

Genesis 8,9

Day 1

The Waters Recede. Read Genesis 8:1-15

1. What did “remembering” Noah and the animals cause God to do? *Imagine the power of the supernatural events in 8:1,2 and 7:11.*
 - 8:1b
 - 8:2 (See Psalm 104:6-8)



FYI: The term *remembered* is a Hebraism for “to act on their behalf” (See Genesis 19:29; 30:22; Exodus 2:24; 1 Samuel 1:19)

2. What happened to the waters? 8:2,3

3. Record what happened on the following days:

<p>Noah’s 600th year: 2nd month, 17th day – 7:11,13</p>	<p><i>all the springs of the great deep burst forth, floodgates of the heavens were opened, Noah and his family entered the ark</i></p>
<p>7th month, 17th day – 8:4</p>	
<p>10th month, 1st day – 8:5</p>	

- How long had they been in the ark when the mountains finally became visible? *How do you think they felt when they saw the mountain tops?*

FYI: “*seventeenth day of the month.* This “resting” of the ark, after its labor of protecting its precious cargo against the terrible cataclysm for five long months, occurred exactly 150 days after the Flood began. It may be significant that, on the anniversary of this date many years later, Jesus Christ rose from the dead! That is, the seventh month of the civil year used by the Jews (almost certainly the calendar used in the Flood narrative) was later set as the first month of their religious year. The Passover was on the fourteenth day of the first month, and Christ rose three days after the Passover. Thus, He ‘rested’ in Joseph’s tomb and then rose from the dead on the seventeenth day of the seventh month of the civil calendar.”
- The Defender’s Study Bible

4. What two birds did Noah send out? 8:6,7 What was he trying to determine? 8:8 *On what diet would a raven (an “unclean” scavenger bird - see Deut. 11:11-14) be able to survive? What would a dove need in order to eat?*

|| **Video:** “Evidence of Noah’s Flood at Mount St Helens | David Rives” (3:13) ||
|| <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MO-OrxWNtVY> ||



5. Record what happened with the birds:

40 days later 8:7-9	
Seven days later 8:10-11	
Seven days later 8:12	

6. Record what happened after this.

Noah's 601st year: 1 st month, 1 st day 8:13	
2 nd month, 27 th day 8:14	

- How long were they on the ark? *Imagine the apprehensions they may have been dealing with as they disembarked.*

FYI: "The dreadful events of the Flood must have started enormous geological changes in the crust. Many creation geologists have pointed to these events as the possible beginning of plate tectonics. Certainly there must have been much activity at this stage. Mountains were being pushed up, and depths and trenches were lowering, so that the water was finding new levels. At this point, we are told that mountains can be seen. The recession of the waters would have many significant effects. In the middle of continents, large lakes would be left. Some of these would burst their banks, gouging out large canyons. Indeed, the formation of the Grand Canyon, and other canyons can be described in this way."
- Paul Taylor chapter 18(166,167)

The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them" (PSALM 104:8).
"If the mountains and oceans were leveled off there would be enough water on the earth right now to cover it to a depth of about two miles. Some Bible scholars believe that our Bible verse here describes how God ended the Flood. The mountains rose up and the Flood waters went down where the ocean basins formed. Even evolutionists talk about the mountains being raised up like this, but they believe it happened over a long time. We believe that God did it very quickly at the end of the Flood. (By the way, that's why we find so many sea fossils near the top of mountains...) So, where is the water? I believe it is all still here. Did you realize that three-fourths of the earth is still covered with water?! The next time you go to the beach and watch God's powerful ocean, remember you're looking at the waters that once covered the entire earth during the time of the Flood!"
- Ken Ham

- <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/noahs-ark/where-did-all-the-water-go-after-the-flood/>

Applying the Word: *What major challenges are you facing? Does God's understanding, presence, protection and plans for Noah encourage you in any way? Spend time asking God to reveal one thing about Himself to strengthen you in your circumstances.*

Day 2

God's Covenant with Creation. Read Genesis 8:16-22

7. What commands did the Lord give Noah? 8:16,17 (Compare Genesis 1:22) *How would this have sounded to Noah and his family? What tone do you hear in God's words?*

8. How do you picture the release of all the animals? 8:18,19

- What other things would they have taken off the ark? *What materials do you think they might have tried to salvage from the ark structure itself?*

9. After the flood, what do you think the earth would have looked like? What would have happened to all the vegetation?

FYI: "After the Flood, Noah stepped into a forbidding world. The animals and plants from the previous world were dead and buried under thousands of feet of sand and mud. New plants were struggling to reestablish themselves across the barren expanse of earth..." - "Post-Flood World"

<https://answersingenesis.org/geology/catastrophism/post-flood-world/>

"The damage caused by the Flood would have created 'post-apocalyptic' landscapes. Imagine a world without mature forests and widespread plant life, but with huge captured bodies of water, masses of broken trees and vegetation, dead animals, and endless vistas of earth and mud." - Thomas Purifoy Jr.

<https://isgenesishistory.com/filming-the-sequel-to-is-genesis-history/>

"As a result of the Flood the earth was out of balance, and it would take some time to set itself right. Because the atmosphere, the ocean, and the earth's crust were not yet in equilibrium, the weather probably took many years to reach the shaky stability we experience today." - excerpt from "A Dark and Stormy World" by Dr. Larry Vardiman

<https://answersingenesis.org/geology/catastrophism/a-dark-and-stormy-world/>

"If you visit the Grand Canyon, there is what we call 'basement' rocks that are a mile down into the canyon. These rocks ...look as though someone took a sharp knife and sliced the earth right off. On top of that you see layers of rocks, sand, and mud that were laid down by water over the 'basement' rocks. This gives some understanding of how devastating the Flood really was. It wiped out the surface of the earth. The Flood was cataclysmic—it was dreadful, tragic, a disaster, devastating. It destroyed everything and everyone on earth just as it was intended to do."

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/noahs-ark/after-the-flood-were-there-any-buildings-left/>

Definition: Sedimentary Rock - "Rock that has formed through the **deposition** and **solidification** of sediment, especially sediment transported by water, ice, and wind. Sedimentary rocks are often deposited in layers, and frequently contain fossils." - <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/sedimentary-rock>

Video: "Flood & Fossils" (1:02:37) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKlw6-lw24s>
 || Bryan Osborne (See 15:20 – 32:00 for a description of mechanisms of the flood ; 32:00 to end
 || explains how sedimentary layers of rock and fossils were laid down all over the earth.)



10. What parallels can be drawn between the ark and salvation in Christ? 1 Peter 3:20-22 .

11. After leaving the ark, what action did Noah take? 8:20 What made these extraordinarily precious gifts? (Compare David's attitude in 2 Samuel 24:24)

FYI: "The burnt offering described here represented Noah's total surrender and dedication to God (cf. Leviticus 1). The offering was totally incinerated to picture the total giving of oneself. At the same time it was wholly celebratory – thanking God for the salvation just rendered."
- R. Kent Hughes (144)

"The clean animals presumably represented mainly the domesticable animal, the ones for which Noah would have the greatest need and for which he had the greatest love and compassion. In effect, he was giving to God one-seventh of all his flocks. This required no little faith, but Noah also had much for which to praise and pray, and he had long since proved himself to be a man of strong faith."
- Henry Morris (216)

12. How did the Lord regard Noah's offering? 8:21a

13. What did God promise?

- 8:21b
- 8:21c
- 8:22

Digging Deeper

What sacrifice does God want from us?
Romans 12:1

Whose example do we have? Ephesians 5:2

- Note: Were any conditions were put on man in order for this to be fulfilled? For how long would this promise be maintained?

FYI: even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from his childhood "This would seem to be justification for smiting the earth, rather than for promises not to do so, except for the great paradox of the **love and grace** of God. Because man is helpless to save himself – his very thoughts born and nurtured in sin – he desperately needs the grace of God. On the basis of an atoning sacrifice, God's salvation and blessing are received by faith. Thus, for the very reason that man is completely unable to save himself, *therefore* God saves him! Truly, He is the God of all grace! Noah 'had found grace in the eyes of the Lord' (6:8) and, through his faithful obedience and his believing sacrifice, so have multitudes of his descendants."
- Henry Morris (217)

"This was a promise full of mercy"

- David Guzik

14. What do you think would have happened to mankind if God hadn't destroyed the world in Noah's time? *Where is mankind headed?* 2 Timothy 3:1-4

- Although the earth will not be destroyed by a flood, what will happen some day? 2 Peter 3:10

Applying the Word: What does Noah's example this say about the significance of one person or one family's faith and obedience?

Day 3

God's Instructions and Promises. Read Genesis 9:1-19

15. What was God's desire for mankind after the flood? 9:1 (Compare Gen 1:28)

16. How did man's relationship with animals change after the flood? Contrast 1:28

- 9:2 (Note: Which animals weren't included in this list? Compare 7:14)
- 9:3 (Contrast 1:29-30)

17. What restriction did God give man about eating meat? 9:4 (See Leviticus 17:11,14)

FYI: "Humans are not to devour animals the way animals devour one another, while the blood is pulsing in the flesh. The reason for this is respect for life and beyond that the respect for the giver of life." - R. Kent Hughes (145)

18. What *reckoning/accounting/requirement* did God demand for taking a human life? 9:5

- What problems had man had before the flood? Genesis 4:8,23; 6:11

FYI: "In original languages, the Bible makes a distinction between *killing* and *murder*. Not all killing is murder because there are cases where there is just cause for killing (self-defense, capital punishment with due process of law, killing in a just war). There are other instances where killing is accidental. This is killing, but not *murder*." - David Guzik

19. What commands did the Lord give to Moses? Leviticus 24:17; Numbers 35:30,31,33

- What practice does the Lord hate? Leviticus 20:1-4

20. From the following, what thoughts or words impress you about how precious your life is to the Lord.

- Psalm 139:1-16
- Matthew 6:25-30
- Matthew 10:28-31

Digging Deeper

Why did God judge the northern tribe of Israel and send the people into exile? 2 Kings 17:5-17

Over a century later, what was the fate of the southern tribe of Judah and why? 2 Kings 24:2-4 ("*sins of Manasseh*" see 2 Kings 21:1-9)

21. Although these laws called for a death penalty, how did they safeguard life? How would they impact violence in society?

Digging Deeper

When King David committed murder, what mercy did the Lord show him? - 2 Samuel 11:14-15; 12:13,14 (See David's prayer in Psalm 51.)

22. Why is human life so valuable and precious? 9:6

FYI: "9:6 extends the primeval mandate (1:26) by giving man the responsibility to control not only the animals but his own society also."
- The Defender's Study Bible

"Abortion is not the 'unpardonable sin.' Scripture is full of accounts of those who committed grave sins, even murder, and were not only forgiven by God but greatly used by Him. The stories of David, Moses, Paul, and others teach us that God can bring beauty and healing from the pain of wrong decisions. God's Word promises that if we honestly confess our sin, He will forgive us, release us, and walk with us through the process of healing." - Ingram (159)

23. What is the importance of God 's repeating the command in 9:7? (Cf. 9:1) *What does God's continuing focus on the growth and prosperity of man after the flood say about His heart for us? Why do you think He wants so many people? Hebrews 2:10*

24. What covenant did God make with the post-flood world? 9:8,11

FYI: "This grand covenant was/is *universal, unilateral, and unconditional*. It's universality is evident because it encompasses not only every human being (good or evil) but every living creature on the planet. It is unilateral in that God alone is the sole initiator, He twice calls it 'my covenant'...It does not require any assent, action, or ratification from mankind – not even acknowledgment. It is unconditional because there will never be another cosmic destruction by water no matter what we earthlings do. The covenant is the self-motivated promise of an unconditional mercy through human history."
- R. Kent Hughes (147)

25. List with whom the covenant was made.

- 9:9,10
- 9:12
- 9:13
- 9:15
- 9:16
- 9:17

26. What was the sign of the covenant? 9:12-14 (Compare Ezekiel 1:28; Revelation 4:3)

FYI: "God is at work restoring his fellowship with man and bringing man back to himself. The covenant with Noah...lies midway between God's original blessing of all mankind (1:28) and God's promise to bless 'all peoples on the earth' through Abraham (12:1-3)."
- The Expositor's Bible Commentary

27. What word(s) expresses the permanence of this covenant.

- 9:11,15 “never again”
- 9:12
- 9:16

28. What do the phrases in 9:8-17 that denote God’s actions: “I will, I establish, I am making, I have set, I will remember...” say about this promise? (See Isaiah 45:22,23)

Applying the Word: *Since you are a descendant of Noah, in what sense were you on the ark as well? How does this account of the flood and destruction of the earth impact you?*

Day 4

Noah’s Sons: Curses and Blessings. Read Genesis 9:20-29

29. What did God say about the relationship of present-day mankind to Noah’s sons? 9:18.19 (Compare Acts 17:26) *Apparently, what does this indicate about Noah’s having any other children?*

FYI: “Because all ‘races’ stem from the same, root, it is absurd for any group to claim superiority over another...it was God’s intention that each unique group exist, survive, and function as nations of people, without any one group or ethnicity being superior in nature to any other.”
- Tony Evans (12)

30. Later, what happened with Noah? 9:20,21

FYI: Some excuse Noah’s drunkenness saying that, after the flood, the fermentation process had accelerated greatly because of increased atmospheric pressure (also the base of the Ararat mountain range is 3000’ above sea level), or that Noah did not understand the fermentation process well.

31. What two verbs describe Ham’s actions in 9:22? What do you think this indicates about his attitude toward his father? (Contrast Exodus 20:12)

FYI: “Ham took a sniggering delight in the spectacle of his aged father sprawled naked in his tent...He also took perverse pleasure in exposing his father’s folly to his brothers. His action mocked and ridiculed.” - Kent Hughes (152)
“Nakedness has been linked with sexuality, privacy, and vulnerability. When the Bible speaks of ‘uncovering nakedness,’ it is usually referring to some type of sexual sin, perversion, or dishonor.”

- <https://www.gotquestions.org/uncover-nakedness.html>

“The actions...as they are described in this narrative have been regarded by many as the mere outline of a much more sinister deed.”
- The Expositor’s Bible Commentary

32. List the phrases that describe Shem and Japheth's actions. 9:23

- How would you contrast their attitude versus Ham's?

33. How do you think Noah may have found out what Ham had done? 9:24

34. What did Noah prophesy about Ham's lineage? 9:25,26 (Note: Canaan was Ham's youngest son. 10:6)

FYI: "We can trust God is not punishing the son (Canaan) for the sin of the father (Ham). This goes against the heart and justice of God ([Ezekiel 18:2-3](#)). However, through Noah's prophecy, God told Ham what *would happen* to his son."
- David Guzik

"The curse that Canaan and his descendants would be slaves finds its most obvious fulfillment in the ongoing defeat and subjugation of Canaan by Israel (see Joshua 9:23; 1 Kgs 9:20-21)."
- Tony Evans s(13)

35. What blessing was given to Shem's line? Luke 3:23,36

- How would Japheth's line be blessed? 9:27

FYI: 9:27 There are two schools of thought regarding what this prophecy about Japheth means:
"Some scholars are of the opinion that the enlargement of Japheth's territory refers to a great numerical increase of his descendants. The comment 'may Japheth live in the tents of Shem' means that Japheth will share in the blessings of Shem...Other scholars are of the opinion that the extension of Japheth's territory refers to territorial enlargement, and living 'in the tents of Shem' is the conquest of the Semites' territory by Japhethites. According to this view, the fulfillment was the Greek and Roman conquests of Israel."
- <https://www.gotquestions.org/sons-of-Noah.html>

36. How many years did Noah live after the flood? 9:29 (Compare 8:13)

Applying the Word: "As our world's morals continue to spiral downward, uncovering nakedness in one way or another has become a favorite pastime. Culture has glorified nakedness and worked to numb our natural modesty by parading nakedness before our eyes. Even children's clothing is sexualized, and media outlets praise nakedness as "bold," "brave," and "liberating." We watch actors uncovering each other's nakedness publicly on the big screen. The pornography industry has made a fortune by uncovering nakedness in every possible way, mocking biblical moral standards as archaic and restrictive."
- <https://www.gotquestions.org/uncover-nakedness.html>

What would you say about the path our culture is on regarding moral decency and respect for authority? How have you seen the culture having a desensitizing effect on you? In what small ways, do you think a believer can be an example of moral decency and modesty?

For Further Study

Mount St. Helens

Videos by David Rives:

"Mount St Helens Debunks Rock Dating | David Rives" (3:17)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0V0dnn-SR8>



"Mount St. Helens and Rapid Geology | David Rives" (3:50)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxcRG6OoMXk>



"Mount St. Helens: Young Earth Proof | David Rives" (2:31) (Polystrate Trees)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfAXPDpmWVo>



Video: "Mount St. Helens" (4:09)

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/videos/science/mount-st-helens/>



Videos: "How Can Mount St. Helens Help Us Understand Noah's Flood?" (20:38)

Dr. Steve Austin <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPzSebeH8LI>



Article: "#2 Bent Rocks" (Second article in a series on "10 Best Evidences From Science That Confirm a Young Earth" by Dr. Andrew A. Snelling)

