



# Noah

A Righteous Man in a Wicked Age

*Lesson 07*

## The Extent of the Flood

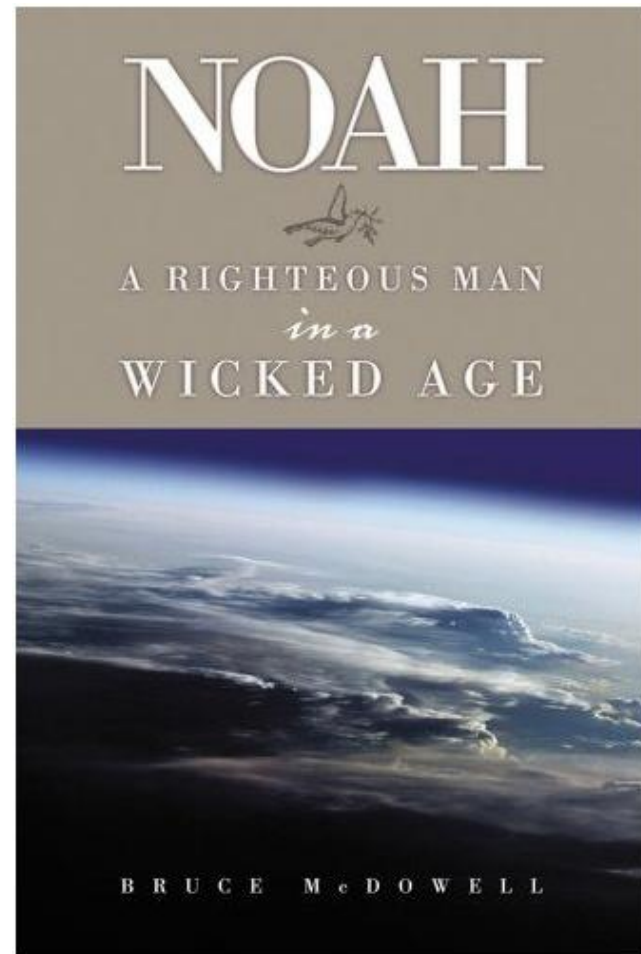
Genesis 7:17-23

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'Oh, we won't need life preservers on the Ark. The Ark IS the life preserver!'



# Course Outline

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# The Extent of the Flood

## *The Ark is Lifted Up*

### Chapters 7:17-18



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<b>C.</b> 40 Days of Flooding	Genesis 7:17
<b>D.</b> 150 Days of Water Triumphant	Genesis 7:24
<b>D.</b> 150 Days of Water Waning	Genesis 8:3
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## ■ Waters Increased

- Waters were use for
  - ✓ Judgment on all flesh
  - ✓ Cleansing of the earth
- Noah secured in the Ark
  - ✓ We are secure in Christ
  - ✓ The Pitch in and out
    - Type of the Blood of Christ
- Note progression of water
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**28** Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

**29** And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." **30** As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.



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**27** "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

**28** Father, glorify Your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again."

**29** Therefore the people who stood by and heard *it* said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

**30** Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. **31** Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. **32** And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself." **33** This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

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**12** If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?  
**13** No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.  
**14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.



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- ✓ Moses lifts serpent on pole (Numbers 21:4-9)

**4** Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. **5** And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is* no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." **6** So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

