

Genesis 8:1-22

- 1 ¶ **And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged (**lowered**);** God didn't forget Noah; Noah just came back into focus. There are 3 stages in the stopping of the flood: quieting of the waters; declination slow at first; then more rapidly. 371 days the flood lasted. That's over a year.
- 2 **The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;** All this massive upheaval of the heavens and earth has stopped.
- 3 **And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.** The waters went away.
- 4 ¶ **And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.** It doesn't say the ark rested on the mountain itself. The mountains of Ararat are a mountain range where 3 countries come together. People still go up Mount Ararat and look for the ark, but really it landed somewhere in that region.
- 5 **And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.** The mountain tops start showing up.
- 6 ¶ **And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:**
- 7 **And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.** A raven is a carnivorous bird. It didn't come back.
- 8 **Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;** Next Noah sends out a Dove. They are peaceful little bird.
- 9 **But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.** So this Dove that he sent out didn't find a suitable place to stay, so he flew back to Noah.
- 10 **And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;** Noah waited another complete cycle – 7 days, and sent the dove out again.
- 11 **And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.** This leaf was plucked, not picked up off the ground and now Noah new the waters were low.
- 12 **And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.** Noah waited another complete cycle – 7 days – and sent the dove out again. This time the peaceful little bird didn't come back. It had found a place it liked to settle down in, and now Noah knows it is ok. Noah took his time before getting everyone off the ark, even though they've all been on there a long, long time.
- 13 ¶ **And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.** Notice, Noah was 600 when the flood started. Once Noah took the cover off the ark, he could see the dry ground.
- 14 **And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.**

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- 15 ¶ And God spoke unto Noah, saying,** God comes back on the scene and gives Noah specific instructions.
- 16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.**
- 17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.**
- 18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:**
- 19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creeps upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.**
- 20 ¶ And Noah built an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.** This is why he took many pairs of the unclean beasts and only one pair of the clean beasts, to sacrifice to the Lord after it was all done.
- 21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savor; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.** God says that even from a young age, our hearts are evil. But He promises He will never kill like He did with the flood. God promises He won't flood the earth ever again. He'll do it with fire next time.
- 22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.** Mark this verse in your bible. The seasons will never end. Night and day shall always exist. While the earth remains, we will always be able to tell the seasons.