

Noah sent out the worlds 1st Tweet!

Why were Elephants the most prepared for the trip? They brought their own Trunks!



"for the birds" - It originated as U.S. Army slang in World War II; the original phrase was "that's shit for the birds", but it was altered later to remove the expletive and make it less "vulgar".

It came from the observation that birds would often peck at horse manure for seeds buried in it. Trivial; worthless; only of interest to gullible people.

Noah Type Faith is for the Birds!

#### Genesis 8

- •Noah sent out 2 types of birds to see if the land was dry and they could disembark, what were they? Raven and Dove
- •What is significant about each of these birds? In both culture and in scripture? At least 2 points! Black and white, bird of prey/carrion vs. harmless vegetarian, Death vs. Life
- •Actually 2 other Bible characters mention 1 of these birds each, who were they? **Jesus mentions Dove, God mentions Ravens to Job**
- •The Bible doesn't spell out why these birds were chosen, but can we imagine why?

#### Unclean and clean, death/evil and life, sacrifices

- •One of the birds is now an international symbol! But of what? Peace
- •Are there other birds mentioned in the Bible and why? It's Amazing that God uses animals to teach us! Over a Dozen including Ostriches, Owls and Eagles
- •The birds are actually and simply a symbol of Noah and a spiritual issue for him, what is it? **Learning to wait on God, God cares more for us than the birds**
- •We know it rained for 40 days, but how long was Noah actually on the ark? **Over a year**
- •Noah's story is highly representative of peace with God! What are those "Peace" lessons then? Peace for those formerly at war and only after death and blood! Wages of sin is death!



#### Why did he send out birds?

God didn't tell him to!

There were "natural signs" like The rain stopped, The currents likely calmed, the Mtn peaks became visible...

Noah was anxious, impatient, antsy, ready to get out!

Maybe they were running low on food too?

IT was a LOT of Work! He was done!

Gods timing is not our timing, Noah was Anxious/Impatient!

Why did he send the Raven 1st?

We don't KNOW, but can conjecture to some extent

Didn't that window run the entirety of the roof?

## Genesis 8: Wait on God – He "remembers" us!

- · Noah was on the Ark for over a year
- •The number 40 = testing, fasting, Moses,

  <u>Jesus</u>...
- Genesis 8:2 Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained;

**Patience = Waiting on God!** 

2x there were 40 day periods for Noah, 1 as judgment fell, another as new life arises

He caused it to rain 40 days and 40 nights (Genesis 7:12).

After Moses killed the Egyptian, he fled to Midian, where he spent 40 years in the desert tending flocks (Acts 7:30).

Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights (Exodus 24:18).

Moses interceded on Israel's behalf for 40 days and 40 nights (Deuteronomy 9:18, 25).

The Law specified a maximum number of lashes a man could receive for a crime, setting the limit at 40 (<u>Deuteronomy 25:3</u>).

The Israelite spies took 40 days to spy out Canaan (Numbers 13:25).

The Israelites wandered for 40 years (Deuteronomy 8:2-5).

Before Samson's deliverance, Israel served the Philistines for 40 years (Judges 13:1).

Goliath taunted Saul's army for 40 days before David arrived to slay him (1 Samuel 17:16).

When Elijah fled from Jezebel, he traveled 40 days and 40 nights to Mt. Horeb (1 Kings 19:8).

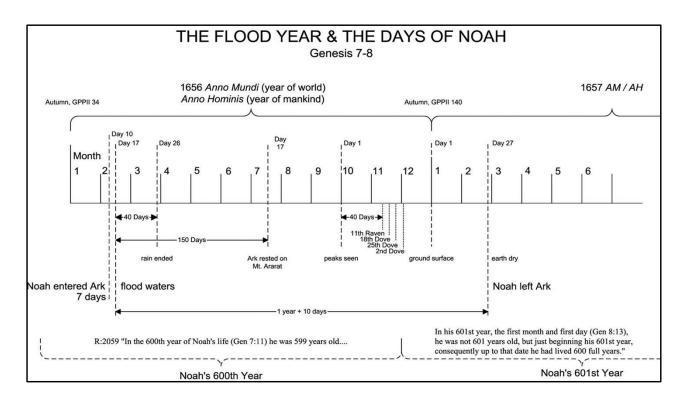
The number 40 also appears in the prophecies of Ezekiel (4:6; 29:11-13) and Jonah (3:4).

