

The Death of Noah

9: 28-29

REFLECT: If you could write your own legacy to your family, what would it be? How do you want to be remembered? What can you do today to make that legacy happen?

Noah was not greatly affected by the atmospheric conditions after the Flood and after the Flood he lived 350 years. Altogether, Noah lived 950 years (9:28-29a). He lived longer than any of his ancestors except Jared (962 years) and Methuselah (969 years). Because there are no gaps in the genealogies of Genesis 11, this means that Noah continued living until Abraham was about fifty-eight years old. It is likely that Noah lived until after the dispersion of the nations at Babel.¹⁷⁷

Like Enoch, he had walked with God (5:21, 23, 6:9) earlier in his life. However, it is sobering that after his drunken stupor, the last 350 years of his life are silent. It is completely blank. Maybe if Noah had not fallen into sin after the Flood, perhaps God would have taken him away as He did Enoch (5:24). But in Noah's case that was not to be. But Noah did not lose his salvation and his restoration was complete. I need to be very clear about that. His drunkenness was awful. There was no excuse for it and it was a weakness of the flesh. Nevertheless, he was a saved man (see my commentary on [The Life of Christ Ms - The Eternal Security of the Believer](#)). Still, the memory of what he had done remained to cloud the glory of his earlier days. Then, like his ancestors in Ch 5, he died (9:29b).¹⁷⁸