

Steve Greenberg's Handout, Wednesday 7pm, March 11, 2026

Week 08 March 11, 2026: Gen 8-9 Noah Exits The Ark, Gods Covenant

Genesis 8:1-12 Noah's Deliverance (The Flood Recedes) Noah Leaves the Arc

Gen 8:1 Then God remembered Noah (God is going to show kindness & mercy on behalf of Noah), and every living thing, and all the animals (all the wild animals and domestic animals) that were with him (Noah) in the ark (floating barge, boat). And God made a wind to pass over the earth (land), and the waters subsided (floodwaters began to recede).

Correlation Passages

Gen 19:29 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.

Exo 14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

Exo 14:22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Gen 8:2 The fountains of the deep (underground subterranean waters) and the windows of heaven (floodgates from water canopies) were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.

Gen 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

Gen 7:12 And the rain was (pouring down) on the earth forty days and forty nights.

Gen 8:3 And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the 150 days the waters decreased (was steadily going down).

Gen 8:4 Then the ark (floating barge, boat) rested (on the ground) in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month (five months after the rain began), on the mountains of Ararat (was in location in Armenia presently in Turkey--near the present-day Turkish-Armenian border).

Gen 8:5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen (mountain peaks became visible).

Gen 8:6 So it came to pass, at the end of (another) forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made (window installed when building the ark, Gen 6:16).

**Gen 6:16 (Noah)**"You shall make a window for the ark (**unique window to be opened later**), and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

**Gen 8:7** Then he(**Noah**) sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro (**flying back and forth**) until the waters (**floodwaters**) had dried up from the earth.

**Gen 8:8** He(**Noah**) also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters (**water level elevation**) had receded from the face (**surface**) of the ground.

**Gen 8:9** But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot (**no place for her to perch or stand**), and she returned into the ark to him(**Noah**), for the waters were on the face of (**still covering**) the whole earth. So he(**Noah**) put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself.

**Gen 8:10** And he(**Noah**) waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.

**Gen 8:11** Then the dove came to him(**Noah**) in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth (**or beak**); and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth (**floodwaters were going down and almost gone**).

So today we see the picture of the dove with the olive leaf (**or olive branch**), and it has become a symbol of peace.

**Gen 8:12** So he(**Noah**) waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore (**this time the dove did not come back to Noah**).

### **Genesis 8:13-19 Noah And the Animals Left the Ark**

**Gen 8:13** And it came to pass in the 601year (**of Noah's life**), in the first month, the first day of the month (**or On the first day of the first month**), that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry.

**Gen 8:14** And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month (**an additional 57 days and**), the earth was dried (**completely dried out**).

**Gen 8:15** Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

**Gen 8:16** "Go (**or come**) out of the ark (**boat**), you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

**Gen 8:17** "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle (**every animal**) and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound (**increase in number, breed abundantly**) on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

### Correlation Passages

Gen 1:19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Gen 1:20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."

Gen 1:21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

Gen 1:28 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."

**Gen 8:18** So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' (**and their**) wives with him (**they all left the ark, after being in the ark for little more than one year**).

**Gen 8:19** Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families (**in pairs, one kind after another**) went out of the ark.

### Genesis 8:20-22 God's Covenant with Creation (Noah Worships God)

**Gen 8:20** Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took (**some**) of every clean animal and of every clean bird (**approved and set aside for that purpose, Lev 11**), and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

Noah's burnt offering is intended to thank God for faithfulness and deliverance, also an act of atonement.

### Godly men built altars and worshipped the Lord

Gen 12:7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he (**Abram**) built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

### Exodus from Egypt

Exo 10:24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you."

Exo 10:25 But Moses said, "You must also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God."

**Gen 8:21** And the LORD smelled a soothing (**satisfying, pleasing**) aroma (**from the sacrifice**). Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination (**intent and inclination**) of man's heart is evil (**wicked continuously**) from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done (**in this same way again**).

**Gen 5:29** And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us (**give us rest**) concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed."

**v.21** God's evaluation of man: "...for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth."

Noah, having descended from Adam, has a sinful nature. God recognizes and acknowledges the sinful nature of man. But even though man has a sinful nature, God make a way of redemption for sinful man. The sacrifices are shadows of the fulfillment to come and point us to the Gods redeemer and savior.

The Sacrifices are a Shadow, but the substance is of Christ.

**Heb 10:1** For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

**Heb 10:10** By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Col 2:16** So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,

**Col 2:17** which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

**Jhn 1:29** The next day John (the Baptism) saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "**Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**"

**1Pet 1:18** knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

**1Pet 1:19** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

**Gen 8:22** "While the earth remains, Seedtime (**planting**) and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night, Shall not cease."