In the New Testament, <u>Jesus was tempted for 40 days and 40 nights (Matthew 4:2</u>). There were 40 days between Jesus' resurrection and ascension (<u>Acts 1:3</u>).

https://www.gotquestions.org/40-days-Bible.html

# Genesis 8: Wait on God - He "remembers" us!

•Genesis 8:7-8 – and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth. Then he sent out a dove, to see if the water was low on the surface of the land;



Noah entered 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 40 days rain, 150 days of water rising to ark resting on Ararat, 2 ½ months before Mtn peaks seen, 40 days includes 4 tests by birds, 1 month for ground surface, almost 2 more months before earth is dry, and depart

One of many efforts to timeline the year on the ark, it was a year, we don't know 1656 for sure and some possible movement of some days BUT it was a year!

#### A full year needed for Growth of vegetation?

[Gen 7:11 NASB20] 11 In the <u>six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second</u> month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.

[Gen 8:13 NASB20] 13 Now it came about in the **six hundred and first year, in the first [month,] on the first of the month**, [that] 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 had dried up.

Gen 8:14-16 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month,

the earth was dry. 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.

Gen 8:3-7, 10-12 and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of 150 days the water decreased. 4 Then in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. 5 And the 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. 6 Then 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. ... 10 So he waited another seven days longer; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. 11 And the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, in its beak was a fresh olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was low on the earth. 12 Then he waited another seven days longer, and sent out the dove; but it did not return to him again.

# Ship's Log V Day 40—Rain stops V Day 150—Ark rests on Ararat V Day 224—Mountaintops seen V Day 264—Raven sent out V Day 271—Dove sent out and returns V Day 278—Dove returns with olive leaf V Day 285—Dove doesn't return V Day 314—Ark cover removed V Day 371—Noah disembarks

- 1. Raven
- 2. Dove, no place to land
- 3. Dove, Olive leaf
- 4. Dove, Doesn't return. He didn't want back on the Ark either!

Ark covered removed date??

300-370+ days

Noah sent out birds four times at seven day intervals.

First, the raven kept flying back and forth (*Genesis 8:7*).

Second the dove returned because she found no resting place to set her foot (*Genesis* 8:8–9).

Third, the dove brought back an olive leaf to the Ark (*Genesis 8:10–11*).

Finally, the dove did not return (Genesis 8:12).

#### **Ravens in Culture**

- It is black (ravens) and white (doves)
  - Song of Solomon 5:11
- Often associated with evil, death, illness, or a bad omen
- Birds of prey and scavenging, eating carrion;
   dead flesh

Gods patience/longsuffering has an End! And then its "Nevermore"!!

#### What do you think of when you think of birds? Next slide

Ravens are known for scavenging, but they are also effective hunters that prey on birds, rodents, worms, insects, and grains.

Song of Solomon describes the man's hair as "black as a raven" (SOS 5:11) [Sng 5:11 NASB20] 11 "His head is [like] gold, pure gold; His locks are [like] clusters of dates [And] black as a raven.

#### Known for intelligence'

Birds of prey - 50 percent of the raven's winter diet consisted of live prey (mostly small mammals) captured by ravens.

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commonraven.printerfriendly

they may travel 30 to 40 miles each day from roost to daytime feeding areas.

The raven is the largest species of songbird and largest all-black bird in the world.

The common raven is among the smartest birds.

But another factor that has really aided their worldwide distribution is their diet. Ravens and crows will eat anything, including other birds'

Ravens are in a family of birds (think biblical kind) that also includes crows, rooks, jackdaws, jays, magpies, and others.

in Norse mythology, the god Odin used two ravens named Thought and Memory, to fly the world each day in order to inform him of what was happening.

A group of ravens is called an "unkindness"

Ravens remember faces

"The Raven" poem haunted Edgar Allan Poe, The iconic poem launched Poe from a virtual nobody to an overnight success

For example, Swedish folklore has it that ravens are the spirits of murdered people who weren't given Christian burials. Irish folklore sees ravens as symbols of warfare, and the Hindu deity Shani is often visualized as mounted on the back of a giant raven.

Ravens are adaptable to different environments.

Wild ravens can fly up to 100 miles in a day, This means that the best trained ones can perhaps manage to fly for 2.5 days straight.

The Gilgamesh Epic Utnapishtim sent out three kinds of birds (XI 140, 145): a dove, a swallow and a raven. The first two returned and the raven did not

https://chirpforbirds.com/bird-brain/13-surprising-and-spooky-raven-facts/

https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/53295/10-fascinating-facts-about-ravens

https://biology.stackexchange.com/questions/23530/for-how-long-can-a-raven-stay-airborne-a-week-or-

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[Rev 18:2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the

great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and **hateful bird[G3732**].

[Rev 19:17-18 NASB20] 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great feast of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, both free and slaves, and small and great."