**7** Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

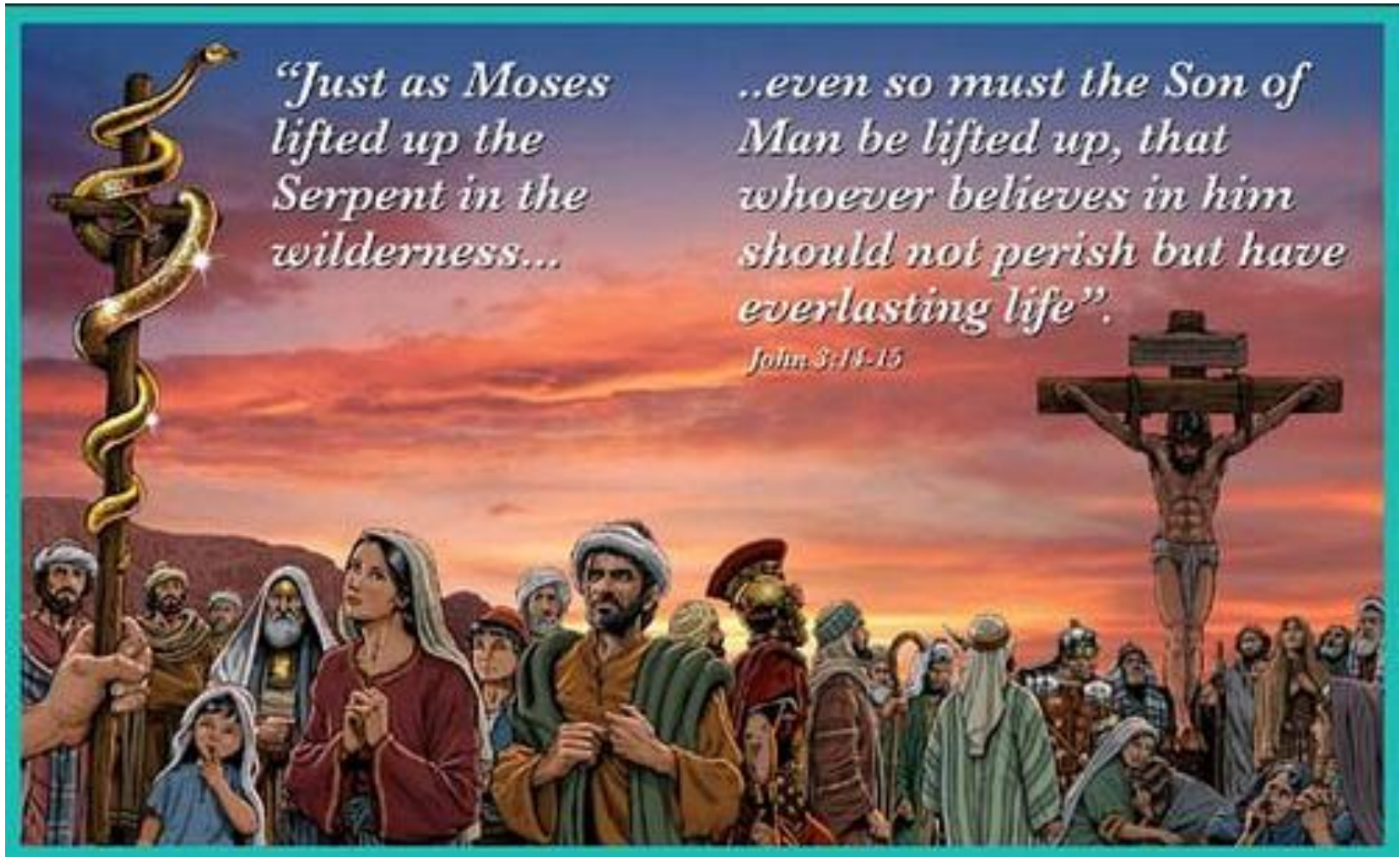
**8** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery *serpent*, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." **9** So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.



# Genesis 7:17 - Observations



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# Snakes on a Pole



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- One Snake: The Staff of Asclepius
- Two Snakes: The Caduceus of Hermes



