

## **GENESIS Lesson 8 – 12/23/18**

### **The Noahic Covenant**

**8:1: And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;**

**8:2: The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;**

The flood had done its job, all flesh, man and beast, all which moved upon the face of the earth died. And the Bible says, “God remembered Noah.” Last week we looked at the fact that God invited Noah to come into the Ark, and God shut the door behind them, and during the entire time of the storm Noah had no choice or recourse but to ride out the storm; in the Ark he was at the Lord’s mercy.

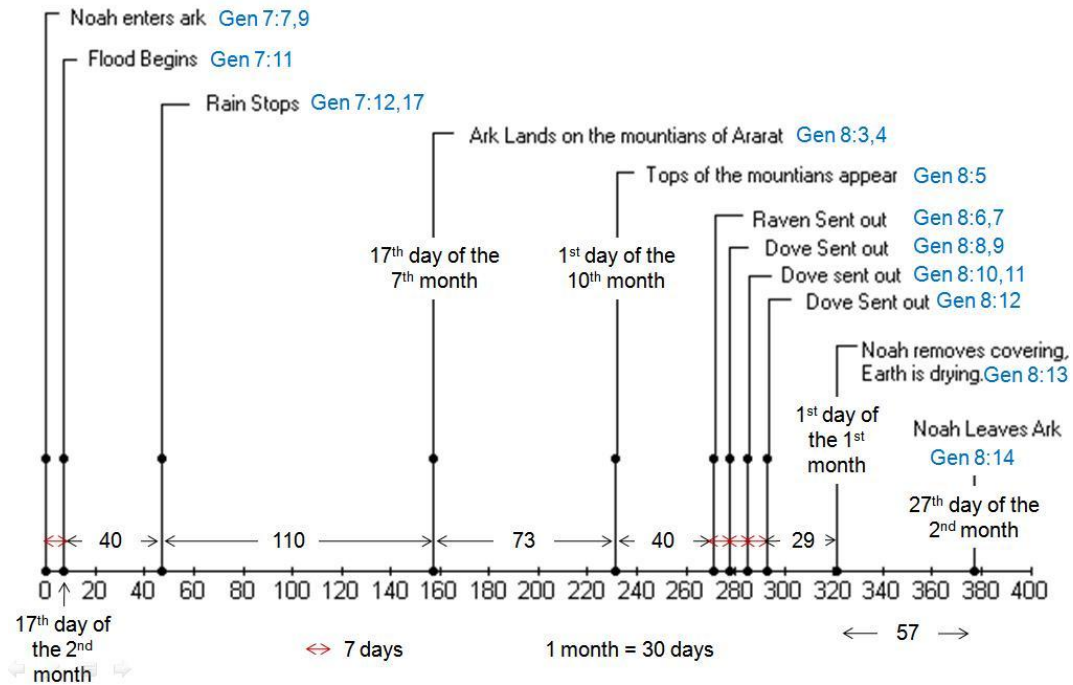
We also see in verse 2 that there were three sources of water that caused the flood. First, the fountains of the deep, second, the windows of heaven, and third, the rain from heaven. God does things in threes.

We are also told that the waters covered the highest mountains by 22 ½ feet. So where did all that water come from? Outer space! The windows of heaven!

**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.**

**8:4: And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.**

# Timeline of Noah and the Flood



Timeline from: <https://footsteps1970.blogspot.com/2010/02/genesis-7-and-8-flood.html>

On the 17<sup>th</sup> day the Ark made landfall, if you remember, it was on the 17<sup>th</sup> that it started to rain (see Gen. 7:11). The Ark landed on Mount Ararat, which is in modern day Turkey. There is a large prehistoric wooden structure buried there in the ice and snow; many claim it is Noah Ark. Mount Ararat is almost 17,000 feet tall. A Chinese team went there in 2009, and an American in 2014. A video shows a Chinese team repelling inside the structure and they estimated the height of the space at 5 meters or 15 feet or 10 cubits. Both teams assert they can see explore two levels, with evidence that there is another level below. Whether this is Noah's Ark I cannot say, but it seems compelling.

