



# Noah

A Righteous Man in a Wicked Age

*Lesson 08*

## But God Remembered Noah

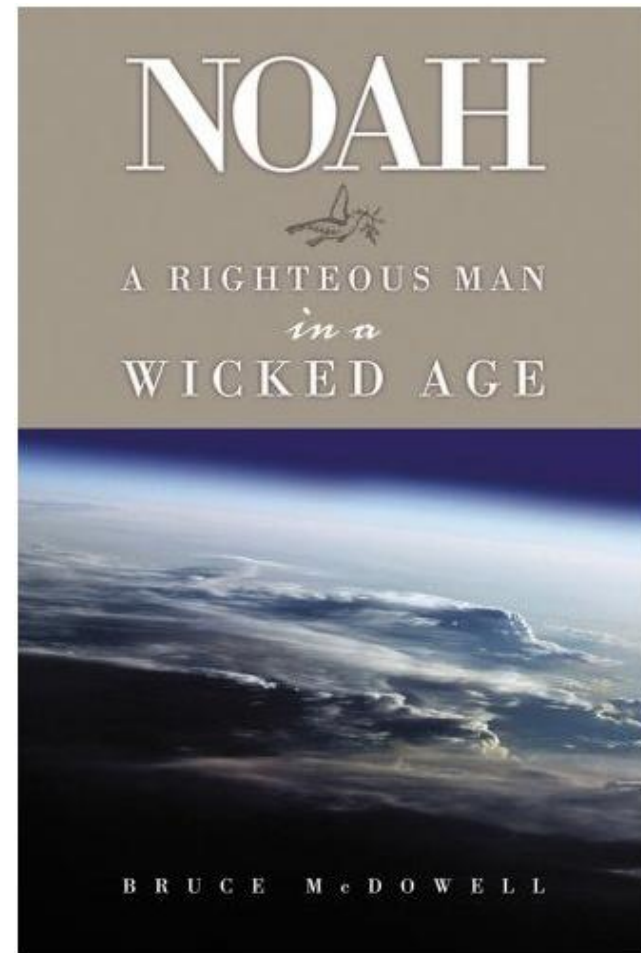


Genesis 7:24-8:14

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# Textbook



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"Flood insurance is very expensive, Mr. Noah, and besides, it would have to rain 40 days and 40 nights to flood around here."



# Course Outline

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**Chapters 7:24-8:14**



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Genesis 7:24- 8:14 ... NKJV



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**8** 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. **2** The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. **3** And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. --- Genesis 7:24-8:3 ... NKJV

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**10** And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. **11** 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. **12** So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

--- Genesis 8:10-12 ... NKJV

# Noah's Deliverance

Genesis 7:24- 8:14 ... NKJV



**13** 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.

**14** And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

--- Genesis 8:13-14 ... NKJV



# But God Remembered Noah

## *Redemption in Remembrance*

Chapters 7:24-8:3



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## ■ Waters Prevailed - 150 Days

- Continual 5 months of rising waters on the earth
- Purpose
  - ✓ Punishment ... *Judgment*
  - ✓ Purging ..... *Redemption*
- Noah and family were safe but not yet saved
- Ends focus on judgment
- Starts the transition to focus on redemption


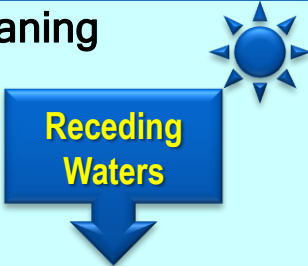
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## ■ God Remembered Noah

### • “Remembered” Figure of Speech

- ✓ God did not forget about Noah
- ✓ God is *remembering* based on His Covenant with Noah (Genesis 6:18)
- ✓ God can be trusted to keep His covenants ... God never forgets
  - Believers can trust in the New Covenant in Christ’s Blood (1 Corinthians 11:25)

### • Transition

- ✓ From Waters Rising ..... To Waters Receding
- ✓ From Focus on Judgment ... To Focus on Redemption