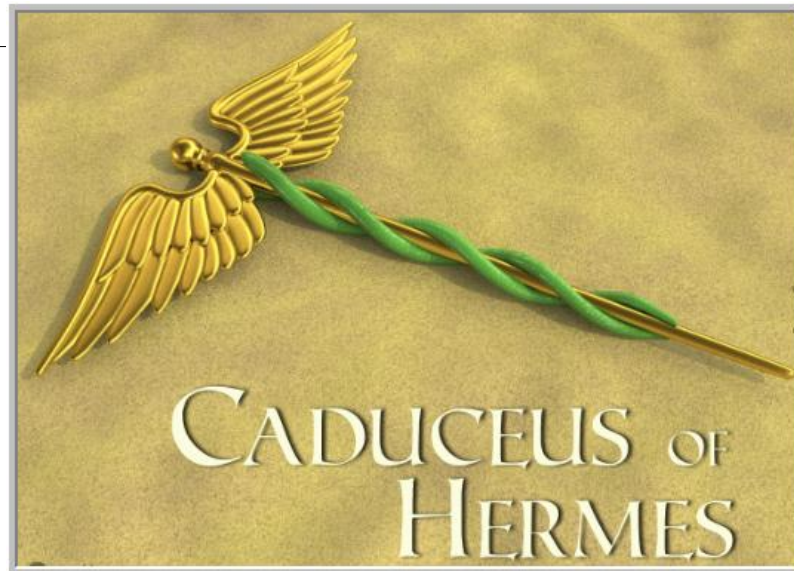
The U.S. EMS Star of Life features a rod of Asclepius



# Two Snakes: The Caduceus of Hermes



The caduceus (𐌌; pron.: /kə'djuːsiːəs/ or /kə'djuːfəs/; from Greek κηρύκειον *kērukeion* "herald's staff"<sup>[2]</sup> ) is the staff carried by Hermes in Greek mythology. The same staff was also borne by heralds in general, for example by Iris, the messenger of Hera. It is a short staff entwined by two serpents, sometimes surmounted by wings. In Roman iconography it was often depicted being carried in the left hand of Mercury, the messenger of the gods, guide of the dead and protector of merchants, shepherds, gamblers, liars, and thieves.<sup>[3]</sup>



# Two Snakes: The Caduceus of Hermes



The caduceus is often used as a symbol of medicine and medical practice (especially in North America), although there has been historical confusion with the traditional medical symbol, the rod of Asclepius. The Caduceus is still in use as a medical establishment symbol. The Rod of Asclepius has only a single snake and no wings, so is similar in form to the caduceus with its two snakes and often with wings.

It is relatively common, especially in the United States, to find the caduceus, with its two snakes and wings, used as a symbol of medicine instead of the correct Rod of Asclepius, with only a single snake. This usage is erroneous, popularised largely as a result of the adoption of the caduceus as its insignia by the U.S. Army Medical Corps in 1902 at the insistence of a single officer (though there are conflicting claims as to whether this was Capt. Frederick P. Reynolds or Col. John R. van Hoff).<sup>[20][21]</sup>



The U.S. Army Medical Corps Branch Plaque. In 1902 the caduceus was added to the uniforms of Army medical officers.



# One Snake: The Staff of Asclepius



In Greek mythology, the Rod of Asclepius (⚕; sometimes also spelled Asklepios or Aesculapius), also known as the asklepi<sup>[1]</sup>, is a serpent-entwined rod wielded by the Greek god Asclepius, a deity associated with healing and medicine. The symbol has continued to be used in modern times, where it is associated with medicine and health care, yet frequently confused with the staff of the god Hermes, the caduceus. Theories have been proposed about the Greek origin of the symbol and its implications.



# Genesis 7:18 - Observations



**18** The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters.

## ■ Ark Moved on the Surface

- Note progression of water
  - ✓ Verse 17 ... waters increased
  - ✓ Verse 18 ... water prevailed and **greatly** increased
  - ✓ Verse 19 ... waters prevailed **exceedingly**
- Ark was a barge
  - ✓ No propulsion system
  - ✓ God is in control of Ark's movements
  - ✓ Dimensions of Ark
    - 300 cubits x 50 cubits (length x width)
    - 6:1 ratio ... optimal for stability





# The Extent of the Flood

*Local or Worldwide*

Chapters 7:19-20



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## ■ Waters

- Note progression of water
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- All High Hills ... Mountains
  - ✓ All ... implies worldwide flood
  - ✓ Mountains ... implies worldwide flood
    - Antediluvian world - geologically different than present world
    - Mountains not as high as today
    - Even today mean height of earth is below sea level
- Local versus Worldwide Flood
  - ✓ What do you think? ... Read Psalm 104 - Creation Psalm



