

Genesis Chapter 8: Taking off the Grave Clothes

Remember to Lift Up Jesus

Genesis Chapter 7 Review: Dying to Live

- Noah's flood was a type of Baptism [1 Peter 3:18-21]
- Jesus took the wrath of God as the Arc took the beating of the Sea
- We are safe "in Christ" through the judgment Jesus endured; a judgment we deserved

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*Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in **newness of life*** [Romans 6:4]

1 But God **remembered Noah** and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark;

- Flood account now turns from **Judgment to Redemption** [death/life]
- **Redeem:** [Latin *re-* back + *emere* to buy] Purchase a slave's freedom
- **Remember:** Concern, loving care, to look on with favor
- **Book of Remembrance:**

Malachi 3:16 ...those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a **book of remembrance** was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name.

Genesis 19:29 Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, that God **remembered Abraham**...

Exodus 2:24 ...God heard their groaning; and God **remembered His covenant with Abraham**, Isaac, and Jacob.

1 Samuel 1:19 ...and the LORD remembered her. [Hanna]

1b ...and God caused a **wind** to pass over the earth, and the **water subsided**.

- 2nd Beginning: **Compare:** ch.1 to 2nd Beginning in ch. 8-9
- 8:2-1:7, 8:5-1:9, 8:7-1:20, 8:17-1:25, 9:1-1:28a, 9:2-128b, 9:3-1:30
- **Wind:** Same word as "**Spirit**" in chapter 1; God's Power
- **Dunamis** [doo'-nam-is] **Power** of the Holy Spirit [Dynamite]
- Explosive Power for **Redemption and Judgment**

Acts 1:8 [at Pentecost]...you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be **My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Exodus 14:13 But Moses said to the people, " Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians

whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever...**Exodus 14:21** Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and **turned the sea into dry land**, so the waters were divided...**Exodus 15:10**"You blew with **Your wind**, the sea covered them; They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

- God is in control during judgment; He is God and King in both **Grace and in Wrath:**

Psalms 29:10 The LORD **sat as King at the flood**; Yes, the LORD **sits as King forever.**

Romans 8:11 But if the **Spirit of Him** who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give life to** your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

2Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained; 3 and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of **one hundred and fifty days** the water decreased. 4In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the **mountains of Ararat.**

- **150 days:** Same as time to cover the earth [gen. 7:24]
- **Ararat:** refers to a *range* of mountains east of modern Turkey
- A mountainous kingdom around 700 B.C.

5The water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible. 6Then it came about at the end of **forty days**, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made; 7 and he sent out a **raven**, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth. 8Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land; 9 **but the dove found no resting place** for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark, for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and brought her into the ark to himself.

- **40 days:** Rained for 40 days; subsided for 40 days
- **Raven:** Hearty bird kept flying; **Dove:** Found no land and returned

10So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. 11The dove came to him toward evening, and behold, in her beak was a **freshly picked olive leaf**. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth. 12Then he waited yet another seven days, and sent out the dove; but she did not return to him again.

- Olives **do not grow** on high elevations; a sign the water had receded
- **Olive leaf:** Symbol of peace and restoration; finds origin here

13Now it came about in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first of the month, the water was dried up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground was dried up. 14In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

- **Flood Began:** Noah's Year 600, month 2, day17
- **Flood Ended:** Noah's Year 601, month 2, day27

15Then **God spoke to Noah**, saying, 16 "**Go out of the ark**, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. 17"Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." 18So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. 19Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, **went out by their families** from the ark.

- Though things **looked okay**, Noah waited (did not proceed) until he **heard God's Word; presumption is not faith**
- Through judgment, despair, and death; **Noah trusted God for life**
- What situation seems to go on forever w/ ways that seem like escape?

2 Corinthians 5:6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord-- 7for **we walk by faith, not by sight...**

- Judgment was now over, **God's wrath against sin was temporarily satisfied...completely satisfied in Jesus!**

Isaiah 53:12b ... He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself **bore the sin of many**, And interceded for the transgressors.