### • God is in Control

- ✓ God causes the waters to recede
  - Stopped the Fountains of the Deep (v. 2)
  - Stopped the Windows of Heaven (v. 2)
  - Restrained the Rain from Heaven (v. 2)

**18** 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.

In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”



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## ■ God Made a Wind

- Shows God is in Control
- Shows God is taking Action
- All Creation Obeys His Commands

✓ Even the winds (Matthew 8:26-27)

- Same Hebrew word here for “wind” is “Spirit” in Genesis 1:1-2

✓ Note similarities with Genesis 1:1-2

- Wind/Spirit hovering over the face of the waters
- Water world to start forming and filling the earth (Creation & Re-Creation)
- God is in control of the process

**26** But He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. **27** So the men marveled, saying, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

# Genesis 8:2 - Observations



<sup>2</sup> The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.

## ■ Stopped ... Restrained

- God is in Control

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- Stopped the Fountains of the Deep
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- Water Sources

- ✓ Stopped - Will not occur again ... Genesis 9:8-11

- Fountains of the Deep
    - Windows of Heaven



- ✓ Restrained - Held back for now

- Rain from heaven



<sup>8</sup> Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying:  
<sup>9</sup> "And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants<sup>[b]</sup> after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that *is* with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

# Genesis 8:3 - Observations



<sup>3</sup> And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.

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**But God Remembered Noah**

***The Ark Rested***

**Chapters 8:4-5**





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## ■ The Ark Rested

- The Ark rests on the **seventh** month
  - ✓ 600<sup>th</sup> Year - relative to Noah's age
  - ✓ Seventh month - relative to civic Jewish calendar
- The Ark rests on the **Sabbath** month
  - ✓ God rested from His creation
    - Seventh day (Genesis 2:1-3)
  - ✓ We are commanded to rest
    - Sabbath day (Exodus 20:8)
- "Rest"
  - ✓ Sabbath day
  - ✓ Noah - comfort

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. **2** And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

**8** "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

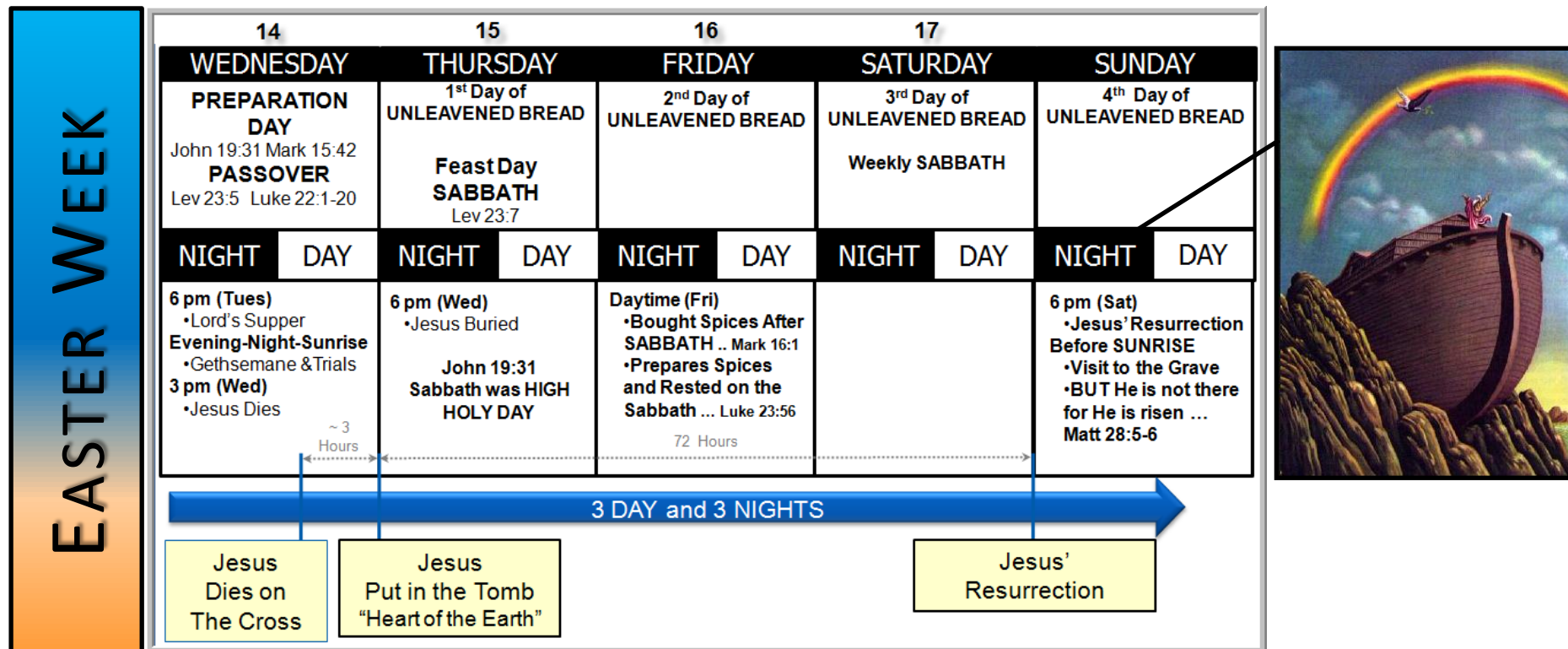
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■ **7<sup>th</sup> Month 17<sup>th</sup> Day** **7<sup>th</sup> Month is Nisan ... Civil Calendar - [1<sup>st</sup> Month Religious Calendar ... (Ex 12:2)]**

