



## Genesis Chapter 8

Today were moving into a brand-new chapter of the book of Genesis, and we probably won't spend as much time in this particular chapter as we did the last chapter but I do think that you'll find this chapter every bit as interesting as chapter 7. And so, before we do anything else, as always... I'd like to turn to the eighth chapter of the book of Genesis and let's go ahead and read chapter 8 of the book of Genesis so that we can make sure that we have a basic understanding of exactly what it does, and does not say. Genesis chapter 8:

*Gen 8:1 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.*

*Gen 8:2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained,*

*Gen 8:3 and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated,*

*Gen 8:4 and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.*

*Gen 8:5 And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.*

*Gen 8:6 At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made*

*Gen 8:7 and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth.*

*Gen 8:8 Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground.*

*Gen 8:9 But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him.*

*Gen 8:10 He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark.*

*Gen 8:11 And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.*

*Gen 8:12 Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.*

*Gen 8:13 In the six hundred and first year; in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry.*

*Gen 8:14 In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out.*

*Gen 8:15 Then God said to Noah,*

*Gen 8:16 “Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.*

*Gen 8:17 Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”*

*Gen 8:18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.*

*Gen 8:19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.*

*Gen 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.*

*Gen 8:21 And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.*

*Gen 8:22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”*

In verse one we see that our Father in Heaven made a “wind” blow over the earth, and that the waters subsided. Most of this already know that the term “*Holy Spirit*” in Hebrew is known as the *Ruach Hackodesh*. The very word “*Ruach*” or “*Spirit*”, actually means “*wind*”. Lets turn to Psalms 51:11:

*Psa 51:11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your **Holy Spirit** from me.*

*Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew Definitions*

*rûach*

BDB Definition:

1) wind, breath, mind, spirit

1a) breath

1b) wind

1b1) of heaven

1b2) quarter (of wind), side

1b3) breath of air

The term “*Holy Spirit*” is only found three times in the Old Testament. However, the term “*spirit of God*” is found an additional 14 times in the Old Testament and the very word “*spirit*” is the Hebrew word “*Ruach*”. The word “*spirit*” or “*Ruach*” is used 244 times in the Old Testament, and as we can clearly see here, the word “*spirit*” or “*Ruach*” actually means “*wind*”. Now with that in mind... I find it very interesting that in the first verse of Genesis chapter 8, the English word “*wind*” that we see in verse one is actually the exact same Hebrew word “*Ruach*”. Genesis 8:1

*Gen 8:1 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a **wind** (Ruach) blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.*

And so, it's important for us to see, know, and understand that both the English words “*spirit*” and “*wind*” are translated from the same Hebrew word “*Ruach*”, and they mean essentially the same thing. It's almost as if the spirit of God blew over the earth, and the waters subsided. And if we go back to Genesis chapter 1 verse two what do we see? Genesis 1:2:

*Gen 1:2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.***

And so, when we take a look at Genesis chapter 8 verse one, we almost see a mirror of what we see in Genesis chapter 1 verse 2. Before I read these verses and connected the dots I never thought much about the wind being all around us in one form or another as being anything special. But the deeper I began to pray, and the more I began to walk with him, the more he began to show me.

**THE RUACH**

Nah 1:3 The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

Job 38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

Job 3:8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”



## THE RUACH

Isa 59:19 So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.



And so there should be some emphasis made on the direct correlation between “*wind*” and the “*Ruach Hakodesh*” of God.

I remember several years ago, I was sitting on an old wooden swing in our backyard just after my mother had passed away, wondering what life would be like without her in it anymore. And I remember that warm August afternoon like it was just yesterday. I was just starting off into space wondering what I was going to do with this huge dark chasm of emptiness that was growing within me. It was so dark, and so vast... that for a short time, I thought it was going to overtake me and swallow me up like a black hole in outer space. And as I sat there pondering the loss of one of the greatest women I had ever known... a warm gentle breeze seemed to engulf me, and to this day I still remember how the smell of the fresh cut grass and that late warm summer breeze seemed to bring peace to my spirit. It was just as though he had put his hands upon my shoulders and whispered into my ear... that she was far from really being gone forever, and I recalled that verse that still rings in my ears to this very day... “O death... where is your sting?”

