Cultural, Historical, and Geographic Significance



God Remembered Noah



Genesis 8

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Acts 17:11 (ESV)

Now these (Berean) Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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Blessing for Torah Study

Blessed are you, LORD God, King of the universe who sanctifies us and commanded us to immerse ourselves in the words of Torah. Sweeten the words of your Torah in our mouths. Blessed are you Lord, giver of the Torah. !אמן!



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Summary

Waters recede

Ark settles on "Mountains of Ararat"

Noah sends a raven than a dove to test for dry ground

God commands Noah to exit the ark

Noah builds an altar and gives a burnt offering

Even though man's heart is still evil, God promises not to destroy mankind (while the earth remains)



Genesis 8:1

Genesis 8:2-4

But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.

References

Genesis 19:29 God remembered Abraham Genesis 30:22 God remembered Rachael, and God listened to her and opened her womb.

Exodus 3:24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Exodus 6:5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant.

References

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The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days, the waters had abated, and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of

Ararat.

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Mesopotamia, showing Ararat range

Genesis 8:4

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Genesis 8:5-7

And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth

References

Gen 15:11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

^{1 Ki 17:6} And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window...

40 days/nights: rain

150 days: waters increase

150 days: waters abated

40 days: waters subsided



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Genesis 8:8-9

Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him.



Walking In His Dust

"If we have sent someone on a mission, we should treat him kindly even if he is unsuccessful."



Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



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Genesis 8:10-12

He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

References

Mat 3:16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;



Genesis 8:13

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry.



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Genesis 8:14-17

In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. Then God said to Noah, "Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."



Genesis 8:18-19

So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

References

Gen 7:5 And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.



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Genesis 8:20

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.



Genesis 8:21

And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.

References

Php 4:18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.



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Genesis 8:22

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

References

Act 14:16-17 In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

Talmudic Seasons:

- Seed-time: October-November
- Cold: December-January
- Winter: February-March
- Harvest: April-May
- Summer: June-July
- Heat: August-September





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