

Genesis -

Beginnings and Foundations

Chapter 8 Feb 16, 2025

Module 5, Room 1

2/16/2025

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- √ Feb 2, 2025 Gen Ch 6B
 - √ Feb 4, 2025 Manor Lake Daniel Ch 7
- ✓ Feb 9, 2025 Gen Ch 7 & Honduras Report
- √ Feb 16, 2025. Gen Ch 8
- Feb 23, 2025. Gen Ch 9
- Mar 2, 2025 Gen Ch 10
- Mar 9, 2025 Gen Ch 11
- Mar 16, 2025 Gen Ch 12 Last Chapter in Gen Study

Quick Update ...ICYMI

Middle East

- More Hostages Released So far, the ceasefire is holding in Gaza. Hamas has corrected their violations, and prisoners are being released into Judea /Samaria, Gaza, and Egypt
- Withdrawal date for Lebanon in flux due to the Lebanese Army's inability to fulfill its requirements under the treaty – Talks taking place
- President Trump's deadline of noon on Saturday has come and gone. Not clear yet what will happen, although it is up to Israel.

US/World

- DOGE is in the Dept of Education, and the IRS auditing their books
- Courts still blocking Executive Orders, but being challenged effectively
- Lawsuits by DOJ against Illinois and New York on Sanctuary cities/states impeding Federal deportation plans underway. Criminal aliens are being deported, some to Guantanamo
- Presidents Cabinet taking shape two more this week and two scheduled for next week

Genesis Ch 7 Review - Have you ever felt alone?

Sometimes, even in a crowd, you can feel alone

- What if all you knew, your friends, and the greater family, your house, your neighborhood, all that gave you a peace...was suddenly gone?
- What if you lived in North Carolina after the Hurricane? Or what if you lived in Southern California after the wildfires?
- Noah and his family watched the waters rise, watched the rain fall, felt the Ark floating and being pushed by the wind, saw their friends and homes disappear under the water.
- Floated in a boat, not knowing how long they would be in there
- Floated to an unknown destination
- Knowing no one would be there when they finally landed
- Unknown Sea, Unknown landing place, Unknown future

Genesis Ch 8:1 BUT GOD...

8 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.

They may have felt alone, but they were not. God was there.

"Remembered" here does not mean God forgot and then remembered; it means they were on God's mind
There is hope for all who trust in the Lord and do his will.

Hope was there for Noah, and it is there for us.

Genesis Ch 8:1 A deeper look

"A Wind on the Earth and Waters"...does it sound familiar?

Gen 1:2

² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

In Hebrew, the word for "wind" is Ruach. This is the same word that is translated "spirit of God" in Genesis 1:2. It can also be translated "breath"

Genesis 8:1 in my NIV bible says ... and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.

Another way to read Genesis 8:1 could be

...And He sent His Spirit over the Earth, and the waters receded.

Genesis Ch 8:2-4 The Judgment Has Ended...

- ² Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky (or Heavens).
- ³ The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down,
- ⁴ and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.

Q: Do you think they were glad to see land and have the Ark come to rest? Both anticipation and waiting are hard.

Genesis Ch 8 So Where is Ararat?



Genesis Ch 8: Have they found the Ark?



- There is a National Park in Turkey for the Ark
- The archeologists have not confirmed it



Genesis Ch 8: A Wider View



- Locate Ararat
- Land Bridge
- Russian Territory
- Proximity of other Countries in the region

Genesis Ch 8:5-9 Waiting until the right time

- ⁵ The waters continued to recede until the **tenth month**, and on the first day of the tenth month, **the tops of the mountains became visible.**
- ⁶ After forty days, Noah opened a window he had made in the ark
- ⁷ and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth.
- ⁸ Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground.
- ⁹ But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so, it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark.

Genesis Ch 8:10-12

¹⁰ He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark.

¹¹ When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then, Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth.

¹² He waited **seven more day**s and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.



The dove and olive branch are a symbol of peace for the world today. For Noah, it was a sign that the judgment was about to be over, and the peace of God's plan was about to unfold.

Genesis Ch 8:13-17. Finally, time to get back to Land

¹³ By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. (Noah removed boards to build ramps, Hebrew word means Skin)

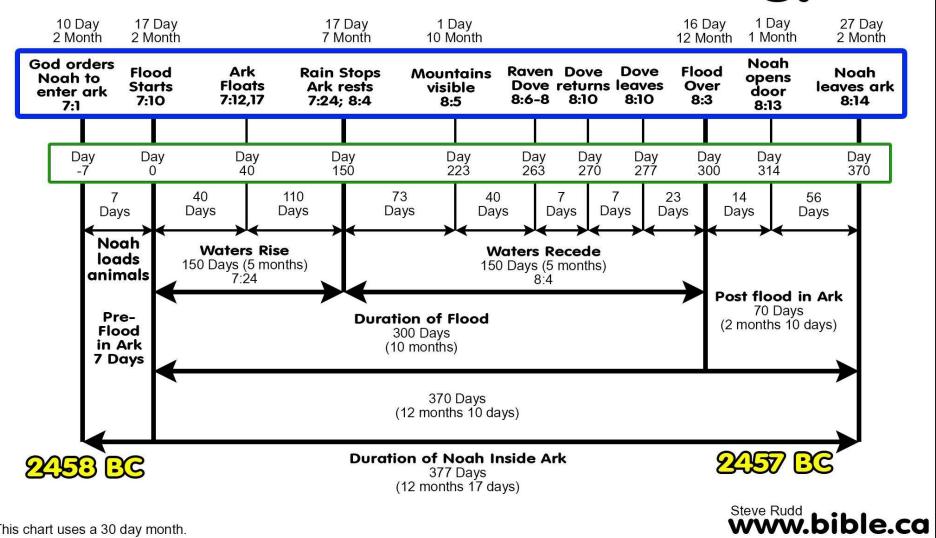
¹⁴ By the twenty-seventh day of the second month, the earth was completely dry.

- ¹⁵ Then God said to Noah,
- ¹⁶ "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives.
- ¹⁷ Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it."

 377 Days from the rain beginning

Genesis Ch 8 - Timeline for the Ark

Nooh's Ark Flood Chronology



This chart uses a 30 day month.

Genesis Ch 8:18-21 Noah's First Act is to Worship

- ¹⁸ So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.
- ¹⁹ All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.
- ²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, <u>taking some of all the</u> clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.
- ²¹ The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

Genesis Ch 8:22 God Set Some Limits

22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

God was pleased with Noah, and all he did, so he proclaimed that as long as the earth exists, these cycles of earth would continue.

Genesis Ch 8:22 A Promise from God to Noah and US

There are all kinds of fretting and hysteria by people regarding Climate Change and the total destruction it will have on all of us.

God has promised that Seasons, and temperatures, and harvests will exist as long as the Earth exists. This is a promise we can count on

Chapter 9:1-3 God's Covenant with Noah

- **9** Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.
- ² The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands.
- ³ Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you.
- Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

Next time, we will Pickup at Gen Ch 9

We will look at More details of God's Covenant with Noah and prepare for Chapter 10, which is the Table of Nations

- Pray for the US, Israel, and the Peace of Jerusalem
- Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead
- Pray for your family and friends inside and outside the church.
- Pray for each other earnestly and often
- Be thankful that God has placed you in this day and time <u>and</u> <u>commit your</u> will ...to doing <u>His</u> Will.
- Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to fill the land
- Pray that the New buildings at FRC will be the base for amazing things the Lord will do here in 2025 and beyond