I still remember that day like it was just yesterday. And to this very day, when I feel that huge chasm of dark emptiness trying to make its way back into my life... I make my way to the door and I step outside... and I escape into the wind... the very Ruach of our Father.

We must never think that he is far from us. We must never allow ourselves to believe that he has left us like orphans. The very breath of life that sustains us comes from the very breath of our Father in Heaven. We’re made in his image for a reason, and his Ruach dwells within the very fiber of our being. His adversary hates us because every time he looks at us, he sees the Father. Let no one ever deceive you into thinking that you are ever alone. Our very Messiah promised us that he would never leave us in John 14:18.

In Genesis chapter 8 verse two, were told that the fountains of the deep... and the windows of Heaven... were closed. And so once again we can clearly see that this water that caused the great flood came from both the earth and the heavens at the same time and the very spiritual nature of “water” itself is also very profound all throughout the biblical narrative. In both Psalms and Ephesians *water* is a symbol of God’s word. Ephesians 5:25-26:

*Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her;*

*Eph 5:26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,*

*Eph 5:27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.*

Revelation 22:17:

*Rev 22:17 The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.*

You see my friends the water and the spirit are interconnected. James 3:1-5:

***Joh 3:1*** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

***Joh 3:2*** This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

***Joh 3:3*** Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

***Joh 3:4*** Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?”

***Joh 3:5*** Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

***Joh 3:6*** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

***Joh 3:7*** Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

Water has always been the giver of life just as the word of God gives life. Isaiah 55:10-11:

*Isa 55:10* “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

*Isa 55:11* so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

There is a direct correlation between life-giving water and the truth of God's word that makes us clean and acceptable in the eyes of our Father. Ezekiel 36:24-26:

*Eze 36:24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.*

*Eze 36:25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.*

*Eze 36:26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

The very word of God cleanses our spirits just as water cleanses our fleshly bodies. Hebrews 10:22:

*Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

What's important to realize is that the great flood of Noah's time was used to baptize mankind in both *the water and the spirit*, paving the way for both *the water and the spirit* to replace the original evil intent of the flesh. First Peter 3:18-22:

*1Pe 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,*

*1Pe 3:19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,*

*1Pe 3:20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.*

*1Pe 3:21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

*1Pe 3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.*

And so, here we are just barely making it through the first three verses of Genesis chapter 8, and as we can clearly see there is much more than what meets the eye when we read through the Scriptures prayerfully yearning for the wisdom to understand.

I cannot tell you how many times I've heard people proudly proclaiming that they have read the Bible in six weeks... or that they have read the Bible in some record time frame not understanding that our God breathed Scriptures are not meant to be read in a day or a week or month or year... our God breathed scriptures are meant to be read every day, every week, every month, and every year. They are what give us sustenance, and strength. They are what leads us right back to the tree of life that we left in the garden of Eden so many generations ago. The Scriptures are not meant to be read in a mad dash, or to simply proudly proclaim that we have

read the whole book. I tell you the truth my friends... I know many people who have read the whole book word for word, and still have not read the book. The Pharisees of Yeshua's time read the whole book word for word... and yet had not read the book. Matthew 13:13-15:

*Mat 13:13 This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.*

*Mat 13:14 Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive."*

*Mat 13:15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'*

Reading the word of God should never be turned into a race, and for those who think that way... they will never come to the knowledge of the truth.

Genesis chapter 8 verse four we find that in the 17<sup>th</sup> month, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. And I want us to very quickly turn to Genesis 8:4:

*Gen 8:4 and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.*

The original Hebrew word for "mountains" is "har"... and it can mean hill, it can mean mountain, but it can also mean "hill country". And so, I believe that the translators did a good job in translating the Hebrew word "har" as "Mountains" with an "S". Notice the Scripture says that the ark came to rest on the "Mountains",... (meaning many mountains not just one)... of Ararat. It does not say that the ark came to rest on the "mountain of Ararat" as in a single 'mountain'. And so, once again just for those of you who may have missed our earlier study into the book of Genesis, it's important to understand that the Ark itself has indeed been found in the mountain(s) of Ararat according to the Turkish Government.