[Rev 19:21 NASB20] 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and **all the birds were filled with their flesh.** 

[Isa 34:1-8 NASB20] 1 Come near, you nations, to hear; and listen, you peoples! Let the earth and all it contains hear, and the world and all that springs from it. 2 For the LORD'S anger is against all the nations, And [His] wrath against all their armies. He has utterly destroyed them, He has turned them over to slaughter. 3 So their slain will be thrown out, And their corpses will give off their stench, And the mountains will be drenched with their blood. 4 And all the heavenly lights will wear away, And the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; All its lights will also wither away As a leaf withers from the vine, Or as [one] withers from the fig tree. 5 For My sword has drunk its fill in heaven; Behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom, And upon the people whom I have designated for destruction. 6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, It drips with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, With the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, And a great slaughter in the land of Edom. 7 Wild oxen will also fall with them And young bulls with strong ones; So their land will be soaked with blood, And their dust become greasy with fat. 8 For the LORD has a day of vengeance, A year of retribution for the cause of Zion.

#### The Raven

Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary,

Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore—

...filled me with **fantastic terrors never felt before**;

Tell me what thy lordly name is on the Night's Plutonian shore!"

Quoth the Raven "Nevermore."...

"Prophet!" said I, "thing of evil!—prophet still, if bird or devil!—

Whether Tempter sent, or whether tempest tossed thee here ashore,

Desolate yet all undaunted, on this desert land enchanted—

On this home by Horror haunted—tell me truly, I implore—

Is there—is there balm in Gilead?—tell me—tell me, I implore!"

Quoth the Raven "Nevermore."

= on a dreary night in December who sits reading "forgotten lore" by the remains of a fire[6] as a way to forget the death of his beloved Lenore.

https://www.phillymag.com/news/2011/10/31/poes-raven-stuffed-free-library/

Poe mentions the <u>Balm of Gilead</u>, a reference to the <u>Book of Jeremiah</u> (8:22) in the Bible: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" [24] In that context, the Balm of Gilead is a <u>resin</u> used for medicinal purposes (suggesting, perhaps, that the narrator needs to be healed after the loss of Lenore). In 1 Kings 17:1–5 <u>Elijah</u> is said to be from <u>Gilead</u>, and to have been fed by ravens during a period of drought. [25]

But he also used Roman/Greek gods of Pluto, god of underworld and Pallas,





Bird Diversity: <u>Southern cassowary, Opisthocomus hoazin, Condor, Geococcyx</u> <u>californianus</u>, <u>Pelicans, Pied Crow</u>

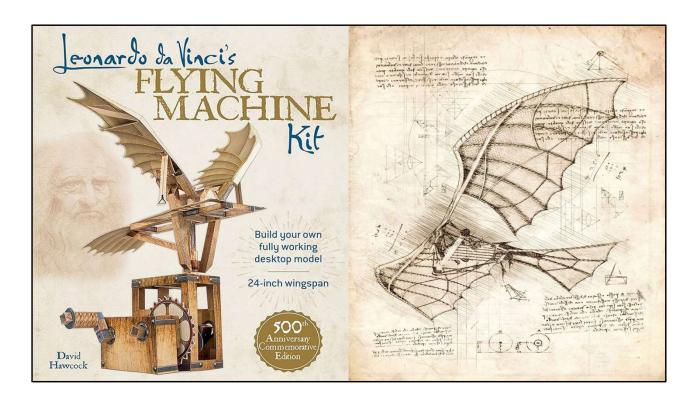
Peacocks, Penguins, Kiwi, Ostrich, Eagle, hummingbird, Swan, Flamingo

The beauty of Gods creation!

Birds that cant fly but can swim great! Birds that can run fast! That can talk!!

Think of the Stars

Hubble telescope



DaVinci 1452 -1519, and then the Wright brothers 1903

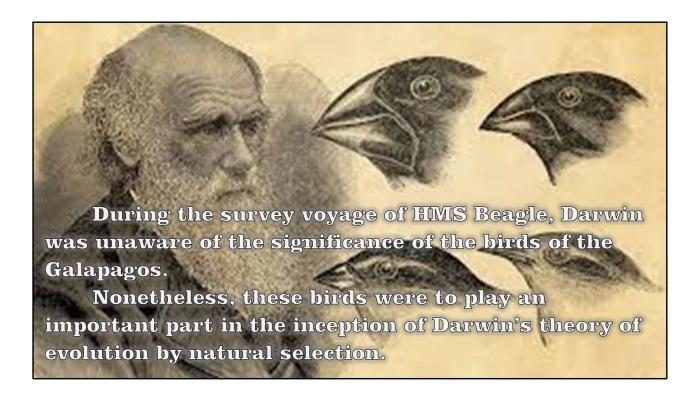
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#### IS IT A BIRD? IS IT A PLANE?