Now, the number 17 is significant in the Bible. Joseph was 17 when he brought the evil report to his dad. Jacob lived in Egypt 17 years, and then he died. Jesus rose on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the Jewish month Nisan.

It has been suggested that in the Bible the number 17 symbolizes “overcoming the enemy” and “complete victory.”

But Rehoboam, under whom Israel was divided, reigned 17 years.

**8:7: And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.**

**8:8: Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;**

**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.**

**8:10: And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;**

**8:11: 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.**

**8:12: And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.**

The goal in sending these birds was to find out if the flood waters had abated enough for Noah and his family to exit the ark. Noah first sends a Raven, the raven is unclean bird (see Lev. 11:13-15), the Raven never

returns but goes to and fro. Ravens eat carrion, so there was plenty of food, flying from carcass to carcass; to and fro. Noah figures, wrong bird. The Raven turned; decided to start eating meat instead of all that hay Noah was feeding it; this where we get our word ravenous from. So Noah choses to send a dove, a clean animal, the dove though returned. Doves are known to return to their point of origin. The doves returns, Noah waits seven days and sends her out again, he repeats this three times. God does things in threes. The dove returns the second time with an olive branch, and third time she never comes back.

Since then an olive branch has meant peace.

**8:14: And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.**

**8:15: And God spake unto Noah, saying,**

**8:16: Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.**

It was God who told Noah when to leave the Ark. The flood, the ark, the decision to destroy all living flesh and to preserve Noah was all God's idea. The whole thing, from the beginning to the end, it was all part of God's plan. There is nothing you or I can do to change or alter God's plan; but we can either get onboard or sit on the sidelines while His plan passes us by.

**8:18: And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:**

**8:20: And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.**

**8:21: And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.**

**8:22: While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.**

God told Noah that He would make a covenant with him and his sons (Gen. 6:18), and now the time comes for God to fulfill His promise.

And Noah offered up a sacrifice, he took one from every clean beast; that was a lot of animals; cattle, deer, antelopes, gazelles, goats, sheep, giraffes, doves, chickens, turkeys, pheasants, etc.

How did Noah know that he was to offer up an animal sacrifice? That was the requirement.

And when God smelled the sweet savor, He said, "...neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done."

But God reminds us that "...the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth..." It is very hard for man to accept this rebuke from God.

Man thinks he is good; "I am OK, I am not so bad, I haven't murdered or stolen anything..."

The Bible says there is something wrong with man's—

1. Imagination (Gen. 6:5).
2. Eyes (Rom. 3:18).

3. Mouth (Rom. 3:14).
4. Tongue (Rom. 3:13).
5. Heart (Jer. 16:12).
6. Thoughts (Isa. 55:7–8; Prov. 24:9).
7. Ears (Acts 28:27; 2 Tim. 4:3).
8. Hands (Acts 2:23; Isa. 59:3).
9. Feet (Rom. 3:15).
10. Ways (Isa. 55:7–8; Rom. 3:16).

### Post-flood world

**9:1: And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.**

**9:2: And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.**

Be fruitful and multiply...Where have we seen this before? This is the original commission God had given Adam (Gen. 1:28). It comes to reason that before Adam there were inhabitants on the earth, and we have commented on this in previous lessons (see comments from Genesis chapters 1 and 6). Noah is now given dominion over the earth as Adam was. But something new is present; the fear of man shall be upon every animal. We could surmise that this was not the case before the flood. Man and beast existed in harmony with each other.

**9:3: Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.**

**9:4: But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.**

Man is now allowed to eat meat, provided it has been bled. He is no longer a vegetarian.

**9:6: Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.**

The first law is instituted and ushers in the **dispensation** of human government. Murder is now punishable by capital punishment. You need governance to apply the punishment of this law.

