

Genesis Chapter 8

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

- Not at all that God forgot Noah & his family, this is just an indicator that things are on the move, action is being taken, circumstances are about to progress and move forward.

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.”*

- Sometimes the world seems very dark, an oppressive 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.
- In the midst of all these things we have the promises of God!

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!”

- At this point, literally, everything that has breath is on 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*” (H-7307). 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: 2-3 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.
- As the waters of the deep and the rain from above is stopped, the waters begin to recede and decrease for the next 150 days.

Psalm 104:5-9 “⁵You who laid the foundations of the earth, so that it should not be moved forever, ⁶You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. ⁷At Your rebuke they fled; at the voice of Your thunder they hastened away. ⁸They went up over the mountains; they went down into the valleys, to the place which You founded for them. ⁹You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, that they may not return to cover the earth.”

- I wonder if the next rain gave them a scare?

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

- This is a picture Jesus our Lord on a blood stained cross: at the last He cries out:

John 19:30 “Tetelista” - “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. He & we “rest” in His completed work.

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.”

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.

Specifically on the:

17th day of the 7th month:

- We’re given points of reference like this from which we can develop a time line.
- There is a distinction between the civil calendar and religious calendar. The civil calendar used in Genesis was later merged (**Genesis 7:11**) with the religious calendar, developed in Exodus. This moved the 7th month to the 1st month.

- The 7th month on the Jewish civil calendar equates to the 1st month in the religious calendar which is the month of Nissan / April in the religious / now modern calendar.
- Why does this matter?
- Passover is on the 14th day of Nissan, the same month & day that Jesus was crucified.
- Jesus rose again on the 3rd day – which would equate back to 17th day of the 7th month. (On the civil calendar used in Genesis.)

Psalm 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 Armenia. Ararat rises from the lowlands of the Aras River to a height of 17,000 feet.
- So after 5 months the ark rests on the top of Mt. Ararat. (Genesis 7:11-8:4; 2nd to 7th month)
(5 = grace)

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

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

Psalm 104:7-8 “⁷At Your rebuke they fled; at the voice of Your thunder they hastened away. ⁸They went up over the mountains; they went down into the valleys, to the place which You founded for them.”

V: 6-8 Noah opened the window - you would think it would have been opened long before that! (Animals)

- 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, considered unclean (**Leviticus 11:15**) and will land on anything, and eat anything. Later also a dove – considered to be a clean animal (**Leviticus 1:14**), which will not land on or feed on carrion.

- The dove found no resting place and came back, tamely to Noah's hand.

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

- A sign to Noah that the waters had receded and that the earth had begun to heal.

- If there was an olive tree with leaves the dove could have stayed there, but God used the dove, symbolic of the Holy Spirit to communicate a message of hope.
- Noah doesn't rush out, taking action on his own - he is waiting on the Lord.

Psalm 27:14 "Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!"

V: 12 Another week, the dove is sent out – and doesn't return. She'd found a place to land.

Isaiah 30:18 "Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him."

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

- Noah removed the covering, perhaps part of the roof to allow the sunlight in, to start getting used to their new environment.

V: 14 2nd month, 27th day – 57 days later, the earth was dried. 371 days after first entering the ark. (Long cruise)

- The earth hadn't been annihilated, but it had been drastically re-arranged. There was probably still a lot of water about and a barren landscape in general.

2 Peter 3:6 "by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water."

- The ark was amongst other things kind of a bridge between the old world that perished, and the new world preserved by God.

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

- The last time we saw this phrase was when Noah was called into the ark – 371 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.”

Jesus is the door.

John 10:9 “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”

- 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!

“¹⁸So 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* ...” Sort, kind, now 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. This doesn't mean He won't destroy it, it just means He'll do it a different way.

2 Peter 3:6-7 “⁶by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same Word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”

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

- Noah is a Godly man who walks with God, sails with God, and is obedient to God's Word - but He's still a man, as are his children. They, we still have to deal with our sin nature.

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

Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it?”

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

Romans 7:14-25 (turn to / read)

V: 22 While the earth remains... an inference that it's not always going to remain.

2 Peter 3:10-11 “¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness.”

- 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.

2 Corinthians 1:20 “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.”