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Genesis 4:1-2; 5:1-5, 5:32–9:17

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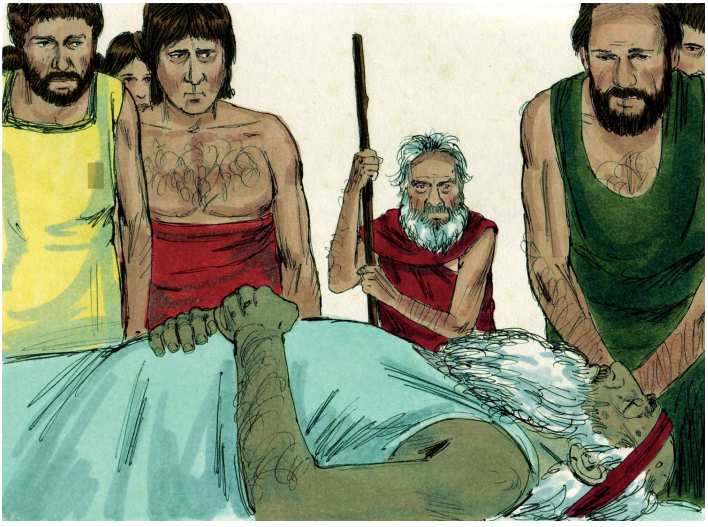
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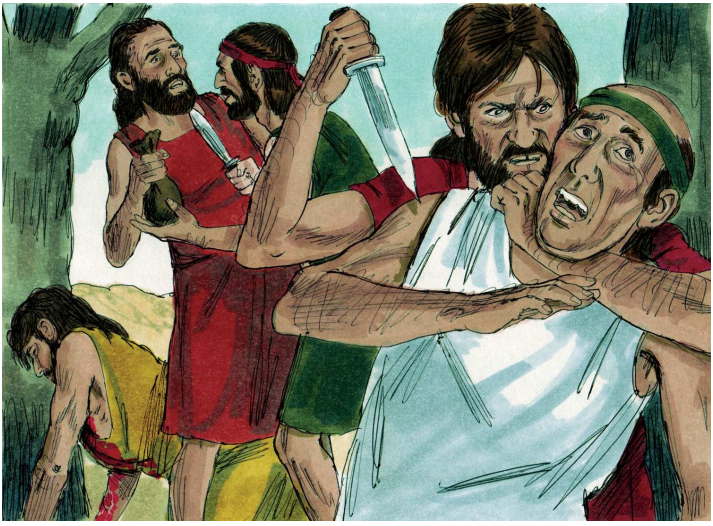
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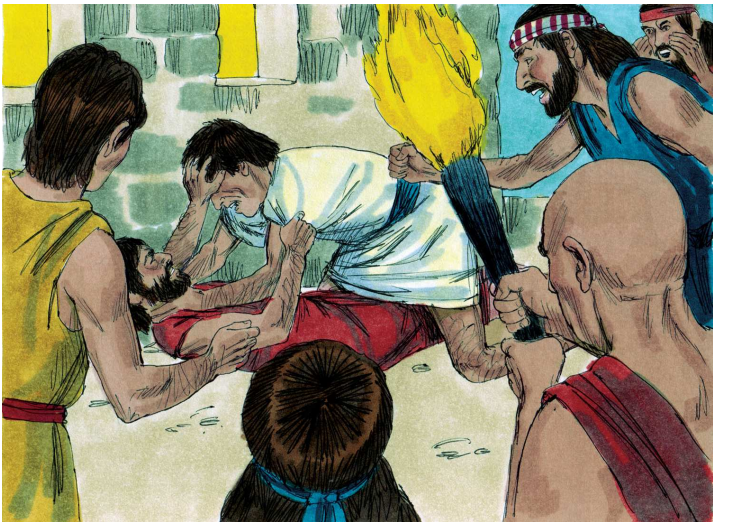
After Cain and Abel were born, Adam had many other children and descendants.



In those days people lived a long time—about 900 years. But no matter how long people lived, they died.



