

Answers to Sunday's Questions

Cain & Abel

1. Genesis 4:3 (NLT)

³When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the LORD. "fruit of the ground"

2. Genesis 4:10 (NLT)

¹⁰But the LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground! "

Noah

First always check your pastor! See if the Bible back up his statements! He can miss lead you if he chooses to!

3. How long did it take Noah to build the ark? The Bible does not tell us precisely how long it took Noah to build the ark. We know that it was after Noah was 500 that he fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth ([Genesis 5:32](#)). And we know that when Noah entered the ark with his wife, three sons, and daughter-in-law's, he was in his 600th year ([Genesis 7:6, 11](#)). So, it appears the ark took less than 100 years to build.

However, there is also an intriguing note in [Genesis 6:3](#) that states, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." Many see this as the amount of time from God's prediction of judgment until the Flood. Others view it as the length of time God would allow humans to live. A third view suggests that the Flood would take place within 120 years. Based on other dates mentioned in the Flood chronology, this third option appears to be the most accurate interpretation.

That said, Noah began having sons at the age of 500 and the flood took place when he was 600. If his youngest son was born just a few years after Noah's first son and grew old enough to be married ([Genesis 6:18](#) might indicate that Noah's sons were married at the time God instructed Noah to build the ark), we could estimate that Noah might have been around 520 years old when he received the instruction. This leaves about 80 years maximum for the ark's construction, though the range of time could have been 50 to 80 years in length.

4. Gopher wood was used (which was probably cedar or cypress).

5. He sent out a raven and a dove.

6. How long were Noah and his family on the ark? The Bible does not tell us precisely how long Noah and family were on the Ark, but we can do the math and get close... Noah and his family entered the ark on the second month, tenth day of his 600th year ([Genesis 7:4-11](#)). Seven days later the Flood's rains began ([Genesis 7:11](#)). The waters flooded the earth for 150 days, including the 40 days of rain ([Genesis 7:12, 17, 24; 8:1](#)). The waters subsided, and the ark rested on Mount Ararat on the seventh month, seventeenth day, just 10 days after the flooding stopped ([Genesis 8:3-4](#)). Noah exited in the second month, 27th day of his 601st year ([Genesis 8:14-19](#)). In total, the Flood lasted 370 days + or – 1... ([Just know this is still debated in theological circles...most camps believe this is based off a lunar calendar, some don't...](#))

Abraham & Sarah

7. Abraham was living in Haran when he received God's calling.

Genesis 11:31 (NLT)

³¹One day Terah took his son Abram, his daughter-in-law Sarai (his son Abram's wife), and his grandson Lot (his son Haran's child) and moved away from Ur of the Chaldeans. He was headed for the land of Canaan, but they stopped at Haran and settled there. Terah lived for 205 years and died while still in Haran

Genesis 12:2 (NLT)

²The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you.

8. Abraham was 100

Genesis 21:2 (NLT)

²Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born.

9. Sarah was 90 when she conceived, so 90 or 91 when she gave birth

Genesis 17:17 (NLT)

¹⁷Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, but he laughed to himself in disbelief. "How could I become a father at the age of 100?" he thought. "And how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old?"

10. Sarah Laughed

4. Genesis 18:10-11 (NLT)

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!"¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. So, she laughed silently to herself and said, "How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?"

11. Their son name was Isaac, which means laughter.

Genesis 21:2 (NLT)

³And Abraham named their son Isaac