

# SEVEN PROGRESSIVE PHASES OF CREATION AND RE-CREATION

FOLLOWING THE WORLDWIDE FLOOD, THERE ARE SEVEN PHASES OF RENEWING CREATION WHICH PARALLEL THE PROGRESSION OF CREATION DURING THE FIRST WEEK.

**PHASE 1: PRECREATION** – Just as God's Spirit hovered over the abyss (1:2), God sends a wind over the engulfing waters to renew the earth.

1:2 "earth", "deep", "Spirit" (ruah), "waters"  
8:1b-2 "wind" (ruah), "earth", "waters," "deep"

**PHASE 2: SECOND DAY** – Just as God initially divided the waters (1:6-7), God regathers the waters, reestablishing the boundaries between sky and earth.

1:6-8 "waters," "sky"  
8:2b "sky"

**PHASE 3: THIRD DAY** – Just as God separated the dry, arable ground from the water to sustain vegetation, so again, the dry ground emerges in successive stages.

1:9 "water," "dry ground," "appear"  
8:3-5 "water," "tops of the mountains," "appear"

**PHASE 4: FIFTH DAY** – The sky once again houses the winged creatures, as God first proclaimed it so to be.

1:20-23 "birds," "above the ground" "earth"  
8:6-12 "raven," dove," "from...the ground"

**PHASE 5: SIXTH DAY** – The living creatures of sky and land are called out from the ark, as in their first creative calling from the voice of God.

1:24-25 "creatures," "livestock," "creatures that move along the ground," "wild animals"  
8:17-19 "creatures," "birds," "animals," "creatures that move along the ground"

**PHASE 6: THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE NUCLEAR FAMILY**, all of whom bear God's image, as the heads and sole representatives of the human race functions as an echo of the creation of Adam, male and female in God's image.

1:26-28 "man," "image of God," "male and female"  
8:16,18 "Noah and his wife and his sons and their wives"  
9:6 "man," "image of God"

**PHASE 7: THE HEAVENLY KING GRACIOUSLY GRANTS HIS BLESSING ON HUMANITY** and feeds them with the fruit of the restored earth, and, renewing the cultural mandate, restores them as lords over the creation.

1:28 "blessed," "be fruitful," "increase in number," "fill the earth," "rule...every living creature"  
9:1-2 "blessed," "be fruitful," "increase in number," "fill the earth," "fear...of you...upon every creature"