

Supplemental Texts Gen 7 **Focus Verse** “And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.” – Genesis 8:20 **Introduction** God’s judgment had been poured upon the earth in the form of a flood. The people of the world had been destroyed for their wickedness, except for Noah and his family (eight persons in total). The protection of this fortunate family came as a result of their obedience to God: they all entered into the ark to be saved from the destruction. God let it rain mightily for 40 days and 40 nights, and it flooded for 150 days such that no flesh was saved, except for the eight.

Deeper Look

And God Remembered Noah – Gen 8:1-12 The Bible tells us that God remembered Noah at this time. It should be clear that God never forgot him in the ark. It simply means that God’s attention was turned toward Noah in a process to end the flood. The ark settled down on the mountain range of Ararat, which was considered as the highlands of Armenia (2 Kin 19:37; Isa 37:38), where the great Ararat is about 16,254 ft high, and the less Ararat to about 12,000 ft high. Forty days after seeing the top of the mountains, Noah opened the window of the ark. He sent a raven, a bird of prey, to find out the level of the waters; the raven went out of the ark, and returned (unlikely into the ark), doing this over and over until the waters were dried up. He also sent a dove, a bird that flies low. On the first errand, the dove quickly returned because there was no place to land; on the second, it came back in the evening with an olive leaf (a sign that God has restored peace); and on the third errand, the dove did not return, meaning that the waters were dried up. **The Waters Were Dried Up – Gen 8:13-22** When the ground was fully dry and fit for human and animal habitation, God directed Noah to go out of the ark, along with his entire family and the animals. At this time, after more than a year in the ark, Noah knew that the earth was already dry, yet he never left the ark by his own will, but patiently waited until God directed him. Upon getting out of the ark, Noah built an altar and offered acceptable burnt offerings on it to God. That was an act of worship and gratitude!

Questions

What does the Bible mean when it says, “And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark”? Can God forget any of His own? See Isa 49:15. How many days did it rain upon the earth, and how long did the waters prevail upon the earth? The ark became the safe haven for Noah and his family during the disastrous flood. In what way is Jesus Christ compared to the ark? How do we make Jesus our Safe Haven? What lesson(s) can we learn from Noah and his family, in light of Num 24:15? Can we apply the lesson(s) in our homes? How? Why did Noah send the dove out of the ark? What information could be inferred when the dove returned back to Noah? Noah sent the dove the second time, this time the dove returned in the evening with an olive leaf in her mouth. What did this mean to Noah? Noah sent the dove the third time, but the dove did not return again to Noah. This meant that the earth had become dry for humans and animals. Considering his next course of actions of Noah, what things do you find admirable about Noah?

The salvation of Noah and his family was ascribable to his righteousness and obedience to God (Gen 7:1). He chose to live a righteous life unlike people of his days, and he chose to obey God at all times. His obedience paid off! His life had impact on his wife, sons, and sons' wives. Each of them was involved in the assignment God gave to Noah, and they believed all the things God told Noah would happen. Noah supported his family in serving God (Num 24:15). We are called to serve God; we are called to be separate from the world (2 Cor 6:17). Holy living is a must if we have to be identified with our Heavenly Father (1 Pet 1:15,16). This affords us the opportunity of hearing from God, as we should. Like Noah and his family were saved from destruction, we can be saved, too. God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34; Rom 2:11). If we walk with God, He will walk with us. You can believe that! Certainly, God will save us from the judgment that is coming upon this world. Our duty is to serve Him and obey Him with all our heart, mind, and might. Personal Meditation Faith Portal Church McKinney, TX www.faithportal.org | info@faithportal.org | (469) 920-1792 DAILY STUDY Monday Gen 8:1-3 Tuesday Gen 8:4-6 Wednesday Gen 8:7-9 Thursday Gen 8:10-12 Friday Gen 8:13-17 Saturday Gen 8:18-22 Erhap