

Genesis Chapter Eight

The Ark Lands

Genesis 8:1

“Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.”

God Remembered Noah

- God certainly did not forget Noah but was merciful to him by delivering him through the destructive forces of the Flood.
- **Anthropomorphism**: Attributing of human characteristics to God.
- God in remembering Noah is an example of how God is **faithful to His word** to save Noah and his family.
- “But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark — you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.”-**Genesis 6:1**

- “**God remembered Abraham**, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.”-**Genesis 19:29**
- “Then **God remembered Rachel**, and God listened to her and opened her womb.”-**Genesis 30:22**
- “So God heard their groaning, and **God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob**.-**Exodus 2:23-24**

God Made A Wind

- The word for “Wind” is “*ruach*” which can mean wind, breath or spirit, but literally means an invisible force.
- It is the same word as in Genesis Chapter One where God’s Spirit (*ruach*) moved upon the face of the waters energizing creation.
- It is a supernatural outpouring of God’s Spirit to dry the earth so Noah and his family could leave the ark.

Genesis 8:2-3

“The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.”

The Floodwaters Recede

- God stopped the waters from heaven and the fountains from the deep from producing water.
- The water kept running to the lower parts of the earth as the mountains were rising up.
- It took 150 days for the water to recede enough so that the ark could land upon the mountains.

The Waters Receded Continually



The Grand Canyon



Columbia River Gorge

Genesis 8:4

“Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.”

The Mountains Of Ararat

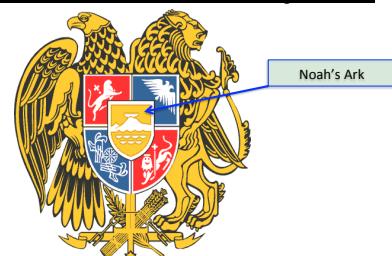


“Modern “Mt. Ararat” lies on the border between Turkey and Armenia, near the center of the ancient world. From this general region, Noah’s descendants spread out over the earth.” - Morris



[View from Yerevan, Armenia](#)

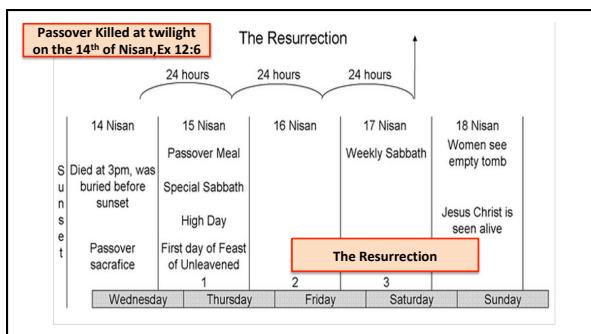
Ark Armenian National Symbol



Months	Old	New(Ex12:2)
Tishri	1	7
Bul	2	8
Chisleu	3	9
Tebeth	4	10
Shebat	5	11
Adar	6	12
Nisan	7-17 th Day Ark Rested	1
Iyar	8	2
Sivan	9	3
Thammuz	10	4
Av	11	5

The Ark Comes To Rest

- “ ...The seventh month on the seventeenth day of the month....”
- Passover: 14th of Nisan (1st month of the religious year; 7th month of the civil year)
- Resurrection, new beginning: $14 + 3 \text{ days} = 17^{\text{th}}$ of Nisan
- Jesus was crucified on the 14th day of Nisan and was resurrected on the 17th day of Nisan the same day the Ark rested on the Mountains of Ararat.



Genesis 8:5-7

“And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth.”

