

God Remembers Noah

Genesis Chapter 8

1) NOAH IS REMEMBERED vs 1-3

Gen 8:1 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.

- Remembered ...didn't forget .. but began to change circumstances on Noah's behalf
- Wind ...New element after vapor canopy had collapses. Varying temperatures on Earth causing currents and other changes in weather

Gen 8:2 Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained;

Gen 8:3 and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of one hundred and fifty days the water decreased.

20 NOAH TESTS THE WATERS vs 4-12

Gen 8:4 In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.

- 5 Months in ark ...the ark rested (Noahed "nuwach") (Stopped Moving)
- Henry Morris - 07/17 Jewish Civil Calendar 7th changed to 1st month on Jewish Religious Calendar Passover on 14th of 1st month Rose 3 days later on the 17th
- Ararat ...Spoke before concerning sightings and finding the Ark. The Account of Noah is one that shows us great faith. Noah believed God with out ever seeing rain or a massive destroying flood. Yet he acted on the Word of God. Finding the ark would not or should not build my faith. My faith should be just as confident whether the ark is found or lost to us forever.

Gen 8:5 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.

- 16 days shy of 8 Months ... Tops of Mountains visible (Thru Windows at top of Ark)

Gen 8:6 Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made;

- 7 days shy of 9 Months ...Noah opened the window

Gen 8:7 and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth.

- Raven ...Unclean animal (a scavenger) ...Man's attempt at finding God's will

Gen 8:8 Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land;

Gen 8:9 but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark, for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and brought her into the ark to himself.

Gen 8:10 So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark.

- 9 Months

Gen 8:11 The dove came to him toward evening, and behold, in her beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth.

Gen 8:12 Then he waited yet another seven days, and sent out the dove; but she did not return to him again.

- All 4 Gospels (Mt 3; Mk 1; Lk 3; Jn 1) speak of the Holy Spirit descending like a Dove
- Doves used in sacrifice Lev 5:7 12:6
- Doves are emblems for Love, Peace, Gentleness,
- This is how we are to be led By Love or Peace

Gen 8:13 **3) NOAH TAKES A LOOK** vs 13-19

Now it came about in the six hundred and first year, in the first {month,} on the first of the month, 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 was dried up.

- 16 days shy of 11 months ...removed covering, Looked and all was dry

Gen 8:14 In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

Gen 8:15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

Gen 8:16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

Gen 8:17 "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

Gen 8:18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

Gen 8:19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark.

- 1 year and 10 days Noah, his family and all the animals left the ark
- All was destroyed 2 Peter 3:6 "That world that was then ...perished"
- Changes
 - Oceans Bigger
 - Land area smaller
 - Vapor blanket gone temperature variance, Polar caps forming,
 - Mountain ranges
 - Wind, Rain, Storms, Snow
 - Harmful radiation (shorter life span)
 - Settling of soil causes many earthquakes and tidal waves
- A long time that it seemed he could have left but he waited for the voice of the Lord To tell him to leave the ark.
- Be Fruitful and multiply ...remembering Genesis 1:28

Gen 8:20 **4) NOAH BUILDS AN ALTAR** vs 20-22

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

- First act off the Ark = Worship
- First mention of an Altar (might be implied w/ Cain & Abel)
- Alter = a place of worship, cost, remembrance
 - Worship ...Focus is the Awesome God not man's sacrifice ...everything is His
 - Cost ...risks extinction of clean animals in sacrifice.

2 Samuel 24:17-24 "And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house. And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite. And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded. And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people. And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what [seemeth] good unto him: behold, [here be] oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and [other] instruments of the oxen for wood. All these [things] did Araunah, [as] a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee. And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy [it] of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel."

- Remembrance
 - ... Abraham builds alters and calls on the Name of the Lord
 - ...Moses builds altars Ex 17:15 jehovahnissi (Banner)
 - ...Joshua sets 12 stones after crossing the Jordan

...Ruben & Gad build an altar
 ...Gideon Builds and alter Judges 6:24
 ...Saul & David Built altars
 ...Manassah Repairs the altar at the end of his life 2 Chron 33
 ...In Ezekeil the Messenger by the river gave dimentions for the altar
 ...We have an altar JESUS Hebrew 10:6 *"We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle."*

Gen 8:21 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.

- Smelled ... more like "His presence was so real I could just about taste it"
- Burning flesh is not the soothing aroma but a broken and contrite heart
- Psalm 51:17 *"The sacrifices of God are a broken and a contrite Heart, O God , Thou wilt not despise."*
- Psalm 34:18 *"The Lord is nigh them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."*
- Contrite= crushed collapsed Broken= wrecked, shattered, crippled
- OT speaks of sacrifice and God even calls for them at times. Yet there are times in Jeremiah and Hosea that God will not receive them.
- NT Gospels and Hebrews gives proper perspective of sacrifice
Sacrifice Not for Demanding God but from a Grateful Disciple
- Mark 12:33 *"And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love [his] neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."*

Gen 8:22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease."

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