The probably did not have winter and summer prior to the flood. That there was just a uniform temperature around the earth annually.

God had given to Noah the promise that as long as the earth remained, it would remain in its orbit; it would continue to spin upon its axis, that there would be summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, etc. There would be day and night, and there would be cold and heat.

God is speaking to the nation of Israel restored and the New Covenant Church

Isa 54:8 With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you," Says the LORD, your Redeemer.

Isa 54:9 "For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.

Isa 54:10 For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

There is no way Gods covenant can be broken

Jer 33:20 "Thus says the LORD: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season,

Jer 33:21 'then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers.

Jer 33:22 'As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.' "

Genesis 9:1-7 God's Blessed Noah, Be Fruitful and Multiply

Gen 9:1 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill (replenish) the earth.

Cross-reference

Gen 1:28 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."

Gen 9:2 "And the fear of you and the dread (or terror instinctively) of you, shall be on every beast (living creature) of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand (under your authority and power).

Gen 9:3 "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs (green plants, vegetables and grains).

God now allows the taking of animals for food, previously did not eat animals. The blood of the animal must be drained and not consumed. Jewish people today still follow this strict command.

In the New Testament when they sought to determine the relationship that the Gentile believer would have to the law, they told them to keep themselves from idols and from fornication, and from things strangled. If you strangled the animal that you were going to eat the blood which gets locked in the flesh. So they were exhorted not to eat things that were strangled. So it is a prohibition that carried on to the Gentile believers in the early church.

Eat and pray by faith, be sensitive to others, walk in love

Rom 14:14 I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

Rom 14:15 Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.

Rom 14:20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.

Rom 14:21 It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.

Rom 14:22 Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

Rom 14:23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

Gen 9:4 "But you shall not eat flesh (**meat**) with its life, that is, its blood.

Saul's foolish statements, but finally built his first altar to the Lord

1Sa 14:29 But Jonathan said, "My father (Saul) has troubled the land. Look now, how my countenance has brightened because I tasted a little of this honey.

1Sa 14:30 "How much better if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For now would there not have been a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?"

1Sa 14:31 Now they had driven back the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. So the people were very faint.

1Sa 14:32 And the people rushed on the spoil, and took sheep, oxen, and calves, and slaughtered them on the ground; and the people ate them with the blood.

1Sa 14:33 Then they told Saul, saying, "Look, the people are sinning against the LORD by eating with the blood!" So he said, "You have dealt treacherously; roll a large stone to me this day."

1Sa 14:34 Then Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people, and say to them, 'Bring me here every man's ox and every man's sheep, slaughter them here, and eat; and do not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood.' " So every one of the people brought his ox with him that night, and slaughtered it there.

1Sa 14:35 Then Saul built an altar to the LORD. This was the first altar that he built to the LORD.

Gen 9:5 "Surely for your lifeblood (**death of a person**) I will demand a reckoning (**or accounting, exact punishment**); from the hand of every beast I will require it (**any animal that kills a person**), and from the hand of man (**any person that murders a person**). From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man (**anyone who murders a fellow human must die**).

Act 17:26 And He(God) has made from one blood (**the life is in the blood**), every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

Act 17:27 "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

Gen 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood (**unlawfully**), By man (**human hands**) his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man (**humankind**).

Human life is to be valued very high because God made man in his own image.

Any animal or person that murders a human life will be held accountable by God (Ex. 21:28, Lev 24:21). Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, put to death.

Exo 21:28 "If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, then the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be acquitted.

Lev 24:21 'And whoever kills an animal shall restore it; but whoever kills a man shall be put to death.

Gen 9:7 And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly (**increase and repopulate**) the earth And multiply in it."

#### Correlation Passage

Exo 1:7 But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

#### Genesis 9:8-17 God Spoke to Noah

Gen 9:8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying:

Gen 9:9 "And as for Me, behold (**listen up**), I establish My covenant (**My solemn promise**) with you and with your descendants (**offspring, Lit seed**) after you,

Gen 9:10 "and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast (**wild animals**) of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast (**living creature**) of the earth.

**Gen 9:11** "Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh (**all living creatures**) be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again, shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

**God promised that He will never destroy the earth with a universal flood again.**

**Gen 9:12** And God said: "This is the sign (**visible guarantee**) of the covenant, which, I make between Me and you (**My solemn promise**), and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations (**or everlasting generations**):

**Gen 9:13** "I set My rainbow in the cloud (**or clouds**), and it (**the rainbow**) shall be for the sign of the covenant (**guarantee**), between Me and the earth.