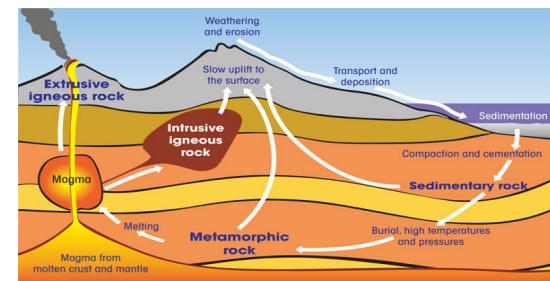
The Mountains Become Visible

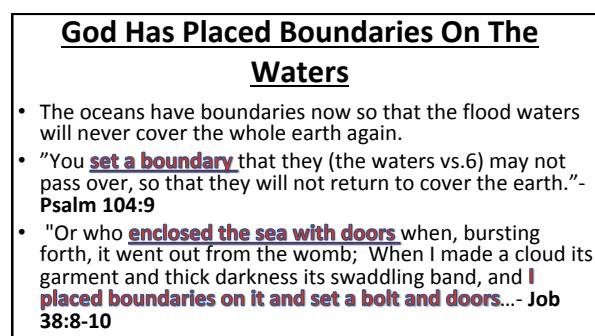
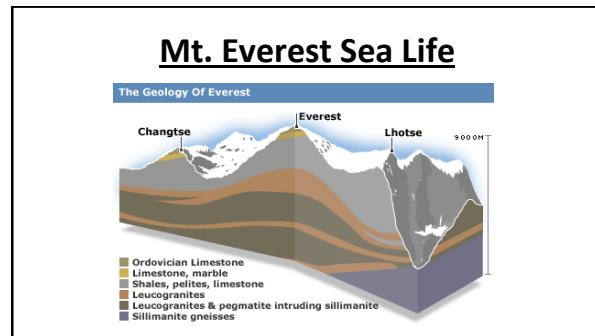
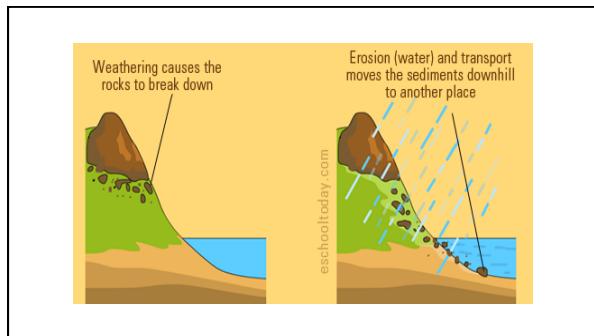
- Finally the mountain tops were beginning to be visible.
- Noah sent out a raven which is an unclean bird.
- The raven would have rested on dead bodies until the waters dried up since there was probably a ravenous feast of dead flesh.
- The raven would have had to survive because we have ravens, according to their kind, presently.

The Mountains Rose Up

- "He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever and ever. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters were standing above the mountains. At Your rebuke they fled, At the sound of Your thunder they hurried away. The mountains rose; the valleys sank down To the place which You established for them."-Psalm 104:5-8

- This is a dual meaning the Psalmist is speaking about. The first event is the separation of the waters at creation (Genesis 1:9-10) and then the global flood mentioned in Genesis 7.
- "Indeed, the process at the creation was so exactly similar to that at the deluge, with regards to the circumstances here mentioned, that it matters not to which we apply the beautiful and truly poetical passage before us." -Horne
- The Psalmist informs us that the, "The mountains rose; the valleys sank down To the place which You established for them."





- "For this is like the days of Noah to Me, when I swore that the waters of Noah Would not flood the earth again..."-Isaiah 54:9
- "'Do you not fear Me?' declares the LORD. 'Do you not tremble in My presence? **For I have placed the sand as a boundary for the sea**, An eternal decree, so it cannot cross over it. Though the waves toss, yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot cross over it."- **Jeremiah5:22**

Genesis 8:8-9

"He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself.

