

Matthew 27:62-28:15

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Intro -

Noah's Flood follows this pattern.

- Four stages of entering the ark (food, 7 of the clean animals, other animals 2 x 2, Noah's family)
- The mirror image: Four stages of leaving the ark (raven once; dove 3x)
- The fountains of the deep were opened
- The fountains of the deep were closed
- It rained for 40 days and 40 nights.
- Noah waited 40 days and 40 nights then opened the window of the ark
- The water prevailed for 150 days.
- The water diminished for 150 days.
- **TURNING POINT** - God remembered (rescued) Noah (Gen. 8:1)

Revelation 22:2-4 - On each side of the river stood the tree of life... The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be within the city... They will see His face.

1. Indifferent religious people.

v. 27:62 - On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, *the chief priests* and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, "After three days I'll rise."

Revelation 3:15-19 - "I know your works, that you're neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you're lukewarm... I'll spit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I'm rich, have become wealthy, and need nothing don't know that you're wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked... As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent."

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"I have no special talent. I'm only passionately curious." – Albert Einstein

2. Devoted followers

v. 28:1 - Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

v. 2 - And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, *"Don't be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified."*

v. 6 - Angel: "He's not here; for He's risen as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He's risen from the dead, and indeed He's going before you into Galilee; there *you'll see Him.*" So they went out *quickly* from the tomb with fear and *great joy*, and *ran* to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and *worshipped Him.*

Galatians 5 - The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Psalm 16:11 - In God's presence there's fullness of joy.

Psalm 37:4 - Delight yourself in the Lord.

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3. Soldiers

In Matthew 2, the soldiers go to Jerusalem to find Jesus and kill Him but He wasn't there.

In Matthew 28, the soldiers go to the tomb to guard the body of Jesus--but He wasn't there.
He was there for awhile. But then He rose and left.

vs. 2-4 - An angel descended from heaven, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

vs. 11-14 - They reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they'd assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we'll appease him and make you secure."

Hebrews 11:26-27 - Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king.

4. The angel

v. 28:7- "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He's risen from the dead." As they went to tell His disciples, Jesus met them.

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⁶² On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, ⁶³ saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him *away*, and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go your way, make *it* as secure as you know how.” ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard. ²⁸ Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴ And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*. ⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.” ⁸ So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. ⁹ And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.” ¹¹ Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. ¹² When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³ saying, “Tell them, ‘His disciples came at night and stole Him *away* while we slept.’ ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will appease him and make you secure.” ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

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