

“Land” - Genesis 8:10-22

Ask - “How do you typically respond to a tragic event?”

Background - The flood waters prevailed over the land for 150 days before they began to recede. Where the ark came to a rest on Mount Ararat, Noah sent out a dove. It returned to the ark having found no other place to land.

“Wait” - Genesis 8:10-14

(v10-11) How long did Noah wait before sending the dove again? What did it return with the second time? What did Noah learn?

(v12) How long did Noah wait before sending the dove again? What did it do the third time around? What did this reveal?

(v13-14) From the time the rain began until the time the ground was finally dry, approximately how long were Noah and his family on the ark (see Genesis 7:11)?

NOAH SENT OUT A DOVE MULTIPLE TIMES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF THE FLOOD WATERS HAD RECEDED AND IT WAS SAFE TO EXIT THE ARK. HE WAITED PATIENTLY UNTIL THE GROUND WAS DRY.

“Exit” - Genesis 8:15-19

(v15-17) Who gave Noah formal approval to exit the ark? Who all came out with him? What did God command them to do? Compare with Genesis 1:28.

(v18-19) Did Noah comply with God’s command? What families of animals had been carried on the ark?

WHEN THE LORD GAVE HIM PERMISSION, NOAH, HIS FAMILY, AND ALL OF THE ANIMALS EXITED THE ARK. THEY WERE TO TOLD TO REPOPULATE THE EARTH.

“Worship” - Genesis 7:20-22

(v20) Upon exiting the ark. What did Noah do? Seeing that he sacrificed at least 1 of each clean animal, how did their species survive? Read Genesis 7:2-3.

(v21a) Was Noah’s offering acceptable to God? Read Exodus 29:18. What did God promise regarding the land?

(v21b) Going forward, did God believe that mankind’s hearts would be changed? Nevertheless, what else did God promise not to do?

(v22) In addition, what else did God promise?

DESPITE HAVING GONE THROUGH A PROLONGED, WORLD-WIDE
NATURAL DISASTER, IN WHICH ALMOST EVERY LIVING THING WAS
KILLED, STILL NOAH WORSHIPED THE LORD.

Application - After spending just over a year on the ark, Noah and his family finally set foot on dry ground again. Every living thing had been destroyed, with the exception of those on the ark (and those that lived in the sea). Still, in spite of this horrific event, Noah worshiped God. Because of his faith and obedience, Noah had been saved. The LORD promised never to curse all of the earth's land again; to sustain its natural order of days, nights, and seasons; and to never wipe out every living thing as He had done. What is something new you've learned today that you didn't know before?