

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 4 – HIDDEN CIPHERS IN THE FLOOD NARRATIVE

- *The ancient Chinese symbol for 'boat' is reversed bow (e.g., a vessel) + eight + people. Thus, a boat is eight people onboard a vessel. (why 8?)*
- *GOD creates man from dust from the ground and breathes into him the breath of life. The ancient Chinese symbol "to create" is to have dust walk, breath, and live.*

PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

- The Chinese character "To confuse" is to set out on a journey with a new tongue (or language).

THE FLOOD STORY AND THE "HE" OF GENESIS 3:15

The Flood Story is filled with both *symbols and ciphers* (numbers, which upon de-ciphering reveal a secret message).

Beginning at Genesis 3:15 we see a grand theme. GOD is going to restore Eden and man to Eden. We have seen how GOD reveals the [who](#), [what](#) and [how](#). As His message progresses He even reveals [when](#).

This theme we are talking about runs throughout the Bible. It is introduced in Genesis, developed in the Patriarchal literature, expanded in the Poetic and Historical books, fleshed out in the Prophets, realized in the Gospels and Epistles and finally culminated in the Revelation.

We should expect the Flood to be another layer of information provided by GOD to reveal something about the "He" of Genesis 3:15. For those willing to look a bit more deeply, GOD does not let us down.

SYMBOLS AND CIPHERS

The trick to decipher the Flood story is found in context of the Great Genesis theme. The Flood story is where it is located in the Bible, for a purpose.

Each step along the way builds toward a greater understanding of our destiny on earth.

For example, you cannot understand the Revelation without understanding what comes before. To interpret Revelation without understanding the Historical books in the Old Testament or, for example, without understanding the Prophets...is total folly.

QUIZ - The first place you find the 666 of Revelation is [in the Old Testament](#) or the weight of gold Solomon received annually (about 25 tons)

SIDELINE - THE STORY OF SOLOMON AND SHEBA AND 666 PROBABLY INCLUDE SYMBOLS AND CIPHERS RELATED TO CHRIST

- ***Faith comes by hearing. (Rom 10:17)*** Special emphasis is made that the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon. (2 Chronicles 9:1)
- She came to prove Solomon with hard questions but Solomon told her all her questions (9:2) with nothing hid.
- ***For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. (Mark 4:22)***

- *And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire whatsoever she asked... (2 Cr 9:12)*
- *And we know that He hears us whatsoever we ask we know that we have the petitions that we desire of Him. (1 John 5:15)*
- *The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon and behold a greater than Solomon is here. (Matt 12:42)*
- Solomon is equated with wisdom. (see 2 Chronicles 9:23) His gold was given to him by GOD without his own wisdom.
- *Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666. (2 Cr 9:13)*
- **Here is wisdom, let him who has understanding count the number of the beast for it is a man's number and his number is 666. (Rev 13:18)**

WHAT IS THE GREAT THEME?

1. **Man's repeated failure to trust and obey our Heavenly Father.**
2. **The folly of man's attempts to save himself through his own deeds.**
3. **GOD's incredible tolerance and forgiveness (grace) as He interacts and responds to a continually willful and disobedient humanity.**

Man cannot deal with his sinful nature through more **religion**. GOD's grace is only offered through **the "He" of Genesis 3:15**. GOD Emmanuel.

THE TWO ARKS

The same word is used with both Noah's Ark (which is a boat) and the Ark of the Covenant (definitely a landed vessel)? There is a reason. Both are **vessels** and share certain characteristics associated with the "He" of Genesis 3:15.

GOD IS **INSIDE** THE **TABERNACLE**

There (inside the Tabernacle), above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites. (Exodus 25:22)

Where is GOD? **Inside** the Tabernacle, communing with humans above **the mercy (grace) seat**, between the two angels of God which are upon **the ark of the testimony** (The Covenant).

Everything is connected to the He of Genesis 3:15. GOD is **inside** both the Tabernacle and us (symbol of coming attractions). **Above the mercy seat** (no mercy without the "He" of covenant) as He is **above** Christ on the cross. Promised to Adam and Eve at Genesis through **Testimony** that is so sacred Abram is not allowed to be awake when it is given by GOD. (see Genesis 15)

A SYMBOL OF HEAVENLY THINGS

The ark of the covenant is therefore a symbol of heavenly things. It is the vessel of **Testimony**. (e.g., In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was God. I am the Voice in the wilderness – John the Baptist) where GOD resides when communing with humans. And, it is also where the "He" of Genesis 3:15 resides because it is through His **sacrifice** that **mercy** is given.

GOD IS **INSIDE** THE **ARK**

When you are *outside* your house and you invite someone to go in, you say, "Go on into the house." But, when you are inside the house, you say, "Come in." **And the Lord said to Noah, Come with all your household into the ark,..** Genesis 7:1 God is *inside* Noah's Ark.

