



"But God remembered Noah."
Genesis 8:1

Trust the God who remembers you

01 THE STORM
Trust God's protection
Genesis 7:17-24

02 THE WAITING
Trust God's timing
Genesis 8:1-14

03 THE NEW BEGINNING
Obey God with worship
Genesis 8:15-22

The waters prevailed

17-18 The flood came upon the earth for forty days. The water increased, lifted the ark, and ***prevailed*** greatly. The ark floated on the surface.

19 The waters ***prevailed*** more and more, covering all the high mountains under the heavens.

20 The water ***prevailed*** fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered.

"Prevailed" literally means "were overwhelmingly mighty."

Was the Flood local or universal?

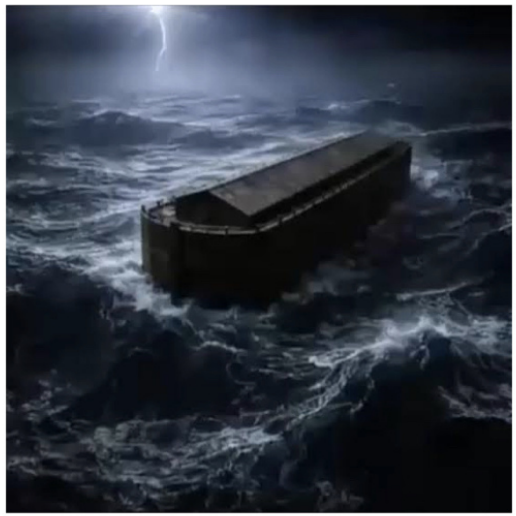
The local view holds that Noah described only what he could see.

Covenant
Why give a universal sign or promise if the Flood was local?

The ark
Why build an ark for the animals if Noah's family could relocate?

Scripture
"All flesh" had become corrupt (Genesis 6:12)
God did not spare "the ancient world" (2 Peter 2:5, NKJV)
The coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:37–39)
The days of Noah and the Son of Man (Luke 17:26–27)
Worldwide judgment by fire (2 Peter 3:3–7)

When circumstances are beyond our control, we can trust the God who preserves His people through the refuge He provides.



Our security does not come from controlling the storm, but from trusting the God who carries us through it.

In the waiting, trust God's timing

Applications

- **Take God's warnings seriously. Do not treat sin and judgment lightly.**
- **Seek refuge in God and depend on the salvation He provides.**
- **When life feels overwhelming, remember that the storm is not greater than God's power to preserve you.**

The flood reversed

BEGINNING OF THE FLOOD / GENESIS 7	ENDING OF THE FLOOD / GENESIS 8
The fountains of the great deep burst open. (7:11)	The fountains of the deep were closed. (8:2)
The floodgates of the sky opened. (7:11)	The floodgates of the sky closed. (8:2)
Rain fell upon the earth. (7:12)	God restrained the rain. (8:2)
The water rose and lifted the ark. (7:17)	God sent a wind and the water subsided. (8:1)
The waters prevailed for 150 days. (7:24)	After 150 days, the water decreased. (8:3)

What God brought in judgment, he reversed in mercy.

Chronology of the Flood

DAY	MILESTONE
0	Family enters the ark (Gen. 7:7–9)
7	Rain begins (Gen. 7:11)
47	Forty days of rain end (Gen. 7:12)
157	Ark rests on the mountains (Gen. 8:4)
231	Mountain tops become visible (Gen. 8:5)
285	Dove returns with an olive leaf (Gen. 8:10–11)
—	Noah removes the covering (Gen. 8:13)
378	Noah leaves the ark (Gen. 8:14–19)

Total time in the ark: 377–378 days

Rest for our souls

Noah's name means "rest."

Even after the ark came to rest, Noah waited for the Lord's direction. Noah points to Christ, who gives rest to the weary.

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. … You will find rest for your souls."
Matthew 11:28–29

God is working even when His people cannot yet see the completed result.

Applications

- **Do not interpret God's silence as God's absence.**
- **Continue obeying while you wait, even when there is no visible change.**
- **Look for signs of God's activity without trying to force the outcome.**
- **Resist moving ahead simply because waiting has become uncomfortable.**
- **Allow seasons of waiting to deepen your prayer, patience, and dependence on God.**

The world after the flood

Oceans and land
Larger oceans, less habitable land, and rising mountains.

Climate and weather
The vapor canopy vanished, with more extreme temperatures, storms, and polar ice.

Radiation and lifespan
Greater exposure to radiation from space with shorter lifespans.

Earth's surface
Earthquakes, volcanoes, glaciers, rivers, and lakes continued to reshape the land.

Plants and animals
The land was largely bare. Plants regrew from buried seeds and plant fragments.

Rocks and fossils
Sediment hardened into rock. The fossil order linked to habitat, escape, and burial.

Death Before Adam?

The old-earth problem:
Animal death would occur before Adam.

The biblical sequence:
Sin entered through Adam; death followed sin.

Scripture:
"The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23)
Death entered through one man's sin (Romans 5:12)
Death came through man (1 Corinthians 15:21)

Further Research

The Creation Interpretation
Catie Frates

The Genesis Flood
John C. Whitcomb and Henry M. Morris

Online resources:
Answers in Genesis
Institute for Creation Research
YouTube lectures and interviews by Catie Frates

God gives us new beginnings so we can live for His glory.

**"God is too wise to be mistaken.
God is too good to be unkind.
And, when you can't trace His hand, you can always trust His heart."**

—Attributed to Charles Spurgeon

"Doubt is a symptom of our fallen nature; it is not an unpardonable sin. It is a spiritual malady that requires the medicine of the Word of God."

—R. C. Sproul

When the waters rise, trust His protection.

When the waiting continues, trust His timing.

When a new beginning comes, respond with obedience and worship.

Do not measure God's faithfulness by the height of the waters or the length of the wait.

Measure it by His unchanging character and His sure promises.