And since the dawn of time men have been killing each other in droves.

And nations that abolish capital punishment are going against God, and it will not bode well with them.

**9:8: And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,**

**9:9: And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;**

**9:10: And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.**

**9:11: And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.**

Verse 11 proves that Noah's flood was universal. Do see that: "...neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth." How many devastating floods have occurred in our lifetime? How many have perished in a flood? God is not a liar, no flood would destroy the whole earth, and this has nothing to do with regional flooding that still occurs.

**9:12: And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:**

**9:13: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.**

**9:14: And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:**

**9:15: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.**

God never forgets!

**9:16: And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.**

**9:17: And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.**

God repeats Himself twice in this passage; twice that He will make a covenant and twice that the bow in the cloud will be the token of this covenant.

God chose to destroy the world through a flood. And then He chose to create the rainbow as His reminder to never do so again.

Now this sign has not been done away with, but every time it rains you often can see a rainbow.



We call this the Noahic (No-a'-ic) covenant, and it is the covenant that God made with Noah after he left the ark, sealed with a rainbow, that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood (Genesis 8:1-9:17).

For reference, there are 5 covenants in the Bible (in the OT).

1. Noahic (Genesis 9:11)
2. Abrahamic (Genesis 12:1-3)
  - a. He will be made into a great nation (12:2)
  - b. This nation will be led into the Promised Land (12:1)
  - c. Through him (Abraham) all people of the earth will be blessed (12:3).
3. Mosaic (Exodus 19-24)
4. Davidic (2 Samuel 7:12-17). A Royal Grant covenant to David and his descendants that his house will rule over Israel forever. The promise of an eternal kingdom is ultimately fulfilled in Christ
5. New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34). He would give them a heart to follow Him (vs 34). He will be their God, and they will be His people. He will forgive the sins of His people (vs 34b). This promise finds its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ (Hebrews 8:7-13; 9; 10:11-24).

A covenant is a binding agreement between two or more parties. When we speak of Biblical covenants, we are referring to instances where God has entered into an agreement with mankind that involves both promises and responsibilities for each party.

The Noahic Covenant (Never a flood again) is represented by the rainbow; God gave man the rainbow as token of this covenant. This

pictures the fact that God will never judge our sins again. The seven colors in the rainbow picture the completion of salvation.

There is a movement in our society today that has tried to highjack this token for their own purpose. They display the rainbow as celebration for their perverted behavior. I want to share with you some interesting history.

In 1978 San Francisco artist Gilbert Baker created his version of the rainbow flag in response to a local activist's call for the need of a community symbol. Baker dyed and sewed the material for the first flag himself and it had 8 colors. This multi-colored flag morphed into a banner for sexual perverts. Hate the sin, love the sinner; we should call out their sin.

On November 27, 1978, the openly gay San Francisco City Supervisor Harvey Milk was assassinated. As a consequence the demand for the flag greatly increased. So, in order to meet the demand, the Paramount Flag Company began selling a version of the flag using stock rainbow fabric consisting of seven stripes of red, orange, yellow, green, turquoise, blue, and violet. Baker eventually dropped the hot pink color because he couldn't find the fabric.

So, even though the LGBT flag might be called by the name of God's token of promise to all mankind, it's NOT a true rainbow. God's rainbow has always had seven colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

God's rainbow doesn't have to change colors because of a lack of "fabric" or not fitting on a lamp post. No, God's rainbow still is a promise that He will not destroy man by flood waters ever again. Next time it will be by fire!

## List of secular sources that corroborate the Bible

### **Giants**

Several Native American tribes have passed down legends of a race of white giants who were wiped out long ago. These include the Choctaw and the Comanche of the United States and the Manta of Peru.

