

Genesis 8:1-12 **The Flood Waters Receded**

1 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. **2** The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. **3** And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. **4** Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. **5** And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

6 So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. **7** Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. **8** He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. **9** But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. **10** And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. **11** Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. **12** So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.
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Facts revealed:

- ✧ God remembered Noah and all that were with him on the Ark. God didn't forget them and suddenly remember, but **"in the appointed time"** God was keeping track of the time and the Text says that **"God remembered."**
- ✧ God caused a wind to pass over the earth for evaporation, not a storm, and the waters subsided as the **"fountains of the deep"** and **"the windows of heaven"** were stopped and the waters were restrained.
- ✧ When it stopped raining, at the end of 40 days, Noah opened the window of the Ark that he had made.
- ✧ The waters receded continually from the earth.
- ✧ At the end of 150 days, the Ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat in the 17th day of the 7th month
- ✧ The waters continued to recede until the tops of the mountains were seen on the 1st day of the 10th month.
- ✧ Noah sent out a raven which kept going to-and-fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. Apparently the raven found enough to feed on from the exposed mountain tops so it didn't feel a need to return to the Ark. As the waters were continually receding, more and more ground was exposed.
- ✧ Noah then sent out a dove, which is more fragile, and it didn't find any place where it felt comfortable. So it returned to the Ark, because the waters still covered the earth (except for the exposed mountain tops). Noah put out his hand and brought the dove back in to the Ark.
- ✧ After seven days, Noah again sent out the dove, this time it came back in the evening with a freshly plucked olive leaf in her beak. Olives do not grow on the tops of the mountains, but on the lower hills indicating that the waters had receded to livable areas.
- ✧ At the end of another seven days, Noah sent out the dove but, this time it did not return to him any more, indicating it had found a place where it felt comfortable to stay.