



Genesis

The Story of God And Humanity



The God of Endings and New Beginnings

The Flood Was An “Ending”
To The Great Wickedness And Chaos That
Was Consuming The Earth.

Genesis 7:17-24

Is

An Unconsoling Eulogy Of Humanity

Genesis 7:17-24 (NIV)

For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water.

They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet.

Every living thing that moved on the earth perished-- birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.



For Some,
The Flood Was Judgment.

For Others,
The Flood Was Redemption.

Genesis 8

Genesis 8 Records The End Of A Storm.

It Chronicles A “New Beginning” Of Life And
Hope.

It Contains God’s First Covenant With Humanity.

If You Are Feeling Forsaken...

Genesis 8 Offers Encouragement!

There Is A Great Deal Of
Covenant, Creation,
And
Redemptive Language
Going On In Chapters 8-9.

Genesis 8:1-4 (NIV)

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.

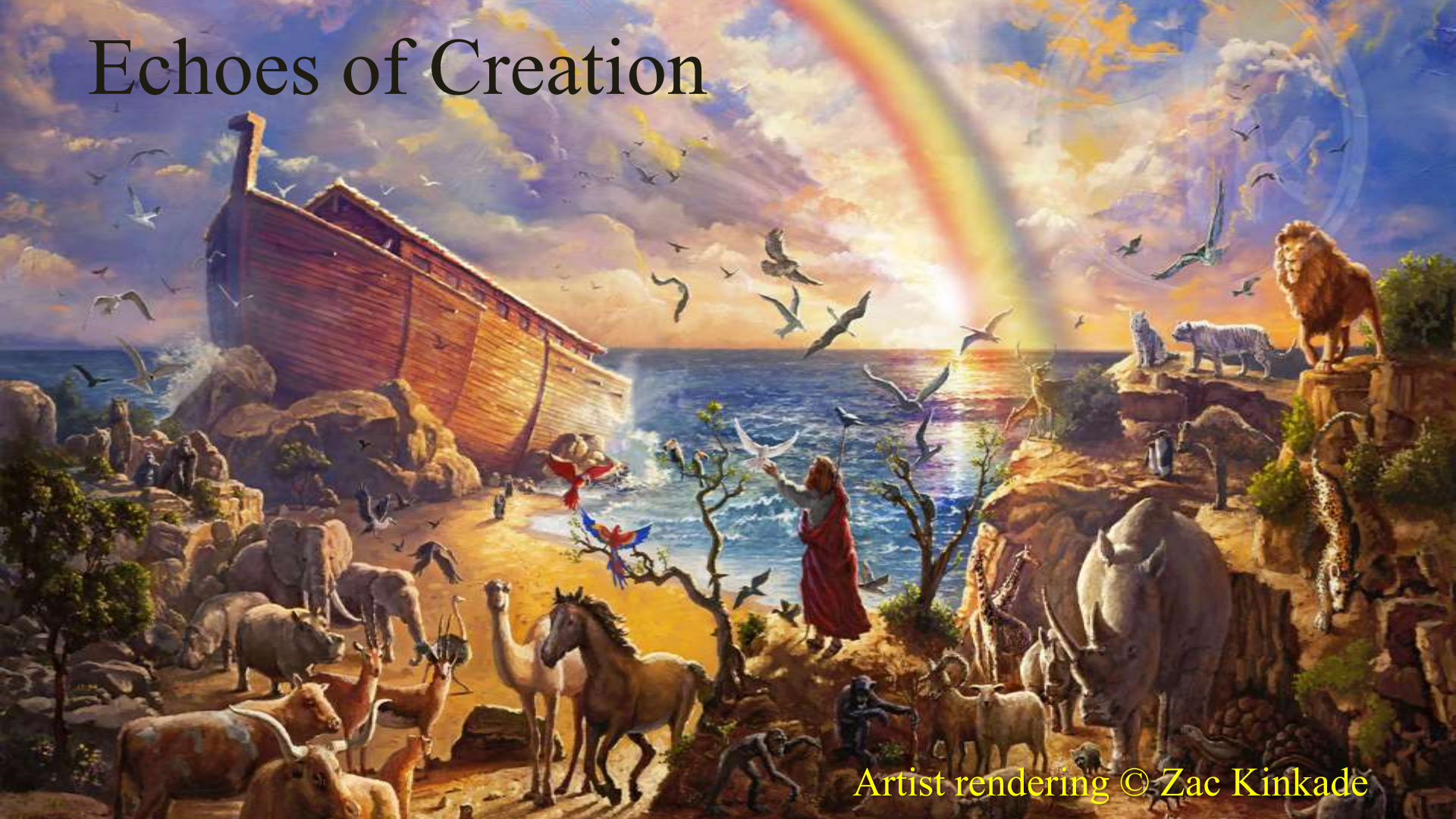
Hebrews 10:15-17 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