In the hope of enabling human flight, Leonardo da Vinci closely observed the anatomy and flight of birds and applied biophilic design principles to come up with various sketches of flying machines—in da Vinci's case a flapping ornithopter, where the pilot would spin cranks with his hands and feet so that the wings of the machine would flap. Da Vinci was such a visionary that his research into flight would never produce any working flying machines during his own lifetime, but his ideas would later inspire the Wright Brothers, who, incidentally, also closely observed the flight of pigeons. The Wright Brothers designed, built, and flew their first aircraft in 1903.

https://magazine.primetals.com/2020/01/01/leonardo-da-vinci-pioneer-of-

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What do you see when you see birds? General Revelation!

Darwin Saw Evolution! Darwin's Finches!

DaVinci tried to learn how to fly!

"The sight of a feather in a peacock's tail, whenever I gaze at it, makes me sick!" wrote Charles Darwin in 1860, just a year after the publication of The Origin of Species.

Why do we "Remember" (refuse to forget), the things God tells us to forget and forget what is essential for us to Remember

**Migration** 

Angry birds

The birds are all dull-coloured. They are thought to have evolved from a single finch species that came to the islands more than a million years ago. [9]

During the survey voyage of HMS Beagle, Darwin was unaware of the significance of the birds of the Galápagos.

Nonetheless, these birds were to play an important part in the <u>inception of Darwin's</u> theory of <u>evolution</u> by <u>natural selection</u>.

Following his return from the voyage Darwin presented the finches to the <u>Zoological Society of London</u> on 4 January 1837, along with other mammal and bird specimens that he had collected. The bird specimens, including the finches, were given to <u>John Gould</u>, the famous English <u>ornithologist</u>, for identification. Gould set aside his paying work and at the next meeting, on 10 January, reported that the birds from the <u>Galápagos Islands</u> that Darwin had thought were <u>blackbirds</u>, "<u>gross-beaks</u>" and <u>finches</u> were actually "a series of ground Finches which are so peculiar [as to form] an entirely new group, containing 12 species." This story made the newspapers. [15][16]

"The sight of a feather in a peacock's tail, whenever I gaze at it, makes me sick!" wrote Charles Darwin in 1860, just a year after the publication of The Origin of Species.

"His problem was more basic: Since he believed that natural selection was driven by the challenges of finding food and avoiding being eaten, at first he simply could not understand what possible selective advantage a huge, cumbersome tail could provide to the bird. In fact, it should be a hindrance if a predator came by."

The plumage bothered Darwin so much, partly because birds lay at the heart of his thinking. The Galápagos islands' finches he collected during the early 1830s, led him towards his breakthrough: "Given the right conditions – geographic isolation, time – a single bird species could evolve into multiple new ones."

"Darwin – and Alfred Russel Wallace, who was personally familiar with the Asian haunts of peacocks and their game bird relatives – came to believe that certain of the bird's features (including its size, elaborate coloration, and spectacular display) provided another kind of selective advantage: **They helped attract mates**. Recent

research, however, suggests that the tail's huge size and prominent "eyespots" may also in fact intimidate predators, providing a survival advantage as well."

https://www.phaidon.com/agenda/photography/articles/2016/november/16/why-darwin-was-confused-by-

 $birds/\#:\sim: text=\%E2\%80\%9CThe\%20 sight\%20 of\%20 a\%20 feather, Evolution\%3A\%20 A\%20 Visual\%20 Record\%20 explains.$ 

Seeing this gradation and diversity of structure in one small, intimately related group of birds, one might really fancy that from an original paucity of birds in this archipelago, one species had been taken and modified for different ends.

#### **Charles Darwin**

"I have stated, that in the thirteen species of ground-finches, a nearly perfect gradation may be traced, from a beak extraordinarily thick, to one so fine, that it may be compared to that of a warbler."

— Charles Darwin, <u>Voyage of the Beagle</u>

## Ravens! You are more valuable than the birds!

- •Ravens are unclean, can't eat them
   Leviticus 11:13
- "Who prepares feed for the raven when it's young cry to God, [And] wander about without food?" - Job 38:41

#### **General Revelation**

Now God makes them serve Humans! As a scout/reconnaissance and bringer of food to Elijah

#### Job 38 God asks Job Who takes care of the Ravens?

[Job 38:41 NASB20] 41 "Who prepares feed for the raven When its young cry to God, [And] wander about without food?

[Mat 6:26 NASB20] 26 "Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather [crops] into barns, and [yet] your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more important than they?