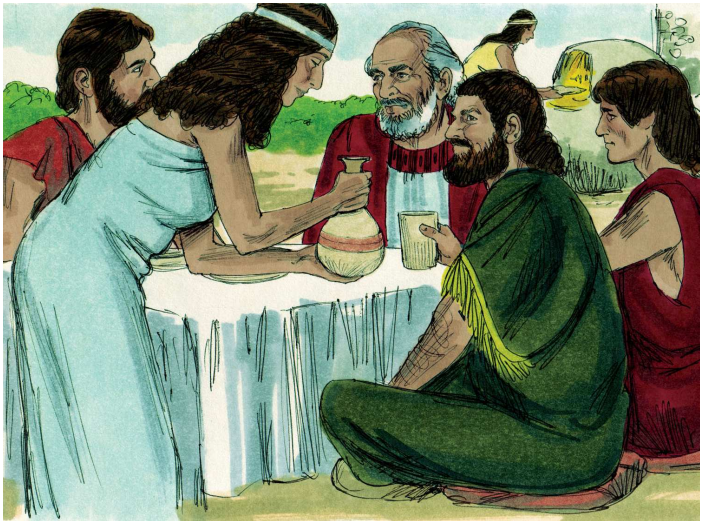
After many generations, many people were living on the earth. And the people had become very evil and more and more violent.



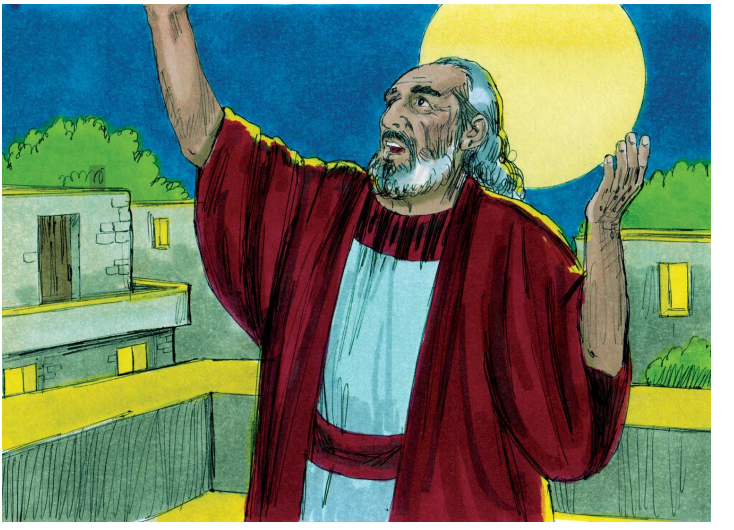
Everything people thought or imagined was always totally evil. So the Lord was grieved that he had made them.



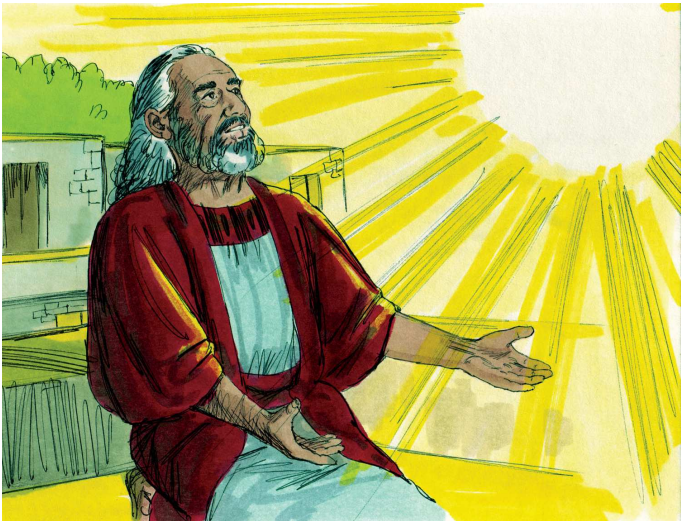
Because people were so evil the Lord said, “I will completely destroy all the people, and all the animals and birds living on the earth. And I will cause people to live much shorter lives.”



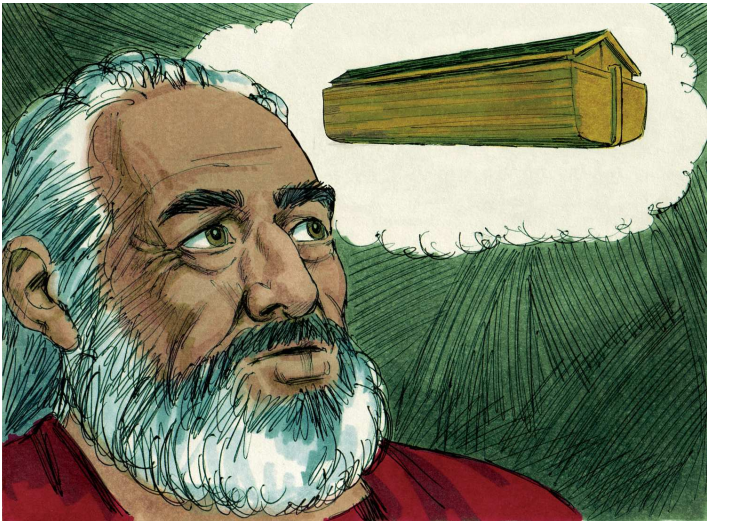
A man named Noah lived during that time. After he was 500 years old, he became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Noah was not evil like everybody else.



