



Noah and the Great Flood Genesis 6 – 9 (shortened)

This is the history of Noah's family. He was a good man all his life, and he always followed God. When God looked at the earth, he saw that people had ruined it. Violence was everywhere, and it had ruined their life on earth. So God said to Noah, "Use cypress wood and build a boat for yourself. Make rooms in the boat and cover it with tar inside and out. Noah did everything God commanded him.

The Flood Begins

Noah and his family went into the boat to be saved from the flood. His wife and his sons and their wives were on the boat with him. All the animals on the earth, the birds, and everything that crawls on the earth went into the boat with Noah. These animals went into the boat in groups of two, male and female, just as God commanded. Seven days later the flood started. The rain began to fall on the earth. Water flooded the earth for 40 days. The water began rising and lifted the boat off the ground.

The Flood Ends

But God did not forget about Noah. God remembered him and all the animals that were with him. God made a wind blow over the earth, and all the water began to disappear. Rain stopped falling from the sky, and water stopped flowing from under the earth. The water that covered the earth began to go down. After 150 days the water was low enough that the boat touched land again. The boat stopped on one of the mountains of Ararat.

Forty days later Noah opened the window he had made in the boat. Then he sent out a raven. The raven flew from place to place until the ground was dry and the water was gone. Noah also sent out a dove. The dove could not find a place to rest because water still covered the earth, so the dove came back to the boat. Noah reached out his hand and caught the dove and brought it back into the boat. After seven days Noah again sent out the dove. And that afternoon the dove came back to Noah. The dove had a fresh olive leaf in its mouth. This was a sign to show Noah that there was dry ground on the earth. Seven days later Noah sent the dove out again. But this time the dove didn't come back. After that Noah opened the door[Ⓜ] of the boat. He looked and saw that the ground was dry.

The New Beginning

Then God said to Noah and his sons, "I now make my promise to you and to your people who will live after you. I make my promise to all the birds, and to all the animals that came out of the boat with you. I make my promise to every living thing on earth. And God said, "I will give you something to prove that I made this promise to you. I am putting a rainbow in the clouds as proof of the agreement between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, you will see the rainbow in the clouds. When I see this rainbow, I will remember the agreement between me and you and every living thing on the earth. This agreement says that a flood will never again destroy all life on the earth. When I look and see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember my promise that continues forever.