

THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS...

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A church service scene with a person at a podium and a large circular graphic overlay. The background shows a church interior with a person at a podium, a large circular graphic overlay, and a church interior with a person at a podium. The text is centered and reads "I WILL WORSHIP WHILE I'M WAITING".

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Genesis 8

8:1 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. 2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, 3 and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated, 4 and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. 5 And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

8:6 At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made 7 and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. 8 Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. 9 But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. 10 He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. 11 And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. 12 Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

8:13 In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. 14 In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. 15 Then God said to Noah, 16 “Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. 17 Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” 18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. 19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. 22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

I. God remembered

Noah.

Gen. 8:1-5

>>>Promises

>>>People

Bible	(Date on the lunar calendar) Events and activities	Length of time mentioned	Running total of days
7:6-10	Noah gathered the animals onto the Ark and waited.	7 days	0 days on board
7:11-16	(2 nd month, 17 th day) Rain began to fall, so Noah entered the Ark with his family.	Heavy rain for 40 days	40 days on board the Ark
7:17-24	The waters swelled on the earth until all of the mountains were covered and all the land creatures and people had died.	150 days	150 days on the Ark
8:1-4	(7 th month, 17 th day) God sends a wind and stops the water and rain. The Ark runs aground at Ararat.	The end of 150 days	150 days (<i>same as above</i>)
8:5	(10 th month, 1 st day) The waters keep receding and the mountain tops appear.	No length of time mentioned	220 days (29.53 x 8 - 16)
8:6-9	Noah sent out a raven and then a dove, but both return to the Ark unsuccessful.	40 days	260 days
8:10-11	Noah sends out the dove again and it brings back an olive branch.	7 days later	267 days
8:12	Noah sent out the dove and it did not return to the Ark.	7 days later	274 days
8:13	(1 st month, 1 st day) Noah removed the Ark's covering and saw dry ground.	No length of time mentioned	309 days (29.53 x 11 - 16)
8:14-20	(2 nd month, 27 th day) The earth had dried out sufficiently and Noah left the Ark with all of the animals.	No length of time mentioned	A total of 364 days on board (29.53 x 12 + 10)

GOD IS COMMITTED TO HIS COVENANT COMMUNITY OF FAITH

I. God remembered Noah. Gen. 8:1-5

>>>He made the wind blow.

>>>The mountain tops were seen.

II. Noah worshipped God. 8:6-22

“The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:23-24

II. Noah worshipped God. 8:6-22

>>>He opened the window.

>>>He removed the covering.



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>>>He removed the covering.

>>>He built an altar.

APPLICATION:

- 1. It is easy to feel closed off from God's mind right now. He remembers you!**
- 2. It is difficult to minister right now, but if we are prayerfully innovative our sacrifice of service will make a difference.**

sermon in a single verse

“And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ““You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.””

(Luke 4:8)