

CHAPTER ANALYSIS FORM

Chapter: 7-8

Chapter Title: The Flood, The Covenant

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2. Observation		3. Interpretation	
What Does It Say?		What Does It Mean?	
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	Chapter 7		
1-5	God tells Noah to load up and get ready. Rain promised for 40 days and 40 nights. Noah obeys.	1-5	Given God's commands, promises, and instruction do I obey in the face of not knowing the future or do I go my own way and suffer?
6-10	Noah's age noted as he starts loading his family and the animals on the Ark. Seven days later the rain comes, as promised.	10	Seven days for other humans to come to safety. None do.
11	The exact date of the start of the flood is noted. Words and images are used to indicate the immense and total nature of the flood.		
12	The rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights.	12	This is the first mention of "40" in the Bible. That number is used many times throughout the Old and New Testaments. It is used to designate a time of trials, judgement, or testing. Many times it is followed by a time of blessing or a blessed event. DO NOT get caught in the trap of looking for "secret" meanings in the numbers of the Bible. God does not hide his truth.
13-16	A reiteration of the ark manifest. "And the Lord shut him in."		Noah's family and the animals on the Ark are listed four times in chapters 6 and 7. All are necessary for repopulating the Earth after the flood. Some of the clean animals were used for sacrifices (Ch 8). Where God brings judgement he supplies the means of salvation.
17-24	The extent, duration, and complete destruction of the flood. Only those contained in the Ark survive.		

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1-5	God “remembers” Noah and all on the Ark. The wind blows over the waters and the waters begin to recede. Again, an exact date is given when the Ark rests on a mountain top.	1-5	When God “remembers” someone it usually indicates he is getting ready to do something positive and miraculous in that person’s life. The wind over the water parallels Genesis 1:1-2 as this is, in effect, a new creation.
6-12	Another 40 day period as Noah waits on the receding water. Then Noah sends out a raven and a dove to test the dryness of the land. The raven flies back and forth over the water until the land is dry, the dove first comes back with an olive leaf, and the second time the dove does not return.	6-12	After a time of trial or testing do I ask for an immediate end to the effects of the trial or do I remain faithful to God’s promise through the continued effects?
13-19	Two more dates given pinpointing exact times for Flood events. The land is finally dry enough to support life and God tells Noah to exit the Ark with his family and the animals. Once again, Noah is obedient.	17	Another echo of the creation story – “...be fruitful and multiply...”
20	Noah’s first recorded act after disembarking is to build an altar and offer sacrifices to God.	20	Again an echo of the original creation story where God made clothing from the skins of animals for Adam and Eve (sacrifice to cover sin). While the law is not yet given Noah’s sacrifices contain elements of atonement, covering of sin, and praise. Noah offers sacrifices out of his gratitude to God and his recognition of his total dependence on God. Is that my attitude toward God?
21-22	God accepts the sacrifices (“... a pleasing aroma...”) and promises to never again strike down every living creature.	22	Note that God indicates man is still sinful from birth. The original curse is in effect but God will not send another flood to destroy man.

4. Correlation		5. Application
Where Else Is It Explained?		What Will I Do About It?
Verse		
	Chapter 7	
1-5	Hebrews 11:7	
6-10	Luke 17:26-27	
11-24	2 Peter 3:5-7	
	Chapter 8	
1-22	Genesis 1:22, 3:17, 6:5 Isaiah 54:9 2 Peter 2:4-9 Romans 7:18	

6. Conclusions

7. One Personal Application