

Genesis Ch. 8

V: 1 *“Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing...”*

More from Noah's perspective – “Then God remembered me.”

Song of Solomon 8:7a *“Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it.”*

Isaiah 49:13-16 ¹³Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted. ¹⁴But Zion said, The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me. ¹⁵Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. ¹⁶See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands.”

Deuteronomy 4:30-31 *“When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the Lord your God and obey His voice ³¹(for the Lord your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.”*

- Lord Of The Rings atmosphere – gathering darkness, impending doom:
 1. Economic collapse of our country.
 2. Seeming corruption at every level of government.
 3. Militant homosexual movement.
 4. Islamo-facism, Islamic invasion.
 5. Violence, perversion, absolute abandonment of Godly virtue of any kind.

Hebrews 13:5 *“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

Matthew 28:20b *“... and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”*

Philippians 1:6 *“being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;”*

- God had spoken to Noah that man had 120 years to the end, and that he was to build an ark.
- God spoke again calling Noah into the ark for the salvation of his household.
- Noah was obedient to these things, trusting in the Lord.
- Noah wasn't told anything beyond that, how long it would take, what to expect.

Psalm 150 “¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament! ²Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness! ³Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp! ⁴Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! ⁵Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals! ⁶Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!”

- Literally, everything that has breath is contained in the ark, and no doubt everything that has breath is praising the Lord.

V: 1b *“And God made a wind to pass over the earth”*

- The beginning of the process of restoration and replenishment.

“Wind”(H7307). ruwach, wind; by resemblance breath.

Genesis 1:2 “The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God (ruwach) was hovering over the face of the waters.”

- The earth is in a way being born again, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- As the wind began to pass over the earth, the waters subsided.
- The wind is the power of God, the Spirit of God, the “ruwach”.
- The waters are what caused death to everything that had breath – the power of death.

1 Corinthians 15:53-58 “⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

- Ch. 5 - Enoch walked with God and was not – a picture of the rapture.
- Ch. 7 - Noah and his family in the ark, preserved through the tribulation – tribulation saints.
- Check out the verse just before these here in Corinthians 15:

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 ⁵¹Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed – ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

- The waters subsided in a literal sense as well as a figurative one.

Genesis Ch. 7 “The water’s prevailed” 4 X’s.
Genesis Ch. 8 “The waters subsided.” 7X’s

V: 2 Just as God “made a wind to pass over the earth” - the waters didn’t just run out, they were stopped and restrained, a forceful act as opposed to a passive one.

- Three definite actions: wind made to pass over, fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven stopped, and the rain restrained.
- I wonder if the next rain gave them a scare?

V: 4 **“The ark rested”** The vessel or means of salvation “rested”, ceased from it’s work. It’s work was completed.

- Picture Jesus on a blood stained cross – at the last He cries out:

John 19:30 “Tetelistai” - “It is finished! And bowing His head, He gave up / He dismissed His Spirit.”

- No other work remains to be done by Jesus or by us.

Jesus was asked:

John 6:28-29 “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?
²⁹Jesus answered and said to them, this is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Galatians 1:6-8 ⁶I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.”

Romans 10:9, 13 “¹⁰... if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus (*that Jesus is Lord*) and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” – “¹³For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”

- There was but One ark to which men could enter for salvation, there was One Door through which man could enter in.

John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

- If anyone is thinking that all roads lead to heaven, or that any religion will do – I can say based on the authority of God’s word that this is not true.

Jesus said:

John 3:3 “...most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:5-7 “...⁵Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again.”

Preaching to the choir / good review – what does Jesus mean by “born-again?”

17th day of the 7th month:

- We’re given points of reference like this from which we can develop a time line.
- The 7th month equates to the month of April in the Jewish calendar.
- Passover is on the fourteenth day of the 7th month – the day that Jesus was crucified.
- Jesus rose again on the 3rd day – which was the 17th day of the 7th month.

Psalms 40:7 “Lo, I come in the volume of the book, it is written of Me.”

- Noah’s name means: “rest” – “comfort”
- Ararat: Also translated as Armenia; Mt. Ararat is located in modern day Turkey, near the borders of Iran and Soviet Armenia. Ararat rises from the lowlands of the Aras River to a height of 17,000 feet.
- After 5 months the ark rests on the top of Mt. Ararat. (Gen. 7:11-Gen 8:4)

V: 5 *“The waters decreased continually...”*

- 10th month could see mountain tops, three more months after the ark rested.

V: 6-8 Another 40 days and Noah sends out a raven – which then goes back and forth. He also sends out a dove.

V: 9 A raven will land on anything, and eat anything. A dove – considered a clean animal will not land on or feed on carrion.

V: 10-11 7 days more, then the dove is sent out again and brings back the first sign of new life, an olive branch. (Symbol of peace)

- A sign to Noah that the waters had receded.

V: 12 Another week, the dove is sent out – and doesn't return.

V: 13 1 year later, 1st day of the 1st month – the waters were dried up from the surface of the earth.

V: 14 2nd month, 27th day – the earth was dried.

V: 15-16 *“Then God Spoke to Noah...”*

- The last time we saw this phrase was when Noah was called into the ark – 377 days ago.

Psalm 119:165 *“Great peace have those that love thy law, and nothing causes them to stumble.”*

- Noah was faithful, Noah kept doing what God called him to do until God said to stop.

The patriarch Job declares:

Job 23:12 *“I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.”*

Jesus said:

Matthew 4:4 *“It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”*

“Go out of the ark”

- Not “come out” – because God was still in the ark with everything that has the breath of God in them.

- 1st Jesus tells us to “come unto Him” – and after we are filled, we are told to go out in Him to tell others.

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.”

- Roll call: you, your wife, your sons, and your son’s wives.

Psalm 16:5 “O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.”

Jesus testified to the Father:

John 17:12 “While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost...”

V: 17-19 All ashore that’s going ashore!

“So Noah went out...” obedience!

- God’s word was authoritative in Noah’s life, it was real to Noah in every way.

1 John 3:18 “My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”

James 1:22 “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

- Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.
- Noah was perfect in his generations.
- Noah walked with God.
- Noah was righteous in his generation.
- God spoke to Noah & established His covenant with him.
- Noah did according to all the God commanded him.
- Noah’s life was marked with obedience to God.

Noah was a man of the Word!

Psalm 19:7-11 “⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord us sure, making wise the simple; ⁸The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.”

- Noah and his family have just lived all of this out!

V: 19 *“... according to their families...”*

“families” (H 4940). mish-paw-khaw'; a family, kindred, circle of relatives; a species of animals, kind (-red).

As opposed to “kind” (H 4327). “miyn”; to portion out; a sort, i.e. species:--kind

V: 20 Noah's first action after getting out of the Ark, is to worship God.

1st mention of an altar.

Psalm 29:2 “Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.”

Psalm 96:8 “Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts.”

John 4:24 “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

V: 21 And the Lord was pleased – a soothing / pleasing aroma.

- There is something to worshipping the Lord over a BBQ!

“Then the Lord said in His heart...”

- Implication: Somehow, Noah knew to some degree the heart of God.
- I'm encouraged by this because I want to know God's heart.
- God's promise to never again destroy the earth the same way.

“Although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth”

- The depravity of man, the sin nature is still there – and only be overcome by the blood of the Lamb.

Romans 3:10 “As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one.”

V: 22 1st mention of “seasons”, now there are seasons, which there didn't used to be.

- The duration of God's promise to Noah would be as long as the earth remains.