The Dove Sent Forth

- The dove came back to the ark because the dove being in the clean category of animals would not land on dead things.
- The dove found no rest for the sole of her foot.
- Noah wanted to see if the waters had receded from the "...face of the ground..."
- Literally from the face of the soil.
- The waters were still on the face of the "whole earth"

Genesis 8:10-14

"And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

The Dove Finds Rest

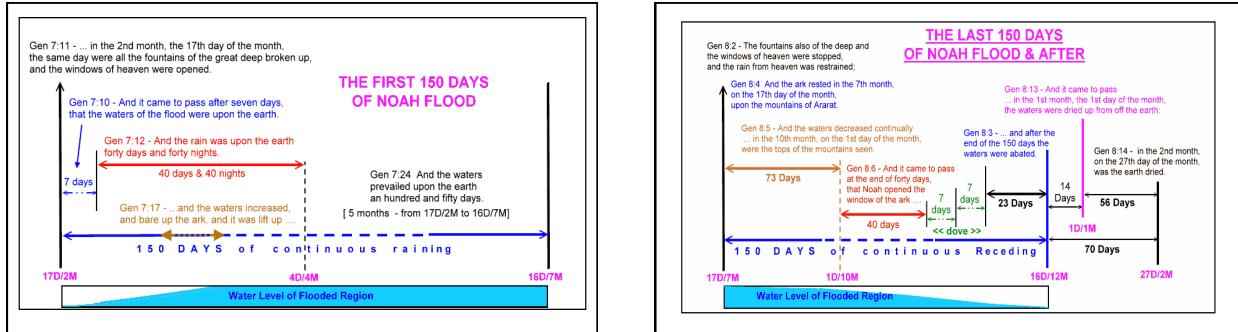
- This time the dove found rest for her foot and did not return to Noah.
- The olive leaf was “freshly plucked” not grab from the water but taken from an olive tree.
- Trees were growing at least olive trees.
- Noah was in the ark: 1 year and 17 days.
- Before rain began, 7 days (7:10)
- During rain which began 17th day of 2nd month (7:11)
- Left ark 27th day of 2nd month the following year (8:14)



Olive Trees

Olive trees are native to the Mediterranean, Asia and Africa. It is believed that the tree originated in the Mediterranean region and spread to the surrounding areas from here. There is evidence that the olive tree has been cultivated for about 9000 years.

Dates		
Gen. 7:6	600 th year of Noah's life.	God calls Noah into the Ark
Gen. 7:11	17th day, 2nd month, 600th year of Noah's life.	It starts to rain, the beginning of the Flood
Gen. 8:4	17 th day, 7 th month, 601 st year of Noah's life.	The Ark rests on the mountains
Gen. 8:5	1 st day, 10 th month, 601 st year of Noah's life.	The peaks of the mountains appear
Gen. 8:13	1 st day, 1 st month, 601 st year of Noah's life.	The face of the ground emerges from water
Gen. 8:14	27 th day, 2 nd month, 601 st year of Noah's life.	The earth is dried, they leave the Ark, the end of the Flood.



Genesis 8:15-16

Then God spoke to Noah, saying, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

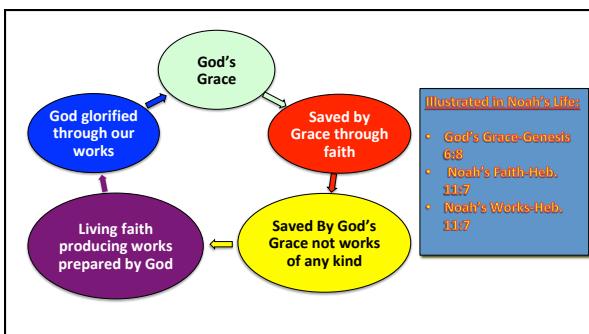
God Speaks To Noah

- "God Spoke to Noah, saying..."
- God said to Noah "Go", from the safety of the ark
- One year and seventeen days earlier God had said "come" into the ark
- Jesus said to all Men: "[Come to Me](#), all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."- **Matthew 11:28-29**
- Jesus then said: "[Go into all the world](#) and preach the gospel to every creature.-**Mark 16:15**

- For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.-**Ephesians 2:8-10**
- We are justified through Faith (Rom.5:1)
- We are saved by grace through faith
- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Rom. 10:17)
- Faith has always required action: Noah had to leave the ark to receive the blessings which God had for him in the new world
- The believer needs to receive the gospel by faith in order to encounter the blessings that God has for him in the new life

God-Breathed Faith

- Living-Faith is a faith that God breathes life into the works that are prepared for the believer as Paul said in Colossians 2:12 “....**faith in the working of God**, who raised Jesus from the dead”.
- “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also.”-**James 2:26**
- “Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? **Do you see that faith was working together with his works**, and by works faith was made perfect?”-**James 2:21-22**
- Noah believed God and His word spoken to him which produced in Noah **God directed action of obedience to the will of God**.



