



The Great Flood



GENESIS 6:11-22; 7:11-23; 8:14-22

As the years passed, more and more people were on the earth. However, most of them had continually made bad choices and lived a sinful life. This really broke God's heart and He felt sorry that He ever made man. Finally, God decided the only way to get rid of sin and wickedness in the world was to cover the earth with a great flood.

However, there was one man who still did good and stood for what was right. He loved God and followed Him in all things. His name was Noah. God told Noah about His plan to destroy the world, but He promised that He would keep Noah and his family safe. So, God gave him detailed instructions on how to build a really big boat called an ark. God gave Noah the measurements, where to put the door and how to build the roof. Because Noah believed God, he obeyed all the instructions that God gave him.

As he and his family were busy building the ark, many people around him laughed and thought they were crazy. Regardless, Noah kept his faith and faithfully continue the work of the building of the ark just as God had instructed him to do.

When everything was ready, God told Noah to bring his wife and his three sons and their wives into the ark. God made two of every living creature, male and female, to come into the ark as well. When they were all in, God shut the door. Then, God sent the rain and it rained for forty days and forty nights. The water rose and covered the entire world—even the highest mountain. No living being survived except for those who were inside the ark. For 150 days, the water completely covered the earth.

Another 150 days passed, and the ark finally landed on a big mountain. After waiting for many more days, Noah opened a window and sent out a raven. The raven flew back and forth until the waters dried up. Then, Noah sent out a dove, but she came back to the ark because she couldn't find a place to rest. A week later, Noah sent the dove out again. This time, she came back with an olive leaf. Now, Noah knew that the land was becoming green again. The following week, Noah sent the dove out again and this time she didn't return. The ground was dry.

Noah and his family and all the animals finally came out of the ark. Noah was thankful to be alive and he worshipped God. God promised that He would never again flood the whole earth. God placed a rainbow in the sky as a sign of His promise.

PSALM 7:10 "God is my shield, saving those whose hearts are true and right."



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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) More and more people were on the earth. They continued to disobey God and make bad choices. God decided he needed to get rid of this sin and wickedness. He decided to cover the earth with a great flood.
- 2) There was one man left who obeyed God. His name was Noah. God told Noah the earth would be covered with a flood. God told Noah how to build a big boat called an ark. The ark would hold everybody and everything God wanted to save.
- 3) When the time for the flood was near, God told Noah to bring his whole family into the ark—his wife, his three sons, and the sons' wives. God also told Noah to bring two of each animal, a male and a female. When all were in the ark, the rain began.
- 4) The water would remain on the earth for 150 days. Then the ark landed on a big mountain. Noah sent out a raven, then a dove. He wondered if they would find land. Only the dove returned. A little later, Noah sent out the dove again. She brought back an olive leaf. This meant there was land again. The ground was dry.
- 5) Noah and his family were very thankful this time was over. They praised God. God put a rainbow in the sky as a promise to never flood the whole earth again.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What did God decide to do when there was so much sin and wickedness on the earth?
- 2) Who was the one man left who still trusted and obeyed God?
- 3) What did God tell Noah to do?
- 4) Who would get to go in the ark?
- 5) What bird brought back an olive leaf to show there was land again?
- 6) What did God do to show Noah He would never flood the whole earth again?

ANSWERS:

- 1) God decided to flood the earth when He saw there was so much wickedness.
- 2) Noah was the one man left who still trusted and obeyed God.
- 3) God told Noah to build an ark.
- 4) Noah's wife, his sons, their wives, and two of every animal would enter the ark.
- 5) A dove brought back an olive leaf to show there was land again.
- 6) God put a rainbow in the sky to show Noah He would never flood the whole earth again.

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