

The Flood

Genesis 6:5 – 9:17

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God said to Noah, "Cruelty and violence have spread everywhere. I am going to send a flood that will destroy the earth and all the people living on it, except for you and your family."

God told Noah to build an Ark – a great big boat – and sent animals to Noah, lots of animals.

Once Noah and his family and all the animals that were to be spared had gone into the Ark, God closed the door.

Then all the water that was under the earth came gushing out everywhere. And great torrents of rain came pouring down non-stop for forty days and forty nights. The water got deeper and deeper, until the highest mountain peaks were covered by more than twenty feet of water. God had destroyed everything that breathed except for Noah and those with him in the Ark.

As the waters slowly receded, the Ark came to rest in the Ararat Mountains.

Noah and his family came out of the Ark onto an earth that had been washed clean and was ready for a new beginning. The animals left the Ark in groups of their own kind and spread all over the earth.

God placed a rainbow in the sky and said, "I promise that the earth and those living on it will never again be completely wiped out by a flood. Whenever you see a rainbow, remember that I will keep this promise forever."