

Genesis 8:1-4 The New Beginning

- 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;*
- 2] *The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;*
- 3] *And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.*
- 4] *And the ark rested
in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month,
upon the mountains of Ararat.*

Why did the Holy Spirit want us to know this very date?

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Genesis

Part 1:

Genesis 1, 2	Creation
Genesis 3	Fall of Man
Genesis 4	Cain & Abel
Genesis 5	Genealogy of Noah
Genesis 6-9	Flood of Noah
Genesis 10-11	Tower of Babel

Part 2:

Genesis 12-20	Abraham
Genesis 21-26	Isaac
Genesis 27-36	Jacob
Genesis 37-50	Joseph

When Did the New Beginning Start?

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

Every detail in Scripture is for our learning.

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

When Did the New Beginning Start?

The 7 feasts of Moses are commemorative and prophetic .

Col. 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Passover is prophetic of our Passover, Jesus Christ; who, as the Lamb of God, was offered on the 14th of Nisan.

The morning after the Sabbath after Passover is the Feast of First Fruits (*Lev. 23:11,15*)

Jesus resurrection was the ultimate "first fruits."

Three days in the tomb would indicate that He rose on the 17th of Nisan.

New Beginnings

When we examine the institution of Passover, God also instructed Moses to make that month, Nisan, the "beginning of months," (Exodus 12:2).

The Jews observe two calendars:

the original (Genesis) one which begins at Rosh Hoshana, the 1st of Tishri, in the fall; and

the religious one that begins on the 1st of Nisan, in the spring.

When you examine the "new beginning" of the world under Noah, it was on the very "anniversary-in-advance" of our "new beginning" in Jesus Christ!

Jesus crucified on: 14th of Nisan;
 In the grave: 3 days;
 Jesus Resurrection: 17th of Nisan
 (the "7th month" of the Genesis Calendar)

Noah's "new beginning" on the Planet Earth was on the anniversary — in anticipation — of our "new beginning" in Christ!

One book OT and NT. One Message. It's all about Him.

The Two Calendars

This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Exodus 12:2

Months	Civil Religious		
	Old	New	
Tishri, (Ethanim)	1	7	Civil: <i>Tishri (in the Fall)</i> Rosh Hoshana
Cheshvan, (Bul)	2	8	
Chisleu	3	9	
Tevet	4	10	
Sh'vat	5	11	
Adar	6	12	
Nisan, (Aviv)	7	1	Religious: <i>Nisan (in the Spring)</i>
Ilyar (Zif)	8	2	
Sivan	9	3	
Tammuz	10	4	
Av	11	5	
Elul	12	6	

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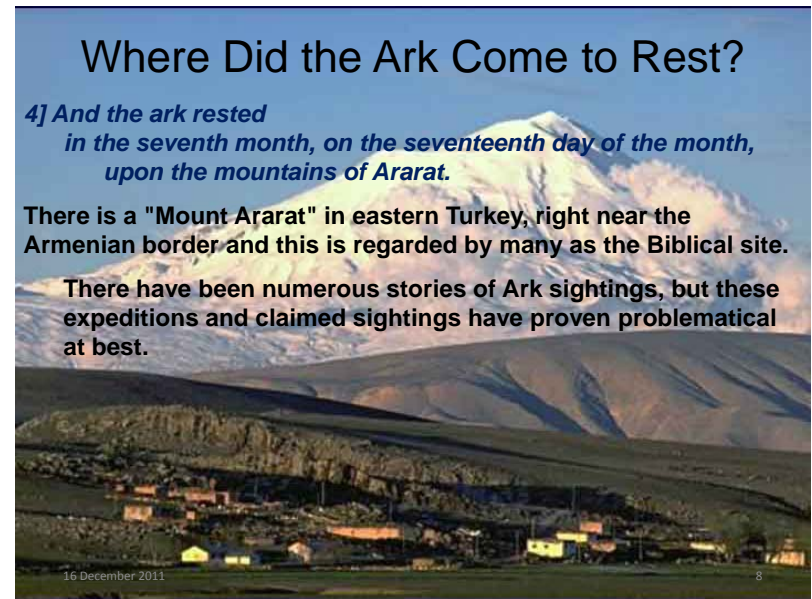
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Where Did the Ark Come to Rest?

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

There is a "Mount Ararat" in eastern Turkey, right near the Armenian border and this is regarded by many as the Biblical site.

There have been numerous stories of Ark sightings, but these expeditions and claimed sightings have proven problematical at best.



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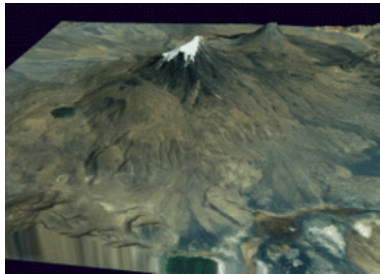
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Ark Sightings ?!??

Ararat is in extreme eastern Turkey, near the border with Armenia and Iran.

Except on the NW, where a spur nearly 2,200 m (7,000 ft) high merges with a long ridge, Ararat is completely isolated, being surrounded on all other sides by elevated plains ranging from 2,500 to 4,500 ft above sea level.