Genesis 8:17-19

“Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.

So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark."

The Animals Leave The Ark

- The animals are commanded to go with Noah from the ark
- The animals are literally commanded to "breed abundantly" (vs. 17) and multiply upon the earth.
- The animals were to fill the earth, and as they migrated some would go to Australia, some to Europe, some to America, etc., But they would migrate to where their food sources and climate best fit them.
- Man would follow food sources as the animals migrate.
- Noah and his family and the animals went forth as God had commanded for them to do.

Animals Migrated By Ice Age Land Bridges



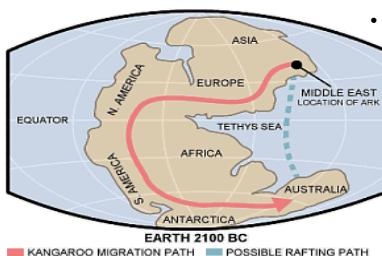
- "Michael Oard suggests that even with present topography, a number of significant land bridges would have existed to facilitate migrations if the sea level were only 180 ft below current levels. However, there is even evidence that the land in some places where land bridges would be necessary could have been higher still. Thus, land bridges facilitated by the Ice Age constitute a serious model to explain how some migrations could have been possible."



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Answers in Genesis

Post Flood Earth???



- Pangaea gradually started to break apart after the Flood, most likely due to the effects of rapid soaking and drying of the land.

Genesis 8:20

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.

Noah Makes An Offering To The Lord

- The first act of Noah upon leaving the ark is to worship God by building an "altar" which is first time an altar has been mentioned.
- He took of every "clean beast", and "clean fowl", this seems like a lot, doesn't it?
- Lev. 11-15: lists all the clean and unclean animals
- The word in Hebrew for "burnt offering" is "olah" which means, "ascending," the whole portion was consumed by fire, and regarded as ascending to God while being consumed.

- This was the most frequent form of sacrifice, and apparently the only one mentioned in the book of Genesis. This sacrifice represented the consecration of the whole person to God.
- In [Exodus 29:38-42](#), it was termed "continual", to represent our continual need for atonement and consecration. In [Lev. 6:22](#); it is termed "whole", because God requires all of us.
- Jesus became the burnt offering for us, in that he gave all that he had for mankind, and did for us what we could never do for ourselves.
- "...the LORD smelled a soothing aroma..." meaning it was acceptable to God and He committed to never destroying every living thing again

Genesis 8:21

And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

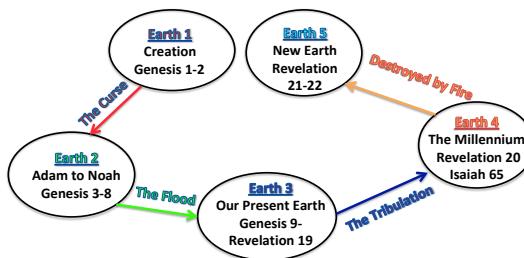
God Promises To Not Destroy All Living Things

- The Lord says, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake,
- The ground had been cursed in Genesis chapter Three "In Toil..."
- "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life."-**Genesis 3:17**
- This promise to: "...never again curse the ground for man's sake..." is a promise to never destroy all living things because of man.

New Heaven And Earth

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. -**2Peter 3:10-13**

The Five Stages Of The Earth



Man Has A Problem

- **Original sin:** "...for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth;"
- "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."-**Psalm 51:5**
- Mankind has a fallen nature how can we even choose anything that is good?
- This is a truthful evaluation of man by God.
- Noah must have been really uplifted by this statement from God.
- It paints a bleak picture of man yet it is as true today as it was when God stated it to Noah.

