

***The Flood: Deliverance in the Midst of Destruction***  
**Genesis 7:1-8:22**

***Destruction of all living things by the flood. ch. 7***

- Details are given in a chiasmic structure with a careful chronology.
- Much repetition is here with more emphasis on boarding the ark than building it, as there is a focus on clean vs. unclean animals.
- All on the earth died as the flood de-creates the original creation, which recalls the watery formless state in 1:2, 9-10.

***Deliverance of Noah and those on the ark: ch. 8***

- The reversal of destruction begins when *God remembered Noah*, which = fulfilling His promise in 6:18, see 19:29, 30:22, Ex. 2:24.
- Noah sends out birds in four stages, why? Lots of waiting goes on here. Should this be a shock? Lam. 3:24-26, Js.5:7-11.
- Noah's offerings are a soothing aroma to God (thus the extra clean animals), which express gratitude/devotion to God.
- God's response is a promise not to further curse the ground (3:17, 18) nor destroy all life again, see 9:11,15, Isa. 54:9, but because of man's continued sinfulness (8:21/6:5) we later hear future end-times destruction will occur: Isa. 24:3-5, II Pt. 3:5-7. Until that time we are promised regular seasons.