Noah was a righteous man who lived in close fellowship with God. And the Lord was pleased with Noah and did not want to destroy him and his family.



The Lord said to Noah, "I will bring a flood upon the earth which will destroy all living creatures, because people are violent all over the earth. But I will make a covenant with you."



“Build a very big wooden boat. Cover the outside and inside with tar. Build it this size: 140 meters long, 23 meters wide, and 13.5 meters high.”



“Build the boat with three levels inside and many rooms. Cover it with a roof. Put a door on the side.”



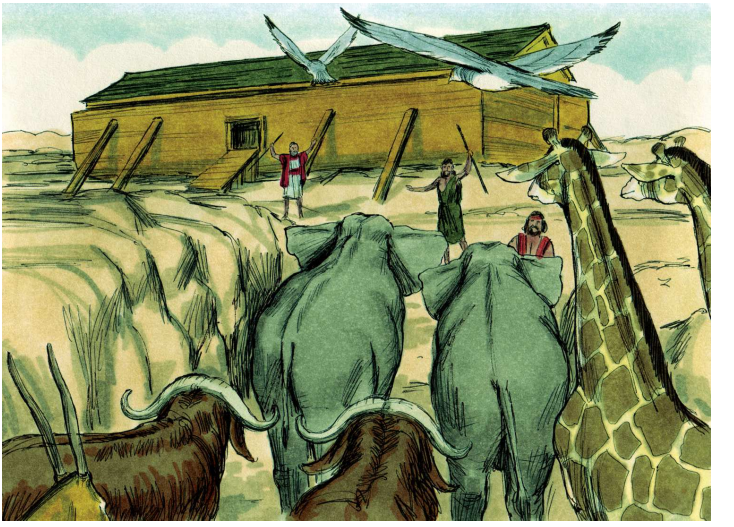
So Noah built the boat just the way God had told him.



God commanded Noah, saying, “Bring your wife into the boat.”



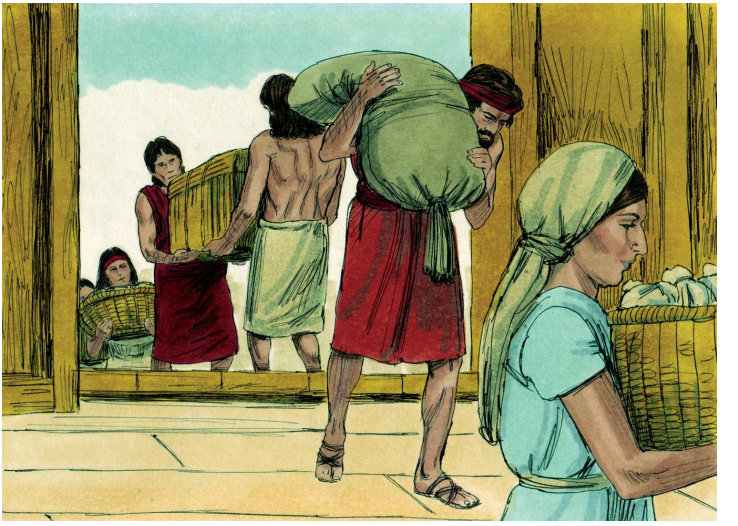
“And bring your three sons and their wives into the boat with you.”



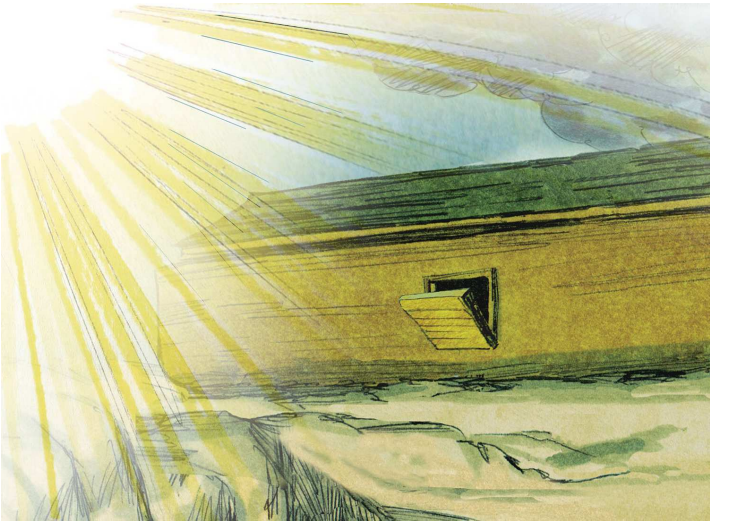
“A male and a female of every kind of animal and bird will come to you.”



