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“Re-creation”

Genesis 5-9

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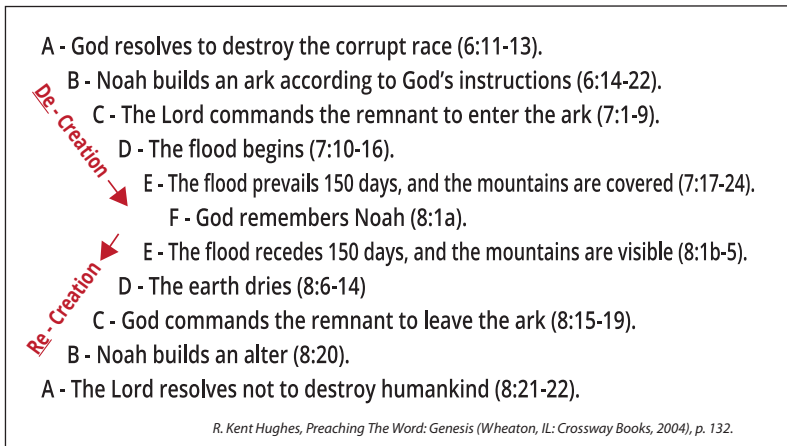
Genesis 5-9
1 Peter 3:18-22

(See also 2 Cor. 5:17, Rom. 6:1-11, Col. 3:10, Eph. 4:24)

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[R. Kent Hughes] *“The shape of the flood account indicates exacting care by Moses as to its content and literary style. In literary terms it is a chiasmus.¹ That is, the flood story divides into halves, with the second half being a mirror image of the first, but in reverse order. The first half, which describes the beginning and the 150-day rise of the flood, is a kind of de-creation, while the second half, which gives the 150-day receding of the floodwaters and its end, is a kind of re-creation. The center of this mirror-imaged structure is in the opening line of chapter 8, ‘But God remembered Noah.’ Allen Ross has provided this helpful diagram:”²*

[Note: text in red has been added by Pastor Patrick for clarity]



¹(Footnote added by Pastor Patrick) Chiasmus or chiasm is Latin from the Greek, chiasma, which means “crossing,” or chiazō, which means, “to shape like the letter X (22nd letter in the Greek alphabet, [Chi]).”

²R. Kent Hughes, Preaching The Word: Genesis (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2004), p. 132.

DISCUSS

1. Growing up, how did you view the story of “Noah’s Ark?” How is your view different today?

2. Read Gen 6-8 with the aforementioned chiasmic structure in mind and discuss.

3. Pastor Patrick mentioned several similarities between the story of Noah (Gen. 6-9) and the story of Adam (Gen. 1-4). As a group see how many you can identify.

4. How does the story of Noah and the flood point us to Christ?

5. Read 1 Peter 3:18-22. What is the story of the flood a picture of according to Peter?

6. What is baptism a picture of (see Rom. 6:1-11)?

7. What does it mean to be a “new creation” (2 Cor. 5:17)?

8. What immediate applications can be made in light of this text?

Notes: