

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
FEBRUARY 23, 2022
GENESIS 8:1-14

INTRODUCTION:

1. Genesis 7.17-24 describe the event of God's judgment in two simple facts:
 - a) The waters raised to a level that covered the whole earth. (vs. 17-20)
 - b) All flesh that lived on the earth died. (vs. 21-24)
2. Genesis 8 begins the recovery as the flood dissipates and the land dries out.
 - a) **GENESIS 7.17-24:** "*the waters prevailed*" (vs. 18,19,20,24)
 - b) **GENESIS 8:1-14:** "*the waters receded*" (vs. 1,3,5,7,8,11,13)

I. THE SHOWERS OF THE FLOOD

- A. The duration of the flood.
 1. **GENESIS 8.3:** "*And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.*"
 - a) After forty days and nights, the water level stopped rising and was sustained above the highest mountain. (Gen. 7.19,20)
 - b) This sustained level remained on the earth for 150 days. (Gen. 7.24)
 2. **GENESIS 8.4:** "*Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.*" How long from the first rains? (cf. Gen. 7.11)
 3. **GENESIS 8.5:** "*And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month.*"
 - a) An additional two and a half months.
 - b) "*...on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.*"
 4. **GENESIS 8:13,14:** "*And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.*" (cf. Gen. 7.11). Note: Ancient calendar years were 360 days.
- B. The diagnosis of the flood.
 1. **GENESIS 8.6,7:** "*Then he sent out a raven...*" Like vultures, ravens will eat carrion.
 2. **GENESIS 8.8,9:** "*He also sent out from himself a dove...But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot*"
 3. **GENESIS 8.10,11:** "*Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth*"
 4. **GENESIS 8.12:** "*which did not return again to him anymore.*"

II. THE POWER OF GOD

- A. The flood is a demonstration of the power of God.
 1. The flood came because God commanded it. (Gen. 6.7,13,17; Ps. 104.5-9)
 2. God is capable of both making peace and creating calamity. (Isa. 45.7; Deut. 11.17)
 3. Other demonstrations of God's power. (Ps. 9.16)
 - a) The ten plagues. (Ex. 5.2; 7.17)
 - b) The destruction of Korah and his company. (Num. 16.28-34)
 - c) The destruction of Assyria. (2 Kings 19.10,11,22,25-28,35)
- B. We serve a God who is powerful!
 1. God hears and answers our prayers. (Phil. 4.6; 1 Pet. 5.7; Ps. 55.22)
 2. He protects and provides for us. (Heb. 13.5,6; Ps. 23)
 3. Romans 11.22: "*Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God*"