SYMBOLS IN NOAH'S ARK.

- **The door of the ark you shall put in the side of it. (6:16)**
"I Am the door..." Notice there are 3 levels (what might this symbolize?), but only **ONE DOOR**.
- **But I will establish My covenant (promise, pledge) with you, and you shall come into the ark-- you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. (6:18)**

I will keep my COVENANT (What is the Covenant?) with man THROUGH the ONE DOOR, ONE WAY, ONE TRUTH, ONE LIFE...

- **And they that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded [Noah]; and the Lord shut him in and closed [the door] round about him (7:16)**

All living things go in through the one door. (Symbol) Notice also, they enter into the presence of GOD, It is GOD Who shuts the door presumably from inside the ark since that is where He is and, it is GOD and not man who shuts the door behind them to separate them from sin. Man cannot separate himself from sin. Only GOD's grace and direct intervention through Jesus Christ. (Which is the real theme of the Flood Story)

- **And the waters became mighty and increased greatly upon the land, and the ark went [gently floating] upon the surface of the waters. (7:18)**

The ark floats above sin (in the Heavens) and although the earth is in turmoil the ark is protected and secure against this vivid description of sin. (See also previous verses)

- **And sent forth a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters were dried up from the land. (8:7)**

The raven is a carrion eater. It eats flesh as well as grains. All sin must be wiped clean. The carrion eater does not find food to eat. Sin is abolished.

- **Then, he sent forth a dove to see if the waters had decreased from the surface of the ground. (8:8)**

The Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descends on Christ at his baptism. Peter compares the flood to baptism. (2 Peter 3) Genesis describes the Holy Spirit hovering over the deep before the creation of the earth. (Genesis 1) Paul talks about the New Creation (2 Corinthians 10). The dove (Holy Spirit) is sent out to begin its search to renew creation.

- **But the dove found no resting-place on which to roost, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were [yet] on the face of the whole land. So he put forth his hand and drew her to him into the ark. (8:9)**

The cleansing is not complete (ready) for the Holy Spirit to renew life on earth. So Noah puts forth his hand and draws her to him back into the ark...(heaven) I believe Noah in this scene depicts man in his perfect Edenic state (as he was intended to be. Noah is described as without blemish, perfect, in constant communion with God, etc.) This is man in the Garden and here he accepts the Holy Spirit as a dove, the same way the dove came down on Christ at his baptism.

- **He waited another seven days and again sent forth the dove out of the ark. And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a newly sprouted and freshly plucked olive leaf! (8:10 & 11)**

The symbol of the Olive leaf here is significant. The Olive leaf and tree is the symbol of Israel. It is through the covenant people the earth will be blessed by bringing forth the **“He” of Genesis 3:15**. The olive leaf is “newly sprouted”. Noah is the Father of that newly sprouted olive tree and he is declared , **“a just and righteous man, blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God. And Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.”** (6:9,10)

When the Lord smelled the pleasing odor [a scent of satisfaction to His heart], the Lord said to Himself, I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the imagination (the strong desire) of man's heart is evil and wicked from his youth; neither will I ever again smite and destroy every living thing, as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. (8:21,22)

NUMEROLOGY IN THE FLOOD NARRATIVE

Even a cursory read of the Flood narrative suggests something is going on with numbers.

- **in seven days...forty days and forty nights (7:4)**
- **after the seven days (7:10).**
- **in the seventeenth day of the second month (7:11).**
- **150 days (7:24)**
- **At the end of 150 days (8:3)**
- **On the seventeenth day of the seventh month (8:4)**
- **on the first day of the tenth month (8:5)**
- **At the end of [another] forty days (8:6)**
- **(+ 7 days, see vs. 10)**
- **another seven days (8:10)**
- **another seven days (8:12)**
- **on the first day of the first month (8:13)**
- **on the twenty-seventh day of the second month (8:14)**

RECOGNIZING THE PATTERN

A Jewish child listening to the story of the Great Flood, would immediately recognize hidden meanings as well as see a message in the pattern.

One note: When it comes to ciphers in the Bible, often the numbers given are only relevant to the message that is being conveyed. For example, the list of descendants from Adam to Noah is obviously not complete (there were undoubtedly more offspring), however the specific names given provide a specific, purposeful, hidden message. Or, there are *twelve* judges of Israel, but the book of Judges focuses on 7 great judges. (Othniel, Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, Tola, Jephthah and, Samson)

THE DATE CODES

Here are the NUMBERS and definitions in the sequence given: In-between are dates.

7, 40, 150, 40, 7, 7, 7.

7 days = SPIRITUAL PERFECTION – Noah is called into the ark by GOD and GOD shuts the door. 7 days before the rains begin.