Then we have the giants of the Ancient Greeks, they were a race of huge creatures who were the offspring of Gaia and Uranus. These giants were half man, half monster. Then we have the demi-gods of the Greeks and Romans who were children born from the union a mortal and a god or goddess.

We also have the Norse giants who appear in numerous myths of northern Europe. The giants' realm was a place called Jotunheim, located in Midgard, the center of the three-tiered Norse\* universe; they dwelt in a huge castle called Utgard.

Myths of giants exist from many parts of the world. There is the giant Pan Gu from Chinese mythology. The Aboriginal people in northwestern Australia have stories about the two Bagadjimbiri brothers, both giants and creator gods, who made the landscape and people. The Akamba people of Kenya have a legend of a giant hunter named Mwooka who created the mountains and rivers.

Is all this coincidence? Or are these stories of the ore-flood events that have been distorted as they were passed down from father to son?

### **The Flood**

Another fascinating fact is that stories of worldwide flood, what skeptics call flood myths, are common across a wide range of cultures.

I want to give you a few.

In the **Hindu Puranas** there was a king named Manu, who had was told by Lord Vishnu that the world would come to an end by a huge flood in 7 days and requested Manu to build a huge boat and take 7 sages (hermits), 4 worlds, seeds of all plants, 1 animal of each type and told him that he would appear as a fish to propel the boat to Mt. Himavan to survive from the flood and to take them to the next Yuga.

The **Buddhist Samudda-Vanija Jataka** wrote that during the reign of King Brahmadatta in Benares, India, there was a city of carpenters populated by a thousand families. Because the carpenters were dishonest the people harassed the carpenters forcing them to move to another place. They cut down trees, built a mighty ship and sailed in the Ganges River until they reached a bountiful island in the middle of the ocean.

One day, the carpenters decided to make liquor from the juice of the sugar cane they found in the island and made a party. They got drunk, sang, danced and laughed loudly. They also relieved themselves everywhere on the island without covering it. Thus, the island became foul and disgusting.

The spirits were enraged and one of them decided to bring a flood to utterly destroy the people in that island. But one good-hearted spirit didn't think these people deserved to die and warned them to flee from the island.

One wise leader, among the carpenters, heeded the warning and built a great ship, while the foolish leader and his followers continued with their drinking and polluting the island.

On the day of the full moon, massive wave arose in the ocean. The wise man quickly went into the ship with his followers and sailed away,

while the foolish carpenters and his followers drowned in the flood that covered the entire island.

The **Sumerians** too had a flood story. One day the gods decided to wipe out man, but the water-god Enki insisted to save mankind. He informed Ziusudra, a pious, god-fearing and humble king, of this and advised him to save himself by building a very large boat.

The storm came and the windstorms, exceedingly powerful, attacked as one, the deluge raged over the surface of the earth.

The deluge raged for 7 days and 7 nights, the huge boat was tossed about on the great waters. Then Uttu (the sun-god) came forth and Ziusudra opened a window of the huge boat. Ziusudra, the king, prostrated himself before Uttu, and the king kills an ox, slaughters a sheep.

The **Akkadian** legend says that the world was over populated by humans so the god Enlil decided to send the first famine and drought at formulaic intervals of 1,200 years to reduce the population. But the god Enki decided to warn the hero Atrahasis to dismantle his house and build a boat to escape the flood. So Atrahasis built the boat as instructed and boarded with his family and animals and sealed the door. The storm and flood began. After 7 days the flood ended and Atrahasis offered sacrifices to the gods.

The most famous story is that of the **Babylonians**. The Babylonian flood story is found in the epic of Gilgamesh who was a mighty king of Uruk. Gilgamesh was so saddened by the death of his friend that he decided to find Utnapishtim and ask him the secret to eternal (Utnapishtim was a survivor of the flood—the Noah of the Bible).

When he finally met Utnapishtim and asked for the secret of eternal life, Utnapishtim declared there is no permanence and when Gilgamesh wondered how he had lived so long, Utnapishtim revealed a secret of the gods, the story of the flood.