The government of Turkey has built a visitor center there in the mountain ranges of Mount Ararat that you can actually go to in a small town called “*Uzengili*” Turkey, and you can actually see the remnants of Noah’s Ark buried there in the landscape. A brother in the Messiah by the name of “*Ron Wyatt*” found the ark back in 1985, and if you would like more information on the ark, or the “*Ark of the covenant*” or the “*Dead Sea Crossing*” I’ll leave a link for you to visit the “*Wyatt Archaeological Research*” website and you can gather more information on these findings for yourself, and make your own decision, but as for me... I am inclined to believe what Mr. Wyatt has indeed found the Ark of Noah, as well as the Ark of the Covenant, and I personally find no reason to doubt his findings, biblical or otherwise. And I promise you that it would be well worth your time to take a look at some of his findings, because I believe that they may very well be a blessing to those who doubt.

<https://wyattmuseum.com/discovering/noahs-ark>

Moving forward there is something else that I’d like to make mention of found in Genesis chapter 8 first one. We’re told that God remembered Noah... but were also told that God remembered “*the beasts and the livestock*” that were with him in the Ark. What’s important for us to understand is the importance of each and every animal that God has given life to. These animals mean something to our Father in Heaven. They are not just simply expendable. Our Father in Heaven created these animals, and he created them for reason. I want us to consider what we find in Luke 12:6-7:

**Luk 12:6** *Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God.*

*Luk 12:7 Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.*

What's important for us to see here in Luke chapter 12 verse six and seven, is that not one sparrow is forgotten by our Father in Heaven. Not one sparrow will fall to the ground without our Father in Heaven being well aware of it. If we think for one moment that animals are nothing but expendable lifeforms... we need to stop and think again. When our Father in Heaven had to take the life of an animal in order to clothe Adam and Eve, you can bet that it grieved him in his heart to have to take the life of those innocent animals to cover those two sinful human beings. What's important to remember is that the only way that sin can be removed... is for an innocent blood to atone for that wickedness. And this is exactly why our Messiah who was without sin and was completely innocent, could be the propitiation for the sins of the whole world. Once again, we see the innocent taking the place of the wicked, and this is the only way that sin can be atoned for.

As many of you may already know I myself am a hunter... but I do not trophy hunt. When I hunt, I hunt for food to feed my family. I do not hunt simply so that I can hang a head of an animal in my office, and I've always felt very uneasy about those who do such things but even still... if the meat of that animal is used to give to charity or to feed someone and is not wasted, I stand in silence concerning these things. But as for me, knowing how my Father in Heaven feels about his creation, and the proper usage of his creation, I'm very leery of allowing myself to take the life of an animal just so that I can hang the carcass that I had stuffed and mounted on a wall.

Our Father in Heaven did not forget Noah, nor did he forget the rest of his creation that was loaded on to the Ark, and this goes hand-in-hand with the fact that not even one sparrow drops from the sky without our Father knowing it, and as we get into chapter 9 we will once again touch on the idea of when man was even permitted by God to eat meat and how that came about, but as for now I'd like to move on to Genesis chapter 8 verse 13:

*Gen 8:13 In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry.*

There are some misguided Christians out there today who believe that this first month and this first day of the month was during what some call "Rosh Hashanah" which is wrongly proclaimed as the Jewish new year. The very idea of "Rosh Hashanah" being the new year comes straight out of the gates of Babylon when the house of Judah was taken into captivity under Babylon. The first day of the "New Year" is the first full moon when the barley is ripe, and it falls in the month of "Abib" according our God breathed scripture. Let's turn to Exodus 12:1-11:

