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Review:

The text says that God remembered Noah. This does not mean that God has a limited memory as humans do and simply forgot. It simply means He took factors into account for His action toward Noah. Or we might say that God

began to act on their behalf. The Hebrew word is **וַיִּזְכֹּר** It is pronounced *vaieezkor* and it means to be taken into account in terms of God's next action toward the individual or situation He is dealing with.

God caused a wind to pass over the earth, He stopped the fountains of the deep, and He shut up the windows of heaven. The Hebrew word *ruach* means either wind or spirit. Just as His spirit moved over the waters in Genesis 1: 2 and to separate the dry land from the water (Genesis 1:9) Through His direct control He the ends the Flood. Psalm 104: 6-9 confirms God's direct actions regarding ending the Flood

The subterranean caverns which had assumed the water of Genesis 1:2 and then were released to aid the rain flooding the earth again assumed the floodwaters to bring an end to the Flood. During these efforts God also closed the windows (floodgates) of heaven bringing and end to the torrential rainfall. There are several geological theories to consider which are highly probable because of God's actions to end the Flood. One is the end of the atmospheric canopy, which covered the earth prior to the Flood. The Hebrews call this the *rakeeah*. In English it is the expanse. From message three we remember that Scripture gives us some insight as to some of its properties.

1. It can be torn (Isa 64: 1);
2. It can be worn out like a garment (Psalm 102: 25),
3. It can be shaken (Hebrews 12:26; Haggai 2:6; Isaiah 13:13).
4. It can be burnt up (II Peter 3:12).
5. It can be split apart like a scroll (Revelation 6:14);
6. It can be rolled up like a mantle (Hebrews 1:12) or scroll (Isaiah 34: 4).

Clearly God uses the rakeeah in multiple ways that we cannot see. Nachmonides a Jewish rabbi from Spain in the 13th century taught that there are ten dimensions. Four are knowable such as the three spatial (height, width &

depth) as well as time. The other six are “curled” into the four we are able to detect while in our bodies. We will see them all when we are released from these bodies at death or if the Lord comes for us first (II Corinthians 4: 18).

The end of the Flood with its catastrophic effect on the earth probably caused the following.

1. The formation of the Grand Canyon
2. Mountain ranges in the middle of the oceans
3. Submarine canyons
4. Magnetic variations on the ocean floor
5. Coal and oil formations
6. Frozen mammoths
7. Fossil graveyards
8. The jigsaw fit of the continents

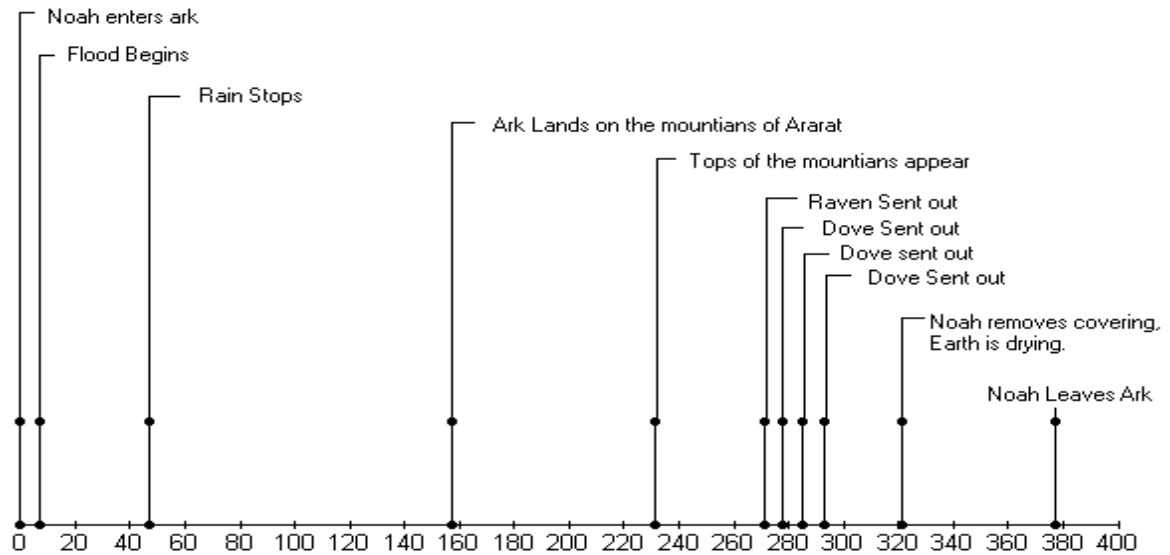
The Bible said that the ark rested on Ararat. This is the second mention of a rest in Scripture. God rested after the six days of creation. The work of saving Noah, his family and the world’s animals was over. The text does not specify exactly which peak in the range, which stretches between Southern Russia, Turkey and Armenia. The highest peak is now 17,000 ft. It is a range comprised of dense lava rock known as “pillow lava.” It was formed during the Flood under the great depths of water. It is quite probable that prior to the Flood there were no mountains.

