

STUDYING THE BIBLE

QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK:

- First
 - What is the main point of each part?
 - How do parts make a whole?
 - Can a main point be stated in one word, phrase, image or verse?
 - Does it only come from content and/or structure of text as a whole?
- Second
 - Why do you think this passage was included in this book?
 - What could have been the text's purpose or function for original authors and audience?
- Third
 - What claims did the text make in relation to the audience?
 - What response did the author desire?
 - How could the text have affected its original audience?
- Then ask these:
 - What repeated words, ideas, images may indicate the structure and theme?
 - Is there a dominating idea, metaphor or theme?
 - Does text's structure signify an emphasis? Is it in the center of text?
 - Is an inclusion present?
 - Are there contrasts?
 - Does the beginning or ending of the text contain clues about the main point?
 - Are there relationships or connections throughout the text that may reveal the purpose of the text?



HERMENEUTICS & EXEGESIS

- Exegesis comes from Greek word that means “to lead out”
 - Pulling definition OUT of text
 - Involves: study of grammar, study of terminology, identification of author, literary features, study of historical data and theological implications
 - Who, What, When, Where, Why
- Hermeneutics INVOLVES exegesis, but it is not only that.
 - Hermeneutics is the art and science of interpreting scripture, but
 - also involves study of techniques and principles
 - Theories, methods, processes, principles
- Exegesis is guided by hermeneutics



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GENESIS 7:11-24 (CSB)

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the sources of the vast watery depths burst open, the floodgates of the sky were opened, **12** and the rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. **13** On that same day Noah and his three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, entered the ark, along with Noah's wife and his three sons' wives. **14** They entered it with all the wildlife according to their kinds, all livestock according to their kinds, all the creatures that crawl on the earth according to their kinds, every flying creature—all the birds and every winged creature—according to their kinds. **15** Two of every creature that has the breath of life in it came to Noah and entered the ark. **16** Those that entered, male and female of every creature, entered just as God had commanded him. Then the Lord shut him in. **17** The flood continued for forty days on the earth; the water increased and lifted up the ark so that it rose above the earth. **18** The water surged and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. **19** Then the water surged even higher on the earth, and all the high mountains under the whole sky were covered. **20** The mountains were covered as the water surged above them more than twenty feet. **21** Every creature perished—those that crawl on the earth, birds, livestock, wildlife, and those that swarm on the earth, as well as all mankind. **22** Everything with the breath of the spirit of life in its nostrils—everything on dry land died. **23** He wiped out every living thing that was on the face of the earth, from mankind to livestock, to creatures that crawl, to the birds of the sky, and they were wiped off the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark. **24** And the water surged on the earth 150 days.

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GENESIS 7:11-24 (NLT)

11 When Noah was 600 years old, on the seventeenth day of the second month, all the underground waters erupted from the earth, and the rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky. **12** The rain continued to fall for forty days and forty nights. **13** That very day Noah had gone into the boat with his wife and his sons—Shem, Ham, and Japheth—and their wives. **14** With them in the boat were pairs of every kind of animal—domestic and wild, large and small—along with birds of every kind. **15** Two by two they came into the boat, representing every living thing that breathes. **16** A male and female of each kind entered, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord closed the door behind them. **17** For forty days the floodwaters grew deeper, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the earth. **18** As the waters rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat floated safely on the surface. **19** Finally, the water covered even the highest mountains on the earth, **20** rising more than twenty-two feet above the highest peaks. **21** All the living things on earth died—birds, domestic animals, wild animals, small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the people. **22** Everything that breathed and lived on dry land died. **23** God wiped out every living thing on the earth—people, livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and the birds of the sky. All were destroyed. The only people who survived were Noah and those with him in the boat. **24** And the floodwaters covered the earth for 150 days.

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GENESIS 7:11-24 (NASB)

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second 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. **12** The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. **13** On this very same day Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark, **14** they and every animal according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kind, and every crawling thing that crawls on the earth according to its kind, and every bird according to its kind, all sorts of birds. **15** So they went into the ark to Noah, by twos of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. **16** Those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered as God had commanded him; and the Lord closed the door behind him. **17** Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth. **18** The water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. **19** And the water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. **20** The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered. **21** So all creatures that moved on the earth perished: birds, livestock, animals, and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; **22** of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died. **23** So He wiped out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from mankind to animals, to crawling things, and the birds of the sky, and they were wiped out from the earth; and only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark. **24** The water prevailed upon the earth for 150 days.

