## The Chiastic Structure of the Genesis Flood (Genesis 6:9–9:29): Wenham (1978)

Genesis vi 10-ix 19

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Α
     Noah (vi 10a)
В
        Shem, Ham and Japheth (10b)
C
           Ark to be built (14-16)
D
               Flood announced (17)
Е
                  Covenant with Noah (18-20)
F
                     Food in the ark (21)
G
                        Command to enter ark (vii 1-3)
Н
                           7 days waiting for flood (4-5)
Ι
                              7 days waiting for flood (7-10)
                                 Entry to ark (11-15)
K
                                    Yahweh shuts Noah in (16)
L
                                       40 days flood (17a)
                                          Waters increase (17b-18)
Μ
Ν
                                             Mountains covered (19-20)
Ο
                                                150 days waters prevails ((21)-24)
Р
                                                   GOD REMEMBERS NOAH (viii 1)
O'
                                                150 days waters abate (3)
N′
                                             Mountains tops visible (4-5)
M'
                                          Waters abate (5)
L
                                       40 days (end of) (6a)
K′
                                    Noah opens window of ark (6b)
J′
I′
                                 Raven and dove leave ark (7-9)
                              7 days waiting for waters to subside (12-13)
Η′
                           7 days waiting for waters to subside (12-13)
G'
                        Command to leave ark (15-17 (22))
F′
                     Food outside ark (ix 1-4)
E′
                  Covenant with all flesh (8-10)
D´
               No flood in future (11-17)
\mathsf{C}'
           Ark (18a)
B´
        Shem, Ham and Japheth (18b)
Α´
     Noah (19)
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## Source

Gordon Wenham, "The coherence of the Flood narrative", Vetus Testamentum 28 (1978): 336-48.