- Jesus was crucified on the **14<sup>th</sup>** of **Nisan** (Wednesday afternoon) - **Passover**
- Jesus was resurrected on the **17<sup>th</sup>** of **Nisan** (Saturday evening) - **Resurrection**



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## ■ Mountains of Ararat

<http://www.worldwideflood.com/flood/ararat/ararat.htm>

Mt Ararat, one of the tallest mountains in the middle east<sup>3</sup>, dominates the skyline at the junction of four nations. Many believe this was the resting place of Noah's Ark. The Armenians to the north revere the mountain as the origin of the Armenian people, or *Hay*, believing they are direct descendents of Noah's family. <sup>1</sup>

Currently, there is no remnant or photograph of Noah's Ark recognized as legitimate by the major creationist organizations such as AiG, ICR, CRS.



Mt Ararat at the extreme east of Turkey, overlooks Armenia to the North East and Iran to the South East. Image from MapPoint.



Mt Ararat from Armenia (North East). The Armenians call it "Masis"



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      - » Total Days: 354 + 11 = **365 ... exactly 1 year.**



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*Air Reconnaissance*

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## ■ Noah Sent Out a Raven and a Dove

- Noah waits 40 days
- Then opens the window of the ark which he had made
  - ✓ Reminds us of the faith of Noah - who built the ark
  - ✓ Preparation for sending out the Raven and the Dove

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## ■ Noah Sent Out a Raven and a Dove

- Both Sent out on a Mission

- ✓ Gather intelligence

- To see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground

- We are sent out on a mission

- ✓ Salt & Light (Matthew 5:13-16)

- ✓ Taste & See (Psalm 34:8)

Oh, *taste* and *see* that the LORD *is* good;  
Blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him!

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



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### • Raven

- ✓ Single raven sent out
- ✓ Does not return to the Ark - does not complete mission
- ✓ Characteristics
  - “Unclean” bird
  - Hardy bird - unaffected by the cold
  - Feeds on carcasses of dead animals
  - Able to survive the receded flood conditions (mountain tops visible)



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### • Dove

- ✓ Single dove sent out
- ✓ Returns to the Ark - completes mission
- ✓ Characteristics
  - “Clean” bird
  - Flies low
  - Only lands on clean and dry places
    - » right bird for the mission



# Genesis 8:9 - Observations

<sup>9</sup> 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.

## ■ Dove Returned into the Ark

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dove fulfills its mission (Genesis 6:8)

- ✓ Noah knows waters are receding

- To what depth

- » No resting place for the sole of her foot

- » Mountain tops visible

- » Tree tops & Ground not visible

- Noah receives the Dove

- ✓ Picture of God drawing us back into the ark of salvation - Jesus

- ✓ Picture of God receiving us and drawing us to Himself

- Put forth his hand

- » God always make the first move

- » We respond

<sup>8</sup> He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground.