Man's Heart Is Evil

- You cannot look into my heart and see if I am a sinner, and I cannot look into your heart to see if you are a sinner. We have to believe what God says about mankind.
- We have to understand that by nature we like things that are contrary to God.
- By nature we follow these desires
- "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers..."-**2 Timothy 4:2-3**

- **Man does not do particular sinful behaviors and become a sinner. Man is by nature a sinner and does sinful behaviors.**
- The relativistic notion of good behavior adding up to being a good person is the value system of a culture that says, "I am good if I do more good than bad; therefore, I should be accepted by God and get to go to heaven".
- We need to keep focused on the Word of God because man and his sinful nature does not desire God's revelation. He would rather hear what he wants to hear and scratch his own endless desire for variety rather than learn the truth of God's Word.
- Our lives must be grounded on the sound doctrine of God's Word rather than the collection of our opinions based on our own fallen desires.

Psalm 119:28-30

"My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word. Remove from me the way of lying, And grant me Your law graciously. I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid before me."

The Way Of Lying

- There are two ways to lie: We can lie to others or we can lie to ourselves.
- It is the lies that we tell ourselves that keep us from the life that God wants for us.
- This lie we tell ourselves can become the way we see reality.
- The Psalmist says that he has chosen the way of truth over the way of lying and asks that God would give him the grace to see the way of truth through the teaching of His word, i.e. "Law"

God Extends Grace To Man

- The Lord says, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake "-(vs.21)
- It seems that man's evil would invite God's curse since that is the reason He brought the Flood upon mankind (Gen. 6:5-6).
- This is a divine act of grace and mercy extended to mankind.
- "If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared."-**Psalm 130:3-4**

God's Character

- God's character is seen through His love towards an undeserving mankind.
- "Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand..."-**Psalm 139:16-17**
- Even though God sees each person before they are born and knows that we are born in sin that produces sinful behaviors He still has precious thoughts towards us!

- "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation."-**Romans 5:6-11**
- How does the death of the Son demonstrate the character of the Father?
- Because it was God [the Father] Who was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself (**2 Corinthians 5:19**).

Things Gracious Souls Discover

- To "hope to be better" is to fail to see yourself in Christ only.
- To be disappointed with yourself, is to have believed in yourself.
- To be discouraged is unbelief,--as to God's purpose and plan of blessing for you.
- To be proud, is to be blind! For we have no standing before God, in ourselves.

- The lack of Divine blessing, therefore, comes from unbelief, and not from failure of devotion.
- Real devotion to God arises, not from man's will to show it; but from the discovery that blessing has been received from God while we were yet unworthy and undevoted.
- To preach devotion first, and blessing second, is to reverse God's order, and preach law, not grace. The Law made man's blessing depend on devotion; Grace confers undeserved, unconditional blessing: our devotion may follow, but does not always do so,--in proper measure.

ROMANS VERSE BY VERSE, WILLIAM R NEWELL

Genesis 8:22

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."

The Earth Is Changed

- Winter and summer happen
- There are seasons now that the water vapor canopy is collapsed
- The promise to man through Noah, would be as long as the, "earth remains..."
- There will come a day when this earth will pass away and give way to a new heaven and a new earth.
- Fossils are evidence of the great flood and are all around us, but man chooses to deliberately forget, what God has done, and promised in the passed. (2 Pet. 3:3-7)

When we look at creation let us as Believers not forget but remember God's promises, His wrath, Man's evilness, and God's grace. And let us be thankful, for His Son Jesus Christ

2 Peter 1:1-4

"Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power **has given to us all things** that pertain to **life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

by which have been **given to us exceedingly great and precious promises**, that **through these** you may be partakers of **the divine nature**, having escaped the **corruption** that is in the world through **lust**.

"How faithfully God fulfils his covenant with the earth! How truly will he keep his covenant with every believing sinner! Oh, trust ye in him, for his promise will stand fast for ever!"-Spurgeon