

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Why is the word “remember” important?
2. Why do you think that the dates and times are included? How can they be helpful?
3. Noah’s obedience is amazing! What is the best part of his obedience in the chapter to you?
4. What applications can you draw from this study?

* Waltke, Bruce K.; Waltke, Bruce K.. *Genesis: A Commentary* (p. 141). Zondervan.

Days	Event	Bible Reference
0	Noah, his family and the animals enter the ark.	Genesis 7:4 “Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth...”
7	Rain Starts – The rain comes down and the fountains of the deep burst forth.	Genesis 7:4...It will rain for 40 days and 40 nights. Genesis 7:11 It was the 17th day of the second month of the year.
47	Rain Ends – The ark floats around looking for a place to land.	Genesis 7:24 The waters flooded the earth for 150 days. (This includes the 40 days of rain)
157	Ark runs a ground on the mountains of Ararat.	Genesis 8:4-5 On the 17th day of the seventh month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.
231	Tops of other mountains visible.	Genesis 8:5 ...The waters continued to go down until the tenth month. On the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains could be seen.
271	Bird reconnaissance. – Noah sent out a raven after 40 more days. – Noah sent out a dove 3 times at 7 day intervals.	Genesis 8:6-7 After 40 days Noah opened the window he had made in the ark. He sent a raven out. 8:8 Then Noah sent a dove out
351	Noah removed the covering from the ark.	Genesis 8:13 It was the first day of the first month of Noah’s 601st year. The water had dried up from the earth. . . . He saw that the surface of the ground was dry.
377	God tells Noah to come out of the ark.	Genesis 8:14 By the 27th day of the second month the earth was completely dry.



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KEY THOUGHTS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. God is the SUBJECT of Gen 1-11 even though He is often forgotten as we talk about the FOUR incredible events of this section of Scripture.
2. These four events are given as NARRATIVE, and according to other portions of the Bible, they happened just as they are TOLD. We need to determine HOW to respond.

THE DAYS ON THE ARK

Gen. 8:1 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. 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. 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.

1. The word “REMEMBER” in Hebrew refers more to fulfilling a PROMISE than bringing something to MIND again.

Gen. 6:18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you.

2. To DRY the earth God did several things:

- a. He sent a WIND.

Gen. 1:2 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.

b. He stopped the THREE forms of water: SPRINGS, FLOODGATES (window of heaven), and RAIN.

3. By 150 days after Noah entered the ark the water started to RECEDE (but he won't see land for more than 2 months).

4. The ark "RESTED" (נָח Noah, נוּחַ nuwach) on the mountains of Ararat on the 17th day of the SEVENTH month. (The same day as RESURRECTION Sunday.)

THE DIAGNOSIS OF THE EARTH

Gen. 8:5 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. 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 days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him. 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. 14 By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry.

1. Forty days after the ark rested, Noah sent a RAVEN because it is a SCAVENGER bird and can remain in FLIGHT.

2. Noah next sent a DOVE three successive times. The first time it returned immediately; the second time it brought a twig showing that LIFE was beginning again; and the third time the dove did NOT RETURN because it found food and shelter.

3. After a YEAR on the ark, the earth was now dry (or desolate, חָרָב charab) and Noah removed the ROOF (which must have been a relief) until the earth was completely DRY (יָבֵשׁ yabesh).

THE DOOR IS OPENED

Gen. 8:15 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." 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, taking some of all the 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. 22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

1. God told Noah to come OUT of the ark with his family and the animals so that MULTIPLICATION could begin again. Verses 16-17 and 18-19 are nearly identical showing Noah's OBEDIENCE and devotion.

2. Please note that this world was POST-flood and would have been different, devastated and DESOLATE. Death was EVERYWHERE, and "all of mankind had turned to clay." *

3. And the first thing that Noah did was to build an ALTAR. This is the FIRST use of the word altar (מִזְבֵּחַ mizbe-ach) in the Bible. It will be used 400 more times in the Old Testament.

4. Noah sacrificed some of the CLEAN animals as a burnt offering. This was a sacrifice of WORSHIP and ATONEMENT.

Lev. 1:4 You are to lay your hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on your behalf to make atonement for you.

Job 1:5 When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.

5. Noah did not see himself as DESERVING this salvation; in fact, it was only because his RIGHTEOUSNESS had led to God's GRACE.

Gen. 6: 8 But Noah found favor(grace) in the eyes of the LORD.9 . . . Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

6. Noah's sacrifice PLEASED God (sweet, נִיחֹחַ nichoach).

7. God "said in His heart," that He would not CURSE the ground again (3:17), nor would He totally DESTROY the earth or living creatures again "as long as the earth endures." The earth will have its seasons and continue NORMALLY until everything is restored at the end of time.

8. However, man will CONTINUE in his evil ways until the end because it is the very NATURE of man.

Gen. 8:21 ". . . even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood.