

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

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| 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 | 40 days flood, waters increase (7:17a-18) |
| L | Waters prevail, mountains covered (7:19-20) |
| M | 150 days waters prevails (7:21-24) |
| N | 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: 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) |

Sources

This chiasm is loosely founded on those given by Bernhard W. Anderson, "From analysis to synthesis: the interpretation of Genesis 1–11", *Journal of Biblical Literature* 97 (1978): 23-39 and Gordon Wenham, "The coherence of the Flood narrative", *Vetus Testamentum* 28 (1978): 336-48, but with the addition of Genesis 9:18-29, based on Bullinger's *Companion Bible* (1909-1922), which sees the entire Flood account (Genesis 6:9-9:29) as forming a chiasm.