

ROOTS
A Study in Genesis



LESSON 7 GENESIS 8:1 - 9:17

1. What was your takeaway from last week's study on the **Genesis 6:9 - 7:24**, the great flood, and why was that significant for you?
2. As you read **Genesis 8:1-9:17** pray and ask God to reveal more about Himself to you, the Everlasting Covenant-maker.

Read through **Genesis 8:1-14**.

3. Based on the dates given in **V4**, **V5**, and **V14**, approximately how long did Noah and his family wait inside the ark after it landed on Mt. Ararat? What was Noah doing during this time?
4. Given the descriptions of Noah's actions during this waiting period, how would you describe Noah's temperament? What might life have been like for this family?
5. Like Noah, have you, (or someone close to you), remained in an uncomfortable situation while waiting for guidance from God? How did you (or they) handle the wait?

Read **Genesis 8:15-22**.

6. What does God command Noah to do (**V15-17**)? And how does Noah respond (**V18, 20**)?
7. What do you think your first emotions and actions would have been if you just emerged from the ark?
8. Write a truth based on God's response in **V21-22** to Noah's worship.

Read **Genesis 9:1-7**.

9. Reflect on God's words to Noah in **V1** and repeated in **V7**. How is this both a blessing and a command?

10. New ideas about eating well is a popular topic in our culture. Read **V2-3** carefully. What can you conclude about the eating patterns of these early generations of mankind?

11. God created *all* living creatures, including mankind. Which phrases in **V1-7** reveal that God values mankind more than animals?

Read **Genesis 9:8-17**.

12. Define the term, *covenant*.

13. What are the specifics of the covenant described in **V8-17**? Who? What? For how long? What is a sign of the covenant?

14. Read God's descriptions of mankind in **Genesis 8:21** and **Genesis 9:6**. What do you learn about God, and why do you think He made this covenant?

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15. God gave the rainbow as a sign or symbol of His covenant. What other symbols remind you of God and/or His promises?
16. God's covenant with Noah was unconditional, **ROOTED** in God's faithfulness. Where are you struggling to stay faithful to a promise you have made, OR, to trust in His faithfulness and promises?
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“GOSPEL GLIMPSES”: Throughout the Book of Genesis, we will see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (The Salvation Story).

In **Genesis** we will see many covenant promises including this one God made to Noah and to all mankind thereafter.

1. a) What do some of these Gospel promises say? (Are they conditional or unconditional?) How do they broaden your understanding of God the Father, and Jesus, His Son?

- **Matthew 28:16-20**

- **John 3:16**

- **John 14:1-3**

- b) Which of these verses encourages you most and why?

2. Read **Matthew 26:26-29**. What is significant about this “New Covenant” from God? How do you personally treasure what Jesus did for you?

3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Genesis 9:16**

- b) Pray with gratitude that our God is a promise-keeper and thank Him for His promises to you.

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PRAYER REQUEST