

Surviving Judgment

Genesis 8 (Study 9)

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A. The Flood Prevails and Begins to Recede. Genesis 8:1-12

1. God Remembers and Acts. Gen. 8:1-5
 - a. God remembers. Gen. 8:1
 - 1) Whom did God remember? _____
 - 2) What did God remember? _____
 - 3) **Principle: God remembers His own when He leads them through a dangerous event.** Psalm 23:4
 - b. What God did, and what happened. Gen.8:1-2
 - 1) What did God cause to pass over the earth? Gen. 8:1 _____
 - 2) What happened as a result? Gen. 8:1 _____
 - 3) What two things were closed? Gen. 8:2
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - 4) What was restrained? Gen. 8:2 _____
 - 5) **Principle: God Acts on behalf of those who trust Him!** Hebrews 11:6-7
 - c. The apex of the Flood. Gen. 8:3 How long did the Flood last on the earth before it began to recede? ¹ _____
 - d. Where did the huge barge (ark) come to rest? Gen. 8:4 _____

 - e. What is the date of the ark's resting on its mountain perch? Gen. 8:4 _____
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¹ Gen. 8:3 - How long did the Flood last on the earth before it began to recede? The figure of 150 days (Gen. 8:3) apparently refers to the length of time the waters were increasing and prevailing (Gen. 7:17-24). The 150 day figure includes the initial downpour of 40 days, during which time the original water vapor canopy surrounding the Earth (Gen. 1:6-8) was completely dissipated. For more information, see the author's "[A Chronology of the Great Flood.](#)"

² Gen. 8:4 - What is the date? On the 150th day of the Flood, the waters began to subside. On that 150th day, the ark landed on the mountains of Ararat. So on the first day that the waters began to diminish, they receded enough so that the ark could land safely on the mountains of Ararat.

- f. What became visible two and a half months later? Gen. 8:5 _____
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2. Noah Tests for Dryness, Using Birds. Gen. 8:6-12
- a. 40 days after sighting the tops of the mountains, what did Noah send out first? Gen. 8:6-7 _____
- b. What happened to it? _____
- c. What did he send out second, and what happened? Gen. 8:8-9 _____

- d. What happened on the dove's second flight, 7 days later? Gen. 8:10-11 _____

- e. On its third flight? Gen. 8:12 _____
- f. **Lesson: God protects us, but He expects us to use our heads!**

B. Noah and the Animals Exit the Ark at the Command of God. Genesis 8:13-22

1. The Earth Dries. Gen. 8:13-14
- a. When Noah removed the covering, how long had it been? Gen. 8:13 _____

- b. How long did it take before the earth was completely dry? Gen. 8:14 _____

- c. **Lessons:**
- 1) God delivers us from trouble, but it may take a long time.
 - 2) Part of God's deliverance means routine faithfulness where we are
 - a) Feeding the animals
 - b) Watering the animals.
 - c) Smelling the animals
 - d) Cleaning up after the animals: (Pitching manure out the 3rd story window?!!)

³ Gen. 8:3 - What became visible two and a half months later? Assuming the [Hydroplate Theory](#) to be an accurate model for the mechanics of the Flood, beginning at some point during the height of the Flood, the earth's submerged continents had begun to [drift away from the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Ridge](#). By the time the ark landed on the mountains of Ararat and the tops of the mountains had subsequently become visible, the earth had reached the [Continental Lift / Recovery Phase](#) of the Flood. See the [Bible Study on Genesis 7](#) for more information. See also "[A Chronology of the Great Flood](#)." See also a Biblical description of Continental Lift in Psalm 104:6-9.

- 3) Sometimes God's deliverance from trouble is confining and boring. But it surely beats the alternative!!!
2. Exit from the Ark. Gen. 8:15-19
 - a. What instructions did God give Noah? Gen. 8:15-17
 - 1) Regarding the humans? Gen. 8:15-16 _____
 - 2) Regarding the animals? Gen. 8:17a _____

 - 3) Why? Gen. 8:17b _____
 - b. Noah obeyed (Gen. 8:18-19).
 - 1) What did the humans do? Gen. 8:18 _____
 - 2) The animals? Gen. 8:19 _____
3. What did Noah do in Gen. 8:20?
 - a. _____⁴
 - b. Why do you suppose he did it? _____
4. God Promises Gen. Gen. 8:21-22
 - a. What reaction did God have? Gen. 8:21 _____

 - b. **Lesson:** You never know what blessing will come from your sacrificial offering to God! Here, Noah's sacrificial offerings prompted a generous, merciful response from God!

⁴ Gen. 8:20 - What did Noah do? Remember that God had asked Noah to bring aboard the ark seven pairs of clean animals (Gen. 7:2). This enabled Noah to sacrifice representative animals (Gen. 8:20). Since the whole biosphere of the earth would be radically altered by the collapse of the water vapor canopy (Gen. 7:4, 12), edible plants would no longer grow upon the earth as abundantly as they had before the Flood. Noah and his descendants would be forced to eat meat to survive (Gen. 9:1-4). A dietary distinction between clean and unclean animals would later become a part of the legal code for the nation of Israel (Leviticus 11:1-47).

- c. God made remarkable promise. He promised four pairs of conditions would never cease as long as the earth exists (Gen. 8:22). What are they? ⁵

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

- d. **Our Response: Praise God for His Faithfulness!** Lamentations 3:19-23

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⁵ Gen. 8:22 - Four pairs of conditions. In my opinion, most readers assume that these four conditions have always existed and always will. Certainly “day and night” have existed from the first day of creation. However, if one considers that the first forty days of the Flood were a constant downpour, it might well be that the survivors aboard the ark began to wonder whether or not day and night would be constants.

In my opinion the remaining three pairs would become new entities on the Post-Flood Earth. Absent the protective layer of the Pre-Flood water vapor canopy, and assuming a shift in the earth’s axis to its present [23.5 degrees](#), we now have three pairs of conditions that did not exist prior to the Flood. These three pairs of conditions are (1) seedtime and harvest – times when it would be optimal to plant crops and harvest them – and conversely, times when it would not be optimal or even possible to plant and harvest; (2) cold and heat (the difference between winter and summer); (3) summer and winter (seasons – the summer would be hot, of course, and the winter, cold).

Prior to the Flood, these conditions did not exist. With the Water Vapor Canopy in place prior to the Flood, there would be a green-house effect globally. The earth would have been like a gigantic terrarium with a controlled climate. Vegetation would have flourished everywhere. There would be no ice and snow masses at the two poles. There would have been no seasons, no summer and no winter. This accounts for buried, now petrified [tropical forests](#) within the Arctic circle. It also accounts for [tropical animals](#) being discovered, quick-frozen, in the Arctic. With the collapse of the Water Vapor Canopy, we now have the seasonal conditions we encounter. We assume they have always been this way. The Bible indicates otherwise.