<https://answersingenesis.org/geology/rock-layers/2-bent-rock-layers/>



Ice Age

Article: "Rapid Ice Age Cooling" "In 1980, Mount St. Helens in Washington state blew its top. Ash shot sixteen miles into the sky. Ash fell on eleven states. Though this cloud was massive, it was still relatively small compared to how big our earth is. Yet the cloud cooled the whole earth by a fraction of a degree! The rock record in the ground is filled with volcanic ash. And we know during the global flood of Noah's day, there was intense volcanic activity. Many of these volcanoes erupted during the end stages of the flood, and shortly after it ended. Can you imagine how much ash was in the atmosphere? All this ash would've reflected sunlight, cooling the earth--perfect for forming an ice age." - Ken Ham

<https://answersingenesis.org/media/audio/answers-with-ken-ham/volume-135/rapid-ice-age-cooling/>

Video: "What Really Caused the Ice Age and Climate Change?" (20:26)

Dr. Larry Vardiman <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCfKf1P7G-o&t=4s>



Video and Articles: "Ice Age" (3:36)

<https://answersingenesis.org/environmental-science/ice-age/>



Fossils

Article: "The Flood and Fossils"

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/noahs-ark/flood-fossils/>



Article: "Geological Column and Inherent Problems"

<https://creationstudies.org/articles/science/geology/94-geological-problems>

Carbon dating:

Video: "RADIOMETRIC DATING" (3:18)

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/videos/age-of-earth/check-this-out-radiometric-dating/>



Video: "Radiometric Dating and the Biblical Timeline" (3:10) Genesis Apologetics,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyy00IJRxrM&list=RDCMUClS7q1bNOeAEd6tsPQBc6Cw&index=18>





Did Dinosaurs Survive the Flood?

By John D. Morris, Ph.D.

The Bible is clear. The ancestors of every animal that ever lived were created during Creation Week. Each basic animal type was created "after his kind" and all subsequent individual animals, including dinosaurs, descended from these created categories.

On Day Five (Genesis 1:20-23) God created marine life and flying animals, but animals such as the plesiosaur and flying reptiles weren't dinosaurs. However, the Bible does mention "great whales" (v. 21) literally "great sea monsters" or "great dragons." Such terms bring up images of beasts reminiscent of modern re-constructions of dinosaurs and giant marine reptiles.

Day Six saw land animals created (vs. 24-31). Since dinosaurs were land creatures of a variety of sizes and habits, they would be included among the various "kinds" of "living creatures": the "cattle" or domesticated animals; the "creeping things" or small animals; and the "beasts of the earth", the large animals. They were of necessity air-breathing and land-dwelling.

At first, everything was "very good" (v. 31), but soon sin entered, resulting in the curse (Genesis 3) and, eventually, Noah's Flood (Genesis 6-9). Noah was told to take on board the Ark two of each kind of created animal "in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land" (7:22), including, no doubt, dinosaurs.

Outside the Ark, marine creatures died by the trillions, but at least some of them survived to continue those "kinds" after the flood, and thus at least some marine "dragons" survived. Sailors have ever since, even up to the present, reported "dragons" at sea. It may be that some are still alive.

The land and flying dinosaurs could only have survived on the Ark, only to disembark at the end of the flood into a strange and hostile world. We can surmise that the environmental conditions, with the sparse vegetation...and the temperature extremes during the ensuing Ice Age would have caused many animal types to become extinct, a process which continues today. Evidently the dinosaurs just didn't make it!

But there is good evidence that they survived at least for awhile. God's description of the large "behemoth" in Job 40:15-24 sounds remarkably like a large sauropod. And the description of "leviathan" (Job 41) seems to imply the kind of huge, fearsome beast reported in many "dragon legends" from every continent around the globe.

In fact, "dragon legends" are best understood as the faded and/or embellished memories of real human encounters with dragons. Sober historians from Herodotus to Marco Polo to Alexander the Great and many others appear to be relating such encounters, and their descriptions of these beasts sound like dinosaurs. Likewise, American-Indian stories of the "thunderbird" sound like a giant flying reptile, and some of their cave drawings resemble dinosaurs.

The barest possibility exists that some land dinosaurs could still be alive, as reported by certain rain-forest inhabitants, but more likely they are all extinct. There is much we don't know about dinosaurs, but the evidence fits the Biblical model well. Evolutionists, however, have difficulty explaining away dragon legends, cave drawings, and even modern "sightings." Furthermore, they can't explain either their demise or their evolution. The "just-so" stories they tell are inferior to a reconstruction of the past based on the Bible.