

## The Chiastic Structure of the Genesis Flood (Genesis 6:9–9:29)

- A Genealogical Information: Noah the righteous man (6:9)
- B **Noah's sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth** (6:10)
- C Earth filled with violence and corruption (6:11-12)
- D First divine address (1): earth to be destroyed (6:13)
- E First divine address (2): Noah to build Ark (6:14-22)
- F Second divine address (1): command to enter Ark (7:1-3)
- G Second divine address (2): **7-day wait for Flood** (7:4-5)
- H **7 days** waiting for flood (repeated) (7:6-10)
  - I Beginning of Flood and entry into Ark (7:11-15)
  - J God shuts the door (7:16b)
  - K **40 days** (beginning of) flood, waters increase (7:17a-18)
  - L Waters prevail; mountains covered (7:19-20)
  - M **150 days** waters prevails (7:21-24)
    - X GOD REMEMBERS NOAH (8:1a)**
  - M' **150 days** waters abate (8:1b-5)
  - L' Waters abate; mountain tops visible (8:5)
- K' **40 days** (end of) (8:6a)
- J' Noah opens window of ark (8:6b)
- I' Raven and dove leave ark (8:7-9)
- H' **7 days** waiting for waters to subside (8:10-11)
- G' **7 days waiting for waters to subside** (8:12-14)
- F' Third divine address: command to leave Ark (8:15-19)
- E' Noah builds an altar (8:20)
- D' God's commitment to preserve the earth (8:21-22)
- C' Fourth divine address: covenantal sign & blessing and peace (9:1-17)
- B' **Noah's sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth** (9:18-27)
- A' Genealogical Information: Noah's life and death (9:28-29)