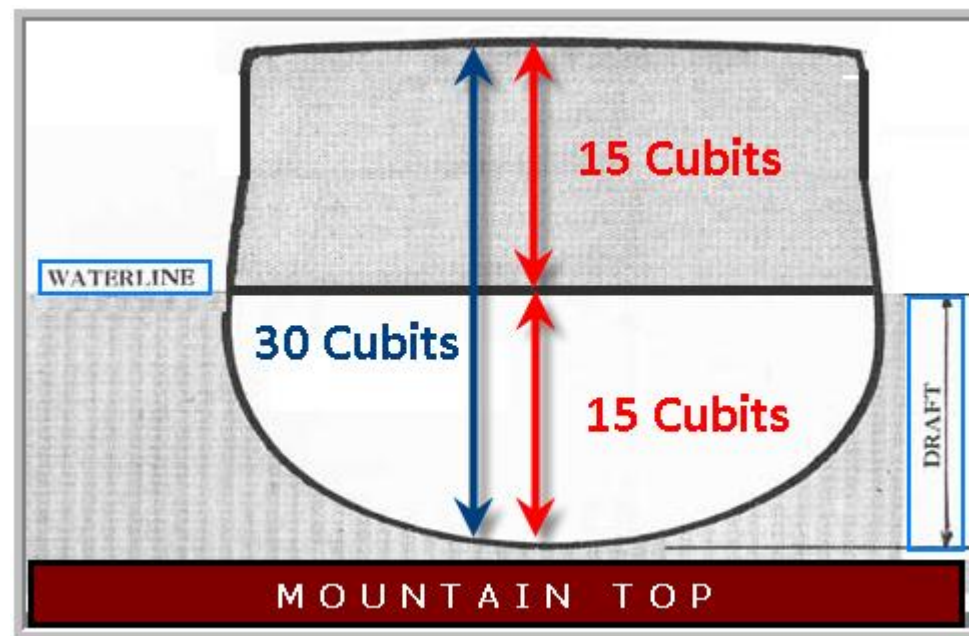
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<sup>20</sup> The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.

To estimate the stability of the Ark, one must first determine its draft. The draft is the height that the water comes to along the side of the vessel, measured from its bottom. Dr Morris' calculations assumed a draft of 15 cubits (22.5 feet), which was the depth of the Flood waters over the highest mountains

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*All Flesh Died*

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# Genesis 7:21 - Observations



**21** And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man.

## ■ All Flesh Died

- Flesh on the earth
  - ✓ Not fish
  - ✓ Includes Nephilim & Fallen Angles (*"Sons of God"*)
- Note order listed is the same as creation order (Genesis 1)

✓ Birds	Day 5
✓ Cattle	Day 6
✓ Beasts	Day 6
✓ Creeping Things	Day 6
✓ Every Man	Day 6



