

A New Beginning **Genesis 8:1-9:17**

I. God Remembered Noah – 8:1-12

1. Not that He had forgotten him – 8:1
God had continued to pilot this vessel
No provision made for man to control it
2. God began to change flood conditions – 1-5
God made a wind to blow over the earth – 1
Fountains of deep & windows of heaven closed – 2
Waters receded from earth continually – 3
At the end of 150 days
Ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat in 7th month – 4
Abatement of water continued until 10th month – 5
Then the tops of other mountains were seen
3. Noah begins to test dryness – 6-12
He opened the window of the ark – 6
He sent forth a raven, which did not return – 7
Raven kept flying around until earth was dry
He sent out a dove, which did return – 8-9
Dove found no place to land
After 7 days he sent a dove again – 10-11
Dove returned with olive branch in evening
Noah knew waters had subsided
After another 7 days dove sent again – 12
She did not return to him anymore

II. Leaving the Ark – 8:13-19

1. Earth declared dry – 601st yr. 1st day – 13
Noah removed ark's covering & saw it was dry
2. God told Noah to depart – 14-17
2nd month 27th day of the month
Noah & family told to go out – 15-16
Told to bring out the animals – 17
That they might be fruitful & multiply on earth
3. So Noah did as God said – 18-19
He & his family with the animals departed the ark

III. God's Covenant – 8:20-9:7

1. Noah worshipped God – 8:20
Built an altar & sacrificed to God
Took some of every clean animal and bird to offer
2. God accepted his offering with promises – 21
God will never again send such a curse
On the earth and its living creatures
Though God knew man would continue to do evil
3. God will maintain seasons on earth – 22
“Seedtime, harvest, cold, heat, summer, winter
Daytime & night shall not cease”
This may be change from original climate
God had not yet caused it to rain – Gen. 2:5-6
4. God blessed Noah & family – 9:1
“Be fruitful & multiply, fill the earth”
5. God gave humans meat for food – 2-4
He caused animals to fear man

- A change in man's control – note Gen. 1:28
One restriction – don't eat their blood
Respect – “life of flesh is in their blood”
6. Accountability established – 5-6
Sanctity of human life is established
If an animal kills a human God will deal with it
If a human kills a human, man must deal with it
“Whoever sheds blood of man, by man shall his
blood be shed, for God made man in his own
image”
Man is accountable for guarding human life
Human life reflects God's image
Those who willfully take a life must forfeit theirs
This principle is at the heart of human government
Romans 13:4 God's law in Numbers 35:30-34
God will hold man accountable – Rev. 18:24

IV. Sign of God's Covenant – 9:8-17

1. Covenant with all life – 8-10
Noah & his offspring after him
Every living creature represented in the Ark
2. Never total destruction by flood – 11
Never again a world-wide flood
3. Sign of the Covenant – 12-17
“I have set my bow in the cloud”
Rainbow is “God's bow” - Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 4:2-3
God is light – 1 John 1:5 –
Light refracted = rainbow
The many colors of God's glory – its fulness
Rainbow seen somewhere over earth every day
Rainbow is for man to see & remember
But it is there also for God to see – 16
This is God's sign of His covenant – 17
His glory stands behind His promise