

Genesis 7-8

The Judgement of God by Water lasted 371 days. (The Genesis Flood, Whitcomb, and Morris 1961)

God was dealing with the violence and sin upon the earth. And preserving a remnant for himself to repopulate the world. The NIV Application Bible states this was a salvage operation. I agree!

1. Noah did everything the LORD commanded Him.

There is only one way to be saved through judgement- God's way. It is a narrow way. It is a straight way. Noah was saved through this temporal judgment of God by the grace of God extended to him, which resulted in obedience. Essentially, God was saving him for over 120 years as he daily did what God told him to do.

For the Christian:

Deliverance through temporal circumstance is won by faith in Christ and obedience to God's Word. Prov 3; Matt. 7:24-27

For Everyone:

Deliverance to eternal life was won by grace and is obtained through faith in Jesus. (His obedience to God the Father, his sacrifice on the cross for our sins, His burial and resurrection). This kind of faith In Christ leads to obedience in the life of the believer.

Ephesians 1:7-10

Ephesians 2:8-10

Titus 3:3-8

Hebrews 9:11-15

2. God restates His blessing upon and designation of the male-female categories of human sexuality and gender.

Over and over in these chapters we read that God called pairs of creatures onto the ark. Pairs made up of male and female (for this is the only way multiplication can occur!) From humans to hamsters. From Herons to Hedgehogs. Each had its mate, made up of the opposite sex. The world system is attempting defy God in this foundational part of human life, but it cannot be changed.

NOTE:

Use of the words, male (zakar, male, men, son, boy) and female (n^eqeba, female, woman, girl, daughter, or women) Genesis 6:19; 7:3; 7:9; 7:16.

Use of the word pairs. Genesis 7:2,3,8,15.

Use of the word wife. Genesis 6:18, 7:7, 13: 8:16,18)

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Use of the word wives. Genesis 6:18; 7:13; 8:16,18

These categories, and the pairing of males with females is the only way mankind can obey God's command to be fruitful and multiply. At one time this would be obvious to all- that is no longer the case. To ignore them as an individual or society moves them out of God's blessing.

3. God Remembered Noah and Controls the Weather. Genesis 8:1--5

The promise to all God's people throughout all times is that he will not forget them. He will be faithful and present in their lives. He is watching and working. Psalm 55:22-23

Though we should be aware of the weather so that we can prepare properly, it should bring us a calm that God is in control of those forces. He is the source of those forces. Psalm 104; Matt. 8:27.

4. Noah Worships the Lord. Genesis 8:18-20

Throughout the Bible we witness the importance of regular worship of God. This must and will be continued by His people for all eternity.

Our lives are to be filled with personal worship throughout the week, and corporate worship on a regular basis.

They give their offerings, the fellowship and encourage one another and listen to God speak.

5. Though the earth had gone through devastation, God reinstates the seasons. Genesis 8:21-22

God promises to never curse the earth again.

This promise will continue until this heaven and earth are destroyed.

There will always be someplace where the earth will produce something.

The next judgement upon this earth will be the final one. The salvaged jalopy will be burned up. And a new heaven and earth will be created.