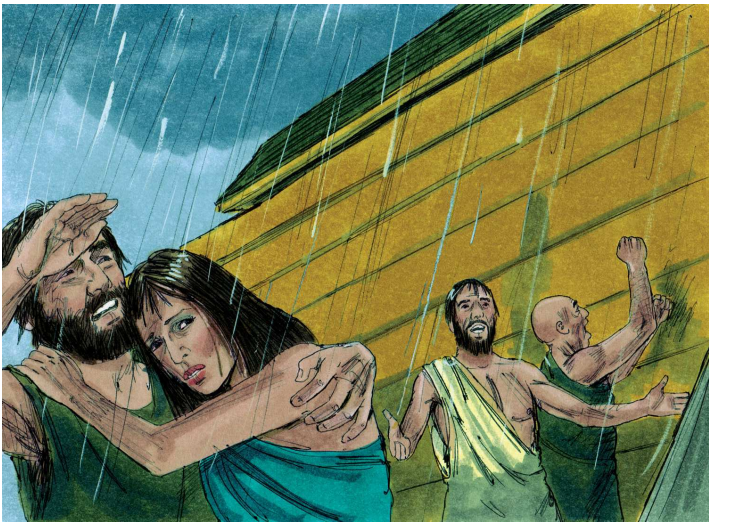
“Bring them into the boat with you to keep them alive.” God told Noah to take seven pairs of some animals and birds acceptable for sacrifice.



God commanded Noah, “Bring enough food for you, your family and all the animals to eat during the flood.” So Noah did everything that God commanded.



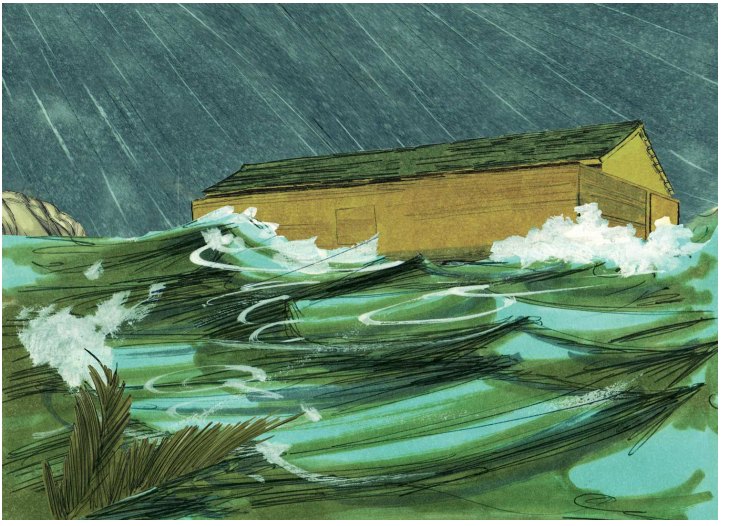
When Noah was 600 years old, he and his wife, their three sons and their wives and all the animals and birds entered the boat, just as God had commanded. And the Lord shut the door behind them.



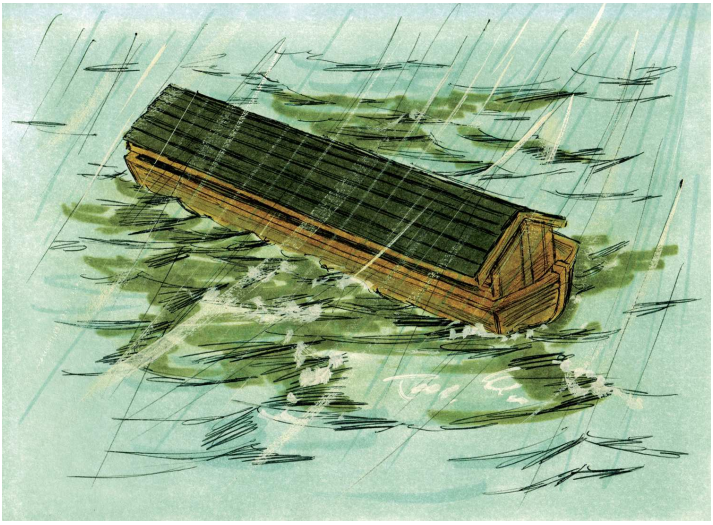
After seven days, all the underground waters erupted from the earth. Heavy rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky.



