

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Wednesday, August 31, 2022**

**Bible Study Series: In the Beginning – Genesis 1-11**

**Lesson 21 – The Floodwaters Recede – Gen. 8:1-19**

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- I. God Remembered Noah – vs. 1-5
  - A. Noah and Every Living Thing in the Ark
  - B. To Remember is to Show Mercy – Gen. 19:29; 30:22
    - 1. Used 73 times in OT with God as the subject
    - 2. Not forgotten, shown mercy – Rom. 9:15; Exodus 33:19
  - C. The Wind
    - 1. Ruah – Spirit – Gen. 1:2
    - 2. Not the Sun
  - D. The Water
    - 1. Stopped (sealed) and Restrained (shut)
    - 2. The flood's commencement and conclusion are divinely ordained and controlled
    - 3. Timeline
      - a. 150 days – the water stopped rising
      - b. 227 days – the Ark rested (Noah-ed)
      - c. 300 days – mountain tops could be seen
- II. Opening the Hatch – vs. 6-12
  - A. Navigation and Investigation – see stars, release birds
  - B. The Birds (40 days +7 +7)
    - 1. Raven – meat eater, bodies on mountain tops (bone pits)
    - 2. Dove – lowlands and valleys
      - a. Came back
      - b. Second time found olive leaf
      - c. Third time did not return
- III. Dry Land – vs. 13-14
  - A. Beginning and End
    - 1. Flood Begins – Gen. 7:11 – 17<sup>th</sup> day/2<sup>nd</sup> month/600 year of Noah
    - 2. Flood Ends – Gen. 8:14 – 27<sup>th</sup> day/2<sup>nd</sup> month/601 year of Noah
    - 3. 354 days – 1 lunar year (solar year is 365 days)
  - B. Harab and Yabas – free of moisture, complete absence of water
  - C. Noah Knew it was Dry and Safe, but Did not Leave the Ark
- IV. Opening the Door – vs. 15-19
  - A. God Said to Noah
    - 1. A command to leave
    - 2. Noah waited to hear from God
    - 3. The last time God had spoken to Noah was when he entered the Ark
    - 4. One year of silence, storms, and waiting
  - B. Go Out
  - C. Be Fruitful and Multiply – Gen. 1:22, 28

## **Cross References**

### **Genesis 19:29**

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

### **Genesis 30:22**

22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb.

### **Romans 9:15**

15 For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."

### **Exodus 33:19**

19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

### **Genesis 1:2**

2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

### **Genesis 1:22**

22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

### **Genesis 1:28**

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."