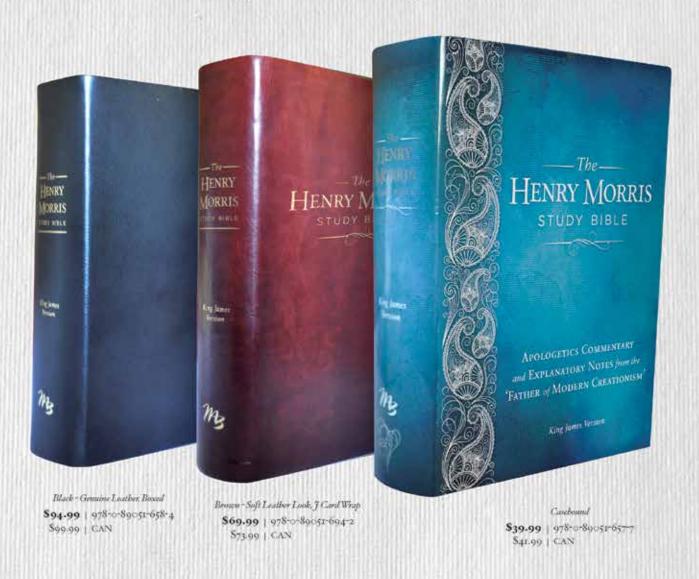
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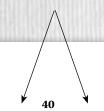
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Genesis 8:6

- 6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened Rthe window of the ark which he had made:

  Ge 6:16
- 7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.
- 8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;
- 9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.
- 10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark:
- 11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.
- 12 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

- 13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.
- 14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.
  - 15 And God spake unto Noah, saying,
- 16 Go forth of the ark, Rthou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.
- 17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.
- 18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:
- 19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their <sup>T</sup>kinds, went forth out of the ark.

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Key phrases are highlighted and explained fore there was much dry land. The dove, however, required fresh plant material and dry ground.

- **8:10** other seven days. The frequent references to "seven days" in the flood account, plus the fact that Noah left the ark 371 days (53 weeks) after entering it, indicates that they were following a calendar based on seven-day weeks. Confined in the ark, the crew could not use the moon or stars for navigation or chronology, but could, of course, count days
- → 8:11 olive leaf. The olive tree is extremely hardy and can grow and thrive on almost barren rocky slopes. The fresh olive leaf plucked by the dove proved that the land was beginning to produce a vegetal cover and so would soon be ready to support its human and animal residents again. Both seeds and cuttings from pre-flood plants were abundant in the sediments of the flood and could grow again as soon as adequate sunlight and dry land were available. Experiments have shown that seeds of a wide variety of plants will sprout even after many months of submergence in salt water. Actually the waters of the earth changed only gradually and slightly in salinity during the flood, certainly not so much as to prevent the survival and multiplication of all kinds of plants and marine animals after the flood
- 8:17 multiply upon the earth. This is a repetition of the Edenic command to the created animal kinds (1:20,22). In order to do this, they must migrate from Ararat, each finding its proper ecological niche in the drastically changed and widely varied environments of the post-flood world. During the Ice Age following the flood, land bridges existed across the Bering Strait from Siberia to Alaska and down the Malaysian Strait into New Guinea, facilitating such migrations. Also, Noah's descendants certainly knew how to build and use boats, and some of the animals may well have been transported in this way, as well as on rafts of vegetation transported out to sea during river floods.

8:19 out of the ark. Here it is again asserted, as clearly as could be expressed, that all the present land animals in the earth have descended from those on the ark.

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Genesis 9:2

#### Noah Worships God

20 And Noah builded an Raltar unto the LORD; and took of Revery clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered Rburnt offerings on the altar.

Ge 12:7 • Le 11 • Ex 10:25

21 And the LORD smelled Ra sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again Crurse the ground any more for man's sake; for the Rimagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

Ex 29:18,25 • Ge 3:17; 6:7;13,17

22 RWhile the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and sum-

mer and winter, and Rday and night shall not cease. Is 54:9 • Je 33:20,25

#### CHAPTER 9

#### God's Covenant with Noah

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 RAnd the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth *upon* the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

Ps 8:6 Lit. given

8:20 offered burnt offerings. Noah thus sacrificed what amounted to one-seventh of his flocks and herds of domestic animals, a real act of thanksgiving and faith on his part. The world was far more forbidding in aspect than when they had entered the ark: rugged and desolate, cold and stormy, barren and silent. It had been purged and cleansed of its wicked and violent inhabitants, however, and God had preserved His remnant through the awful cataclysm, so this was a service of both great praise and earnest petition.

8:21 not again curse. The promise of God, given in response to Noah's sacrificial prayer of thanksgiving and intercession, is tremendous in scope. He would never again "curse the ground" with a worldwide curse as He had done following Adam's sin. The Edenic curse is still in effect, of course, but there would be no other. Noah had, indeed, brought "comfort" to the world concerning "the ground which the LORD had cursed" (5:29).

**8:21** *every thing living.* Neither would God ever again bring a worldwide cataclysm to the earth as He had with the flood.

**8:22** *remaineth.* This dual promise would be kept as long as the earth existed in its probationary state, with man still in his sinful condition, his "heart evil from his youth." Eventually, the earth would be renovated and the curse removed altogether (Re 22:3).

8:22 shall not cease. The principle of uniformity is here established by God for the post-flood world. Not only would the basic laws of nature still continue in effect (these had, of course, operated even during the flood) but also the regular operation of its natural processes (these had been greatly intensified during the flood). The basic processes of earth are its rotation on its axis and its orbital revolution around the sun. These control all annual and daily processes, which in turn control practically all biological and geological processes. Absolute uniformity of the day/night cycle and the seasonal cycles assures at least general uniformity of functioning of other processes. Thus the principle of uniformitarianism is valid absolutely for the *laws* of nature ever since the imposition of God's curse (except for special miracles) and is valid statistically for the *processes* of nature since the flood

9:1 replenish the earth. This is the same command given to Adam and Eve; the word "replenish" (Hebrew male), simply means "fill."

9:2 are they delivered. In essence the primeval commission to mankind (the so-called "dominion mandate") is here reiterated to Noah and his descendants, though with some amendments. Man is still to be in dominion over all other creatures and over the earth itself, even though Satan's usurpation of that dominion must continually be recognized and rectified, with God's enablement. Man's relation to the animals (except perhaps for the domestic animals not mentioned here) has been changed by God's imposition on them of literally the "terror" of man. Their newly-developed carnivorous appetites and other abilities,

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