[Luk 12:24 NASB20] 24 "<u>Consider the ravens</u>, that they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and [yet] God feeds them; how <u>much more valuable</u> <u>you are than the birds!</u>

[Pro 30:17 NASB20] 17 The eye that mocks a father And scorns a mother, The

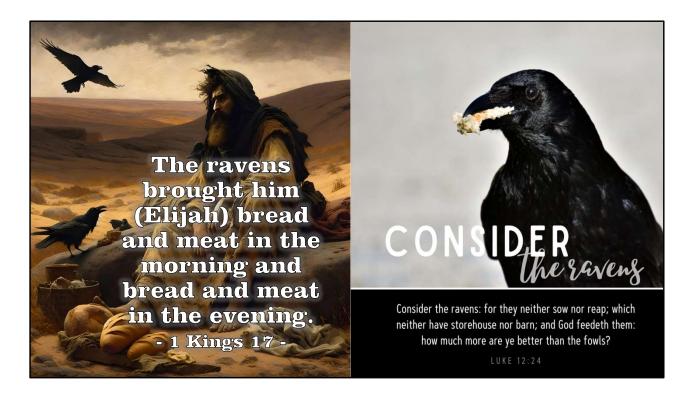
ravens of the valley will pick it out. And the young eagles will eat it.

[Isa 1:2-7 Listen, heavens, and hear, earth; For the LORD has spoken: "Sons I have raised and brought up, But they have revolted against Me. 3 "An ox knows its owner, And a donkey its master's manger, [But] Israel does not know, My people do not understand." 4 Oh, sinful nation, People weighed down with guilt, Offspring of evildoers, Sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned the LORD, They have despised the Holy One of Israel, They have turned away from Him. 5 Where will you be stricken again, [As] you continue in [your] rebellion? The entire head is sick And the entire heart is faint. 6 From the sole of the foot even to the head There is nothing healthy in it, [Only] bruises, slashes, and raw wounds; Not pressed out nor bandaged, Nor softened with oil. 7 Your land is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire; [As for] your fields, strangers are devouring them in front of you; It is desolation, as overthrown by strangers.

[Isa 34:11 NASB20] 11 But pelican and hedgehog will possess it, And owl and raven will dwell in it; And He will stretch over it the line of desolation And the plumb line of emptiness.

# Ravens! You are more valuable than the birds!

- "[It is] He who gives an animal its food, [And feeds] young ravens that cry." Psalm 147:9
- The eye that mocks a father and scorns a mother, the raven of the valley will pick it out.
  - **Proverbs 30:17**



Consider the Ravens! God feeds them! Are you not much more important than they?!

#### **Quit Worrying!**

[1Ki 17:1, 3 NASB20] 1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall certainly be neither dew nor rain [during] these years, except by my word." ... 3 "Go [away] from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.

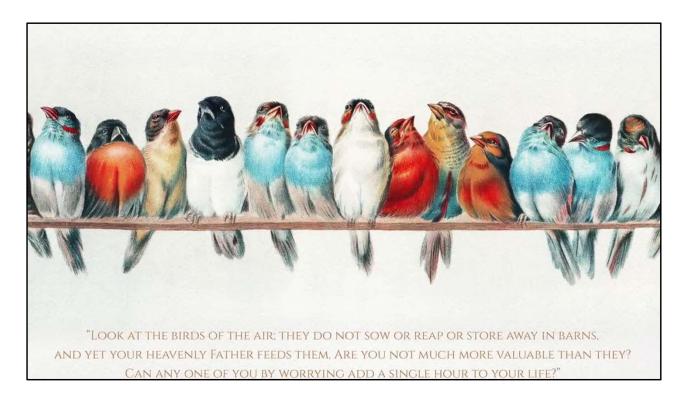
[1Ki 17:4-7 NASB20] 4 "And it shall be that you will drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide food for you there." 5 So he went and did [everything] according to the word of the LORD, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook. 7 But it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

## [Psa 147:9 NASB20] 9 [It is] He who gives an animal its food, [And feeds] young ravens that cry.

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[Luk 12:24 NASB20] 24 "Consider the ravens, that they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and [yet] God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!

[Luk 12:25-32 NASB20] 25 "And which of you by worrying can add a day to his life's span? 26 "Therefore if you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about the other things? 27 "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither labor nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. 28 "Now if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is [alive] today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more [will He clothe] you? You of little faith! 29 "And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. 30 "For all these things [are what] the nations of the world eagerly seek; and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 "But seek His kingdom, and these things will be provided to you. 32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father has chosen to give you the kingdom.



#### **Diversity in birds!**

Hummingbirds and Eagles, Ostriches and Penguins, Peacocks and crows, Talking birds like Parrots, Geese and Pigeons and Instinctive GPS!