*Exo 12:1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,*

*Exo 12:2 "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.*

*Exo 12:3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.*

*Exo 12:4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.*

*Exo 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,*

*Exo 12:6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.*

*Exo 12:7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.*

*Exo 12:8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.*

*Exo 12:9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.*

*Exo 12:10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.*

*Exo 12:11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. **It is the LORD's Passover.***

And so according to our Father in Heaven the first month of the year for us is 14 days before the Passover, which falls in the first month according to our Father in Heaven. Now some people call this month “*Nissan*” but the very word “*Nissan*” comes from Babylonia. You will not find the month of “*Nissan*” anywhere in the Hebrew Scripture because the very word “*Nissan*” is not Hebrew, it’s Babylonian, but it is often called “*Nissan*” by those who are unstudied even within the Jewish sect. The names of the months according to our Father in Heaven are not the same names that the Jewish people often times use today. What we need to know and to understand is that the Jewish people were under Babylonian rule for 70 years. During this 70 years the Jewish people picked up many Babylonian traditions and rituals and myths that they still practice to this very day that go directly against what their own Torah clearly tells them, and this is exactly why our Messiah chastised the Pharisees and the scribes all throughout his ministry. Our Messiah loved the Jewish people. Our Messiah was a Jew himself that came from the house of David and the tribe of Judah however he hated “*Judaism*.” “*Judaism*” was a religion that the Pharisees and the scribes had created for themselves in order to have power over God’s people, much like Catholicism was created in order to have power and authority over Christians today... even though much of what they teach has nothing to do with what is found in our God breathed Scriptures.

This Babylonian new year called “*Rosh Hashanah*” is still kept by many Jews on the first day of the seventh month of what they call “*Tishri*” which is also known as “*The Day of Trumpets*” which once again this does not fall on the first day of the first month... but rather “*The Day of*

Trumpets” (also properly known as “*Yom Teruah*”) falls on the first day of the seventh month. And therefore cannot be “*New Year’s Day*”. But once again this is another long drawn-out study that we don’t have time for here today, however, I will leave you with a link to go study this topic in more detail if you would like.

<https://www.nehemiaswall.com/yom-teruah-day-shouting-became-rosh-hashanah>

Nehemiah Gordon is what is called a “*Karaite Jew*”. The “*Karaite*” Jews are not you’re your mainstream Jews that followed Judaism and that the Talmud. The *Karaite* Jews hold fast to what is written in the Torah and they have shed much of what is written in the Talmud along with all of these Babylonian practices that have been built into modern day Judaism, and so if you want to know the truth about the Torah without a lot of man-made mumbo-jumbo being mixed in with it... you might want to turn to a “*Karaite*” Jew who only holds fast to what is written in the Torah and does not hold fast to the modern day teachings of Judaism. One thing that needs to be understood though... is that the “*Karaite*” Jew still does not believe that Yeshua Hamashiach is their Messiah. And so, both the modern-day Jews who follow Judaism and the “*Karaite*” Jews who are more in tune with the Torah itself, do not accept Yeshua as their Messiah... at least not yet.

And so, I just want us to be very clear about what the Torah says versus what Judaism says, and I want us to be very clear that the Torah of God that we are reading here today and Judaism are two separate things, just like Catholicism and Christianity are two separate things. As much as people love to tell us that they are all the same... the truth is... they are not, and this is extremely important to grasp as we walk through our study into what is truly written in the Torah.

In Genesis chapter 8 first 20 we see that Noah built an altar to our Father in Heaven and took some of every clean animal, and some of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. Let’s read that in Genesis 8: 20:

