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Expounding God's Word

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KEYWORD

REVERANCE

God (Plural)

Elohim (The Trinity)

God (Singular)

El

LORD

Jehovah & or Yahweh (YHWH)

GOD

Jehovah & or Yahweh

Lord

GOD the Master (Kurios), Adonai

lord

Man the Master

El Olam

Everlasting God

Bara

God creating from nothing

Asah

God making or assembling from existent materials

Beth

House

Numbers

- 1 - Unity between God the Father & His Son Jesus (John 10:30)
- 2 - Represents union, division, and verification
- 3 - Harmony, New Life & completeness (467 times)
- 4 - Creation & The creative ability of God.
- 5 - God's grace, goodness and favor toward humans (318)
- 6 - Imperfection of man and the sin and weakness he has
- 7 - Perfection
- 8 - New beginnings
- 9 - Divine completeness or conveys the meaning of finality (49)
- 10 - God's authority, completeness, order, and divine perfection
- 11 - Disorder, chaos and judgment (11 - 24 & "11th" - 19)
- 12 - God's power and authority (187)
- 13 - Rebellion
- 40 - Represent completeness or wholeness.

Keywords

“create” (bara), “make” (asah), and “form” (yatsar). In Isaiah 43:7 – All the three are used.

Jehova means the becoming one as God relates to man and man's needs and becomes to man whatever man may need

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REVIEW

God saw that the wickedness of the earth was great; the imaginations of man's heart were continuously evil.

Men were involved in Satanism; unnatural sex; violence; and corruption, and so God decided to bring an end to that scene of iniquity.

God destroyed the earth, at that time, with a flood of waters. God saw Noah, who was a righteous man, and commanded him to build an ark.

The dimensions of the ark, 450 feet long and 75 feet wide, would equal those of the Titanic.

Noah followed the instructions of the LORD: to bring into the ark the various animals, two of each species, with the exception of those animals that were considered clean; there were to be seven each of those.

God shuts Noah and his family and the animals in, and it begins to rain. Water pours from above and bursts forth from below with incredible intensity.

This outpouring of water lasts for 40 days, and covers the surface of the earth for another 110 days.

The ark floats, rises, moves across the surface of the water. Outside of it, every land-dwelling, air-breathing thing dies.

God wipes it all out, including every human being other than Noah and his family.



GEN 7: 1

And the LORD said unto Noah, come thou (

- Take note the LORD did not say, “go into the ark,” but “come into the ark
 - It seems as though the LORD was in the ark, inviting Noah to come in
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- The LORD is with us and how glorious it is to have Him with us during the storms of life.”)
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...and all thy house into the ark; (

- The ark serves as a house and fortress for God's people as God floods the earth.
 - We see similar word usage in Moses' story when his mother places him in a basket of reeds on the Nile.
 - Because the Nile was home to vicious predators such as hippos, the "ark" kept Moses safe until he reached harbour, at the feet of Pharaoh's daughter.)
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for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

He was inviting Noah into that place of protection from the great holocaust that was to come.

God invites us to come on in to the ark (that place of safety or refuge that He has prepared in Jesus Christ) that we might survive the great flood of judgment that is going to come against evil.

God saw that Noah was righteous, even as God sees us as righteous through Jesus Christ.

That doesn't mean that we don't do unrighteous deeds, because we do; we are sinners. We are not righteous in and of ourselves, but God sees us as righteous and that is what really counts.

God sees us as righteous as we believe and trust in Jesus Christ. This is that righteousness that is imputed to us because of our faith.

This same righteousness was imputed to Noah, because he believed God and obeyed Him.

“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” (Heb.11:7).

This doesn't mean that Noah was a perfect man, but, only that he believed God and obeyed Him. His faith in God was evidenced by his obedience and this is always true. If you say that you have faith in God but don't obey Him, then your words of faith are discounted.

Noah was living in the midst of a corrupt generation, but the Lord saw him as “righteous.”

GEN 7: 2-3

Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, (Clean animals were animals that God said the Israelites could eat such as oxen, sheep, goats and etc. Leviticus 11 provides an

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extensive list of these beasts, insects, fish, and birds. Reason was to provide for sacrifices) the male and his female; and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. (

Some of the animals that were unclean were the camel, rock badger, rabbit, and the pig. They could eat any of the fish with fins and scales.