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GENESIS 7:11-24 (ESV)

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. **12** And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. **13** On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, **14** they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. **15** They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. **16** And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in. **17** The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. **18** The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. **19** And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. **20** The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. **21** And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. **22** Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. **23** He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. **24** And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

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GENESIS 7:11-24 (1599 GENEVA BIBLE)

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, in the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened, **12** And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. **13** In the selfsame day entered Noah with Shem, and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them into the Ark. **14** They and every beast after his kind, and all cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth and moveth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, even every bird of every feather. **15** For they came to Noah into the Ark, two and two, of all flesh wherein is the breath of life. **16** And they entering in, came male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in. **17** Then the flood was forty days upon the earth, and the waters were increased, and bare up the Ark, which was lifted up above the earth. **18** The waters also waxed strong, and were increased exceedingly upon the earth, and the Ark went upon the waters. **19** The waters prevailed so exceedingly upon the earth, that all the high mountains, that are under the whole heaven, were covered. **20** Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail, when the mountains were covered. **21** Then all flesh perished that moved upon the earth, both fowl and cattle and beast, and everything that creepeth and moveth upon the earth, and every man. **22** Everything in whose nostrils the spirit of life did breathe, whatsoever they were in the dry land, they died. **23** So he destroyed everything that was upon the earth, from man to beast, to the creeping thing, and to the fowl of the heaven: they were even destroyed from the earth. And Noah only remained, and they that were with him in the Ark. **24** And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

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GENESIS 7:11-24 (NKJV)

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. **12** And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. **13** On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark— **14** they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort. **15** And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life. **16** So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. **17** Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. **18** The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. **19** And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. **20** The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. **21** And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. **22** All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. **23** So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive. **24** And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

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GENESIS 7:11-24 (MSG)

11-12 It was the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month that it happened: all the underground springs erupted and all the windows of Heaven were thrown open. Rain poured for forty days and forty nights. **13-16** That's the day Noah and his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, accompanied by his wife and his sons' wives, boarded the ship. And with them every kind of wild and domestic animal, right down to all the kinds of creatures that crawl and all kinds of birds and anything that flies. They came to Noah and to the ship in pairs—everything and anything that had the breath of life in it, male and female of every creature came just as God had commanded Noah. Then God shut the door behind him. **17-23** The flood continued forty days and the waters rose and lifted the ship high over the Earth. The waters kept rising, the flood deepened on the Earth, the ship floated on the surface. The flood got worse until all the highest mountains were covered—the high-water mark reached twenty feet above the crest of the mountains. Everything died. Anything that moved—dead. Birds, farm animals, wild animals, the entire teeming exuberance of life—dead. And all people—dead. Every living, breathing creature that lived on dry land died; he wiped out the whole works—people and animals, crawling creatures and flying birds, every last one of them, gone. Only Noah and his company on the ship lived. **24** The floodwaters took over for 150 days.

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GENESIS 7:11-24 (AMP) PT.1

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month, on that same day all the fountains of the great deep [subterranean waters] burst open, and the windows and floodgates of the heavens were opened. 12 It rained on the earth for forty days and forty nights. 13 On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark, 14 they and every animal according to its kind, all the livestock according to their kinds, every moving thing that crawls on the earth according to its kind, and every bird according to its kind, every winged thing of every sort. 15 So they went into the ark with Noah, two by two of all living beings in which there was the breath and spirit of life. 16 Those which entered, male and female of all flesh (creatures), entered as God had commanded Noah; and the Lord closed the door behind him. 17 The flood [the great downpour of rain] was forty days and nights on the earth; and the waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it floated [high] above the land. 18 The waters became mighty and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the waters. 19 The waters prevailed so greatly and were so mighty and overwhelming on the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. 20 [In fact] the waters became [c]fifteen cubits higher [than the highest ground], and the mountains were covered. 21 All living beings that moved on the earth perished—birds and cattle (domestic animals), [wild] animals, all things that swarm and crawl on the earth, and all mankind. 22 Everything on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath and spirit of life, died. 23 God destroyed (blotted out, wiped away) every living



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GENESIS 7:11-24 (AMP) PT. 2

thing that was on the surface of the earth; man and animals and the crawling things and the birds of the heavens were destroyed from the land. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive. 24 The waters covered [all of] the earth for a hundred and fifty days (five months).

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GENESIS 7:11-24 (KJV)

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. **12** And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. **13** In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; **14** They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. **15** And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. **16** And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in. **17** And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. **18** And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. **19** And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. **20** Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. **21** And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: **22** All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. **23** And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. **24** And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

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GENESIS 7:11-24 (NIV)

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. **12** And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. **13** On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. **14** They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. **15** Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. **16** The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord shut him in. **17** For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. **18** The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. **19** They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. **20** The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits. **21** Every living thing that moved on land perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. **22** Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. **23** Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. **24** The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.