The gods, led by Enlil, perturbed by the clamor of humans, decided to destroy them by a flood. But the god Ea warned Utnapishtim to build a large boat and load it with supplies and animals. After the boat was ready, the storm came. The boat survived the flood and rested on a mountain.

Utnapishtim sent out a dove, it came back, as did a swallow, but when he released a crow it did not return. Enlil was angry that a human had survived, but Ea suggested that he should punish sin and transgressions, but not with a flood. Thus, Utnapishtim, though a mortal, was allowed to live, in the distance.

In the **Egyptian** Book of the Dead, there is a story of a flood. The people had become rebellious and the god Atum said he will destroy all he made and return the earth to the Primordial Water (Nun) which was its original state. Atum will remain, in the form of a serpent, with Osiris. Unfortunately the version of the papyrus with the rest flood story is damaged and unclear.

**Greek** mythology tells that after being bereft from the guidance of Prometheus (a titan who was the benefactor of mankind) men and women grew so wicked that Jupiter sent a great flood which destroyed them all, except one good man, Deucalion and one good woman, Pyrrha. The flood submerged all the earth except for Mount Olympus, where the gods lived, and Mount Parnassus, where Deucalion and Pyrrha found shelter. When the waters abated, an oracle from the sun-

god Apollo commanded the 2 survivors to people the world anew with more worthy inhabitants. They were told to begin by casting behind them “the bones of their mother.” Deucalion shrewdly interpreted this strange oracle as referring to the stones, the bones of Mother Earth. So he and Pyrrha tossed stones over their shoulders. Those from Deucalion men, those of Pyrrha became women. Because she was slighter than Deucalion she threw smaller stones, so women have ever since been less of stature than men. The descendants of Deucalion became the Greeks.

The **Norse** mythology says that during the time of the creation of the universe, there were 2 distinct worlds: the lands of fire (Muspelheim) and ice (Niflheim). As eons passed the lands of fire and ice eventually came in contact with each other and as they mixed they formed the body of a giant, named Ymir, who lay prone and unconscious for many eons, unfeeling and unmoving. Overtime Ymir turned evil.

After a long struggle, finally the three young gods: Villi, Ve and Odin killed Ymir. When Ymir fell the blood from his wounds poured forth and drowned the entire tribe of jotuns. Only 2 jotuns survived the flood of Ymir’s blood, by building an ark, one was Ymir’s grandson Bergelmir and the other his wife. Bergelmir and his wife brought forth new families of jotuns.

In **Aztec** mythology, Coxcox and his wife, Xochiquetzal were the only survivors of a worldwide flood. They took refuge in the hollow trunk of a cypress, which floated on top of the water and finally banked on a mountain in Culhuacan. They had many children, but all of them were dumb. The great spirit took pity on them, and sent a dove, which attempted to teach the children how to speak. Fifteen of them succeeded and from these, the Toltecs and Aztecs were descended.

The **Yoruba** tribe in Nigeria tell of Obatala was a god of sky and the creator of mankind as well as the founder of the first Yoruba city called Ife. The people built huts as Obatala had done and soon Ife prospered and became a city. All the other gods were happy with what Obatala had done, except for Olokun, the ruler of all below the sky.

She grew angry that Obatala did not consult with her and had usurped so much of her kingdom. When Obatala returned to his home in the sky for a visit, Olokun summoned the great waves of her vast oceans and sent them surging across the land. The land was underwater and much people were drowned. Those that had fled to the highest land beseeched the messenger god Eshu to return to the sky and report what was happening to them.

Eshu demanded sacrifice be made to Obatala and himself before he would deliver the message. The people sacrificed some goats, and Eshu returned to the sky. When the prophecy-god Orunmila heard the news, he climbed down the golden chain to the earth and cast many spells causing the flood waters to retreat, dry land reappeared and so, ended the great flood.

