

GENESIS CHAPTER 8

¹ And God remembered Noah, and all the wild beasts, and all the cattle, and all the birds, and all the reptiles that creep, as many as were with him in the ark, and God brought a wind upon the earth, and the water subsided. ² And the fountains of the deep were closed up, and the flood gates of heaven, and the rain from heaven was withheld. ³ And the water subsided, and went off the earth, and after one hundred and fifty days the water was diminished, and the ark rested in the seventh month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. ⁴ And the water continued to decrease until the tenth month. ⁵ And in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the heads of the mountains were visible.

⁶ And it came to pass after forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. ⁷ And he sent forth a raven; and it went out, and did not return until the water was dried from off of the earth. ⁸ And he sent a dove after it, to see if the water had ceased from off of the earth. ⁹ And the dove, not having found rest for her feet, returned to him into the ark, because the water was upon all the face of the earth, and he stretched out his hand and took her *in*, and brought her to himself into the ark. ¹⁰ And waiting yet another seven days, he again sent forth the dove from the ark. ¹¹ And the dove returned to him in the evening, and had an olive leaf in her mouth; and Noah knew that the water had ceased from off the earth. ¹² And waiting yet another seven days, he again sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him again anymore.

¹³ And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year of the life of Noah, in the first month, on the first day of the month, that the water subsided from off of the earth, and Noah opened the covering of the ark which he had made, and he saw that the water had subsided from the face of the earth. ¹⁴ And in the second month the earth had dried, on the twenty-seventh day of the month.

¹⁵ And the Lord God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶ "Come out from the ark, you and your wife and your sons, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷ And all the wild beasts, as many as are with you, and all flesh, both of birds and beasts, and every reptile moving upon the earth, bring forth with you: be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth." ¹⁸ And Noah came forth, and his wife and his sons, and his sons' wives with him. ¹⁹ And all the wild beasts and all the cattle and every bird, and every reptile creeping upon the earth after their kind, came forth out of the ark.

²⁰ And Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of all clean beasts, and of all clean birds, and offered a whole burnt offering upon the altar. ²¹ And the Lord God smelled a sweet aroma. And the Lord God, having considered *all things*, said, "I will never again curse the earth, due to the works of men, because the imagination of man is intently bent upon evil things from his youth, I will never again destroy all living flesh as I have done. ²² All the days of the earth, seed and harvest, cold and heat, summer and spring, shall not cease by day or night."