

Noah and the Great Flood

But **Noah** found favor with God for he alone was righteous among the people of his day. Noah had three sons: **Shem, Ham,** and **Japheth.** And God said to him, *"I will establish My covenant with you; you will go into the ark with your **wife**, **your sons**, and **their wives**"*

God said to Noah, *"I am going to destroy all flesh because the world is full of violence. Build an ark of **gopher wood**, with rooms inside, three decks, and a door. Cover it inside and out with **pitch**."* And Noah did exactly as God commanded him

God also told Noah, *"Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth"*

So Noah and his family went into the Ark because of the coming Flood. And every land animal after its kind went with them, two by two, male and female, just as God had commanded. And the Lord shut the door

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Then the Flood began. The fountains of the deep broke open, and the windows of heaven were opened. Rain poured for **forty days and forty nights**. The waters rose until every high hill on the earth was covered. Everything that lived on land perished in the raging floodwaters

The waters flooded the earth for **one hundred and fifty days**. And God remembered Noah and the animals on the Ark. The waters receded and the Ark came to rest on the **mountains of Ararat**

After sending out a **raven**, Noah sent out a **dove** to see if there was dry ground. But it came back having found nowhere to perch. After seven days, Noah sent it back out and it came back with a fresh **olive leaf** in its mouth. And Noah knew the ground was drying

Then God told Noah, *"Come out of the ark. And bring the animals with you so they can be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."* So Noah and his family came out with all the animals

Then Noah built an altar and offered burnt offerings to the Lord on it. And God said, *"Never again will I curse the ground because of man or send a flood to destroy all living things, even though mankind's heart is evil from childhood."* And God blessed Noah and his family saying, *"Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth"*

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