

Noah entered the ark (7:11) in the 600<sup>th</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 17<sup>th</sup> day of his life, and he got off the ark (8:13-14) in the 601<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 27<sup>th</sup> day = 370/371 days. *Smith Bible Dictionary* (p. 753) “Year” is Noah’s day consisted of 12 months of 30 days = 360 days.

### **1. Off the Ark – 8:13-22**

First thing off the ark: sacrificed – might have been the biggest sacrifice to date. (Solomon’s dedication of the Temple might rival it, 2 Chron. 7:5).

1st altar recorded in history. Gen. 4 – Cain & Abel – mention a sacrifice but not the altar.

21 Anthropomorphic language – describes something using human terms.

Pleased God with the sacrifice.

Lev. 26:31 – sometimes the smell was not pleasing to God.

Lev. 1:9, 2:2, 3:16 – pleasing examples

God says He will never do the same thing He just did.

22 No more drastic changes until the end. Things get on a regular rotation. Remains today.

### **2. Covenant with God & Second Job – Genesis 9:1-17**

1 Job to do: be fruitful, multiply, replenish the Earth.

Shem, Ham, Japeth given instructions to replenish the Earth. All other patriarchs are mentioned as having “sons and daughters” (5:3, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 26, 30); phrase is not connected to Noah.

2 Now the animals fear man – dominion over them

We are not the same as animals and are not equal with them – we have a soul!

3 Before the flood, they only ate herbs of the field, Gen. 1:29

4 Cannot eat something that is alive.

5 Taking a man’s life is punished by that person’s life being taken.

7 Had to replenish the Earth They do, but they don’t move while they are doing it which leads to the problem at the Tower of Babel – Ch. 11

9 Establishment of the covenant

11 Never to destroy the earth with water again. Next time will be with fire.

13 Sign of the covenant: rainbow (see below)

15 God remembers the covenant at every rainbow.

**3. Rainbow Rant: What does the rainbow stand for?**

- It is not a representation for a sinful choice of an individual
- Sadly, since a homosexual man by the name of Harvey Milk commissioned another gay man, Gilbert Baker, to make a flag for San Francisco's 1978 gay pride parade, the rainbow has become synonymous with homosexuals.
- Those of the homosexual persuasion have chosen to degrade a beautiful token of God and turn it into a symbol of rebellion and arrogance.
- They are wrong on many fronts.
- Homosexuality is a sin – OT: Lev. 18:22, 20:13, Sodom and Gomorrah; NT: Rom. 1:26-27, I Cor. 6:9-11, Jesus mentions male and female in Matt. 19:3.

**4. Second Job – 9:18-29**

Work wasn't done. Too many people try to "retire" after they do something "big" for the Lord.

Satan always seems to try to attach God's faithful right after a massive victory. (Compare Elijah in 1 Kings 18 to 19.)

Big lapse of time here: Noah planted a vineyard, grew grapes, harvested, fermented. 3 years to grow grapes to maturity. Experts take a couple of years after this to begin selling their wine.

22: Ham saw the nakedness and was punished for it.

29: Noah – 500 at end of Chapter 5 (with his three kids), 100 years of preparation in the ark, 350 years after the flood = 950 years total. Last to live so long (recorded).

**5. Chapter 10:1-32 Generations Getting Us to Christ**

8: Nimrod – mighty hunter

This chapter shows how 9:25-27 would be fulfilled (in part).

21: Shem – line Christ comes through

24-25: Eber – Josephus (*Antiquities of the Jews*, Book I, Chapter VI, Paragraph 4) records his name as Heber; also, that way in the Septuagint (LXX). Heber morphed into Hebrew.

**6. Chapter 11:1-9 Babel**

1: whole world speaks same language

3: prideful (Pro. 16:18; 1 Cor. 10:12); advanced building techniques.

5: Patriarchal age: God came and spoke to heads of household, nothing unusual about this.

7: "us" – plural: Father, Son, Spirit

8: when God wants something to happen, it will happen. (Ac. 5:34-39, Gamaliel and council)

9: God accomplished His goal

This ends the story of the human race and begins the story of the One to redeem humanity, Jesus, through the “friend of God,” Abraham.

**Lessons:**

1. When God brings us through something big or small, we should stop and praise Him. 8:20
2. God holds life very valuable. 9:6
3. The rainbow is a beautiful reminder from God of a promise. To change that into anything else is illogical and sinful. 9:13-17
4. God doesn't take sin lightly, and there is always a consequence for our sin. 9:25
5. God had an ultimate plan for bringing Christ to the earth – stretched out over 4,000 years of Old Testament history. 10:1-32
6. Pride is a detriment to the life of a Christian; it should be avoided in our life. 11:4
7. The Bible is filled with subtle reminder of the plurality of the Godhead. 11:7

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