

FLOOD 4
NEW BEGINNINGS

GENESIS 8

"But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. The waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible." (Genesis 8:1-5, NIV)

GOD REMEMBERED NOAH...

God does not forget, so what does this mean?

- The verb carries a progressive sense
 - In other words, God never forgot Noah, he was always remembering him.
- A metaphorical sense in that Noah realizes God's remembrance.
- A literary device
 - The story now returns to Noah from the destruction of the earth.

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE FLOOD – THE DRAINAGE.

THE CLOSING OF THE SOURCES.

- The springs of the deep are closed
- The floodgates of heaven closed
- The rain stopped.

THE FORCING OF THE WATER'S MOVEMENT

A GREAT WIND.

"Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided," (Exodus 14:21, NIV)

"The men were amazed and asked, 'What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!'" (Matthew 8:27, NIV)

OTHER POSSIBILITIES NOT MENTIONED FOR WATER MOVEMENT.

- *Tectonic plate collapse causing deep trenches in the ocean floor.*
- *Personal, unscientific opinion: God freezes the water into ice and glacier formations.*
 - *Ice is less dense than water therefore it is greater in volume.*
 - *Ice, as a solid, it more “stackable”*
 - *While many geologic formations are hydraulic, some are definitely “ice carved”*

DRAINAGE TIME MARKERS.

- The flood ceases on day 4 of month 4.
 - *...of Noah's 600th year*
 - *40 days after the rain stopped*
 - *47 days after Noah entered the ark*
- The ark rests.
 - Day 17 of the 10th month of Noah's 600th year.
 - 103 days after the rain stopped.
 - 143 days after the rain started.
 - 150 days after Noah entered the ark.
- Visible mountains.
 - Day 1 of month 10 of Noah's 600th year
 - 73 days after the ark rests.
 - 176 days from the end of the rain.
 - 216 days from the start of the rain
 - 223 days from entering the ark.

*"After forty days Noah opened the window he had made in the ark and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. But the dove could find no place to set its feet because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him."
(Genesis 8:6-12, NIV)*

- Testing for dry ground.
- *Open window and first bird test.*
 - Forty days later
 - Day 10 of the 12th month of Noah's 600th year.
 - 216 days from the end of the rain
 - 113 days after the ark rests
 - 256 days from the start of the rain.
 - *Second test*
 - 7 days later
 - Day 17 of the 12th month of Noah's 600th year
 - 223 days from the end of the rain
 - 120 days after the ark rests
 - 263 days from the start of the rain.
 - *Third test*
 - 7 days later
 - 230 days from the end of the rain
 - 127 days after the ark rests
 - 270 days from the start of the rain.

- Visually dry
 - *Day 1 of month 1 of Noah's 601st year*
 - 236 days from the end of the rain
 - 133 days after the ark rests
 - 276 days from the start of the rain.
- Complete dryness
 - *Day 27 of month 2 of Noah's 601st year*
 - *292 days from the end of the rain*
 - *189 days after the ark rests*
 - *332 days from the start of the rain.*

THE RESTING OF THE ARK.

"and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat." (Genesis 8:4, NIV)

MOST LIKELY LOCATION

- Note the plural.
- This could be any of the mountains in a chain in Northwest Turkey.
- Much attention has been paid to a specific location
- This location is 15,500 feet above sea level on the mountain called Ararat.
- The item has been photographed by satellite and visited by various people. Summarizing information
 - The item has the equivalent dimensions of the ark.
 - The item is in the right chain of mountains.
 - While some say it could be a rock formation, most think it could be man-made.
 - The item is under a permanent ice cap and only visible during periods of severe local drought and warmth in the area.
 - The area is a highly sensitive area subject to tribal conflict, cold war suspicion, and Islamic concern. Few people have been able to visit the area to confirm the finding

SECONDARY LOCATION – MOUNT SULEIMAN, NORTHEAST IRAN.

- Explored as a possibility by Bob Conuke
- Fits some biblical data for location

"As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there." (Genesis 11:2, NIV)

- Turkey is WEST of Shinar
- There are impassable mountains between Turkey and Mesopotamia.

"So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there. One day, while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer cut him down with the sword, and they escaped to the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son succeeded him as king." (2 Kings 19:36-37, NIV)

- Sennacharib had not conquered the peoples of the mountain area east of Assyria.
- Esarhaddon refused to recognize the area as existing.

"Lift up a banner in the land! Blow the trumpet among the nations! Prepare the nations for battle against her; summon against her these kingdoms: Ararat, Minni and Ashkenaz. Appoint a commander against her; send up horses like a swarm of locusts." (Jeremiah 51:27, NIV)

- Minni and Ashkenaz are geographically next to one another in current day Azerbaijan.
 - Ararat, if also contiguous, would be a mountainous area in Northern Iran.
- Explorations in 2006 provide.
 - An item 13,200 feet above sea level
 - Item may be rock, but some tests showed petrified wood.
 - Closest wood is 5000 feet below
 - Many crustacean and marine fossils in the area.

LEAST LIKELY SITE – DURUPINAR, TURKEY

- Explored by Ron Wyatt
- In the mountains of Ararat in western Turkey.
- Metal detectors and petrified beams prove ark sight.
- Wyatt (who died in 1999) is largely discredited.
 - Had no background in archeology
 - All of his theories lack logical proof.

DOES IT MATTER?

We don't need the remains of the ark to prove God is true.

The ark was made of wood and its preservation for 5000 years seems a stretch.

People tend to venerate objects

"So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived." (Numbers 21:9, NIV)

"He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it. (It was called Nehushtan.)" (2 Kings 18:4, NIV)

It won't change people's hearts

"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'" (Luke 16:31, NIV)