Mat 6:26-30 NASB20] 26 "Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather [crops] into barns, and [yet] your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more important than they? 27 "And which of you by worrying can add a single day to his life's span? 28 "And why are you worried about clothing? Notice how the lilies of the field grow; they do not labor nor do they spin [thread for cloth,] 29 yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. 30 "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is [alive] today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, [will He] not much more [clothe] you? You of little faith!

Mat 10:29, 31 "Are two sparrows not sold for an assarion? And [yet] not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ... 31 "So do not fear; you are more valuable than a great number of sparrows.

[Luk 12:6-7 "Are five sparrows not sold for two assaria? And [yet] not one of them

has gone unnoticed in the sight of God. 7 "But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not fear; you are more valuable than a great number of sparrows.

Birds of a Feather flock together!

What do you see when you see Birds?

**Darwin saw Evolution!** 

#### **Partridges**

1 Samuel 26:20 talks about the king of Israel hunting a partridge in the mountains. This is probably the sand partridge, the most common partridge in the Middle East.

#### **Peacocks**

The peacock was, and still is, praised for its fine plumage. It was undoubtedly an ornamental bird 3000 years ago when it is mentioned in Scripture (1 Kings 10:22; 2 Chronicles 9:21) like it is today.

#### **Eagles**

Eagles are one of the most mentioned birds in Scripture, often used to symbolise strength and the character of God. In Psalm 103:5 God says He will renew our youth "like the eagles" and Isaiah 40:31 famously echoes this statement, saying He will renew our strength.

#### **Ostriches**

Ostriches were likely more common in Bible times than they are today. As mentioned in Job 39:13-18, the ostrich was famous for laying its eggs and going off without incubating them, letting the sun incubate them instead.

#### **Bitterns**

Isaiah 14:23 mentions bitterns—an aquatic bird similar to **storks**, ibises and cormorants—that will inhabit the desolate marshy areas. Zephaniah 2:14 also

mentions them, saying that they will roost on the ruins of Babylon.

Turtledoves and pigeons

These birds are referred to 66 times in the Old Testament and 11 times in the New Testament. In Matthew 3:16, the Holy Spirit descends "like a dove" onto Jesus.

**Sparrows** 

Jesus talks about sparrows in Matthew 10:29-31 to illustrate how valuable and loved God's children are, and how no detail goes unnoticed by our Creator.

Chickens

In the Gospels, a rooster crowing three times signified Peter's betrayal of Jesus (Matthew 26:47). Jesus also likens Himself to a mother hen who gathers chicks under her wings in Matthew 23:37.

**Ravens** 

Some translations use the word "ravens" in Jesus' sermon on the mount (Luke 12:24; Matthew 6:26,27), describing how they "neither sow nor reap". In Genesis, Noah sends out a raven to check for any vegetation on the earth (Genesis 8:7), and it is ravens who bring food to Elijah during the great drought (1 Kings 17:6).

Owls, Vultures, (the list goes on)

Leviticus 11 features the most comprehensive list of birds in the Bible, differentiated as clean or unclean foods. Verse 13 mentions vultures, kites, ravens, six kinds of owl, gulls, hawks, cormorants, storks, herons and even bats! The strange inclusion of the bat is likely because the Israelites didn't use our modern zoological classifications and identified it as a bird. After all, it flies, does it not?

#### 25 Birds in the Bible

Bat – Leviticus 11:19

Cormorant – Leviticus 11:17, Isaiah 34:11

Crane – Isaiah 38:14, Jeremiah 8:7

Desert Owl – Psalm 102:6

**Dove** – Genesis 8:8-12, Psalm 55:6, Song of Solomon 6:9, Isaiah 38:14, Matthew 10:16, Mark 1:10, John 1:32

**Eagle** – Leviticus 11:13, Exodus 19:4, Deuteronomy 32:11, Job 39:27, Psalm 103:5, Isaiah 40:31, Jeremiah 48:40, Jeremiah 49:16, Hosea 8:1, Obadiah 1:4, Luke 17:37, Revelation 4:7

Great Owl – Leviticus 11:17, Deuteronomy 14:16, Isaiah 34:15

**Hawk** – Leviticus 11:16, Job 39:26

**Hen** – Matthew 23:37

Heron – Leviticus 11:19

Kite – Leviticus 11:14, Deuteronomy 14:13

Osprey (Gier Eagle) – Leviticus 11:18

Owl – Leviticus 11:17, Deuteronomy 14:16, Job 30:29, Isaiah 13:21, Isaiah 34:11-15, Jeremiah 50:39, Micah 1:8

