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THE DESTRUCTION OF
MAN: "THE FLOOD"

Genesis 6-9

STUDY OUTLINE

Part 3 GENESIS 8

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Principle: "Mighty Men" are no match for Elohim! Noah obeyed the command and entered the Ark, which is a picture of our obeying the command to believe and be saved (Acts 16:31). He only entered one time, which is a picture of saving faith occurring at one time in our life. The LORD closed the door indicating that the obedience was accepted and the deliverance was sealed (Eph. 4:30). The LORD choose to preserve the seed of the woman through one righteous man.

When you are going through a storm, it is easy to feel forsaken (Heb.13:5).

III. The God of New Beginnings. Genesis 8:1-22.

A. God Remembers His own (v.8:1a). God turns His attention from the destruction and rearrangement of the earth to the occupants of the Ark.

B. God Renews His World. God used wind to speed up the drying process. The waters increased and peaked at 5 months, 150 days (v.7:24), the waters retreated for about 5 1/2 months with another 2 months needed to complete the drying process (vs.8:1b.-3).

C. In the seventh month on the seventeenth day of the month the ark **rested** on the mountains of Ararat, modern day Turkey. (v.8:4). It is reasonable to assume that God used the catastrophe of the flood to create major divisions of the continents. The earth would be settling for years with the continental separation completed during the days of Peleg (Gen.10:25). In later years the seventh month was very special to the Jews, for during that month they ushered in the new year with the Feast of Trumpets and celebrated the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:23-44).

Note the beauty of God's creation and purpose in Psalms 104:5-9 and 148.

D. The water decreased steadily until the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible (v.5).

E. Noah **waited** 40 days and then sent out an unclean bird, the raven, that flew here and there (must have been feeding off of floating carcasses). Noah waited a week and sent a dove, which being a clean bird, found no place to land so it returned to the ark. A week later Noah sent the dove out again and it returned with a fresh olive leaf (symbol of peace). A week later Noah sent out the dove for the third time, it didn't return so he knew the water had dried up (vs.6-12).

Wait (4037); *perimeno*, to await an event, as used in Acts 1:4, of waiting for the Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father. Patient waiting (5281); *hupomone*, to bear up under, under rowers, as used in 2 Thess.3:5, 2 Cori. 6:4.

F. Noah removed the covering (hatch or window), the ground was dried up, and after being on the ark for over 1 year, he did not leave the ark but waited another 26 days on the Lord to give the order that it was time (vs.13-19).

Principle: Isaiah 40:31. Through patient endurance, weaving together doctrines, promises, and life circumstances we become friends of God, and begin to see things His way.

G. Noah worships the LORD with thanksgiving and an acceptable sacrifice (vs. 20-21).

H. The ground cursed no more (v.21a). The LORD had cursed the ground because of Adam's sin (3:17) and added a further curse because of Cain's sin (4:11-12). The curse will not be removed until Jesus returns (Rev. 22:3). But in His grace, the LORD will not add to man's affliction.

I. There will be no more global flood judgments (v.21b). There will be a future global judgment of fire (2 Peter 3).

J. There will be no interruption of the cycle of nature (v.22). Day, night, and the seasons will continue while the earth remains. The "climate change" problem is nothing more than a subtle attack on the Noahic Covenant.



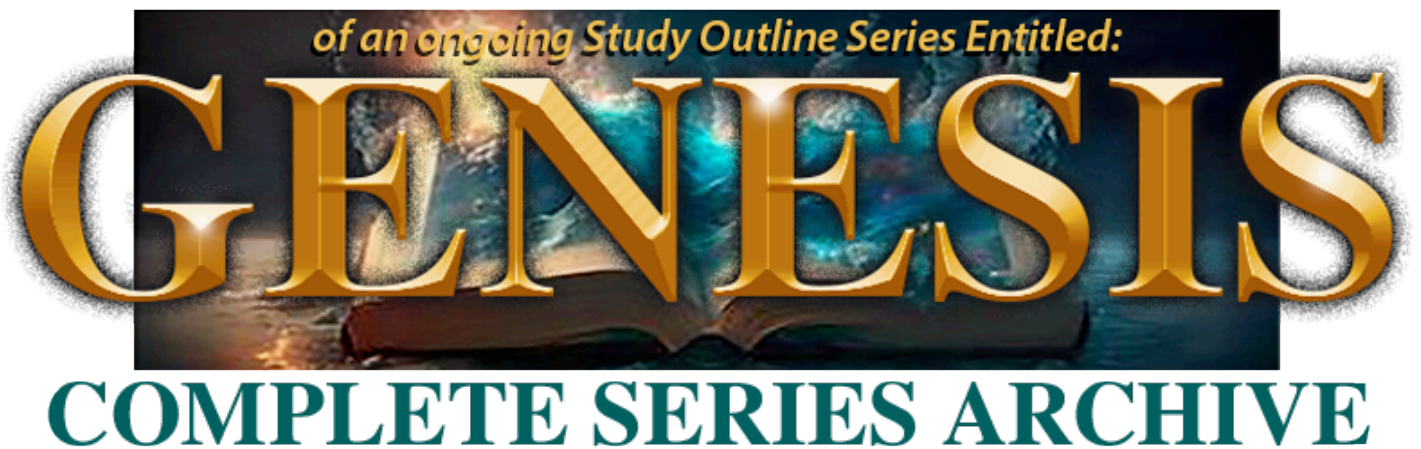
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