

Genesis 8 – Gematrical Center

1. There are 1146 letters in Gen 8:1–22 in BHS and BHL. The structural center of Gen 8:1–22 in terms of letter-count falls between the first and second letters of the word **ימים** near the center of the 13-letter phrase, “seven more days,” in 8:12:

אחרים **ימים** שבעת **ימים** seven days more

The initial *concentric compositional formula* on the basis of letter-count is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1146 &= 571 + 4 + 571 && \text{[letter-count]} \\
 \text{or: } &575 // 575 && \text{[with pivot counted in each half]} \\
 &\{575 = 23 \times 25\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ginsburg lists two variant readings of **וכל** (“and all”) in place of **כל** (“all”) in Codex L [both in verse 19] and the word **הטהר** (“[ritually] pure”) in place of **הטהור** in verse 2.

If three letters have been added in Codex L (BHS) and the 13-letter phrase is taken as the center, we have:

אחרים **ימים** שבעת **ימים** seven days more

The *concentric compositional formula* on the basis of letter-count then becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1143 &= 565 + 13 + 565 && \text{[letter-count]} \\
 \text{or: } &578 // 578 && \text{[with pivot counted in each half]} \\
 &\{578 = 17 \times 17 \times 2\}
 \end{aligned}$$

The gematrical value of the three words in this central phrase, “seven more days,” is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 400\text{-gematria: } & [300+2+70+400] + [10+40+10+40] + [1+8+200+10+40] = && 772 + 100 + 259 = && 1131 \\
 22\text{-gematria: } & [21+2+16+22] + [10+13+10+13] + [1+8+20+10+13] = && 61 + 46 + 52 = && 159
 \end{aligned}$$