



Noah and the Flood

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Based on the Account in Genesis 6, 7, & 8

There was once a righteous man named Noah. He was the great grandson of Enoch. Noah lived in a time when there were many people living on earth, but they were very wicked. God was very sad to see that people became so evil, so He decided to destroy them from the earth. Noah was the only one that walked with God, so God was willing to save him and his family.

God told Noah about all the violence and wickedness of the earth, and also that He planned on destroying all the evil people with a big flood. God commanded Noah to build an ark (and ark is like a big boat) to save his family and animals from the flood. After the flood, Noah's family and the animals were to have babies so they could repopulate the earth once again.

You can imagine how big the ark must have been. It was around 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high! That's higher than a 3 story building and the deck itself was as large as 36 tennis courts! Noah had to have a lot of faith in God to build the ark because a huge worldwide flood had never happened before.



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When Noah was done building the ark, God commanded him to bring his family in with him (his wife, three sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth and their wives) plus two of every kind of animal and seven pairs of the "clean" animals and birds (males and females). We are not sure which animals were exactly considered "clean" animals or not, but we know that God showed it to Noah.

Before the flood started, Noah, his family, and the animals all went into the ark and God shut the door. Noah was 600 years old when the rain started, and it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Water also came up from the ground, which made the earth flood even faster. Anything that breathed and was not in the ark drowned from the flood waters. After raining for 40 days and 40 nights, the water was on the earth for around 150 days. The ark eventually rested on top of some mountains called Ararat. The waters slowly diminished as Noah, his family, and the animals lived on the ark.



One day Noah opened a window on the ark and let a raven and a dove go. He wanted to see if there were any dry places on the earth yet. The dove came back eventually because she could not find any place to land and rest. This showed Noah that the waters didn't go down enough yet. Noah waited seven days and sent the dove out again. This time she came back with an olive leaf in her mouth, so Noah knew that the waters went down even more. Seven days later he sent out the dove again, and this time she didn't come back. This showed Noah that the waters were dried up from different parts of the earth, since the dove did not need to come back for rest.

When all the water was dried up, Noah came out of the ark with his family and the animals. He built an altar to God and sacrificed the clean animals on it. God made a covenant (like an agreement) saying that He would not destroy the whole earth with a flood again. As a remembrance of this promise, God displayed a rainbow in the clouds and even displays rainbows for us today.