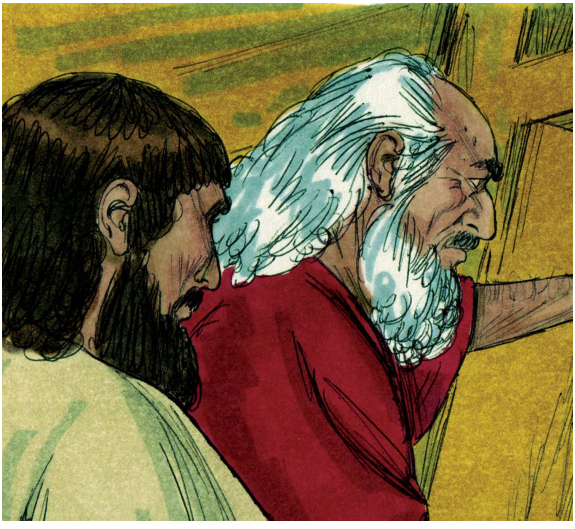
It rained constantly for forty days and forty nights.



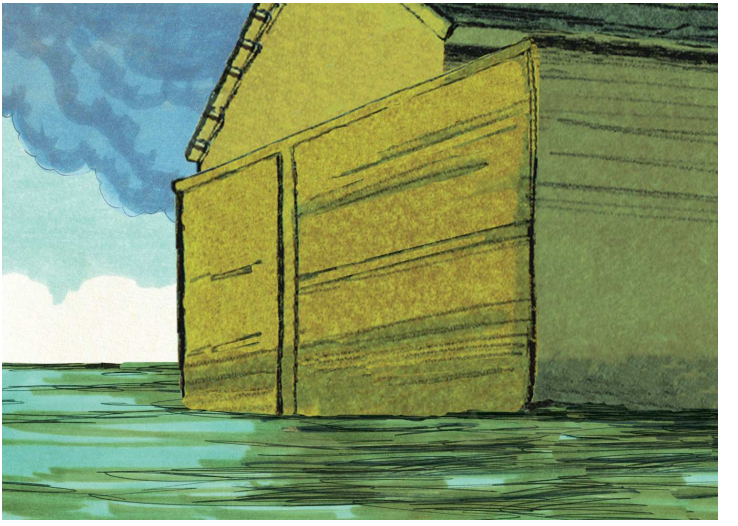
The flood increased and lifted the boat high above the earth. The boat floated on the surface of the water.



The water covered all the mountains on the earth. All the living things on earth died—all the birds and animals of every kind, and all the people.



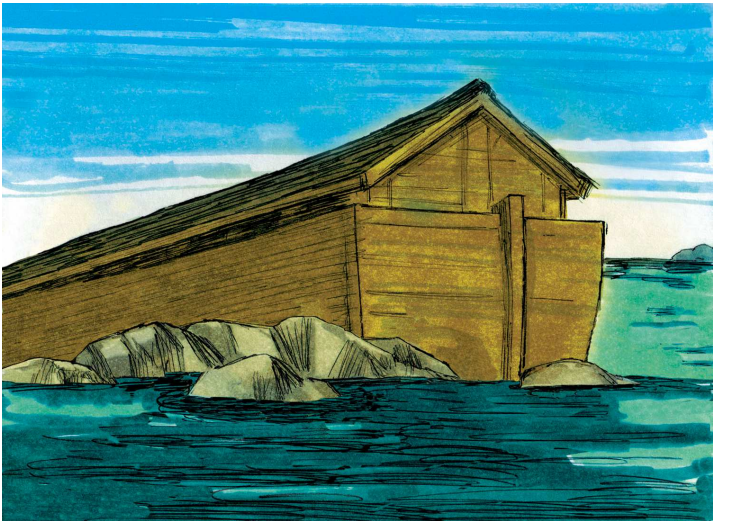
Only Noah and those people, animals, and birds that were with him in the boat remained alive.



