *go*, but *enter with Me*. God places Himself in the place of refuge before He invites Noah in.
- The command is no longer *build* but *enter* — preparation has ended.
- God defines the refuge, occupies it Himself, calls His servant in, and seals the outcome. Righteousness is not perfection — it is alignment expressed through obedience.

The Repeating Biblical Pattern

- **Preparation Period (Warning + Provision)**
- God reveals what is coming
- Instructions are given
- Time is granted for response
- Obedience happens *before* the event
- **Door / Boundary Moment**
- A decisive transition
- Entry is no longer optional
- Separation occurs
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Boundary

- Remember last week? The boundaries were removed.
- In John there is light vs darkness. Darkness conceals boundaries, light exposes them.
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It is all a choice.

- “Because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.”
- Righteousness is observed by God, not self-declared by man.
- Salvation includes the household, but obedience remains individual.
- Here is an important insight, God does not shout instructions from outside the ark. He enters first — then calls Noah in. Judgment is real, but protection is relational.
- Warning, delay becomes disobedience.
- Cultures collapse the same way individuals do:
 - God warns
 - People normalize the warning
 - Delay is interpreted as denial
 - Then the door closes

Preservation for Worship (Genesis 7:2–3)

- טָהוֹר (ṭāhôr) — clean, suitable for worship.
- God doesn't just keep you alive — He keeps you useful. restoration is built into rescue.
- Simple truth: *God saves you for a reason. He provides for a reason.*
- *AND*, God saves **extra**, not minimum
- Here is another thought, restoration is built into rescue.

- This text corrects a modern mistake. God does not save people just to get them through judgment
- He saves them so they can approach Him rightly. The clean animals are not excess; they are evidence of intent.
- Worship is already planned before the storm starts.
- That is why holiness always precedes law.
- God defines what draws near to Him, and rescue without reverence is not biblical salvation at all.
- The goal is not escape — the goal is restored worship.

Mercy with a Clock (Genesis 7:4–5)

- Seven-day pause before rain.
- It is a **waiting phase after obedience**.
- **A Final, Silent Mercy Window**
- Seven days function as:
 - A **countdown**
 - A **final opportunity**
 - A **witness without words**
- Noah does not preach here.
The ark stands finished.
The door is open.
- 40 days of judgment announced ahead of time.

Entry Before Evidence (Genesis 7:6–10)

- Noah enters before rain falls.
- Faith moves before proof.
- Faith acts **before** clouds appear.
- A lot of times we want proof before we will move.
- Faith doesn't wait for rain.
- Obedience trusts revelation.
- *Obey before you see.*

- This is where people misread God.
- Seven days is not hesitation — it is completion.
- God is not deciding what to do; He is giving humanity its final window to respond. Judgment is already settled. Mercy is still available.
- That same pattern defines every generation. God speaks clearly. Life continues normally. Time passes. People assume silence means safety.
- But Scripture never treats delay as denial. It treats delay as mercy with a clock on it.
- When God sets a boundary on patience, wisdom responds immediately. Waiting for rain is not faith — it is presumption.

God Shuts the Door — Finality (Genesis 7:11–16)

- To shut, seal securely
- Salvation is God-secured.
- *When God closes the door, it stays closed.*
- This is the most misunderstood moment in the chapter. Salvation is not sealed by Noah's grip — it is sealed by God's decision.
- Once God closes what He opened, debate ends. There are no appeals, no extensions, no last-minute exceptions. Security for those inside and finality for those outside come from the same act.
- That reality collides with modern assumptions that opportunity is endless. Scripture teaches the opposite: access is real, but it is not permanent.

Un-Creation Begins (Genesis 7:17–20)

- Judgment reverses what rebellion corrupted.
- When restraint is removed, collapse accelerates.
 - When the Body of Christ is removed collapse will once again accelerate.
- Every society that rejects God's order experiences the same sequence: restraint lifted, confusion multiplied, stability erased. Genesis 7 is not ancient — it is diagnostic.
- Un-creation is what happens when God stops holding broken systems together.

