

“Never Curse”

Genesis 8:1-22

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This morning/afternoon we’d like to see Genesis 8:1-22 under the title of “Never Curse.”

To Online Word’s multitudes, we’d like to suggest 3 questions:

Q1. In verse 10, “And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark,” what character of Noah can we see?

Q2. In verse 14, “And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried,” how long days did Noah stay in the ark?

Q3. In verse 21, “And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done,” what characters of God can we see?

(Background)

- (1) Rains began in Genesis 7:10-12, “And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. 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. ¹² And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.” (on 2/17 at Noah’s age 600, it rained)
- (2) Noah’s family & creatures entered the ark in Genesis 7:13, “On the very same day Noah and Noah’s sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark.”
- (3) The flood prevailed 15 cubits (7.5 m or 23 feet) on the earth for 150 days in Genesis 7:20 & 24, “. ²⁰ The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. ²⁴ And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.”
- (4) God gives us the very day that the flood began and that it lasted 150 days. It began on the 17th day of the 2nd month and now on the 17th day of the 7th month, 5 months or 150 days, the waters prevailed on the earth. So, it is a year that was calculated with 360 days throughout the Babylonian Calendar rather than today Gregorian calendar 365 days.

¹ Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. ² The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.

³ And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.

3= the hundred and fifty days the water decreased (150 days)

⁴Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵And 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.

⁶So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. ⁷Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. ⁸He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. ⁹But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. ¹⁰And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. ¹¹Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth.

¹²So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

¹³And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the 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.

4= the seventh month, the seventeenth day (7/17 from 2/17 *Gen 7:11*, above); Ararat (today in Turkey)

10=Q1 Noah waited yet another seven days (Noah's patience to wait for God's time to go out of the ark)

11= a freshly plucked olive leaf... Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth (but not rush to go out the ark yet)

12= Noah waited yet another seven days (again patience)

13= the six hundred and first year (Noah's age 601)

<p>¹⁴And in <u>the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month</u>, the earth was dried.</p>	<p>14=Q2 the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month (2/27 from 2/17 in the last year, so 370 days)</p>
<p>¹⁵Then <u>God spoke to Noah</u>, saying, ¹⁶<u>“Go out of the ark</u>, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you.</p>	<p>15= God spoke to Noah... Go out of the ark (on 371 days, God’s time; we should keep patience for His time to do during our life)</p>
<p>¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that <i>is</i> with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and <u>be fruitful and multiply on the earth.</u>”</p>	<p>17= --- be fruitful and multiply on the earth (God’s commandment)</p>
<p>¹⁸So <u>Noah went out</u>, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. ¹⁹Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, <i>and</i> whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.</p>	<p>18= So Noah went out ... (full obedience to God)</p>
<p>²⁰Then <u>Noah built an altar</u> to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered <u>burnt offerings</u> on the altar.</p>	<p>20 = Noah built an altar (first time before Mosaic law or Levitical Law), burnt offerings (sacrifice of consecration)</p>
<p>²¹And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, “I will <u>never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing</u> as I have done.</p>	<p>21= Q3 never again curse (God’s unconditional love)... although ... man’s heart is evil from his youth (originated from Adam, tendency to sin; God’s patience ¹2 Peter 3:9); nor will I again destroy every living thing (in Great Tribulation period, 2/3 people on earth will be destroyed but 1/3 will be alive – some beheaded)</p>

¹ 2 Peter 3:9he Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

<p>22“While the earth remains, <u>Seedtime and harvest,</u> Cold and heat, <u>Winter and summer,</u> And day and night Shall not cease.”</p>	<p>martyrs & 144,000 Jews to be saved; the Lord will establish the millennium kingdom, destroying evil and restoring the earth to what it was before the flood)</p> <p>22= Seedtime and harvest (Spring and Fall; a reminder of God’s covenant with Noah up to the present); Winter and Summer (four season after the universal Flood broken canopy of water, firmament, of the earth; it probably made earth tilt 23.5 degree.)</p>
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