Among the birds, the eagle, vulture, buzzard, kite, falcon, raven, ostrich, owl, sea hawk, little owl, great owl, cormorant, pelican, stork, carrion vulture, heron, hoopoe and bat could not be eaten.

Among the insects, they could not eat were those that walked on four legs, except for the cricket, locust, and grasshopper.

The following were also unclean: the mole, the mouse, the great lizard in its kind, the gecko, the crocodile, the lizard, the sand reptile, and the chameleon.

Leviticus 11 provides a more detailed list.)

Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

God was preserving the species. The ark that Noah built had sufficient volume to hold two of each specie plus enough food that they could survive for the little over a year's time that they spent in the ark.

GEN 7: 4

For yet seven days, (Noah had one week to get everything inside the ark which would be needed during the coming wrath of God. Everything left outside, including the rest of the human race, would be utterly destroyed.) and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; (

The number 40 to the Jews is a number that, when used in terms of time, represents a period of probation, trial, and chastisement.

The number 40 shows up often in the Bible & here are some examples of the Bible's use of the number 40 that stress the theme of testing or judgment:

- After Moses killed the Egyptian, he fled to Midian, where he spent 40 years in the desert tending flocks (Acts 7:30).
 - Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights (Exodus 24:18).
 - Moses interceded on Israel's behalf for 40 days and 40 nights (Deuteronomy 9:18, 25).
 - The Law specified a maximum number of lashes a man could receive for a crime, setting the limit at 40 (Deuteronomy 25:3).
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- The Israelite spies took 40 days to spy out Canaan (Numbers 13:25).
- The Israelites wandered for 40 years (Deuteronomy 8:2-5).
- Before Samson's deliverance, Israel served the Philistines for 40 years (Judges 13:1).
- Goliath taunted Saul's army for 40 days before David arrived to slay him (1 Samuel 17:16).
- When Elijah fled from Jezebel, he travelled 40 days and 40 nights to Mt. Horeb (1 Kings 19:8).
- The number 40 also appears in the prophecies of Ezekiel (4:6; 29:11-13) and Jonah (3:4).
- In the New Testament, Jesus was tempted for 40 days and 40 nights (Matthew 4:2).
- There were 40 days between Jesus' resurrection and ascension (Acts 1:3).

The number 40 specifically in the Bible has deep meaning, even to this day,

- 40 days are those that you recommend to the woman to rest after giving birth.
- 40 are the weeks of gestation.
- "Forty" is the only word form of a number where the letters all appear in alphabetical order.

Many Theologians think that the number 40 represents "change", it is the time of preparation of a person or people to give a fundamental change, something will happen after these 40 days.)

and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

Here we find one of those many sevens that we find in scripture. Seven is a number that is symbolically meaningful in scripture. It is the number of completeness.

Forty is a number of judgments, so, it will rain for forty days and forty nights as God's judgment coming upon the earth.

GEN 7: 5-12

And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him. And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. (The LORD told Noah to enter the ark seven days before the flood began (verses 1-4), but this seems to indicate that Noah and his family entered the ark on the very day the flood began) Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every

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thing that creepeth upon the earth, there went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. (Take note that it wasn't caused by just the rain. Before the flood came there were rivers that went forth from the Garden of Eden and yet, prior to the flood, there was no rain. Evidently there were tremendous underground reservoirs of water, which the scripture calls, "fountains of the deep.") In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

God describes how the flood came about and take note that it wasn't caused by just the rain.

Before the flood came there were rivers that went forth from the Garden of Eden and yet, prior to the flood, there was no rain.

How can you have rivers if there is no rain? Evidently there were tremendous underground reservoirs of water, which the scripture calls, "fountains of the deep."

There could have been a whole series of underground caverns and it could be that the heat of the earth would even, if necessary, distil the waters of the sea as they would flow into these caverns.

God could have had a whole vast irrigation system under the surface of the earth that sprung forth and flowed as rivers.

These fountains of the deep were broken up as well as that canopy of water that God had suspended in space in Genesis One.

"And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters, And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. (Gen.1:6-7).

This canopy had protected the earth from the cosmic rays and had caused a "green garden" effect over all the earth.