The Ark Was Not a Boat — It Was a Floating Barge

- **Length:** 300 cubits
- **Width:** 50 cubits
- **Height:** 30 cubits
- Using the standard cubit:
 - ~450 ft long
 - ~75 ft wide
 - ~45 ft tall
- That is a **6:1 length-to-width ratio**, which is:
 - Ideal for stability
 - Still used in modern cargo barges and ships

Stability Comes from Width, Not Speed

- Tipping (capsizing) happens when:
 - A vessel is too narrow
 - The center of gravity is too high
 - It encounters lateral force it cannot counter
- The ark avoids all three problems:
 - Very **wide footprint**
 - Extremely **low center of gravity**
 - Massive **displacement**
- It would resist rolling, not amplify it.

The Ark Had No Rudder — On Purpose

- No sails.
No rudder.
No steering.
- Why?
- Because **control was not the goal — survival was.**
- The ark did not fight the storm.
It **submitted to it.**
- This matters theologically and physically:
- Steering increases instability in chaos
- Passive floating reduces rotational forces
- In modern naval engineering:
- Barges survive storms better than sleek ships when not required to navigate.

The Center of Gravity Was Extremely Low

- Consider what was inside:
- Animals on lower decks
- Stored food and water
- Thick timber construction
- This creates:
- A **ballast effect**
- Weight concentrated at the bottom
- Natural self-righting resistance
- The ark would not “flip.”
It would **roll slowly and settle.**

The Storm Was Not Waves Like an Ocean Storm

- Genesis emphasizes:
- Rain from above
- Fountains of the deep breaking open
- Water **rising**, not waves crashing sideways
- The ark rises **with** the water.
- This is critical:
- It is not being slammed into shorelines
- It is lifted as judgment unfolds
- Turbulence exists, but not surf-style breakers

The ark teaches this:

- Salvation is not about control
- Obedience precedes safety
- Stability comes from submission, not navigation
- God does not promise calm — He provides preservation
- The ark did not conquer the storm.
It **outlasted it.**

Genesis 7 Does NOT Say “Today’s Mountains”

- Genesis 7:19–20
- “All the high hills under the whole heaven were covered... the waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.”
- **Pre-Flood Topography Was Likely Different**
- Several indicators suggest a **dramatically different earth:**
- **Genesis 1–2**
- No rain cycle described
- Mist/watering system instead
- Indicates different atmospheric pressure and erosion patterns

Genesis 7–8

- “Fountains of the great deep” breaking open
- Massive tectonic and hydrological upheaval
- This is not gentle rainfall — it is **planetary rupture**
- **Psalm 104:8 (post-Flood reflection)**
- “The mountains rose; the valleys sank down...”
- This implies:
 - Mountain uplift
 - Valley formation
- Topography change **during or after** the Flood

The Flood Reshaped the Earth

- So the sequence is likely:
- Pre-Flood world:
 - Lower elevation variance
 - Fewer extreme peaks
 - Stable landforms
- Flood event:
 - Crustal movement
 - Sediment layering
 - Uplift and subsidence
- Post-Flood world:
 - Steeper mountains
 - Deep oceans
 - Drastically altered geography

Why the 15 Cubits Still Matters

- Even if mountains were lower:
- **15 cubits above the highest point** ensures:
 - Total coverage
 - No grounding of the ark
 - No survival outside God's provision
- The point is not the exact height —
The point is **absolute finality**.

Theological Significance

- This reinforces a key truth:
- God does not judge a world and then restore it unchanged.
- Judgment **ends an age**.
- The Flood did not “clean” the old world —
It **terminated it**.
- That is why:
- Lifespans drop afterward
- Climate changes
- Human history resets

Total Judgment, Total Preservation (Genesis 7:21–23)

- **Hebrews 11:7** — faith separates Noah from the world.
- Salvation is specific!
- The Bible refuses to soften this moment. Everyone outside the ark perishes. Everyone inside lives.
- That clarity offends modern belief (look at the immigration debate), but it reveals biblical truth: salvation is not collective optimism — it is personal obedience. Proximity to truth does not save. Entry does.
- Genesis 7 leaves no room for spiritual interpretation.