Then he adds:

"Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

Echoes of Creation



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Notice, The Echoes Of Creation In The Re-creation Of Genesis 8:1

- “*he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.*”
- For some reason, the most versions translate the Hebrew word (*rûah*) as “*wind*” here.
- However, in Genesis 1:2, 6-7, at creation, they translate it “*Spirit*” in the taming of the waters.
- Why should it be changed here? This is surely an echo of the creation account where Spirit (*rûah*) of God was “*hovering over the waters.*”

Compare With Genesis 1:2, 6-7 (NIV)

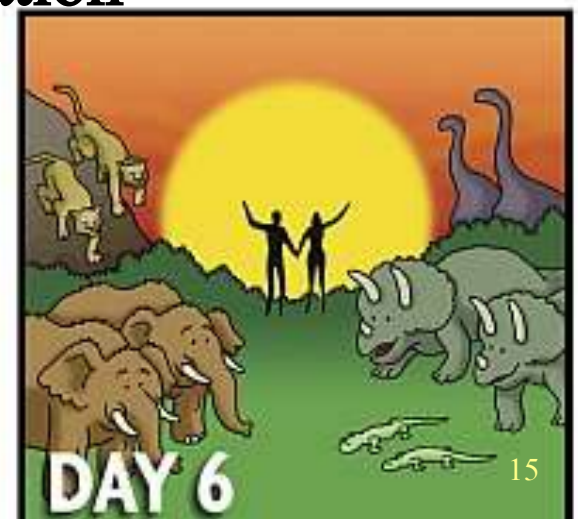
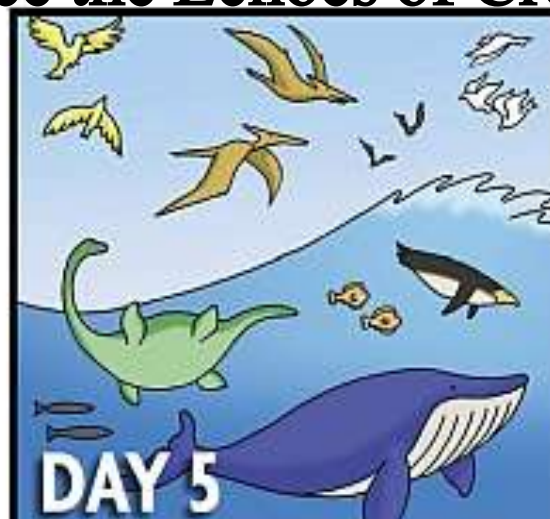
Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters...

And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water."

So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so.



Notice the Echoes of Creation



The Salvation Provided By The Ark
Is Also Connected By
The Apostle Peter
With The Resurrection Of Jesus
And Our Salvation

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1 Peter 3:18-22 (NIV)

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ...

Jewish Civil Calendar

Our Mid-September
1 - Tishri

2 - Marḥeshvan

3 - Kislev

4 - Tevet

5 - Shvat

6 - Adar

Our Mid-March
7 - Nisan, (14/17)

8 - Lyar

9 - Siwan

10 - Tammuz

11 - Av

12 - Elul

Connecting The Ark With Creation
Is Just The Beginning
Of How The Life And Laws
Of The Israel, The People Of God,
Are Connected To The Creation Event.

Life and Laws in Israel Echo Creation

- Labor was given a 7 day cycle, 6 of work and 1 of rest.
- Agricultural land was rested every 7 years.
- Jubilee occurred after 7×7 years, thus year 50.
- The Temple took 7 years to build – Creation, 7 days.
- The Temple is dedicated during the feast of Tabernacles, a 7 day feast occurring in the 7th month.
- Solomon's speech included a list of 7 petitions.
- Ceremonial purification took 7 days.

In Leviticus 23, Nisan, The 7th Month Became A Month of Celebration!

- Celebrated the Feast of Trumpets on the 1st day.
- Celebrated the Day of Atonement on the 10th day
- Celebrated the Passover on the 14th day
- Celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles/Booths, 15th day
- Celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread

The Flood Is Not Just A Singular Event.

- It's an ending, a judgment, on an unbelieving world.
- It's new beginning, a reenactment of creation, a new covenant, and a renewed earth.
- It's the first of several of covenants God made with humanity. The five major ones are with Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and the New Covenant.
- It previews the world's final judgment, the resurrection of the righteous, and the New Heavens and Earth.

2 Peter 3:3-14 (NLT2)

Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. They will say, “What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.”

They deliberately forget that God made the heavens by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water.

Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood. And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed.

But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.

Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along.

On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames.

But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.

And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.