Without the poles being iced, with this water suspended in the atmosphere; there would not have been any violent storms or winds.

There would have been only a slow movement of air and with the humidity and the warmth you would have had an ideal "plant" environment.

Great charcoal beds have been discovered under the ice at the South Pole Region, which means there had to be vast forests there at one time. Mammoths, with vegetation in their digestive tracts, have been found in Siberia, which indicates a tropical paradise at one time.

The emptying of the canopy of water seems to be the only answer to the forty days and nights of rain.

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Even if you had clouds, full of water, the most it would last would be two weeks; but, to rain forty days and the deluge to continue on a world-wide basis means there was that emptying of that vast canopy of water that God had suspended in space.

There is a great possibility of a dramatic polar axis shift at this time.

It is possible that prior to the flood, there were no large mountain regions such as we have today. We don't know anything of the geology of the earth prior to the flood; they could have had rolling hills.

It was indicated in the scripture, that the land mass was all together and that the seas were all together. There was just the one land mass and the one ocean of water. It could be that there were tremendous cataclysmic catastrophes that took place at the time of the flood, beside the breaking up of the deep and the emptying of the canopy of water that had been suspended in the atmosphere.

The earth could have been moved slightly out of its orbit from around the sun at this time.

There are indications that before the flood there was only a **360 day** year. We know that after the flood there were **365 and** one quarter days to a year.

There are also possibilities that it was at this point that the earth became tilted on its axis.

That tilt of twenty-three and one third degrees which gives us the seasons did not take place until the time of the flood. The combined polar axis shift, the tilt of the earth and the changing of its orbit could have been produced by the close paths of a huge asteroid upsetting the whole balance of the system.

The book, "Worlds In Collision" suggests that it was at this time that the planet Venus made its first path into the Solar System.

It made a very close path to the earth, close enough to upset the whole balance of the earth. There was a gigantic electrical spark that stopped the earth on its axis and caused it to begin to spin in the other direction.

A lot of evidence is presented to show that the earth, at one time, may have rotated in the opposite direction on its axis; but, this is all just interesting speculation.

What we do know is that God emptied the canopy, above the earth, of that shield or water blanket and opened up the great fountains of the deep.

As the waters began to cover the earth and the pressure of the water began to come over the land mass; the weight of the water, probably, broke through the earth's crust, in many areas, causing it to collapse.

At this time great canyons were formed and the water, of course, would go into the canyons and through the downward pressure there might have come the up thrust of a coastal range of mountains such as, the high Sierras in California.

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There could have been tremendous geological upheavals as a result of the water changing its bed.

There is evidence, all around the earth, such as fossils of sea life found in the Himalayas and this all could have been happening during this period of a year's time.

Actually there were forty days when the rain was descending, but the activity continued long after the rain had descended.

Timeline of Flood Duration

Timeline (days)	Duration	Month/Day	Description	Bible Reference
0	Initial reference point	600th year of Noah's life: 2nd month, 17th day of the month	The fountains of the great deep broke apart and the windows of heaven were opened; it began to rain. This happened on the seventeenth day of the second month. Noah actually entered the Ark seven days prior to this.	Genesis 7:11
40	40 days and nights	3rd month, 27th day of the month	Rain fell for 40 days, and then water covered the earth's highest places (at that time) by over ~20 feet (15 cubits) and began the stage of flooding until the next milestone. ²	Genesis 7:11–12 , Genesis 7:17–20
150	150 days (including the initial 40 days)	7th month, 17th day of the month	The water rose to its highest level (covering the whole earth) sometime between the 40th and 150th day, and the end of these 150 days was the seventeenth day of the seventh month. The Ark rested on the mountains of Ararat. On the 150th day, the springs of the great deep were shut off, and the rain from above ceased, and the water began continually receding.	Genesis 7:24–8:5
150 + 74 = 224	74 days	10th month, 1st day of the month	The tops of the mountains became visible on the tenth month, first day.	Genesis 8:5
224 + 40 = 264	40 days	11th month, 11th day of the month	After 40 more days, Noah sent out a raven.	Genesis 8:6
264 + 7 = 271	7 days	11th month, 18th day of the month	The dove was sent out seven days after the raven. It had no resting place and returned to Noah. ³	Genesis 8:6–12
271 + 7 = 278	7 days	11th month, 25th day of the month	After seven more days, Noah sent out the dove again. It returned again but this time with an olive leaf in its beak.	Genesis 8:10–11