Partridge – 1 Samuel 26:20, Jeremiah 17:11

**Pelican** – Leviticus 11:18, Psalm 102:6

Pigeon – Genesis 15:9, Leviticus 1:14, Luke 2:24

**Quail** – Exodus 16:13, Number 11:31-32, Psalm 105:40

**Raven** – Genesis 8:7, Isaiah 34:11, 1 Kings 17:6, Luke 12:24

Rooster – Matthew 26:34, Matthew 26:74-75

Screech Owl – Isaiah 34:14

#### As Harmless as a Dove!

- Doves are pure, "white", humble, innocent, and beautiful
- Doves are also vegetarians and feed on fruits, plants, and seeds.
- Given as sacrifice! Leviticus 1:14, 12:6-8, 15:14; Luke 2:22-24; John 2:16

Mourning doves, extremely loyal as they mate with their partner for life.

Mary and Joseph were poor and dedicated Jesus with turtledoves!

the raven representing vice (and, in his version, never returning as it is comfortable in the destroyed world) while the dove represents virtue (hence must return as it cannot bear to live among the remnants of such havoc).

Ravens are ruthless, kill other baby birds, Dove are harmless

24 It seems to be proper to send doves after a raven for the purpose because doves "feed almost entirely on vegetable matter such as seeds, acorns, grains and fruits." 25 It would be difficult for doves to find food on the earth after the Flood

significant that the olive leaf is mentioned, since it is well known that this is one of the hardiest of all plants and would be one of the first to sprout again from such a cutting after the Flood."26 In addition, the dove did not bring back "a

withered leaf, nor the one that had been floating on the water, but 'a freshly plucked' leaf."

Doves have been known for their strong homing instinct from great distances and have been utilized for it since ancient days.30 Therefore, the final dove's failure to return seems to have been a proof that she found an environment in which she could get better food than in the Ark

If your offering to the LORD is a burnt offering of birds, you shall choose your offering from turtledoves or pigeons. (Leviticus 1:14).

On the eighth day he shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons and come before the LORD to the entrance of the tent of meeting and give them to the priest. (Leviticus 15:14); (Numbers 6:10).

6 When the days of her purification are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting a lamb in its first year for a burnt offering, and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering. 7 He shall offer it before the LORD, and make atonement on her behalf; then she shall be clean from her flow of blood. This is the law for her who bears a child, male or female. 8 If she cannot afford a sheep, she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement on her behalf, and she shall be clean. (Leviticus 12:6-8).

Lk.2;22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

(Luke 2:22-24).

Jn.2:16 He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" (John 2:16).

Above all, we know that the Holy Spirit appeared like

a dove at Jesus' baptism recorded in all four gospels:

Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22 and John 1:32-34.

Doves live in every continent except Antarctica. Ravens too Female doves typically lay two eggs at a time.

Homing pigeons used to carry messages during war, and had an impressive delivery success rate of 95%.

2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:2-4).

[Mat 10:16 NASB20] 16 "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be as wary as serpents, and as innocent as doves.

### As Harmless as a Dove!

- Same family as Pigeons; Strong homing sense!
- Harmless as Doves! Matthew 10:16 Not in the Movie "The Birds"
- Doves descended on Jesus/baptism and at Pentecost!



## Death satisfies God's wrath, New life from a branch

- Genesis 8:11 And the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, in its beak was a fresh olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was low on the earth.
  - Dove, restless. Was Noah watching/waiting?
  - · Dove with a live olive branch
  - Dove didn't return, glad to be out of there!

ONLY Death satisfies Gods wrath! Yours or His sons!

the olive tree is a multi-branched evergreen

Revelation 11:4, where the **two witnesses are represented as two olive trees**.

parable of Jotham in Judges 9:8–9: "One day the trees went out to anoint a king for themselves. They said to the olive tree, 'Be our king.' But the olive tree answered, 'Should I give up my oil, by which both gods and humans are honored, to hold sway over the trees?""

In the ancient Near East, olive trees were an essential source of food (Nehemiah 9:25), lamp oil (Exodus 27:20), medicine (Isaiah 1:6; Luke 10:34), anointing oil (1 Samuel 10:1; 2 Kings 9:3), sacrificial oil (Leviticus 2:4; Genesis 28:18), and wood for furniture (1 Kings 6:23, 31–33).

The apostle Paul makes use of this imagery to teach a lesson to Gentile believers in Romans 11:17–24.

It is not mere coincidence that Christ's agonized prayer, just before His arrest, occured in <u>Gethsemane</u>, a place of many olive trees and whose name means "olive press."

Jesus Christ, Israel's Messiah, is the root of Jesse, or the root of the cultivated olive tree.

