

**The Flood Ceases**

1 Then God remembered Noah, and whatever was with him in the ark: all the wild animals, all the cattle, all the birds, and all the creeping things. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. 2 The fountains of the deep and the floodgates of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. 3 And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. 4 Then the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. 5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

6 So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, Noah opened the window of the ark he had made. 7 Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters dried up from the earth. 8 He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. 9 But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned to him in the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and brought her to himself in the ark. 10 Then he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark. 11 The dove returned to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew the waters had receded from the earth. 12 So he waited yet another seven days and again sent out the dove; however, she did not return to him any more. 13 And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year of Noah's life, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed, the surface of the ground was dry. 14 Now in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

15 Then the Lord God spoke to Noah, saying, 16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and their wives with you. 17 Also, bring out with you every living thing of all flesh: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that moves upon the earth, so they may abound on the earth, and increase and multiply on the earth." 18 So Noah went out, along with his wife and his sons and their wives. 19 Every animal, every bird, and every creeping thing that moves upon the earth, according to their kind, went out of the ark. 20 Then Noah built an altar to God, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered whole burnt offerings on the altar. 21 So the Lord God smelled a sweet aroma. Then the Lord God thought it over and said, "I will never again curse the earth because of man's works, although the mind of man is diligently involved with evil things from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. 22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and spring shall not cease by day or by night."

**Genesis 9**

1 Thus God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Increase and multiply, and fill the earth, and have dominion over it. 2 For the dread and fear of you shall be upon all the wild animals of the earth, all the birds of heaven, all that move upon the earth, and all the fish of the sea. I have put them under your authority. 3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as I did the green herbs. 4 But you shall not eat flesh with its lifeblood. 5 Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of all the wild animals I will

require it; and I will require the life of man at the hand of his fellow man. 6 Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; because I made man in God's image. 7 So then, increase and multiply; and fill the earth and have dominion over it."

### **God's Covenant with Noah**

8 Then God spoke to Noah and his sons with him, saying, 9 "Behold, I am establishing My covenant with you and with your seed after you, 10 and every living creature with you: the birds, the cattle, and all the wild animals of the earth, of all that came out of the ark with you. 11 Thus I will establish My covenant with you, and never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; nor shall there ever again be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 Then the Lord God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between Me and you, and every living creature with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I am setting My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. 14 It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; 15 and I will remember My covenant between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 My rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will certainly remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh on the earth." 17 Again God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I established between Me and all flesh on the earth."

18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth; and Ham was the father of Canaan. 19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

20 Then Noah began to be a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard. 21 So he drank of the wine and was drunk and naked in his house. 22 Now Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walking backwards they covered their father's nakedness. Since their faces were turned away, they did not see his nakedness. 24 Thus when Noah became sober and knew what his younger son had done to him, 25 he said:

"Cursed be Canaan;  
A servant of servants shall he be to his brothers."

26 He also said,

"Blessed be the Lord God of Shem, And Canaan shall be his servant.  
27 May God enlarge Japheth, And let him dwell in the habitations of Shem. Let Canaan be his servant as well."

28 Now Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood. 29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.