

# GENESIS

God's Faithfulness in the Flood

## Study #24

### Questions for Genesis:

The Great Flood (8:1-14)

<sup>NAS</sup> **Genesis 8:1** But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided. <sup>2</sup> Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained; <sup>3</sup> and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of one hundred and fifty days the water decreased. <sup>4</sup> And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. <sup>5</sup> And the water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible. <sup>6</sup> Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made; <sup>7</sup> and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land; <sup>9</sup> but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark; for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and brought her into the ark to himself. <sup>10</sup> So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. <sup>11</sup> And the dove came to him toward evening; and behold, in her beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth. <sup>12</sup> Then he waited yet another seven days, and sent out the dove; but she did not return to him again. <sup>13</sup> Now it came about in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, on the first of the month, the water was dried up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground was dried up. <sup>14</sup> And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

### Day 1

1. Read Genesis 1:14. What title would you give to this passage?
2. Make a list in chronological order of the main events/scenes of this passage.
3. Are there any key words that jump out at you as you read through this passage? What are they?

## Day 2

4. Verse 1 says that God “remembered.” What does this not mean? What does it mean?
5. What does this passage reveal about the character of God?
6. What attribute of God does this passage most greatly highlight?

## Day 3

7. Imagine being in the shoes of Noah throughout the whole ordeal. Imagine having heard God giving command to build the Ark. Imagine taking heed to such a command and then the day comes when God says to get into the Ark. Imagine being in the Ark while the face of earth is being completely flooded by water. Imagine the dove returning with an olive branch. And now you remove the cover of the Ark and are able to see that the land is finally dry. What thoughts do you suppose you might have as you look upon the landscape, looking at the dry ground?
8. Keep in mind that Moses wrote to the Israelites as they prepare to enter the land of promise. They know that there are significant enemies in the land and that their task of taking over the land will not be an easy one. In what ways does this passage and the overall story of Noah impact the Israelites as they prepare to enter the land?
9. What are the most important truths that you discover from this passage? Are you faced with a difficult situation? If so, how does this passage minister to you personally?

**Questions/assignments for teens/children** (The following are a list of options that a young person can choose from in preparation for Care Group. Feel free to choose any one of the options, or come up with a different one.)

- Use your artistic creativity to depict a scene from the passage that has been studied.



- Create a one person skit in which you are Moses. It is now 5 years since the flood and you are leading family devotions. Take 5 minutes to present a short message in which you recall the event of the flood.
- Have everyone in your family ask at least one nonbeliever if what they understand about the flood. The goal for each family member will be to discuss the flood with a nonbeliever in order to possibly share the gospel. Have each family member report back to you so that you can report back to the Care Group.

