

Noah—Genesis 8

After the Flood

I. Additional Scriptures...

1. AND GOD REMEMBERED... Gen 8:1; 19:29; 30:22; Ex 2:4; Num 10:9; Ps 98:3.
2. Job 38:37
3. SWEET SAVOUR... Lev 1:9; Ezek 20:41; Rom 3:23; 2 Cor 2:15; Eph 5:2.
4. Isaiah 54:9

II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: After the Flood.

According to Barnes, Here Is an Accounting of the Time Noah Spent in the Ark...

The Rain Continued	40 Days
The Waters Prevailed	150 Days
The Waters Subside	99 Days
Noah Delays	40 Days
Sending of the Raven and Dove	20 Days
Another Month Before Removing the Covering	29 Days
Interval Until the 27 th of the 2 nd Month	57 Days
Sum Total of Days	365 Days

III. Summary.

The chapter opens with a statement of the grace of God shown toward Noah—AND GOD REMEMBERED NOAH. The process of drying up the earth after the flood is put into place by the Lord. The ark comes to a resting place upon the mountains of Ararat. Over a period of time the waters decrease. Noah opens the window of the ark and sends out a raven. Since the raven could survive by feasting upon floating carcasses, there is no indication that it actually came back into the ark, but went back and forth. Next Noah sent out a dove and the dove returned to Noah and he pulled it back into the ark. Seven more days passed, and Noah sent out the dove again. The dove returned with an olive leaf. Noah stayed seven more days and sent out the dove again and it did not return.

In the second month and the twenty-seventh day of the month, God told Noah to go forth from the ark, taking all of the animals with him. The very first thing Noah did after leaving the ark was to build an altar to offer of every clean animal as a sacrifice to the Lord. The Lord was well pleased with Noah’s actions and makes a covenant with Noah/man never to destroy the earth in this way again.

IV. Outline.

1. God remembered Noah (Gen 8:1).
2. The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped (Gen 8:2).
3. The process of drying up the excess water is begun (Gen 8:3-5).
4. Noah opens the window and sends forth a raven and a dove (Gen 8:6-12).
5. In Noah’s six hundred and first year, the waters were dried up (Gen 8:13).

6. Noah is told to leave the ark (Gen 8:14-19).
7. Noah built an altar and sacrificed to the Lord (Gen 8:20).
8. The Lord was well pleased with Noah's offering and made a pledge to him (Gen 8:21-22).

V. Questions.

True or False

01. _____ Some day (before Judgment Day) there may come an end to the seasons as we know them.
02. _____ It was more than 40 days before it could be said the waters were abated.
03. _____ When the dove came back the first time it was brought back into the ark.
04. _____ Noah waited to go out of the ark until God told him to leave the ark.
05. _____ Noah was a year older when he stepped out of the ark.

Multiple Choice (Select the BEST Answer)

06. _____ The month when the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat: (a) tenth; (b) ninth; (c) seventh.
07. _____ The covenant with Noah we read about toward the end of the chapter is related to things that God said: (a) as I will do; (b) as I have done; (c) as I should have done.
08. _____ It is said of the dove when first sent out that it: (a) returned with muddy feathers; (b) found no rest for the sole of her foot; (c) never returned.
09. _____ On the tenth month and the first day, what was seen from the ark: (a) the tops of the mountains; (b) only water; (c) a rainbow.
10. _____ What did Noah offer upon the altar he built: (a) of every clean beast; (b) of every clean fowl; (c) a & b; (d) none of these.

Fill in the Blanks

11. "And he sent forth a _____, which went forth to and fro, until the _____ were _____ up off the face of the ground."
12. "...neither will I again _____ any more _____ living thing, _____."
13. _____ 19:29 "And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the _____, that God remembered _____, and sent Lot out of the midst of the _____, when he overthrew the _____ in the which Lot dwelt."
14. The ark landed upon the mountains of _____.
15. "And the Lord smelled a _____ .."

Each Question is worth 7 Points

My Score is: _____

Answers will be found on next week's handout

ANSWERS to Lesson 01-42 ... [01—False, Gen 6:22; 02—True, Gen 6:1; 03—True, Gen 6:14; 04—False, Gen 6:8; 05—False, Gen 6:16; 06—a, Gen 6:21; 07—a, Gen 6:6; 08—a, Gen 6:15; 09—b, Gen 6:18; 10—b, Gen 6:18; 11—corrupt, violence, Gen 6:11; 12—gopher, wood, Gen 6:14; 13—13, giants, giants, grasshoppers; 14—2, world, Noah, preacher, flood, ungodly; 15—commanded, did, Gen 6:22.]

VI. Lessons & Applications.

1. And God remembered Noah... (Gen 8:1). This, of course, is not a revelation of God's knowledge or wisdom, but a revelation of God's mercy and grace and kindness. The evil state that man had reached had been judged by the Lord and now remains the

salvation from sin. Noah had been remarkable in his obedience to the Lord, however, even he would soon be a disappointment (Rom 3:23; Gen 9:21). There is a need for

God REMEMBERS NOAH is a very significant fact and has led to the wonderful scheme of redemption by which we can be saved to live eternally.

...in the tenth month on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen (Gen 8:5). Can you not just imagine what an amazing sight this must have been to Noah and the seven others. Judgment has taken place; the waters are subsiding; soon we will be able to begin normal lives again. Spending about a year on a boat that had no way to steer itself would be quite an interesting experience. During this lengthy period I wonder what was going on in the minds of the eight precious passengers on this unique trip. Do you think it would have been a beautiful sight to see tops of mountains were you in their places?

3. **Go forth of the ark... And Noah went forth** (Gen 8:16, 28). Perhaps here is one of the best illustrations of Noah's obedient spirit. There were quite a few days that passed by from the time the ark rested on the mountain until the time that Noah went out of the ark. Don't you suppose there would have been seven souls seeking to persuade Noah to get on out of this boat? Yet, Noah made not attempt to leave the ark until he was told to do so by the Lord. How remarkable it is to wait as he did in this situation. Of course, he had not gone wrong in the past by obeying the Lord and his trust in the Lord had grown, no doubt by recent events. Sometimes we are tempted to go on out and transgress the doctrine of Christ, but to do so is to give up fellowship with God and with Christ (2 John 9-11). It is remaining in the doctrine of Christ where safety is to be found!
 4. **And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord...** (Gen 8:20). The first thing that Noah did, out of gratitude and praise to the Lord for his wonderful deliverance, was to construct an altar. This is the first mention of an altar in the Bible. Noah's heart is centered properly at this time as he puts a high priority on worship of God. In our day there are so many things that can creep in to our list of things to do that we can easily wind up letting God take some place somewhere down the line, but to do so is to make a tragic mistake. One of the values of studying the Old Testament is the revelation it provides us regarding the nature of God and Who He is. One of the things very clearly revealed is that God is a JEALOUS God and will not be satisfied with second place (cf., Ex 20:5; 34:14; Deut 4:24; 5:9; 6:15; Josh 24:19; Ezek 29:25; Nah 1:2).
 5. **And the Lord smelled a sweet savour;...** (Gen 8:21). Certainly the literal smell of the burning animals is not that which is herein described as SWEET to the Lord. It was the attitude of heart with which Noah approached Him. Our own need is to recognize the goodness, mercy, and kindness of our God. We must appreciate how significant it is that God can be glorified by that which we do. It is possible for me to adorn the doctrine of Christ (Titus 2:10). It is possible for me to offer up to the Lord the fruit of my lips (Heb 13:15). These are things which are noticed by the Lord and which are SWEET to Him. It can only come from a heart that is attuned to the will of the Lord (Jn 4:24). Please be assured that any hypocritical attempt at worship of God is a revolting thing to Him. We see that so clearly in the very straightforward terms our Lord used to describe the religious leaders of the first century (Matthew 23).
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VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

Q A Z X S W E D C V F R T G B N H Y U J
M K I O L R E M A I N E T H Y H N B G T
R F B V C D E W S X Z A Q W S X C D E R
F V B U G T Y H N M J U I K L P O U J T
J M N H R Y T G A R K B V F R R E D S C
X S S W Q N Q A L X S W E U D S C E E V
F G M R T G T B T N H Y O U D J V M E I
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D R C V F L R T G S B K N H H Y S U I J
M E N Y S W E E T R R F V C D E M W M S
C F D E R F V D B I M N B V V C I X E Z
K F H G F D S A H W E W Q A Z X T S W E
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V B A T G B Y H N U J M I K L P Y T R E
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[The highlighted words below can be found in the puzzle above.]

Gen 8:18-22 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: (19) Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. (20) And Noah built an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. (21) And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. (22) While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.