

“O, the Rain Came Down and the Flood Came Up”  
Genesis 7

v. 1 Q. What did God tell Noah to do?

A.

Q. What act of grace are we reminded of in this verse? Cf. 6:8-9

A. Noah found \_\_\_\_\_ with God because he walked with him \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 2 Q. What new descriptions are given in this verse?

A.

A.

1.

Note: Seven =

2. Seven pairs of \_\_\_\_\_ animals.

3. One pair of \_\_\_\_\_ animals.

Q. What animals are clean and unclean per the immediate context?

A. \_\_\_\_\_. God must have told Noah, but we are not privy to that information.

Q. What can we surmise from the words themselves?

A. Every culture has a worldview of what is “unclean” and “clean.” It identifies that which is out of place or in its place. It also speaks to the “\_\_\_\_\_” principle: something that defiles or makes socially or personally “\_\_\_\_\_.” Some scholars believe that it was an \_\_\_\_\_ teaching from the time of Cain and Abel regarding appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ for worship, but this goes against the

understanding of the Genesis 4 text and is rushing to chapter 8 for interpretation.

v. 3 Q. Why the extra birds?

A. Survival of the kinds since they were probably the most vulnerable to a \_\_\_\_\_ habitat.

v. 4 Q. What are the details for the destruction?

A.

1. Seven days of \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.

2. It will rain for \_\_\_\_\_ days and nights.

Note: This is the first of the “forty” pattern associated with \_\_\_\_\_, trial, and tribulation.

3. It will wipe away \_\_\_\_\_ living thing.

Note: Rashi (Medieval Jewish scholar) says that the seven days were days of mourning for \_\_\_\_\_. It is calculated that he died in the six hundredth year of Noah's life. In fact, there were no \_\_\_\_\_ men outside of Noah alive at the flood.

v. 5 Q. What character trait of Noah are we again reminded of? Cf. 6:22

A.

v. 6 Q. How old was Noah when the floods came?

A.

vv. 7-10 Q. What is being summarized here?

A.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Noah and his family.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's creation.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ promise of the flood.

Note: This is the first time that we see the process of \_\_\_\_\_ bringing the animals to Noah instead of the impossible task of him trying to get all the animals himself. Only \_\_\_\_\_ could do this.

vv. 11-12 Q. What would lead one to believe that this is more than a made-up story to show a spiritual reality?

A.

Q. What added information do we receive about the flood in this verse? Cf. 1:6-7

A. It was more than \_\_\_\_\_ coming from above. The "great springs of the deep" were opened. This may explain the deep \_\_\_\_\_ and mountains that lie at the bottom of the ocean floor. Remember that the pre-diluvian world was different (\_\_\_\_\_) and it was still in its \_\_\_\_\_ created structure.

vv. 13-16 Summary of proceeding actions.

Q. Why do you think God shut them in?

A.

1. Noah designed the door too \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't shut it himself. ☹
2. The act of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ rested upon God and not upon Noah.

vv. 17-23 Note the actions of the flood.

Q. How deep was the water? What is this intended to tell us?

A. The mountains were covered completely to a depth of \_\_\_\_\_ feet. It was meant to convey that there was no place of \_\_\_\_\_.

Q. What are we reminded of in verse 23?

A.

Q. How does Psalm 150 fit in with this?

A. Everything that had breath was created to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

v. 24 Q. How long did the flooding last?

A.

### Thinking Out Loud

What is the connection between:

God's love and grace

Faith and obedience

Man's sin and God's salvation?

“Everyone owes his preservation to someone else.” How was this statement true in Noah’s lifetime and in our own?

A.

St. Augustine said that the ark prefigured the church having both clean and unclean beasts within it. Do you agree or disagree? What did he mean?

A.

John Chrysostom said that the forty days of rain and flood was an act of grace. How?

A.

How is Jesus symbolically pictured in this event?

A.