*Gen 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.*

What’s important to realize at this point in time is that Noah took of every and I quote... “*Clean animal*” and every “*clean bird*” and offered burnt offerings on the altar. Once again unclean animals were not acceptable to our Father in Heaven as sacrifices, not that the unclean animal was considered any less than the clean animal in value... but the clean animal is the only animal that is ever allowed to be offered up to our Father in Heaven for any reason. And this ties right into the dream that Peter had in the book of Acts chapter 10 about the unclean animals that came down in a sheet. Acts chapter 10 is often times used by our denominationally challenged brothers and sisters to wrongly proclaim that Peter’s dream about these unclean animals means that we can eat anything and everything. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Peter was being sent to a Roman centurion by the name of Cornelius who was a Gentile. Peter had been

taught by the Pharisees and the scribes that the Gentiles were like dogs and pigs. The Pharisees and the scribes had taught the Jewish people that they could not even enter the house of a Gentile and they treated them as though they were unclean. What God was telling Peter in his dream was not to call unclean what God has made clean. The Gentiles were never unclean, nor were they ever to be treated as though they were unclean. The Gentiles had the same breath of God in them and were created in the same image of God as the Jews were, and the Pharisees and the scribes had no business preaching and teaching that the Gentiles were like unclean animals. God told Cornelius the gentile centurion to send for Peter and so Cornelius sent his soldiers to find Peter, and God was simply teaching Peter not to be afraid of these Gentile soldiers and that it was okay to go with them to preach the gospel to this Gentile centurion. The meaning of the unclean animals coming down out of heaven in a sheet was to teach Peter that the Gentiles were not to be treated as unclean animals. The Gentiles were indeed Peter's brothers and they would indeed be grafted into the same body as Peter and the rest of the Jewish disciples.

But once again my friends modern-day Christianity has no foundational teaching when it comes to the Torah because they teach their followers not to read the Torah. Most of today's modern day denominational churches pre-program their congregations not to read the book from the beginning. They wrongly teach that all you have to really read is the New Testament. "*Don't bother reading the beginning of the book because all of that has been nailed to the cross*"... or so they teach. And so, because they have done this, they do not, and cannot understand what it is that they're reading in the New Testament because they have not started at the beginning of the book and read the Old Testament, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts... and he would heal them.

Moving on to Genesis chapter 8 verse 21, I want us to notice something else that is very important and very profound. Let's turn back to Genesis 8:21:

*Gen 8:21 And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.*

Notice that it is written in verse 21 that "*the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth.*" We must remember that God did not make the intention of man's heart evil from his youth. Man himself chose to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and therefore chose to know the difference between good and evil, and just as we implied earlier in our study into the Torah... the idea of the tree of knowledge of good and evil actually being the tree... and an apple actually being an apple as we think of it today... may not have been exactly what happened to man in the garden.

There are many biblical scholars who feel that something much more sinister had actually taken place in the garden than what is fully revealed. Many of us believe that the tree and the Apple are representations of a much more sinister act that may have taken place in the garden of Eden.

The truth is, that it is possible... that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and its fruit are being used as a parables... that point to a much more sinister act. What kind of sinister act took place that caused the flesh of man and the intent of his heart to become evil... we are simply not told directly, but we can surmise that after the event took place... "*The intention of man's heart had become evil from his youth.*" Something changed in the DNA of mankind. Something changed in man's heart. Man had bowed the knee to the creature, rather than to the creator, and the very flesh of mankind had somehow become corrupt. And this is why it is written that it is the flesh that leads man to do evil. Romans 8:5-8:

*Rom 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.*

*Rom 8:6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.*

*Rom 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.*

*Rom 8:8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

This truly is the battle that we see all through out the biblical narrative from the beginning of the Torah to the end of the book of Revelation. The flesh of man had become corrupt because of what took place in the garden of Eden, and the only way that man can ever return to the garden to finally partake of the tree of life... is through the only door that no man can shut. He must be baptized in both the water and the Spirit! John 3:5:

*Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."*

The only way that man can find his way back to the tree of life is to pick up his cross and to follow the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. The mighty cherubim who stands in front of the way to the tree of life still remains for those who do not have faith and believe in the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

Noah was a righteous man, and even though his heart was evil from its youth, Noah found righteousness through the law of God which was the word of God. Because Noah walked with God and conquered over the flesh. Noah became righteous in the eyes of God because Noah did not follow his flesh. Just as Paul tells us in the book of Romans Noah's mind was not set on the flesh... Noah's mind was set on the word of God, and therefore he was able to please God. What a lesson this is for today's modern-day Christian to not only know and learn... but to live!