

**Genesis 8-9 – Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

1a Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark.  
 - Apparently, God forgot all about Noah and the whole flood thing, and according to verse one, He was reminded and remembered.  
 - It's not that God forgot Noah; it's that He constantly remembers Noah and is mindful of and takes care of Noah and every living thing.  
 - This is an anthropomorphism, which simply means it's a non-literal picture of God in human terms we can understand.  
 - God remembered Noah in the sense that He turned His active attention towards Noah and will now bring an end to the flood.

**Psalm 106:4** Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

1b And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.  
 - We're told how God brings an end to the flood. He makes a wind to pass over the earth, which makes the waters subside.  
 - I believe there's a reason why we have this detail recorded for us here in verse one. God wants us to see something here.

"The Hebrew word translated 'wind' is ruach which is also translated 'spirit.' In other words, the world was covered with water and the Spirit moved across the water just as He did at creation (Genesis 1:2), and land became visible. Water being a picture, or type of the Word, it is always when the Spirit moves across the pages of Scripture that my world becomes clear again." Jon Courson

2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. 3 And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.  
 - God stops the two sources of the flood both the fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were restrained.  
 - The waters receded continually, and at the end of 150 days, the waters had decreased.

4 Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. 5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.  
 - Notice again that the Ark rests on the seventeenth day of the month. Jesus resurrected on the seventeenth day of the month.  
 - Notice also that it say's mountains plural; this is a mountain range, likely the Mt. Ararat found in modern day Turkey.  
 - The waters continued to recede until the 10<sup>th</sup> month, on the first day of the month, then, the tops of mountains were seen.  
 - One has noted how difficult it must have been for the Noah and his family to climb down this mountain range after leaving the Ark.  
 - It is possible that that God had the Ark come to rest on this mountain for the purpose of preserving it for thousands of years.

6 So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.  
 - These four words in verse six should bring comfort to every one of us; "it came to pass," it didn't come to stay. Trials don't come to stay.  
 - So "it came to pass," at the end of the forty days, Noah opens the Arks window letting the air and light into the Ark.

7 Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. 8 He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. 9 But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So **he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself.** 10 And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. 11 Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. 12 So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.  
 - First, Noah sends out a raven, which kept flying around until the waters dried up the earth for it to land, never coming back to the Ark.  
 - Second, Noah sends out a dove, but when it finds no resting place, it returns to the Ark, because water was on all the earth.  
 - Notice in verse 9 where it says that Noah put out his hand to take the dove/Holy Spirit and draw her into the ark, to himself.  
 - Woven into the fabric of these three verses is such a powerful, profound, and prophetic message that is painted and pictured for us.

THE RAVEN	THE DOVE
Is considered an "un-clean" bird. (Leviticus 11:15)	Is considered a "clean" bird (Leviticus 1:14)
Is a picture of the lost sinner (1 Kings 17:4)	Is a symbol of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16)
Is a picture of evil (Isaiah 34:11)	Is a picture of peace (Psalm 55:6)
Is black and hides dirt (Song of Solomon 5:11)	Is white and repels dirt (Song of Solomon 2:14)
Is sent out first, a picture of the first birth (Psalm 51:5)	Is sent out second, a picture of the second birth (John 3:3)
Is sent out once, a picture of one devil (Revelation 20:2)	Is sent out three times, a picture of the Trinity (John 14:26)
Keeps going to and fro to devour, like Satan (1 Peter 5:8)	Keeps coming back to deliver, like Jesus (Romans 11:26)
Doesn't come back or bring back anything (Genesis 8:7)	Brings an olive leaf the second time, redemption (Romans 11:17)
Is a selfish flesh eating bird (Revelation 19:21)	Is a loving and devoted bird for life (Psalm 68:13)

13 And it came to pass in the **six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month**, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. 14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried. 15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying, 16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

- So according to verse 13, the date for Noah's new start is the first day, of the first month, of the first year in the year 601.
- 6 is the number of man, and seven is the number of completion. The time of God's judgment of man is complete in the seventh century.
- According to verse 14, Noah doesn't leave the Ark yet, why? I'm sure he, his family, and all the animals would have wanted out of there.
- I believe that Noah was waiting for God to tell him first. He waited for God to say; "come in," now he waits for Him to say; "go out."