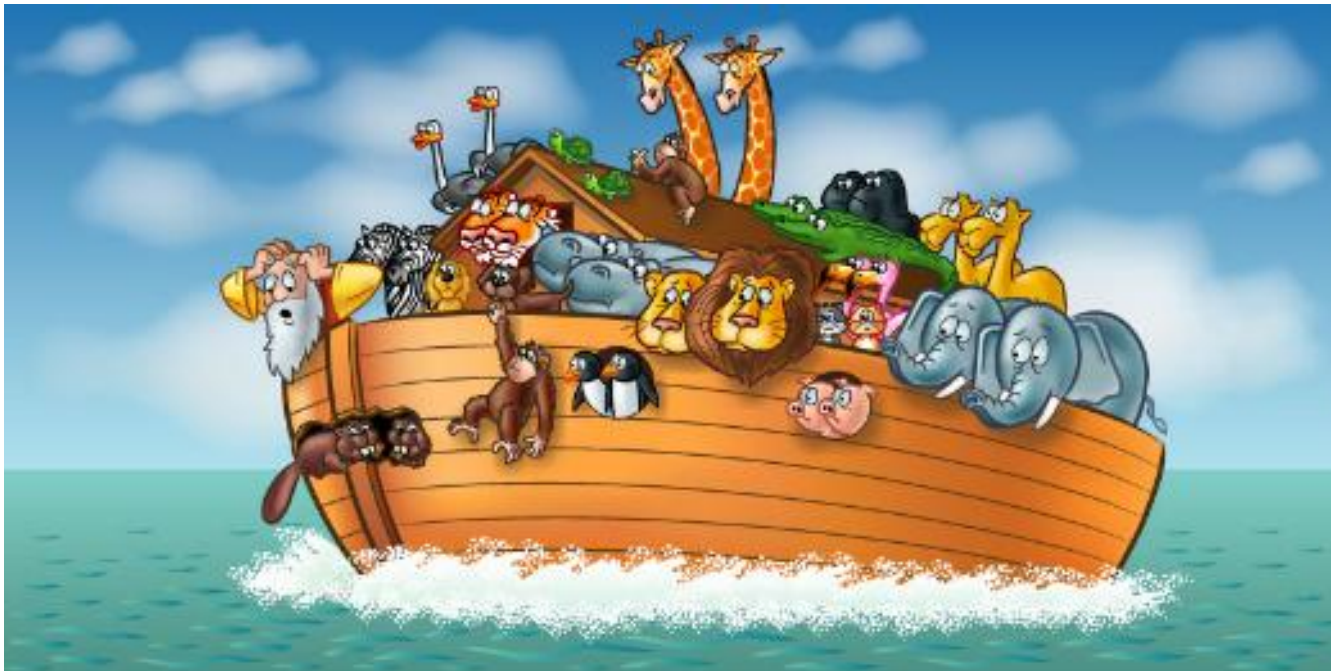
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<sup>22</sup> All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of the spirit of life, all that *was* on the dry *land*, died.

## ■ All ... Died

- Extent of judgment was inclusive
  - ✓ All ... Died
- All in whose nostrils was breath of the spirit of life
  - ✓ Reference to creation of man (Genesis 2:7)





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<sup>7</sup> And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his **nostrils the breath of life**; and man became a living being.

# Genesis 7:22 - Observations



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## ■ All ... Died

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- All on Dry land
  - ✓ Birds, Animals, Creeping Things





# **The Extent of the Flood**

## ***Only Those in the Ark are Saved***

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## ■ God destroyed all Living things

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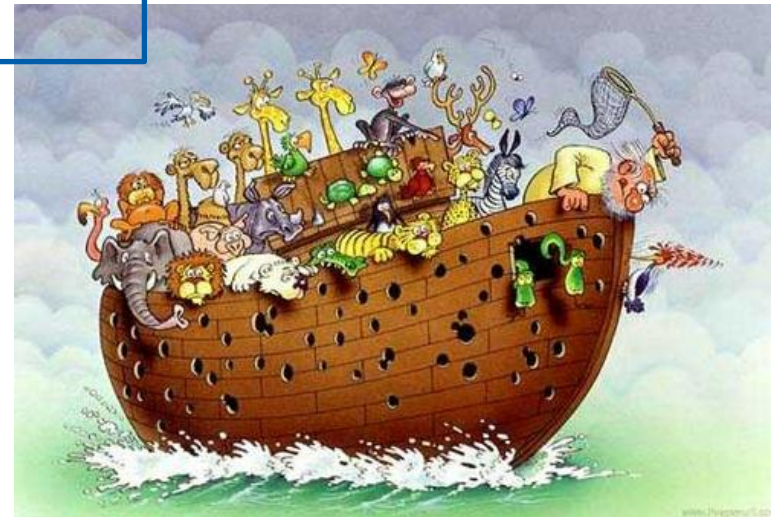
✓ Man	Day 6
✓ Cattle	Day 6
✓ Creeping Things	Day 6
<del>✓ Beasts</del>	<del>Day 6</del>
✓ Birds	Day 5

Not Listed

## Creation Order

✓ Birds	Day 5
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✓ Beasts	Day 6
✓ Creeping Things	Day 6
✓ Every Man	Day 6

Genesis 7:21



# Genesis 7:23 - Observations



<sup>23</sup> So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*.

- Only Noah
  - Remained alive
    - ✓ Contrast to all death in previous verses