Waiting While Waters Prevail (Genesis 7:24)

- Rain stops; waters remain.
- Faith waits.
- Important reminder, that deliverance is secure long before circumstances change.
- The hardest part of faith is often not the crisis — it is the waiting afterward.
- God has already secured Noah, yet the waters remain for months. Faith must trust God's word even when nothing appears to be moving.
- Waiting does not mean abandonment. It means completion is still in progress.

150 Days of Water = Radical Earth Reshaping

- Genesis 7:24
- “And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.”
- That length of time means:
 - Continuous erosion
 - Massive sediment transport
 - Entire drainage systems erased
 - New runoff channels carved
 - Old elevations buried, new ones exposed
- This **alone** would:
 - Flatten some regions
 - Build others
 - Expose new high ground
 - Permanently alter the surface of the earth

Woolly Mammoths with Grass in Their Stomachs

- This is a **real observation**, and it tells us something important.
- What it strongly suggests:
- Sudden environmental change
- Rapid freezing
- Animals dying before digestion completed
- A biblically grounded position says:
- The Flood was a **global, catastrophic reset**
- The earth's surface, climate, and hydrology changed drastically
- Post-Flood conditions were fundamentally different
- Some scientific observations (like mammoths) **fit catastrophic models better than slow-change models**

Drill baby drill!

- **Catastrophic Burial Is Required for Oil Formation**
- Oil does **not** form from slow decay in open air.
- It requires:
 - Massive quantities of organic material
 - Rapid burial
 - Oxygen deprivation
 - Heat and pressure over time
- A global Flood **does provide**:
 - Enormous biological death
 - Transport of material into basins
 - Thick sediment layers laid down rapidly
 - Anaerobic (low-oxygen) conditions

- **“Low Points” (Basins) Are Key**
- During a catastrophic Flood:
- Currents move organic debris
- Heavier material settles
- Material concentrates in **basins, troughs, and continental shelves**
- These basins later become:
- Sedimentary rock layers
- Hydrocarbon source rocks
- This explains **why oil is not everywhere**, but concentrated.

Time Factor — Fast Burial, Not Fast Oil

- Even in catastrophic models:
- Burial is rapid
- Initial layers form quickly
- Conversion to oil still requires:
 - Heat
 - Pressure
 - Time (possibly shorter than uniformitarian models, but not instant)
- Genesis does not describe oil forming —
It describes conditions **that make it possible.**

We will end with this.

- Hebrews 11:1
- “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
- Faith does **not** wait for proof.
Faith acts **because God has spoken.**
- At the moment Noah entered:
 - No rain had fallen
 - No global flood had ever occurred
 - No visual evidence existed
 - No scientific precedent supported the warning
 - The ark was entered **before the storm.**

Noah did not:

- Improve the design
- Add stabilizers
- Demand proof
- Wait for clouds
- He:
- Trusted God's dimensions
- Trusted God's timing
- Trusted God's warning
- Faith did not design the ark.
Faith entered it.

The Storm Did Not Validate Faith — Entry Did

- This is critical.
- Faith is not proven when the rain starts.
Faith is proven **when obedience is complete.**
- Hebrews 11 does not say:
- “By faith Noah stayed afloat.”
- It says:
- “By faith Noah prepared.”
- Preparation happened **before evidence.**

The Church lives in the same space:

- Christ is the ark
- The gospel is the warning
- Judgment is future
- Evidence is not yet visible
- Belief after sight is not faith.
- “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”
(John 20:29)

Why the Ark's Stability Matters Spiritually

- The ark's stability teaches this:
- Faith does not eliminate storms
- Faith places you where storms cannot destroy
- You do not need to understand the forces — only obey the instruction
- Noah did not need to know:
- Fluid dynamics
- Wave mechanics
- Geological outcomes
- He needed to **enter**.



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