

Handout 1: Genesis Lesson 6

The mass extinction event of the Flood narrative begins the major Biblical theme of Creation → Judgment → Destruction → Re-creation and the preservation of the faithful remnant: *Noah was found perfectly upright, in the time of retribution he became the heir: because of him a remnant was preserved for the earth at the coming of the Flood. Everlasting covenants were made with him that never again should every living creature perish by flood* (Sir 44:17-18/19).

Adam and the First Creation Event	Noah and the Re-creation Event
Adam's world was created out of a watery chaos (Gen 1:2)	Noah's new world was created out of a watery chaos (Gen 8:1b-2)
Adam was uniquely associated with the image of God (Gen 1:27)	Noah was uniquely associated with the image of God (Gen 9:6)
Adam walked with God (Gen 3:8)	Noah walked with God (Gen 6:9)
Adam received the blessing of fertility and dominion (Gen 1:28-30)	Noah received the blessing of fertility and dominion (Gen 9:1-3)
Adam ate fruit that led to sin (Gen 3:6)	Noah ate fruit that led to sin (Gen 9:21)
Adam worked the soil (Gen 3:23)	Noah worked the soil (Gen 9:20)
God made a blood sacrifice for Adam (Gen 3:21)	Noah made a blood sacrifice for God (Gen 8:20)
Adam had three sons named in Scripture (Gen 4:1-2, 25)	Noah had three sons named in Scripture (Gen 5:32)
Adam's son sinned in the murder of his brother (Gen 4:8)	Noah's son sinned against his father (Gen 9:22)
Adam's righteous son Seth continued the line of the "promised seed"	Noah's righteous son Shem continued the line of the "promised seed"
Humanity is fathered through Adam	Humanity is fathered through Noah
God made a covenant with Adam; its sign was the Tree of Life	God re-established a covenant with Noah; its sign was the rainbow
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There is a chiastic pattern in the cycle of days in the Flood narrative:

- A. 7 days warning before the 40 days of rain; Noah and family enter the Ark (7:4-7)
- B. 7 days after entering the Ark, the rain began (7:10)
- C. 40 days of heavy rain (7:12, 17)
- D. 150 days the water maintained its level (7:24)
- D. 150 days after the rain stopped the water began to subside (8:3)
- C. end of 40 days Noah opened a window to release birds (8:6)
- B. 7 days waited to release the dove a second time, and it returned (8:10)
- A. 7 days waited to release the dove a third time; Noah and family left the Ark (8:12, 15-16)

Handout 2: Genesis Lesson 6

The Re-Creation of the Post-Flood Event Compared to the First Six Days of Creation

The chart shows the re-creation of the earth after the Flood compared to the first Creation. Notice keywords (or similar words and ideas) repeated in the post-Flood event in Genesis 8:1-9:7 that also appear in the 6 days of the Creation event in Genesis 1:2-30; the keywords are in bold type.

The Seven Phase Post-Flood Re-creation Event in Genesis 8:1b-9:7	The Creation Event in Genesis 1:2-30
Phase 1: <i>God sent a wind across the earth and the waters began to subside. The springs of the deep (tehom) and the sluices of heaven were stopped up and the heavy rain from heaven was held back (8:1b-2)</i>	Day 1: <i>Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep (tehom) with a divine wind sweeping over the waters (1:1-2).</i>
Phase 2: <i>and the sluices of heaven were stopped up and the heavy rain from heaven was held back (8:2b)</i>	Day 2: <i>...through the middle of the waters to divide the waters in two. [...]. God made the vault, and it divided the waters under the vault from the waters above the vault. God called the vault heaven (1:6-8)</i>
Phase 3: <i>... the waters ebbed from the earth. [...] the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. [...] the mountain tops appeared (8:3-5).</i>	Day 3: <i>God said let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear. [...] God called the dry land earth... (1:9).</i>
Phase 4: <i>...Noah opened the window ... he released a raven... He then released a dove... After waiting seven days he released the dove, and now it returned to him no more (8:6-12).</i>	Day 5: <i>God said, 'Let the waters be alive with a swarm of living creatures, and let birds wing their way above the earth ... let the birds multiply on land (1:20-22).</i>
Phase 5: <i>Bring out all the animals with you, all living things (creatures), the birds, the cattle and all the creeping things that creep (crawls) along the ground, for them to swarm on earth, for them to breed and multiply on earth (8:17-19).</i>	Day 6: <i>God said, "Let the earth produce every kind of living creature in its own species: cattle, creeping things and wild animals of all kinds." God made wild animals in their own species, and cattle in theirs, and every creature that crawls along the earth in its own species (1:24-25).</i>
Phase 6: <i>God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Breed, multiply and fill the earth. [...] all the birds of heaven, of everything that moves on land and all the fish of the sea; they are placed in your hands. Every living thing that moves will be yours to eat, no less than the foliage of the plants. [...]. Be fruitful then and multiply, teem over the earth and subdue it!" (9:1-7).</i>	Day 6: <i>let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle and all wild animals (1:26). God blessed them, saying to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it (1:28). I give all the foliage of the plants as their food" (Gen 1:29).</i>
Phase 7: <i>"Come out of the ark, you, your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives" (8:16). So Noah came out with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives (8:18). [...]. ...for in the image of God man was created (9:6).</i>	Day 6: <i>God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them (1:27).</i>
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