

**What are some repeated words
or phrases in these chapters?**

- **How did Noah know what animals were clean and unclean, mentioned in 7:2? Where in the bible are clean and unclean animals described?**
 - Sacrificial system was established years before it was codified in Leviticus just like the 66 authoritative letters existed before it was codified in 397AD at the council of Carthage.
 - It shows us that God provided a plan for sinners to be reconciled to God from the beginning. He provided a way of escape and gave hope as soon as they were cursed.
 - In 7:2,3 God required every clean animal to have seven pairs and for unclean animals to only have one pair.
 - In 8:20 Noah sacrificed clean animals as soon as they exited the ark, as a burnt offering to the Lord.

- **How many years went by from the time when God told Noah to build the ark until the flood came?**
 - Noah had children when he was 500 years old.
 - The flood came when he was 600 years old.
 - Noah took between 80 to 100 years to build the ark.
 - 1 Peter 3:20
 - ²⁰ who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

- **Why are there so many descriptions of the exact timing of everything? What do you think is the significance of these dates?**

1. “In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day...” (7:11)
2. “The waters prevailed 150 days...” (7:24)
3. “In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day...” (8:4)
4. “In the tenth month...” (8:5)
5. “After forty days...” (8:6)
6. “In the six hundred and first year...” (8:13)

- God is precise with His instructions on how we will be saved and live.
- The second judgment also is described with detailed timing.
- The details support the validity of the historical event of the flood.

- Sir Williams Ramsay--
 - “I began with a mind unfavorable to it... but more and more I found myself brought into contact with the accuracy of the New Testament.”
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2EA37Bn1V8>



- **What does it mean that God remembered Noah in 8:1?**

- He did not forget His covenant He made to save mankind.
- When we are called to remember we are called to be faithful to our covenant with God.

- **What mountain did the ark finally rest on? (8:4). Where is that in current world geography?**

- Mountains of Ararat and not mountain.
- It's located in Turkey.

- **God was so clear about how to build the ark and what to collect and bring into the ark. Yet when it was time to exit the ark Noah had to send out ravens and doves to see if it was safe to exit?**
- **Why do you think God didn't give specific instructions after the flood?**

- **Noah built an altar and offered up burnt offerings once they exited the ark in 8:20. Where in the bible was burnt offering described and instructed in the bible?**
- Sacrifices teach us
 - Sin requires death. (life for life)
 - God has provided a way to live.
 - Blood atonement is necessary for life. (without the shedding of blood etc.)

Study Questions for chapter 9

1. What are some repeated words or phrases in this chapter?
2. Why did all of creation begin to fear man after the Noahic flood?
3. What is the essence of the Noahic Covenant? Who or what is named in the Covenant?
4. What exactly was Ham's sin that incurred the judgment on him and his descendants?
5. Who are the descendants of Ham, Shem and Japheth?

Discussion Questions for Gen. 7,8

1. What does the account of the flood teach us about God?
2. Noah spent years building the ark before seeing any rain. When have you had to obey God when the reasons weren't immediately clear? What sustained your faith during that time?
3. In what way is the period that we are living in similar to that of the time of Noah before the flood?
4. What are we to engage in to prepare for Jesus' second coming?
5. Noah's first act after leaving the ark was to build an altar and worship. How important is corporate worship in your life? Is it something you value highly or is it something you do out of habit?