## As chiastically-arranged scenes, according to Wenham (cf. 2:4-3:24):

A: 6:9-21: divine monologue addressed to Noah; verbal: "to ruin all flesh," "confirm my covenant," "fill the earth," "to eat"

B: 6:22: narrative: Noah main actor

C: 7:1-4: divine monologue addressed to Noah

D: 7:5-16: narrative: Noah and animals; verbal: date formula; covering ark by God

E: 7:17-24: narrative: rising water

E<sup>1</sup>: 8:1-5: narrative: falling water

D<sup>1</sup>: 8:6-14: narrative: Noah and birds; verbal: date formula; uncovering ark by Noah

C<sup>1</sup>: 8:15-17: divine monologue addressed to Noah

B<sup>1</sup>: 8:18-19: narrative: Noah main actor

A<sup>1</sup>: 8:20-9:17: divine monologue addressed to Noah; verbal: "to ruin all flesh," "confirm my covenant," "fill the earth," "to eat"

## As twelve paragraphs with two sets of six, according to Cassuto:

SET ONE: ACTS OF DIVINE JUSTICE 6:9-12: the situation 6.13-22: God's decision 7.1-5: instructions to enter the ark 7.6-9: the entrance 7.10-16: commencement of flood 7.17-24: the flood

SET TWO: ACTS OF DIVINE COMPASSION 8.1-14: end of flood 8.15-17: instructions for leaving the ark 8.18-22: the exit 9.1-7: blessing 9.8-11: covenant 9.12-17: the sign

## 6:9-9:19: chiastic pattern, according to Wes (adapted from others):

A: 6:9-10: transitional intro: Noah and sons B: 6:11-12: violence in creation C: 6:13-22: first divine speech: resolve to destroy D: 7:1-10: second divine speech: "enter ark" (7 days) E: 7:11-16: beginning of flood (7:17a: 40 days) F: 7:17-24: rising flood (150 days) G: 8:1a: God remembered Noah F': 8:1b-5: receding flood (150 days) E': 8:6-14: drying of earth (40 days) (8:6: 7 days) D': 8:15-19: third divine speech: "leave ark" C': 8:20-22: God's resolve to preserve B': 9:1-17: fourth divine speech: covenant A': 9:18-19: transitional conclusion: Noah and sons