# Genesis 8:10 - Observations



**10** And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.

## ■ Noah Sent the Dove Out from the Ark

- Symmetry of days recorded related to Flood

<p>A. 7 Days waiting for Flood</p> <p>B. 7 Days waiting for Flood</p> <p>C. 40 Days of Flooding</p> <p>D. 150 Days of Water Triumphant</p>		<p>Genesis 7:4</p> <p>Genesis 7:10</p> <p>Genesis 7:17</p> <p>Genesis 7:24</p>
<p>E. God Remembered Noah</p>		 <p>Genesis 8:1</p>
<p>D. 150 Days of Water Waning</p> <p>C. 40 Days of Waiting</p> <p>B. 7 Days of Waiting</p> <p>A. 7 Days of Waiting</p>		<p>Genesis 8:3</p> <p>Genesis 8:6</p> <p>Genesis 8:10</p> <p>Genesis 8:12</p> 



# Genesis 8:10-11 - Observations

**10** And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.  
**11** 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.

## ■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Dove

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dove fulfills its mission (Genesis 6:8)
  - ✓ Noah knows the waters are receding
    - To what depth
      - » Returns with freshly plucked olive leaf
      - » Tree tops visible (in addition to mountain tops visible)
- Olive leaf
  - ✓ Symbol of peace
    - God's wrath against sin has been appeased in judgment
    - Believers - judgment born by Christ on the cross
- Dove bearing olive leaf
  - ✓ Sign of the Holy Spirit
    - Brings a new creation in conforming us to the image of Christ
    - As new creations in Christ, we have the hope of Eternal Life

**8** He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground.






# Genesis 8:12 - Observations



<sup>12</sup> So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

## ■ The Dove Did Not Return Again

- Symmetry of days recorded related to Flood

<p>A. 7 Days waiting for Flood</p> <p>B. 7 Days waiting for Flood</p> <p>C. 40 Days of Flooding</p> <p>D. 150 Days of Water Triumphant</p>		<p>Genesis 7:4</p> <p>Genesis 7:10</p> <p>Genesis 7:17</p> <p>Genesis 7:24</p>
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# Genesis 8:12 - Observations

**12** So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

## ■ 3<sup>rd</sup> Dove

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dove fulfills its mission (Genesis 6:8)

- ✓ Noah knows the waters have receded

- To what depth

- » Did not return again

- » Ground now appears

- Notice the patience of Noah

- ✓ Spent a lot of time waiting

- ✓ We too should have patience

- ✓ Wait upon the LORD (Isaiah 40:31)

- Notice the 7 day waiting periods

- ✓ Suggests that Noah was observing the Sabbath

**8** He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground.

But those who wait on the LORD  
Shall renew *their* strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint.



# But God Remembered Noah

*The Ground was Dry*

Chapters 8:13-14



## ■ Lesson 08: But God Remembered Noah

*[Genesis 7:23-8:14]*

- Redemption in Remembrance ... [Genesis 7:24-8:3]
- The Ark Rested ... [Genesis 8:4-5]
- Air Reconnaissance ... [Genesis 8:6-12]
- The Ground Was Dry ... [Genesis 8:13-14]

Outline of what we will cover in this lesson.

# Genesis 8:13-14 - Observations



**13** 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. **14** And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

## ■ Noah Removed the Covering of the Ark ... Earth was Dried

- Now confident that the waters were dried up
  - ✓ Noah removes the covering of the Ark
    - In order to see the ground
  - ✓ Confirms that the ground is dry
    - His Aerial Reconnaissance intelligence data was confirmed
    - Dove data was accurate
  - ✓ Notice Noah does not leave the Ark until instructed by God to do so
    - He waits another 2 months on the Ark
    - We should also not venture out
      - » Until we have been directed by the Holy Spirit to do so
      - » Trusting in God requires us to be patient and wait upon the LORD
      - » We need to rely on God's timing