Noah then used the birds to evaluate the level of the water as they receded. First Noah opened the window of the ark to let the raven out for his first evaluation of the status of the waters receding off the earth. A raven is a black unclean bird. The raven since it is unclean ate off the carcasses. The raven’s flight pattern of to and fro enabled Noah to estimate the condition of the air and the water level. They also prefer to live in the higher elevations (not the highest) so if the raven returned Noah would realize that the waters had not receded low enough for the raven’s natural elevation habitat. It did not return so he knew the waters had receded lower than the high peaks he saw (Genesis 8: 5).

The second flight of birds was the dove. A dove is a white clean animal and is used as a positive symbol in Scripture. Its indication here was that the Flood was almost over. Until now Noah had direct revelation of God regarding what he should do. Now he had to use his own natural means to analyze the status of the waters receding off the earth. The raven did not return because it can live off the carcasses. The dove will not do that. So the first flight of the three dove flights total ends with the dove returning. It could find no place to rest the sole of her foot. Doves will only land on objects that are dry and clean. Neither of which were present yet. Doves prefer valleys to mountains as the ravens do. So with the waters still high she had no place to alight. Each dove flight had a space of seven days between them.

Then Noah sent out the dove a second time and she returned with an olive leaf in her mouth indicating the floodwaters had receded more. Olives need a higher elevation to flourish so when the dove returned with the leaf Noah had his indicator of the water level. Lastly, the dove went out a third time and it did not return. So Noah knew the water was off the earth.

Finally the earth was dry and Noah could leave the ark after 378 days in the vessel. He opened the cover and saw for himself that the earth was finally dry.



Today's Message

Genesis 8: 14-22 14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dry. And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth from the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee of all flesh, both birds, and cattle, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, whatsoever moveth upon the earth, after their families, went forth out of the ark. And Noah builded an altar unto Jehovah, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And Jehovah smelled the sweet savor; and Jehovah said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake, for that the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more everything living,

*as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest,
and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall
not cease.*

THE INHABITANTS LEAVE THE ARK GENESIS 8: 15-19

As we have seen the very day that the ark rested on Ararat and the inhabitants of the ark were released. Christ was resurrected on the 17th of Nisan, which is the same day the ark rested and life began after the Flood. His sacrifice gives those who believe a new beginning when we are born-again!

So finally after being in the ark for 378 days and water covering the entire earth for 371 days the earth is dry and God breaks His silence to Noah by telling him to “go forth” from the ark. Previously God brought Noah into the ark by inviting him in (Come thou). Now He commands him to “go forth” into the world. He induces them to leave on their own accord. There is a NT compliment to this with Christ telling us to “come” to Him when we need rest (Noah) and comfort when we are heavy laden (Matthew 11:28). Its corollary is the Lord Jesus telling us to “go into the world” to preach the gospel (Mark 16: 15). He brings us to Himself for rest and comfort in His security. He also tells us to go and do the work He has ordained for us to fulfill His plan for the earth. We are blessed to have been chosen to do for Him what He asks. The Hebrew, Beresheis Rabbah (31: 12) from the fourth century AD provides significant insight through the sequence that God led the inhabitants in and out of the ark. We must keep in mind that each word and their sequence (syntax or arrangement) are important to the student of Scripture so that we can learn what God is communicating to us.

Going in to the ark (Genesis 6: 18)

1. Noah
2. Noah's sons
3. Noah's wife
4. Noah's sons wives

Going out of the ark (Genesis 8: 16)

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God led them in this manner to maintain the separation of the sexes to prevent births in the ark, as they would be in for more than a year. When He had them go out of the ark it is a sequence bringing the men and women together thereby encouraging relations for propagation. Due to the fact that God tells Noah to bring forth the animals and all other living things so they can multiply on the earth it is highly reasonable to accept that God had them refraining from multiplying while in the ark.

NOAH'S OBEDIENCE GENESIS 8: 18-19

This text is immediately followed with Noah's obedience to God's commands. The animals then responded to God's leading and they left the ark in groups of their like kind (families). They would start propagating and filling the earth immediately. All living things on the earth are direct descendants of the inhabitants of the ark. Noah's family began civilization anew at God's command. This would usher in a new divine period (dispensation) on the earth called human government.

