

(26) He also said, “Praise be to the LORD, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. (27) May God extend Japheth’s territory; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be the slave of Japheth.”

- There was no blessing for Ham or his family, but that was reserved for Shem and Japheth.

(28) After the flood Noah lived 350 years. (29) Noah lived a total of 950 years, and then he died.

For local contact on the Bible and science, contact these people:

Design Science Association, 1-503-665-9563. www.pdxdsa.org

They meet monthly in the Portland area and also sponsor hikes, tours, etc.

For Internet connections with Bible and Science questions, there are numerous sources. The best known is *Answers in Genesis* at www.answersingenesis.org. It’s resources are enormous.

Another extensive resource is: www.godandscience.org/ The page provides extensive links to specific questions.

The *Minnehaha Church of Christ* in Vancouver, WA carries one page of Christian Evidence each week in its Sunday bulletin. The source is:

www.creationmoments.com/resources/church-bulletins

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GENESIS CHAPTER 8 - 9

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This is tablet 4 and ends in 10:1
- Signed by Noah’s Sons

(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.

- God hastened the drying out process with a wind.
- The water did not rise above the mountains as we know them today, or oxygen equipment would have been needed. The mountains were much lower before the flood.



(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.

- One theory has it that a canopy of water had surrounded the earth since the first week in Genesis 1. This may have been, but computer models show that the canopy could not have held much water without making the earth’s temperature too high.

(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.

- While most exploring for the Ark is focused on a mountain called Ararat in Turkey, the text here uses the plural *mountains* of Ararat. There was also a kingdom of Ararat in Armenia. See 2 Kings 19:37, Isaiah 37:38 and Jeremiah 51:27. Searchers could be looking in the wrong place.

(5) The waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the

- The next destruction will be by fire. 2 Peter 3:10.

(12) And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: (13) I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.



- *The earth* stands for the inhabitants of the earth.

(14) Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, (15) I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

- This is the first mention of *clouds*. Are they new to the planet?

(16) Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” (17) So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.” (18) The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) (19) These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the whole earth.

- The three basic people groups on the planet are: 1) Japhetic, Caucasian, Aryan; 2) Hamitic, Turanian, Negroid; 3) Semitic, Oriental.

(20) Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. (21) When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent.

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. (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.”

- Just as Noah received Divine direction to enter the ark, he received Divine direction to leave it, along with the birds and animals.

(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.

- Just as God put instincts within the creatures to come, so he reversed the instructions.

(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.

- This is the first mention of a structure for sacrifice.
- The sacrifice itself is a substitute for the worshiper, showing that he acknowledges his sinful condition and is thanking the Lord for allowing the substitution. Noah and his family had been saved while the rest of humanity had been destroyed.
- Saved people must worship. It requires a decision to get it done.

(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

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.



- Just as it had rained for forty days (Genesis 7:17), so after forty days, Noah checked on conditions outside of the ark.

- The raven found something to eat on its travels, probably carrion. Noah could tell that some kind of food was available for it.

(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.

- This bird is more fastidious. It wants more conventional food.

(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.



- One commentator says the olive tree will put out leaves, even under water.

(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

- While the word "wine" is very general and could refer to grape juice (Isaiah 65:8), the outcome of drunkenness shows that it was fermented wine.
- Was fermentation new to Noah? This is the first mention of it.
- With the exception of this use of beverage alcohol, the record of Noah's life was flawless.

(22) Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside.

- Ham was disrespectful of his inebriated father.
- Drugs override natural modesty. Our deluge of immodesty today is closely tied with drug use.

(23) But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked.

- Shem and Japheth preserved Noah's modesty even though Noah was wrong.

(24) When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, (25) he said, "Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers."

- There is no curse of Ham. This is the religious ingredient of opposition to black-skinned people and provided religious grounds for American slavery.
- The curse was upon Ham's son Canaan, not on Ham. He may have been involved in this disrespect, because Ham had other sons and they were not cursed.
- Was this curse fulfilled? Yes. See Exodus 23:23-24; Deuteronomy 7:1-2.
- A few escaped destruction. They became slaves of Israel. Joshua 9:21-27.

evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

- This is a promise that a universal flood will not take place again. Many local floods have occurred since this time, emphasizing that this flood was global.

(22) “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

- The earth is not scheduled to last forever!
- This is the first mention of seasons.
- One theory is that the earth tipped 23.5 degrees on its axis. To inquire further, enter “23.5 degrees” in your favorite search engine.



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(1) Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. (2) The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands.

- It was God’s intention for Noah’s family to decentralize by filling the earth, not just the local area.
- Mankind would cause fear in the beasts, birds and fish.

(3) Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

- People are authorized to eat meat. If they did before this, it was not with God’s approval.

(4) “But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. (5) And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being.



(6) “Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.

- People are authorized to eat meat with one limitation - blood. Later, in the time of Moses, the blood was offered on the altar and forbidden as food.
- Capital punishment is required because human life is very important. Each bears the image of God.
- This requires some system of government and justice with the power of life or death over its citizens. Romans 13:1.

(7) As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.”

(8) Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: (9) “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you (10) and with every living creature that was with you - the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you - every living creature on earth. (11) I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”