

<u>verse</u>	<u>occurrence</u>	<u>time in Noah's life</u>	<u>duration</u>	<u>total</u>
8:4	ark on Ararat	600yr, 7mo, 17da (figure 1mo=30da)		150
8:5	mountains seen	600yr, 10mo, 1da		224
8:6	before birds		40	264
8:7	raven out	(implied in term "other days" in verse 10)	(7) seven	271
8:10	between dove's #1 and #2 trips		7	278
8:12	between dove's #2 and #3 trips		7	285
8:13	cover off	601yr, 1mo, 1da		314
8:14	earth dry	601yr, 2mo, 27da		371

Total time in ark: 371 days.

This chronology is dependent on the dates in Noah's life. The number 40 is often used as an approximate figure in the Old Testament, and 150 might be an approximation too. But in any case, there is no necessary inherent contradiction in the chronological statements of Gen. 6-8, and hence there is no need on that basis to require two contradictory documents behind it.

The Genesis flood account is a continuous narrative. Comparing it with the Babylonian story, it is simple and straightforward. Their similarities can be traced to some accurate elements in the tradition behind the Gilgamesh Epic, which go back all the way to the flood itself.

Many occurrences in life are complicated and involve many separate factors and details. The Old Testament records many such events; the flood is one. Others might include Joseph's brothers selling him into slavery in Gen. 37, Joshua's sending