The animals were without fear and therefore docile, they easily propagated and filled the earth. Some could not adapt to the new weather and became extinct.

THE OFFERING AND BLOOD SACRIFICE GENESIS 8: 20-22

The Flood destroyed the Garden of Eden where those men who chose God could meet with His Shekinah Glory. The visible presence of God was not there any more so as to receive offerings. Now mankind would use the altar, which is first mentioned in these verses in the Bible. Noah uses the clean animals permitted for sacrifice. When the Mosaic Law would come (Cir. 1445 B.C.) the term clean would include objects, food, and people. Noah sacrificed to God and God found the sacrifice to be pleasing. The Bible uses anthropomorphisms attributing human characteristics to God so we can understand His will. The Bible says Jehovah "smelled the sweet savor." He said that he would never again curse the earth for man's sake nor smite every living thing. The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. This affirms the original sin seen entering through the Fall in the garden. Mankind is born with the sin nature, it is not learned. Since this came from the essence of God (His heart) it has additional affirmation that this will not happen again in this manner.

This passage closed with an affirmation that now that weather is here and as long as this cycle exists the cycle of life will continue. This is what Jeremiah refers to as the covenant of seasons (Jeremiah 31: 35-37 and 33: 17-26). This cycle will continue until the Millennium where the weather patterns will change somewhat. In the Millennium God will bring the Jews back *one by*

one to the boundaries, which He gave to Abraham. The aspect of this that pertains to us here is the increased productivity of the land/crops, which comes about by a weather change not a weather cycle change.

Isaiah 30: 23-26 And he will give the rain for thy seed, wherewith thou shalt sow the ground; and bread of the increase of the ground, and it shall be fat and plenteous. In that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures; the oxen likewise and the young asses that till the ground shall eat savory provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork. And there shall be upon every lofty mountain, and upon every high hill, brooks and streams of waters, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that Jehovah bindeth up the hurt of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

The Land will be well watered, produce abundant food and have a major (Seven fold) increase in light. All physical infirmities will be healed. The speed has been significantly faster closer to the creation than it is now. This will be the reason for food production increase and life longevity in the Millennium. Again Isaiah says:

Isaiah 65: 20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed (ASV).

This will continue until the end of the Millennium when God will bring in a new Heaven and earth.

ARK EXPEDITIONS Also Known as Ark Fever

1. Josephus said that ark was visible in his time (1st century AD).
2. Marco Polo (1254-1324) wrote of it in his book (The Travels of Marco Polo).
3. Dr. Friedrich Parrot (1829) got to the top and found depressions, which he thought could be the ark's resting place.
4. O.W.H von Abich (1845) Parrot's successor at University of Dorpat (Estonia) also made it up and saw the depression.

5. Colonel Khodzko (1850) led and organized ascent, which did not find the ark.
6. Major Robert Stuart (1856) found some wood pieces.
7. Douglas Freshfield (1868) failed to reach the summit
8. James Bryce (Oxford Engineering Professor, 1876) climbed the mountain and found a piece of it
9. E. de Markoff (1888) found wood
10. Henry Lynch (1893) British merchant climbed the peak and failed to find the ark.
11. Louis Seylaz (1910) did not find anything.
12. Czar Nicholas II sent an expedition of 150 men in 1916-19, which records, did not survive the Russian revolution.
13. Ed Davis WW II Army Sgt. (1943) claimed to have seen it but not got to it.
14. Aaron James (Dean of the Peoples Bible College in NC 1949) led an unsuccessful expedition.
15. Oliver Crosby (1951) got close but had to turn back due to weather.
16. French Explorer Fernand Navarra (1955) claimed to have found a piece.
17. Oxford University Exploration Club (1966) could not find anything.
18. Archaeological Research Foundation (1966) Found depressions in the mountain thought to be the ark.
19. John Warwick Montgomery (1970) was encouraged but did not find it.
20. George Hagopian (1970) an Armenian claimed to have found it and walked on it.
21. Astronaut James Irwin (Cir. 1980) led two expeditions, which were unsuccessful.
22. Ron Wyatt (1980s and 1990s) found a boat shaped formation.
23. Bob Cornuke (2006) discovered an object of fossilized sea creatures in black petrified wood, which is a “candidate” for the ark.
24. Chinese Explorers (2010) claimed to have found it and been inside it as well. They claim this is it with 99.9 % confidence. See the link for video.

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