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

A  **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  **GOD REMEMBERS NOAH** (8:1a)  
K’  **40** days flood, waters increase (7:17a-18)
L  Waters prevail, mountains covered (7:19-20)
M  **150** days waters prevails (7:21-24)
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: covenant blessing and peace (9:1-17)
B’  Noah’s sons: **Shem, Ham and Japheth** (9:18-27)
A’  **Noah**: life and death (9:28-29)

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