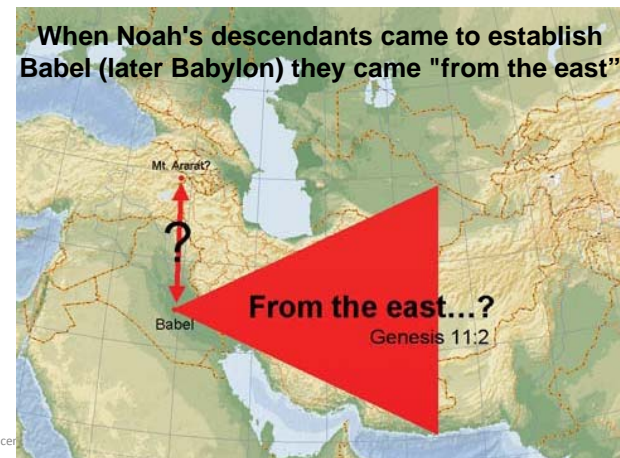
- Babylonian records
- Greek histories
- 275 B.C.: Berossus, a Chaldean priest
- 30 B.C.: Hieronymus, the Egyptian
- 1st cent. B.C.: Nicholas of Damascus
- 70 A.D.: Josephus Flavius
- 350 A.D.: Epiphanius
- 1254: Haithon, Armenian King
- 13th century: Marco Polo references
- 1916: Russian Aviators; Czar interest; revolution interferes
- 1901-1904: George Hagopian
- 1952, 1955: Navarro visits (Died in 1960).
- 1970's: Ed Davis, Ed Behling, George Jammal, et al
- February 20, 1993: CBS Prime Time Special, with photos



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Based on the Biblical text, we should look for the ark east of Babylon - somewhere in Iran - not in Turkey (which is slightly west of north of Babylon). Probably just north of and near Ninevah where the Ararat range begins.

The Ark has yet to be found. God yet may have a purpose for the ark.

Noah was instructed to "pitch it within and without."

You don't need to cover the craft with pitch on both sides of the hull except to preserve it.

In God's timing, it may be found to provide a testimony to an unbelieving world of the veracity of God's word and the coming judgment.

Or, perhaps they tore it apart and used it to build one of the 6 cities they built.



Genesis 8:5-7

5] *And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.*

6] *And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:*

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

The raven is classified as an unclean bird...

Genesis 8:8-12

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

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.*

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

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.*

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

“...**other seven days**...”: a strong presumptive proof that Noah observed the Sabbath during his residence in the ark.

What kind of bird are you?

Do you feed on the corrupt world, or do you find rest only in ark?

Not a 3 hour cruise

	Event	Month/Day	Genesis
7 days	Noah enters the Ark	2/10	7:7-9
	7 days later, rain begins	2/17	7:10-11
150 days	40 days later: heavy rains stop	3/27	7:12
	110 days later: waters recede	7/17	7:24
163 days	Ark rests on Mr. Ararat		8:4
	74 days later: mountain tops visible	10/1	8:5
	40 days later: Raven sent;	11/11	8:6-9
	Dove #1 sent & returns	11/18	
	Dove #2 sent & returns with leaf	11/25	8:10
	Dove #3 sent; does not return	12/2	8:12
	22 days later: Water receded		
57 days	Noah saw dry land	1/1	8:13
	Land completely dry; Ark exited	2/27	8:14-19
377 days → 1 yr 17 days		360 day years / 30 day months	

Genesis 8:13-17

13] *And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.*

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

15] *And God spake unto Noah, saying,*

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

17] *Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.*

Genesis 8:13-22

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

19] *Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.*

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.*

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.*

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

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Post-Flood Changes ???

- Thermal blanket gone
- End of universal climate
- Atmospheric pressure reduced 50%
- Extended longevities not decline ...
- More oceans, less land

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A New Beginning – Chapter 9

- New Order
 - Mankind not vegetarians anymore
 - Capital punishment ordained
 - Human government established
- Sinful man wiped out
 - Sin not wiped out
 - Sin still affects mankind
- Noah's prophecy

*“May God enlarge Japheth,
And may he dwell in the tents of Shem;
And may Canaan be his servant”*

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Study Questions

- 1) Was Noah a real historical character?
How do we know?
- 2) Did the flood really happen?
How do we know?
What evidences remain?
- 3) How many of each type of animal did Noah take into the ark?
How did he know the distinctions?
- 4) Chart the 377 days on the ark.
- 5) What are the prophetic implications of Genesis 8:4?
- 6) What are some of the ecological changes in the post-flood world?

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“Where two people agree, one is redundant”

1) How big was the ark (in modern terms)? How many species could it have contained?

How many were there to be contained?

2) Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of two prevailing views:

a) Water canopy theory

b) Hydroplate theory

What do you think happened?

3) What three groups of people faced the flood and how were they distinctly dealt with?

What are the eschatological inferences therein?

4) Is the Ark on Mt. Ararat in Turkey, or is it in Iran?

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Research Projects

- Research the records and publications supporting the location of the ark on Mt. Ararat in Turkey and contrast them with the possibilities that it may yet lie in the region east of Babylon.

- Contrast in detail

the canopy theory (re: Henry Morris) and

the hydroplate theories (Walt Brown) of the flood.

Don Patten believes the planet Mars may also have been involved.

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