17 Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." 18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. 19 Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

- Noah is told to bring out every living thing with him so that they might abound, be fruitful and multiply on the earth.
- So Noah again, does what he is told, and takes everyone with him out of the Ark in a seemingly orderly manner.
- Interesting that the text implies that Noah led the way, he didn't leave everyone to sort of fend for themselves.

20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

- The first thing Noah does is build an altar to the Lord as an act of worship. One has noted that Noah was an "altered" man.
- He worship's the Lord in response to what He has done for him and his family. He's provided salvation for them.
- It's interesting to note that having animals to sacrifice would have been scarce and very valuable. This was a costly sacrifice.
- When King David bought a threshing floor he said he wouldn't sacrifice to God anything that didn't cost him something.

**2 Samuel 24:24** But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them. NIV

21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

- God is so pleased by Noah's sacrifice that He says He will never again curse man, or destroy the world in a flood again.

22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

- This would seem to indicate that there was an extreme climatic and ecological change on the earth after the flood.
- This is the first mention of seasonal and temperature variations of cold and heat, and winter and summer.
- It's very possible that the earth was so dramatically effected by the global flood that the earth was plunged into an ice age.
- This would also explain why mans life span was decreased from 900 years of age to about 100 years of age.
- It's believed by some that the mass extinction of animals and dinosaurs revealed in the fossil record probably took place after the flood.

9:1 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them:" Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

- Notice it says that god blessed Noah and his sons. When Noah built the Ark he blessed God, now God is blessing Noah.
- God then tells them to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth because the population of planet earth is only at "eight."

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.

- For the most part, animals now fear man, which implies that before the flood it's possible that they didn't fear man.
- Why would God instill a fear of man in animals, because now man is going to get to eat them starting in the next verse 3.

3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

- Does this mean that before the flood everyone was a vegetarian? Yes. Wasn't everyone wicked and evil before the flood? Yes
- So if everyone before the flood was vegetarians who were wicked and evil, does that mean that it's evil to be a vegetarian? No

"Presently, cultures that are heavily influenced by demonic religious thought, such as the Hindus in India, embrace vegetarianism. Prophetically, in the last days, there shall be those who fall away from the faith, who fall prey to "seducing spirits" that forbid them from eating meat (1 Timothy 4:1-3). Scripture does not prioritize nor point to a vegetarian diet as being more spiritual, In fact, after Jesus died, rose again, and had a glorified body, He appears to the disciples, saying, "Have you any meat?" (Luke 24:41). Don't let anyone tell you that to be a vegetarian is to be more spiritual, for, if anything, Scripture points in the opposite direction."

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4 But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

- God commands Noah to not eat animal's blood because that represents the principle of life.
- The word "blood" is used 424 times in 357 separate verses in the New King James Version Bible.
- Blood has many powerful and important symbols in the scriptures:

- Blood was the sign of mercy for Israel at the first Passover (Exodus 12:13).
- Blood sealed God's covenant with Israel (Exodus 24:8).
- Blood sanctified the altar (Exodus 29:12).
- Blood set aside the priests (Exodus 29:20).
- Blood made atonement for God's people (Exodus 30:10).
- Blood sealed the new covenant (Matthew 26:28).
- Blood justifies us (Romans 5:9).
- Through blood we have redemption (Ephesians 1:7).
- Through blood we have peace with God (Colossians 1:20).
- Blood cleanses us (Hebrews 9:14, 1 John 1:7).
- By blood we enter God's holy place (Hebrews 10:19).
- By blood we are sanctified (Hebrews 13:12).
- Blood enables us to overcome Satan (Revelation 12:11).

5 Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. 7 And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it."