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278 + 7 = 285	7 days	12th month, 2nd day of the month	After seven more days, Noah sent out the dove again, and it did not return.	Genesis 8:12
314	29 days	601st year of Noah life: 1st month, 1st day of the month	Noah removed the cover of the Ark on the first day of the first month. The <i>surface</i> of the earth was dried up, and Noah could verify this to the extent of what he could see.	Genesis 8:13
370 (371 if counting the first day and last day as full days)	56 days	2nd month, 27th day of the month	The <i>earth</i> was dry, and God commanded Noah's family and the animals to come out of the Ark. From the first day of the year during the daylight portion there were 29.5 more days left in the month plus 26.5 more days left in the second month until the exit.	Genesis 8:14–17 , Genesis 7:11

GEN 7: 13-14

In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; **(This shows how Noah's obedience was, once again, critical to success. On the very day they finished boarding the ark, the flood waters arrived. Any delay would have been catastrophic.)** they, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

There were a lot of problems, sanitary and otherwise, within the ark with all the animals that were there.

It is quite possible (as we are dealing with a God who can do anything) and we do know that bears have the capacity of hibernating; it could be that God gave that same capacity to these animals for this special occasion.

Maybe they all went into a hibernation process like the bear, sleeping the time away.

It could be that the ark wasn't nearly as noisy as we would have imagined it to be.

GEN 7: 15

And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

I think, by this time, you get the idea that I believe this story actually happened and that this is a real event that God is chronicling for us here.

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I have no reason to doubt the veracity of God's word.

I believe the universal flood is a far more plausible explanation of the geological column than is the evolutionary hypothesis.

GEN 7: 16

And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

I think that is significant too. God said, "Come on in," and they went in and then the Lord shut them in.

After God shut the door, the time of judgment arrived.

Only those who had gone through the doorway would be saved; no one else could enter.

Noah and his family had to obey God's command to build and then enter the Ark for salvation—but it was God who had commanded the Ark to be built as the means of Noah's family being saved in this time of judgment.

The Ark pictures salvation in Jesus Christ, our "Ark" of salvation.

Jesus said "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved" (John 10:9).

The Bible makes it clear that we are "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1).

Nothing we can do can save us from our sin and its consequence of eternal separation from God.

But the Bible also tells us that if we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead, we will be saved (Romans 10:9).

It is "by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

Nothing we can do will save us from our sin—salvation is all of God.

Yet our responsibility is to go through the doorway (Jesus), and God will save us.

GEN 7: 17-19

And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth, (Even as the son of man was lifted up high on the cross. John 3:14-15 and 12:32.) and the waters prevailed, (This is from the Hebrew root word gabar. This is a military term, used for winning victory in battle. It can also mean "overwhelmed, overtook, or conquered." Anyone who has seen a flood or tsunami in action

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knows how much power there is in moving water. Beneath the ark, the flood waters overwhelmed everything on land, while rising higher and higher.) and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters, and the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; (

The rise of these waters, in some ways, is a reversal of God's initial creation. In the beginning, God drew dry land out of the water (Genesis 1:9–10).

Here, in judgment, He is sending that land back under the waters. This is, in literal action, God "resetting" this aspect of His creation.

Although the waters destroy everything on land, they do not prevail, over the ark.

It's worth noting that the ark is actually not a "boat." There are no oars, sails, rudders, or other controls mentioned.

It has one purpose: to float above the destruction, and let God take care of the rest.)

and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

The hills probably weren't too high at that time.

Actually if the earth were completely flat and if we didn't have these great canyons in the oceans it would be covered by 6,000 feet of water.

The mountains didn't actually have to be that high. God just lifted up a land mass out of the waters on the first day of creation.

It was only after the flood that we find these huge mountains and geological evidence points to the fact that these mountains are not very old.

GEN 7: 20

Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

This was probably fifteen cubits above the land mass at that time.