Romans 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that **we shall also live with Him...**

- God spoke to Noah; "**Go out of the ark...**" "**LIVE**"

John 11:43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The **dead man came out**, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "**Take off the grave clothes and let him go.**"

- Lazarus ate, drank, and fellowshiped with the Lord and His people
- **We are not to stay at the cross**, the place of judgment and death:

Ephesians 2:1 (Read) And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together with Christ**

John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, **and have it abundantly.**

Galatians 5:22 (Read) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

- Freedom to live the Abundant Life; **Freedom from sin**

Hebrews 12:1 ...let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily **entangles us**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 **fixing our eyes on Jesus...**

- Jesus is **the Door** of the Arc (Salvation)

John 10:9 "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go **in and out** and find pasture

- In/Out: We do not stay at the cross; but may go back to the cross

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

- We are **not to stay** in the Arc; on the cross; in the grave; **but to live in Thanksgiving**

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. 21 The **LORD** smelled the soothing aroma...

- As New Life begins, Thanksgiving is a natural response
- **Altar to the LORD:** First mention since Cain and Abel [Gen.4:3-5] **LORD:** Worship is personal, thus God's personal Name: YHWH
- **Burnt Offering:** Later became most frequent form of sacrifice
- **Soothing Aroma:** Ascending to God while being consumed

Ephesians 5:2 ...and walk in love, just as **Christ** also loved you and **gave Himself** up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

- Jesus gave His Life freely as a sacrifice

John 10:18"No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again

2 Corinthians 2:15 For we are a **fragrance of Christ** to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; 16 to the one an **aroma from death to death**, to the other an aroma **from life to life**...

- Noah was the aroma of death to his listeners who were about to perish; he was set apart unto God
- We offer our physical bodies to God; **set apart for Him**

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

21b ... and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man for **the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth**...

- Noah's sacrifice accepted; as was Jesus once for all

1 Timothy 3:16 [Jesus was] **vindicated** [shown to be blameless with proof] in the Spirit... [Resurrection]

- **Mans heart not changed**
- **Every intent:** Before flood [Gen:6:5] and later Babel and us
- **Adamitis?** Continuous digressing into exponential sinful behavior

Romans 7:18 For I know that **nothing good dwells in me**, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

Romans 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they **became futile** in their speculations and their foolish heart was darkened.

- "Not sinners because we sin, we sin because **we are sinners**"
- Some good in everyone...Really?

Romans 3:23 ...for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God...

Psalms 51:5 I was brought forth in iniquity... in sin my mother conceived me.

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is **more deceitful than all else** And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

- **Yet God says** I will not destroy this way again:

21c ...and I will **never again** destroy every living thing, **as I have done**.

- This would not be a continuous process forever:

Genesis 6:7 The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."

- God begins to deal differently, that is, **intervention and intercession**
- At Babel He intervenes, Moses he intercedes, Judges, Prophets, etc
- **Ultimately:** Jesus would Intervene and Intercede
- **Purpose:** To see as many saved as would trust in Him

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

- **While there is an earth:** God's wants to be with His people [created for His good pleasure]
- You will plant and reap; there will be seasons and days and nights

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

- Wrath poured out on the Arc; Jesus

John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

- **No wrath**, but LIFE, for Noah and those who also trust in God's only provision for taking their sin:

Romans 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

SUMMARY: Taking off the Grave Clothes

- In His compassion and Kindness, **God remembers those who remember Him**
- **God is God** and King during **Judgment and Kindness**
- Noah waited for God's Word, even when things looked okay. **No presumption**
- Sacrificing ourselves is a sweet aroma to God
- Knowing man's heart, God begins intervention and intercession with the people He loves
- **Jesus did not stay** on the cross or in the grave, Noah **did not stay** on the Arc, and Lazarus did not stay bound in his grave clothes

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death,

so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life [Romans 6:4]