

**IN THE BEGINNING**  
**Part Forty-Four: The Beginning of the Flood**

Text: Gen. 8:1-19

**I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE FLOOD (vs. 1-19)**

**A. Its chronological extent**

- Over a \_\_\_\_\_ in length from first rain to dry ground:
  - Rising phase = \_\_\_\_\_ days
    - 40 days and nights of \_\_\_\_\_ to start.
    - Day 150, the Ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat (vs. 4).
  - Receding phase = 221 days
    - 74 days after the Ark came to rest (day 224), tops of other \_\_\_\_\_ became visible.
    - 40 days later (day 264), Noah sent out a raven.
    - 7 days later (day 271), Noah sent out a \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 7 days later (day 278), Noah sent out a dove again.
    - 7 days later (day 285), Noah sent out a dove for the last time.
    - 29 days later (day 314), Noah removed the Ark's covering.
    - 57 days later (day \_\_\_\_\_), Noah left the Ark.

**B. Its geographical extent**

- How we know that Noah's Flood was \_\_\_\_\_ in scope:
  1. Because of the length of \_\_\_\_\_ required for the waters to rise and recede
  2. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ statements in the text (vs. 9)
  3. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the water (7:17)
  4. Because of the need for an \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Because of the unique word for \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Because of the many \_\_\_\_\_ terms used (over 60x)
  7. Because of the universal loss of \_\_\_\_\_
  8. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of other Scripture (2 Pet. 3:6, Matt. 24:37-39).

**II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE FLOOD (vs. 1)**

- The Flood began to end when "God \_\_\_\_\_ Noah."
  - This does not mean that God had forgotten Noah and his family but that he now began \_\_\_\_\_ on their behalf to bring their ordeal to an end.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ could refer to the activity of the Spirit of God to separate the land from the water as in the beginning of creation (Gen. 1:2).

- Application: God always remembers His people in \_\_\_\_\_ and brings them safely through!

**APPLICATION**

- 2 right responses:

**1. We should rejoice in the merciful \_\_\_\_\_ of God!**

- 8:1 = the first time the word "remember" is used in Bible. Generally:
  - When God remembers the sins of sinners, He visits \_\_\_\_\_ upon them.
  - When God remembers His saints, He visits \_\_\_\_\_ upon them in troubles and shelters them from the wrath intended for the wicked.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's merciful remembrances of His children:
  - The "\_\_\_\_\_":
    - He feels \_\_\_\_\_ for them (Ps. 103:13-14).
    - He extends \_\_\_\_\_ to them (Ps. 25:6-7, Lk. 23:42-43).
    - He fulfills His \_\_\_\_\_ to them (Ps. 119:49).
    - He works powerfully on their behalf to save them.
  - The "\_\_\_\_\_":
    - By limiting or shortening the \_\_\_\_\_ of their trials.
    - By \_\_\_\_\_ the severity of their trials.
    - By bringing their trials to an \_\_\_\_\_.
    - By bringing them \_\_\_\_\_ trials.
    - By delivering them out of trials.
  - The "When" = often in response to believing prayer.
    - Abraham (Gen. 19:29), Rachel (Gen. 30:22), Samson (Jud. 16:28), Hannah (1 Sam. 1:19), \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Kings 20:2-3)
  - The "How Often" = every single time and \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 112:6, Mal. 3:16).

**2. Since God remembers us in our trials, we should be sure to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.**

- What \_\_\_\_\_ to do in trials = "remember not" (Ps. 78:40-42).
- What to do in trials = to decide, "I \_\_\_\_\_ remember" (Ps. 77:9-12, 42:5-6, 20:7).