



# The Book of GENESIS

## Chapter 8

### “Noah & The New World!”

➤ Who falls under the “JUDGMENT OF GOD”? Answer: Romans 1:16 – 2:11

➤ Three Lessons from God:

> Lesson #1 – God says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you!” (Heb. 13:5)

(v1a) *“Then God remembered Noah”* – Warren Wiresbe writes, *“To remember”* implies a previous commitment made by God and announces the fulfillment of that commitment. Noah, his family, and the animals had been together in the ark for over a year, which is a lot of “togetherness.” The word *“remember”* means *“to pay attention to, to fulfill a promise and act on behalf of somebody.”* For example, God's promise *“and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more”* (Hebrews 10:17) means that God doesn't hold our sins against us and treat us as sinners. Certainly God knows what we've done; but because of our faith in Jesus Christ, our sins are “forgotten.” God deals with us as though our sins had never been committed! The Lord remembers them against us no more!

(v1b) *“God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.”*

(v2-3) The word *“windows”* in Hebrew mean *FLOODGATES*.

> Lesson #2 – God says, “Come and Rest” (v4-14)

- Jesus also said in Matthew 11:28-30 – *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*

- **Remember** Noah was called by God to *“COME INTO THE ARK”* (Genesis 7:1); in the same manner Jesus came to save us, *“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”* (Luke 5:32)

- All are called to “come” to God’s salvation through Jesus Christ! - John 3:16-17 - *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. Have you answered the call? Do you believe? Have you come to Christ personally for salvation? Are you saved?*

~ OBSERVE THE FLOOD CHRONOLOGY:

1. In the 600th year of Noah (second month, tenth day), Noah entered the ark (Gen. 7:4,10,11).

2. In the 600th year of Noah (second month, seventeenth day), the flood began (Gen. 7:11).

3. The waters flooded the earth for 150 days (5 months of 30 days each), including the 40 days and 40 nights of rain (Gen. 7:12,17,24; 8:1).

4. In the 600th year of Noah (seventh month, seventh day), the waters began to recede (7:24; 8:1).

5. The waters later receded to the point that (600th year, seventh month, seventeenth day) the ark rested on Ararat (Gen. 8:3,4).

6. The waters continued to abate so that (600th year, tenth month, first day) the tops of the mountains were visible (Gen. 8:5).

7. Forty days later (600th year, eleventh month, tenth day) Noah sent out a raven and a dove (Gen. 8:6). Over the next 14 days, Noah sent out two more doves (Gen. 8:10,12). In all, this took 61 days or two months and one day.

8. By Noah's 601st year on the first month, the first day, the water had dried up (Gen. 8:12,13).

9. Noah waited one month and twenty-six days before he disembarked in the second month, the 27th day of his 601st year. From beginning to end, the Flood lasted one year and ten days from Gen. 7:11 to Gen. 8:14.

*~ PHYSICAL CHANGES AFTER THE FLOOD: (by Dr. Henry Morris)*

1 – The oceans were much more extensive, since they now contained all the waters which once were “above the firmament” and in the subterranean reservoirs of the “great deep.”

2 – The land areas were much less extensive than before the Flood, with a much greater portion of its surface uninhabitable for this reason.

3 – The thermal vapor blanket had been dissipated, so that strong temperature differentials were inaugurated, leading to a gradual buildup of snow and ice in the polar latitudes, rendering much of the extreme northern and southern land surfaces also essentially uninhabitable.

4 – Mountain ranges uplifted after the Flood emphasized the more rugged topography of the postdiluvian continents, with many of these regions also becoming unfit for human habitation.

5 – Winds and storms, rains and snows, were possible now, thus rendering the total environment less congenial to man and animals than had once been the case.

6 – The environment was also more hostile because of harmful radiation from space, no longer filtered out by the vapor canopy, resulting (along with other contributing environmental factors) in gradual reduction in human longevity after the Flood.

7 – Tremendous glaciers, rivers and lakes existed for a time, with the world only gradually approaching its present state of semiaridity.

8 – Because of the tremendous physiographic and isostatic movements generated by the collapse of the subterranean caverns and the post-Flood uplifts, the crust of the earth was in a state of general instability, reflected in recurrent volcanic and seismic activity all over the world for many centuries and continuing in some degree even to the present.

9 – The lands were barren of vegetation, until such time as plant life could be reestablished through the sprouting of seeds and cuttings buried beneath the surface.

10 – There is even a possibility that the earth's rotation speeded up by about 1.5 percent if the year was really 360 days long.

## > Lesson #3 – God says, “Witness and Worship!” (v15-22)

(v15-16) Notice that Noah was not presumptuous, he did not leave the ark until God said, “GO!”

- Believers are also called to “GO” and preach the gospel! Jesus said in Mark 16:15-16 - “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” ***The GOSPEL IS THE JOYOUS GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST!***

- Paul, the apostle wrote in Romans 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*And in Titus 3:3-7 - For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

(v17-19) Noah’s witness of faith is found in 1 Peter 3:18-22 - *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us — baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.*

(v20) Noah’s first deed is an act of worship, in Romans 12:1-2 - *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

(v21) God promises not to destroy mankind like this again; yet he declares a frightening truth that “*the imagination of man’s is evil from his youth.*”

(v22) God confirms His provisions – “*Seedtime and harvest*”

God confirms the change in weather – “*Cold and heat, winter and summer*”

God confirms “*day and night shall not cease*”

> **Conclusion: Present—Past—Future - 2 Peter 3:1-18 (Go for God!)**