40 days = TRIALS – The description of the storm outside is repeated several times to emphasize the turmoil and terrible nature of the storm (sin). Then, the turmoil passes and...

150 days = PERFECTED GRACE – $5 \times 30 = 150 = 5$ months. 30 is a Number for the Trinity. 10×3 . The ark is pictured as floating securely and calmly on top of the turmoil for 5 months. Five is the number for Grace.

40 days = TRIALS – The ark comes to rest but the waters are still covering the earth, there is a time of testing that leads up to sending out the raven and doves. At the end of 40 days Noah sends a raven which returns (note closely that he waits 7 days before sending the first dove – Gen 8:8).

7 days = SPIRITUAL PERFECTION – The dove is sent out and Noah gathers back into his arms as GOD in the Garden.

7 days = SPIRITUAL PERFECTION – The dove is sent out and returns with the promise of the olive branch (Israel will bring the Messiah to the world)

7 days = SPIRITUAL PERFECTION – The dove stays on the new earth as it was in the beginning.

THE HEBREW CALENDAR CODES

Between these numbers is a special **date**.

The Jews were given a calendar (Names of 12 months) by GOD *before* the Exodus. At the Exodus, GOD gave them a *new* calendar.

“**Nissan** is a month characterized by the Exodus of B'nei Israel from Egypt. It is because of this momentous transformation, from slavery to liberation, that Nissan is also referred to as the first month: **‘This month shall be for you the beginning of the months, it is the first for you of the months of the year’ (Exodus 12:2).**” World Union Of Jewish Students, Jerusalem, 91070, ISRAEL

Nissan under the old calendar was the 7th month. Under the new calendar at the time of the Exodus, Nissan became the 1st month. The same pattern follows for all 12 months and holds today.

PUTTING THE DAY CODES AND THE HEBREW CALENDAR TOGETHER

All of the flood dates fall under the old calendar however, if you translate the old calendar dates into new calendar dates (7th month is now 1st month, etc..) some interesting "coincidences" occur.

So, GOD is saying:

7 days – before the flood begins GOD’s perfection saves His own.

40 days – Turmoil but the ark rests above the turmoil (sin)

150 - at the end of 150 days of Perfected Grace (5 = Grace)

On the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.
(then)

40 days – Trails while the doves are sent out

7 days

7 days

7 days

The seventeenth day of the seventh month (Nisan new calendar) is the day Jesus was raised from the dead. In other words, the day the ark rested on Mount Ararat, the human race was resurrected following the flood.

THE CIPHER OF THE PATIARCHS AND THE FLOOD

Before the Flood

1. Man loses his true nature through sin in the Garden.
2. GOD offers a solution through a "He".
3. Through a series of names (hidden codes) from Adam to Noah GOD reveals how this will be accomplished.

Then Noah Appears

4. GOD rescues a righteous man (one who keeps GOD's will & who represents GOD) + 7 others in an ark where GOD IS and gives a sign of 7 (**SPIRITUAL PERFECTION**) before closing the door to sin.
5. GOD then gives a sign of 40 days (**TRIALS**) in which the earth will be cleansed and prepared for a new and fresh beginning (**previews of GRACE**).
6. 150 days (**PERFECTED GRACE**) where GOD is with his creation as it was intended to be from the beginning.
7. At the end of this period of **PERFECTED GRACE** GOD opens the door to a new earth the same day the "He" of Genesis 3:15 will be resurrected from the dead.
8. Following this resurrection comes a period of 40 days (**TRIALS**).
9. At the end of this 40 days the carrion eater is sent out but can find nothing that is left of the former sin.
10. Then 7 days (**SPIRITUAL PERFECTION**) where GOD (Noah) gathers the dove (picture of Holy Spirit) back into his arms as it was in the beginning.
11. Another 7 days of (**SPIRITUAL PERFECTION**) where the message of hope is given through the people of that righteous man and the "He" who will save all mankind.
12. Another 7 days (**3x7 of SPIRITUAL PERFECTION**) where the Holy Spirit remains on earth.

FINAL QUESTION

So, could the 40+7+7+7 cipher after the ark on Ararat/resurrected "He" of Genesis 3:15, hold meaning?

Quiz: how many days was Christ on earth after the resurrection? (Acts 1:3)

Christ is resurrected – 17th day of Nisan.

40 days of spiritual trials for the Church. The Church receives the Holy Spirit.

7 – Noah (GOD) gathered back to Him the dove (a symbol for the Holy Spirit) See Gen 8:9

7 – The dove plucks an olive leaf (Symbol of Israel) so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth which means the earth is cleansed of sin. (no carrion or grain) Gen 8:11

7 – The dove(HS) stays on the earth. Gen 8:12