- Does this mean that man should never take another man's life? What about war?
- There is also a distinction between murdering and killing.
- What about capital punishment?
- There is a distinction between shedding innocent blood, and shedding guilty blood.
- Also, not all killing is murder. There are cases where it's justified, self-defense, war.
- What about an accidental death? That means someone was killed accidentally, not murdered intentionally.

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: 9 "And as for Me, behold, **I establish My covenant with you** and with your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. 11 Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

- Interesting that when God speaks to Noah, his sons are with him to hear what God says. There is a lesson to be learned in this.
- God now makes a covenant with Noah and his descendants that He will never again destroy the earth with a flood.
- It's interesting to note that there are 8 covenants in the scriptures, because 8 is the number of new beginning.

1. **Edenic Covenant** = God declares to Adam and Eve you can enjoy everything except one tree.
2. **Adamic Covenant** = If you eat of the tree you shall surely die.
3. **Noahic Covenant** = God will never again destroy all flesh with a flood.
4. **Abrahamic Covenant** = God blesses Abraham in that through him all nations will be blessed.
5. **Mosaic Covenant** = To and through Moses comes the Law, blessed if you keep it, cursed if not.
6. **Palestinian Covenant** = Palestine is theirs; God will gather the Israelites and give them the land.
7. **Davidic Covenant** = Through the line of David the King of Israel will come Jesus, the King of Kings.
8. **The New Covenant** = God writes His will on the tablet of our heart, (grace) not the tablets of stone (law).

12 And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 **I set My rainbow in the cloud**, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. 14 It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; 15 and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 17 And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

- The sign of this Noahic covenant is a rainbow which is a mixture of the storm and sunshine. God is always there in the storm!
- The word for bow is the same as an archers bow, only in the rainbow there is no arrow, as it's already been shot, as it were.

**Isaiah 54:9-10** 9 "To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. 10 Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. NIV

18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. 19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

- Do you realize that every man women and child born post flood come from one of these three men?
- When we get to chapter 10, which is called the "table of nations," we will see how the earth was populated with these three sons.
- Modern science is now discovering that the DNA of every human indicates we all came from two human beings about 5,000 years ago.

20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. 21 Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.

- This is the first mention of wine in the Bible, and this is the first mention of drunkenness as well.
- What about when Jesus says that they were eating and drinking right up until they went into the Ark?
- Jesus used a word referring to drinking, not drunkenness.
- The question is asked; did Noah purpose to get drunk intentionally, or was this unintentional?
- I'm of the school that says it was unintentional. The scriptures are clear when it comes to drunkenness.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

- The text seems to indicate that Ham was wrong in the way that he mockingly exposed his father.
- Ham tells his two brothers, revealing something that should not have been exposed.
- Shem & Japeth did not want to see their Father that way so in love they covered Him up by walking backwards so they wouldn't see.

**1 Peter 4:8** Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. NIV

#### **Conceal it, don't Reveal it**

A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. Proverbs 11:13

#### **Overlook it, don't feed it.**

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11

#### **Verify it, don't gossip about it.**

For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be.

I fear that there may be quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder.

2 Corinthians 12:20

#### **End it, don't Spread it**

Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down. As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife. Proverbs 26:20-21

#### **Reject it, don't Repeat it**

He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends. Proverbs 17:9

24 So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. 25 Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan ;A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren." 26 And he said: "Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant. 27 May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant."

- Notice it doesn't say that he woke up from his sleep, rather it says that he woke up from his wine, and he knew what happened.
- He pronounces a curse on Ham's lineage, namely on Canaan, and conversely he pronounces a blessing on Shem and Japeth.
- It's important to know that Noah is not pronouncing a punishment on Canaan for what Ham did. Perhaps Canaan did something too.
- This seems to indicate that it was only Canaan that was involved, because not all Ham's sons were cursed.
- We'll look at this more in chapter 10 which is called the table of nations.

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

- This is the end, late in Noah's life, this is the last we hear of him.
- Noah, one of eight who saw the unimaginable when he saw what the world looked like both before and after the flood.