



*I*t must have been nearly impossible for Noah to imagine the whole globe covered by water. How could he convince people that such an event was about to happen? Presumably there was no evidence such a cataclysm was about to occur — just the sure Word of God that it would. When Noah spoke of it, some probably just stared at him

with a withering silence and disbelief. Some would openly scoff, calling him crazy, but God said it would happen, so there was no doubt in Noah's mind. He knew the day would soon come when God would cause water to rise upon the earth and destroy the civilization he lived in.



However, there would be some special exceptions to this total destruction. Representatives of all the land animals would be saved. Also, one man found grace in the eyes of the Lord. His name was Noah. God promised this very special man that he and his family (including his wife, three sons and their wives) were to be saved from



this terrible judgment. These were the chosen ones, eight people chosen by God to be the seed of a new world. God explained to Noah what was about to happen — total destruction, the end of the earth as Noah knew it. God told Noah that he and his family had been chosen to begin life again on the other side of the Flood.

Based on the time spent in the Ark, as recorded in Genesis Chapters 6-9

The rain fell for forty days	40
The waters of the Flood kept rising for an additional 110 days	110
The waters receded over the next 74 days (assuming 30 days to a month)	74
After another forty days, Noah sent a raven out of the Ark	40
After another seven days, Noah sent out a dove	7
After another seven days, the dove was sent out for the second time	7
The third sending of the dove was after another seven days	7
Another 29 days elapse	29
Fifty-seven days elapsed from when the covering of the Ark was removed to the final day	57
Total days in the ark	<hr/> 371

Then it starts to rain. The drops become a shower. The shower becomes a downpour. The downpour becomes a raging torrent, and the deluge comes upon the world — water from the sky above; water from the earth below.

