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**God Remembered Noah (Genesis 8:1-2)**

*1 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. 2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained*

- God is a faithful God! He remembers the agreements He makes with you.
- This wind had the effect of stopping the raging of the waves. Everything begins to become still. So all of the action of the Flood, both from the subterranean water and from the atmospheric waters, is calming down.

**The Waters Recede (Genesis 8:3)**

*3 And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.*

- I believe we have two mechanisms at work here. First, there is *evaporation*. Second, we would have had tremendous *runoff*.
- Buckling of the Earth's crust could have created the ocean basins.
- We can see the depth of the water gradually increasing until we reach the end of what is called the *continental shelf*.

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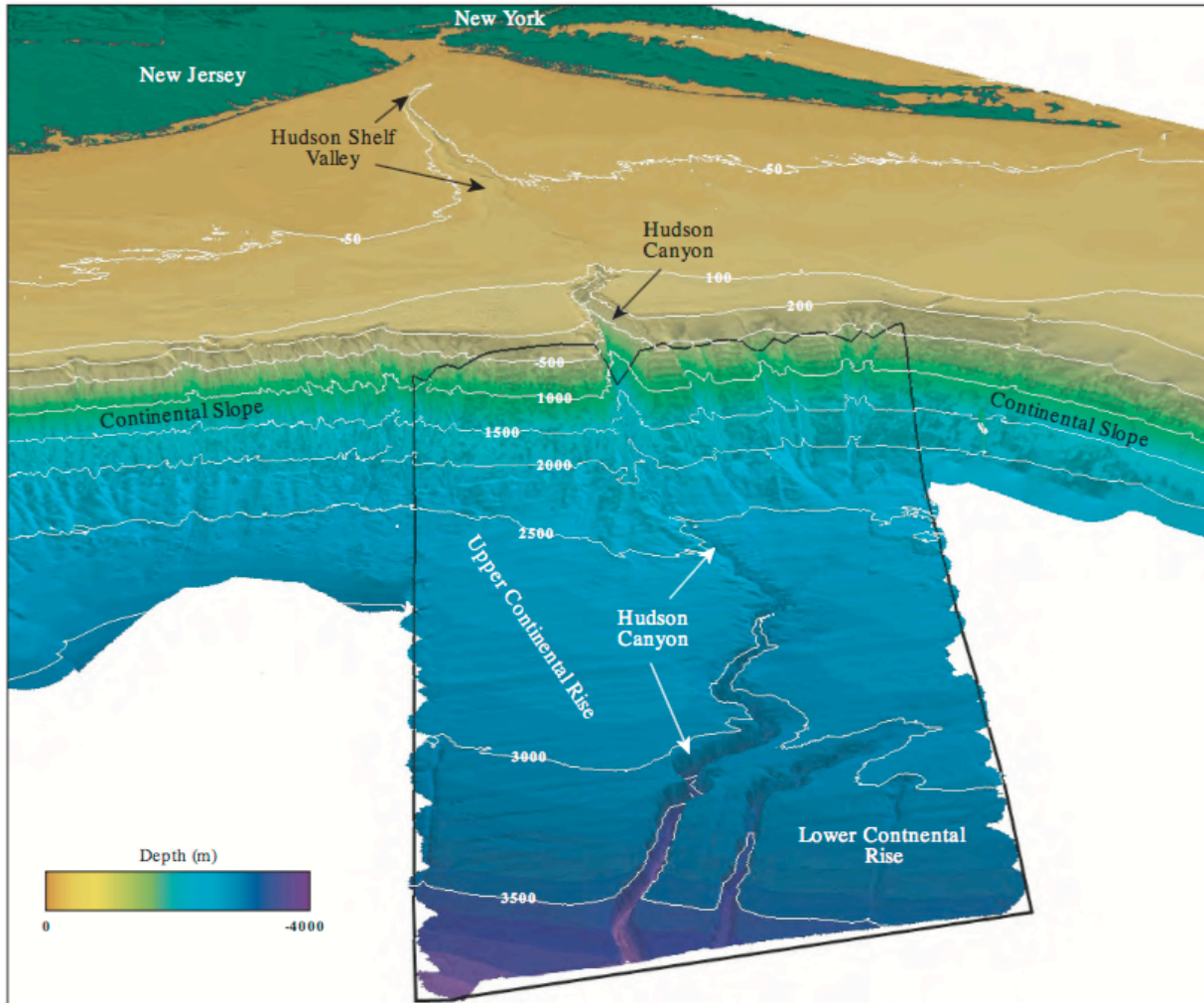


Figure 1. Perspective view, looking toward the northwest, of the continental shelf incised by the Hudson Shelf Valley, and the continental slope and rise incised by the Hudson Canyon. The black line outlines the limits of the survey carried out by the NOAA Ship *Ronald H. Brown* shown on sheets 1 and 2.

*Graphic: Hudson Canyon, showing continental slope*

- At some point continental drift began
- Genesis 10 speaks about Peleg, in whose days the Earth was divided.

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## Coming To Rest (Genesis 8:4)

4 Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.

- Moses says the Ark rested on the mountains **of** Ararat. This name probably refers to the territory which was called *Urartu* in ancient times.



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## Do We Know Where The Ark Is?

***The Ark in the ice idea*** is the idea that the Ark is buried in ice, high up on Mt. Ararat or somewhere in the near vicinity.

***The other idea is the Ark in the plain idea.*** In recent years, it's been suggested that the Ark is actually a few miles down from the mountain, in a place in Turkey called *Durupinar*. There is an object or rock formation there which is a little over 500 feet long. The Turkish government has said that this was Noah's Ark.



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## **Will God Ever Reveal The Whereabouts Of The Ark?**

Jesus said people wouldn't believe even if someone were to rise from the dead. What does this mean for the search for Noah's Ark?

### **Get Out Of The Boat (Genesis 8:5-14)**

*5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.*

*6 So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. 7 Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. 8 He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. 9 But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. 10 And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. 11 Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. 12 So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.*

*13 And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. 14 And in the second month, on the twenty- seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.*

### **The Chiasms of the Flood Story**

A chiasm is a parallel structure in which the story reverses itself, in a kind of mirror image, centered around a key, focal point.

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- A: 7 days waiting for the Flood (7:4)
- B: 7 more days waiting for the Flood (7:10)
- C: 40 days of flooding (7:17)
- D: 150 days of water prevailing (7:24)
- E: GOD REMEMBERED NOAH (8:1)**
- D: 150 days of water decreasing (8:3)
- C: 40 days waiting (8:6)
- B: 7 days waiting (8:10)
- A: 7 more days waiting (8:12)

The key element in this story: God remembered Noah!

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