The **Miao** tribes, who live in inland China, talk about how God created the heavens and the earth, and created man and woman. They also talk about the wickedness of humanity and God sending a flood. Immense flooding covered the entire earth, and only one family, “the family of Fuhi” was saved, which consisted of a righteous man named Nuah, his wife, 3 sons and 3 daughters; all 8 were saved alive in a wide and vast boat he built, along with male and females pairs of animals. It says that it poured 40 days, then it flooded and then 45 days of misting and drizzle. After the flood had receded, they offered sacrifices to God, and God gave them His good graces.



The **Australian Aborigines** claim that during the dreamtime flood, Woramba, the Ark Gumana carrying Noah, Aborigines, and animals, drifted south and came to rest in the flood plain of Djilindadu, where it can still be seen today. The white man's claim that it landed in the Middle East was a lie to keep Aborigines in subservience.

The **Hawaiians** have several legends of the flood. One legend relates that in the time of Nuu, or Nana-nuu the flood came upon the earth and destroyed all living beings. Nuu, by command of his god, built a large vessel with a house on top of it, which was called the royal vessel, in which he and his family, consisting of his wife, Lilinoe, his 3 sons and their wives, were saved. When the flood subsided, the 3 gods (Kane, Ku, and Lono) entered the vessel of Nuu, and told him to go out.

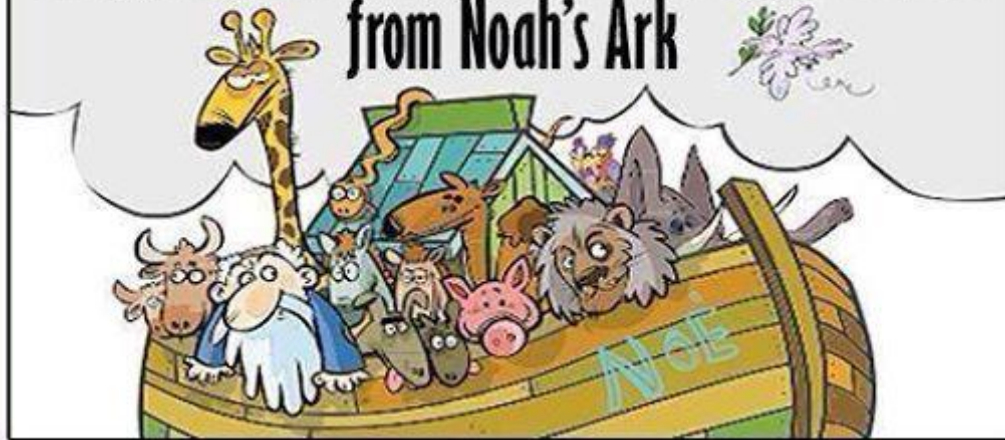
He did and found himself on the top of Mauna Kea (the highest mountain on the island of Hawaii). Another version of the legend says he landed and dwelt in Kahiki-honua-kele. Nuu left the vessel in the evening of the day and took with him a pig, coconuts, and awa (some kind of juice) as an offering to the god Kane.

What I have presented here is only an abbreviated sampling of the countless flood stories from the peoples of the earth. Isn't that amazing how similar these stories are? How did this happen?

Meanwhile, the skeptics propose that the biblical story is a copy from the Sumerian one claiming it is older than the Genesis account since it is dated from the 17th century BC.

But, what about the stories from other parts of the world? The Hawaiian myth, for example, already existed when Christian missionaries arrived in Hawaii in late 18th century AD! So when and how did the Hawaiian copy the story from the Sumerian?

# Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark



- 1 Don't miss the boat.
- 2 Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 4 Stay fit. When you're really old, someone may ask you to do some thing really big.
- 5 Don't listen to the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 Build your future on high ground.
- 7 For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 8 Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs
- 9 When you're stressed, float a while
- 10 Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting..

© MYBIBLE.COM