[Psa 52:8-9 NASB20] 8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the faithfulness of God forever and ever. 9 I will praise You forever, because You have done [it,] And I will wait on Your name, for [it is] good, in the presence of Your godly ones.





## An Olive branch - the symbol of Peace

- We need **Peace with God!** We are/were at war with Him!
- We need the Peace of God. Peace within ourselves
- We need **Peace from God**, global relational peace.

[Isa 48:22 NASB20] 22 "There is no peace for the wicked," says the LORD.

[Isa 57:21 NASB20] 21 "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

[Jer 6:14 NASB20] 14 "They have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, Saying, 'Peace, peace,' But there is no peace.

[Jer 8:11 NASB20] 11 "They have healed the brokenness of the daughter of My people superficially, Saying, 'Peace, peace,' But there is no peace.

[Jer 12:12 NASB20] 12 "On all the bare heights in the wilderness Destroyers have come, For the sword of the LORD is devouring From one end of the land even to the other; There is no peace for anyone.

[Eze 13:10, 16 NASB20] 10 "It is definitely because they have misled My people by saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace. And when anyone builds a wall, behold, they plaster it over with whitewash; ... 16 [along with] the prophets of Israel who prophesy to Jerusalem, and who see a vision of peace for her when there is no peace,' declares the Lord GOD.

Rom 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His

<u>life</u>.

Eph 2:12-17 [remember] that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the people of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who previously were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both [groups into] one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the hostility, [which is] the Law [composed] of commandments [expressed] in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two one new person, [in this way] establishing peace; 16 and that He might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the hostility. 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;

[Col 1:20 NASB20] 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

[Luk 12:51 NASB20] 51 "Do you think that I came to provide peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division;

[Heb 12:14 NASB20] 14 Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

[Jhn 14:27 NASB20] 27 "Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful.

[Jhn 16:33 NASB20] 33 "These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

[Phl 4:7 NASB20] 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

[Col 3:15 NASB20] 15 Let the peace of Christ, to which you were indeed called in one

body, rule in your hearts; and be thankful.



- •All 3 types of Peace are possible ONLY in Jesus' blood!
- "There is no peace for the wicked"
  - Isaiah 48:22, 57:21



[Gen 8:18-22 NASB20] 18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife, and his sons' wives with him. 19 Every animal, every crawling thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark. 20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took some of every [kind of] clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 The LORD smelled the soothing aroma, 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; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. 22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease."

Lessons learned;

General revelation!

What do you see? Evolution or Creation?

Wait on God, be patient

But Be expecting! Noah waiting for the Doves return

A predator black bird that ate dead things and a bird that was harmless and

white

The Dove shows Gods blessing: Jesus' baby dedication, offering of turtledoves, Jesus' baptism

Consider the Raven - God even cares for him

Nevermore! The lost/judged have NO Hope!

much more valuable you are than the birds!

You of little faith! Stop Worrying

Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father has chosen to give you the kingdom Lk.12

Patience! Noah was ready/excited for the next step!

Peace! Peace with God before peace OF God

Priority of Man! Luke 12:24 You are more important!

Psa 55:6 NASB20] 6 I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

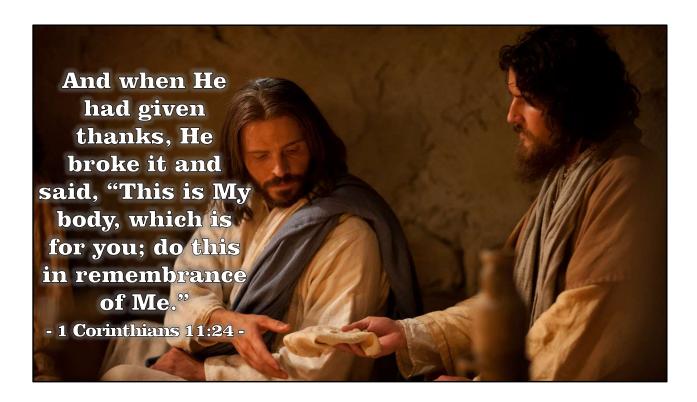
[Sng 2:14 NASB20] 14 The Groom "My dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the hiding place of the mountain pathway, Let me see how you look, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is pleasant, And you look delightful."

[Isa 38:14 NASB20] 14 "Like a swallow, [like] a crane, so I twitter; I moan like a dove; My eyes look wistfully to the heights; Lord, I am oppressed, be my security.

[Mat 3:16 NASB20] 16 After He was baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove [and] settling on Him,

[Luk 3:22 NASB20] 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well pleased."





God said he would remember US!

He asks us to Remember Him!

