

Noah's DOVE

in Genesis 8:8-12 **was** / is ...

“He also sent out from himself **a dove**, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. 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. And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent **the dove** out from the ark. 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. So he waited yet another seven days and sent out **the dove**, which did not return again to him anymore. ” (*Genesis 8:8-12*)

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an ideal
bird to send out

(fill in the blank)

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careful
rather than bold

(fill in the blank)

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encouraging
Noah with the leaf

(fill in the blank)

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exploring
an unknown world

(fill in the blank)

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free to
go and do as she wished

(fill in the blank)

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helping
Noah decide what to do

(fill in the blank)

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important as
a probing-measuring device

(fill in the blank)

Descriptive



Meditation

sent out three times

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instinctively
interested in plants

(fill in the blank)

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like the
spies sent to Jericho

(fill in the blank)

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looking for
dry land, food, & shelter

(fill in the blank)

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more helpful
than the raven (8:7)

(fill in the blank)

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providentially
guided by the Lord (8:11)

(fill in the blank)

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quick to
return the first time

(fill in the blank)

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slow to
return the second time

(fill in the blank)

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unable to
swim like a duck, etc.

(fill in the blank)

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unnecessary
in a way ultimately (8:15-19)

(fill in the blank)

Directions: after reading through **Genesis 8:1-19** and some websites articles on doves, consider and discuss the way the dove that Noah sent out is described above. *Do you agree with the points made? Would you change or add to them in any way? At the end, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make applications. In this, think about why Noah chose a dove and sent it out multiple times. Was this good to do even though God himself would decided when it was time to leave the ark (8:15-19)? Is Noah's approach a pattern for us to follow when making decisions involving unknown factors?* — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.