It appears that the rainbow appeared as a sign for the first time after the flood. Remember it had not rained Gen 2:5-6 it is amazing how God does miracles and man has to explain them through natural laws.

Rev 4:3 And He (**Almighty God**) who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

Eze 1:28 Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking (**pre-incarnate Christ v26**).

**Gen 9:14** "It shall be, when I bring a cloud (**or clouds**), over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen (**appear**) in the cloud;

**Gen 9:15** "and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh (**never again will I send floodwaters over all the earth and destroy all life**).

**Gen 9:16** "The rainbow shall be in the cloud (**or clouds**), and I will look on it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

**Gen 9:17** And God said to Noah, "This (**rainbow**) is the sign of the covenant (**My solemn promise**) which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**Genesis 9:18-29 Noah and His Sons (Noah Got Drunk, His Son Ham is Cursed)**

**Gen 9:18** Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark (**floating barge, boat**) were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan.

**Gen 9:19** These three were the sons of Noah, and from these (**three men**) the whole earth was populated (**scattered and dispersed abroad**).

**The peoples of the world are divided into three ethnic groups after Noah's three sons.**

**Gen 9:20** And Noah began to be a farmer (**cultivating the ground**), and he planted a vineyard.

**Gen 9:21** Then he(**Noah**) drank of the wine, and was drunk, and became uncovered (**lay naked**) in his tent.

**Gen 9:22** And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw (**by accident**) the nakedness of his father, and (**to his father's shame and humiliation**) told his two brothers outside.

Ham's actions of looking on the nakedness of his father in his tent and then reporting this to his brothers bring serious criticism and dishonor in that culture. There is no indication that perverse sexual behavior was involved. Though the text does not explicitly state what happened, it is clear that Ham humiliated, mocked and dishonored his father, and apparently he involved his brothers in that humiliation.

#### **Quote from Pastor Chuck Smith 3,000 series**

The word saw in the Hebrew means to gaze intently. There are those who would suggest that he gazed in a sensual way at his father's nakedness and would suggest there was a homosexual act by Ham committed against his father. However, again that is totally without scriptural substantiation. It does say in verse 24, when Noah woke from his wine and knew what his younger son had done to him, he cursed his grandson Canaan, knowing what Ham had done. But what was it that Ham had done? Was it a homosexual act, or was it a fact that he sort of made fun of his father's...went out and told the two brothers thinking that they also would get a kick out of "the old man's naked in the tent" kind of a thing? The idea is probably the lack of showing respect to his father. The patriarchal society was extremely strong. In the scripture the command was to honor your father and your mother, and it was something that was in the law. It was also deeply enculturated, that respect and honor of your parents.

#### **Quote from David Guzik on Blue Letter Bible**

**Saw the nakedness of his father:** Others think Ham's only sin here was in seeing Noah's drunken, uncovered state, and that he made fun of him, mocking him as a father and as a man of God.

i. Literally, the ancient Hebrew says that Ham "told with delight" what he saw in his father's tent. He determined to mock his father and was undermining his authority as a man of God.

- a. **Knew what his younger son had done to him**: This seems to indicate that whatever happened to Noah, it was more than one of his sons or grandsons seeing his nudity. This explains the strength of the curse.
- b. **Cursed be Canaan**: It seems strange that if Ham sinned against Noah, that **Canaan** (Ham's son) was cursed. Perhaps Canaan was also involved in this sin against Noah in a way not mentioned in the text. Perhaps the strongest punishment against Ham was for Noah to prophetically reveal the destiny of his son Canaan.
- i. 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.

**Deu 27:16 'Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'**

**Gen 9:23** But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

**Exo 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.**

**Gen 9:24** So Noah awoke from his wine (**drunken stupor**), and knew (**or learned**) what his younger son (**Ham**) had done to him.

**Gen 9:25** Then he(**Noah**) said: "Cursed be Canaan (**children of Ham**); A servant of servants (**or lowest of servants**) He shall be to his brethren (**brothers**)."

**The words of Noah are prophetic. God later found the disobedience of the Canaanites to be repulsive and replaced them with the descendants of Shem.**

**Gen 9:26** And he(**Noah**) said: "Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant.

**The Jewish people are the descendants of Shem. Through Shem's lineage came the Messiah and salvation.**

**Gen 9:27** May God enlarge (**the land**) Japheth, And may he(**Japheth**) dwell (**share & prosper like**) in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant."

**Gen 9:28** And Noah lived after the flood 350 years.

**Gen 9:29** So all the days of Noah were 950 years; and he died.

**End:**