GEN 7: 21-24

And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man; All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. (Only Noah and those safe in the ark escaped the judgment of the flood. The flood water was on the earth 150 days before it began to recede. It must be noted that fish did not die in the flood.) And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth;

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and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days. **(The earth was covered with water for that length of time. During these one hundred and fifty days geological changes were occurring, such as the up thrust of high mountains to get rid of the water off the face of the earth. It didn't just evaporate and run off into the ocean like it does now.)**

It was no less than utter destruction of the earth. It must be noted that fish did not die in the flood.

All flesh that moved on the earth perished.

This would not include all life in the water. The subsequent list emphasizes this point: *birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind* died in the flood.

The life in the water was spared, *only of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died.*

The whole human race, except Noah and his family, were destroyed. The New Testament validates the worldwide destruction of the flood.

The Apostle Peter wrote, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, *through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water* (2 Peter 3:6).

The flood destroyed the entire world at that time. When Noah disembarked, he entered a new earth. It is likely he encountered a new climate, new continents, and new geography.

The flood water was on the earth one hundred and fifty days, or five months, before the waters began to recede.

Noah and his family became the remnant that survived and escaped the judgment due to Noah's faith. *Only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.* They were saved physically in order to replenish the earth once again.

In the Flood account, the message is unmistakable, God's *judgment* and *mercy*. However, by looking carefully at the details, we find that there is more that can be learned. To gain a more complete understanding of what the Bible says, one should not only look at the content but also its arrangement.

How it is arranged is referred to as its "literary structure." The Bible uses a variety of different literary techniques to communicate its message (i.e., allusion, hyperbole, metaphor, simile, etc.).

It helps to know and recognize when these techniques are being applied in scripture.

One type of literary structure found in scripture is called a **chiasm** or **chiastic** structure.

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A chiasm is a literary device in which a sequence of ideas is presented and then repeated in reverse order. The structure of a chiasm is usually represented by a series of letters, each letter indicates a new thought or concept.

For example, the structure ABBA refers to two ideas (A and B) repeated in reverse order.

Often, a chiasm includes another idea in the middle of the repetition: ABXBA.

In this structure, the two concepts (A and B) are repeated in reverse order, but a third idea (X) is inserted before the repetition.

In this structure, the central idea is being emphasized by the surrounding structures.

Biblical writers used chiasms to add emphasis to their writings and to highlight details of particular importance.

One example is found in Genesis 9:6, **“Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed.”**

The first section is repeated in reverse order by the second section.

Paying close attention to the literary structure of the Flood account reveals many truths.

In Genesis chapter 7 and 8, we find two chiasms that are important, one of *key numbers* and one of the *key events*.

Interestingly, the organization of key numbers marking the progression of time in the Flood account has a chiastic structure.

The chiasm opens with **“seven days” (7:4, 7:10)** and closes with **“seven days” (8:10, 8:12)**.

Next, we see a reference to **“forty days” (7:12)**, which appears later, in reverse order (**“forty days,” 8:6**).

At the center are two references to **“one hundred fifty days” (7:24, 8:3)**, which bracket the key verse and central theme of the flood narrative, **“God remembered Noah” (8:1)**.

A. “Seven days” (7:4, 7:10)

B. “Forty days” (7:12)

C. “One hundred fifty days” (7:24)

D. God’s Remembrance of Noah (8:1a)

C’. “One hundred fifty days” (8:3)

B’. “Forty days” (8:6)

A’. “Seven days” (8:10, 8:12)

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A second chiastic structure is found in the critical events of chapters 7 and 8.

This structure begins with God's command to enter the ark (7:1-10) and concludes with God's Remembrance of Noah (8:1a).

Between these two "bookends" are a series of points that appear later (chapter 8) in reverse order.

A. God's Command and Noah's Response: The Entrance into the Ark (7:1-10)

B. The Beginning of the Flood: The Inundating of the Earth (7:11-16)

C. The Rising of the Waters (7:17-24)

D. God's Remembrance of Noah (8:1a)

C'. The Recession of the Waters (8:1b-5)

B'. The End of the Flood: The Drying of the Earth (8:6-14)

A'. God's Command and Noah's Response: The Exodus from the Ark(8:15-19)

So, when we put the two chiastic structures together, we see the key numbers structure is woven together with the key events structure, and both amplify the central point of the Flood account, "But God remembered Noah."