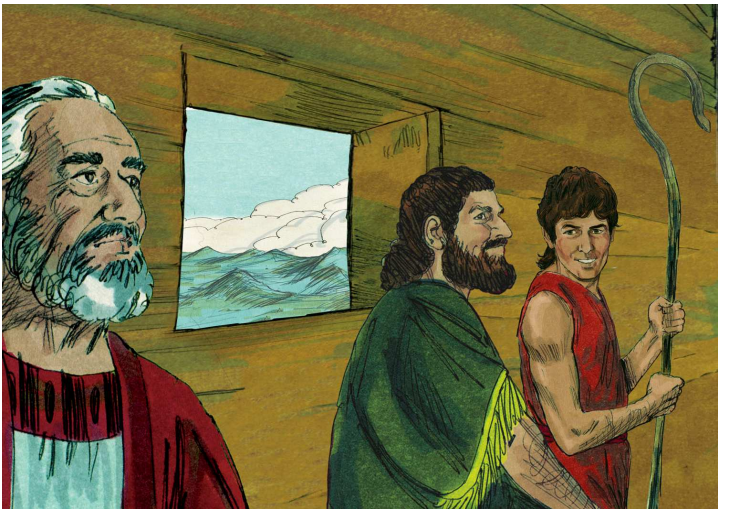
But God did not forget Noah and all the animals with him in the boat. God caused the underground waters to stop flowing and the rains to stop.



Then, God sent *a* wind to blow over the earth.
Very slowly, the floodwaters receded.



150 days after the flood began, the boat rested on the mountains in a region called Ararat.



Noah and his family stayed in the boat and waited while the waters continued to recede.



Forty days later, Noah opened the window of the boat and released a raven. It did not come back. It just kept flying around until the waters were dried up.



Then Noah released a dove to see if it could find dry ground.



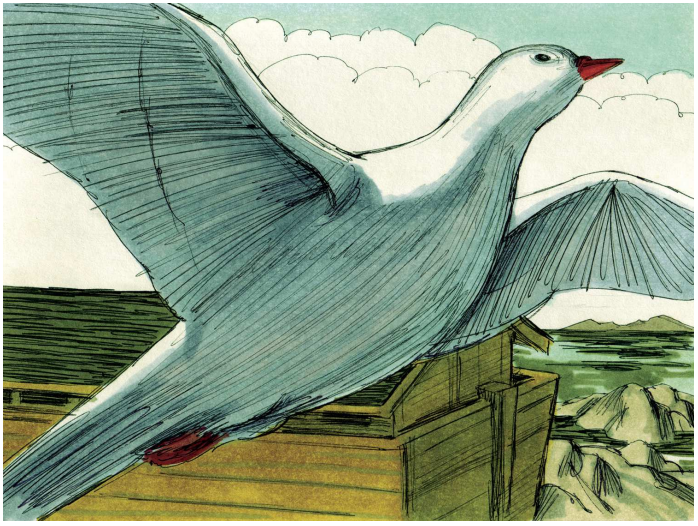
But the dove could not find a dry place to land. So the dove returned to the boat because there was water all over the surface of the earth.



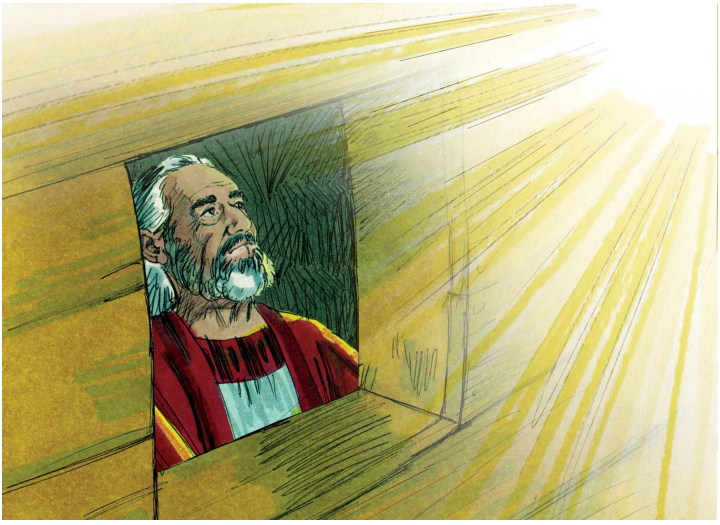
Seven days later Noah released the dove again.



This time it returned to the boat with a freshly plucked olive leaf in its beak. Then Noah knew that the floodwaters were almost gone.



Noah waited seven more days and released the dove again. This time the dove did not return to the boat. By this time, Noah and his family had been in the boat for almost a year.



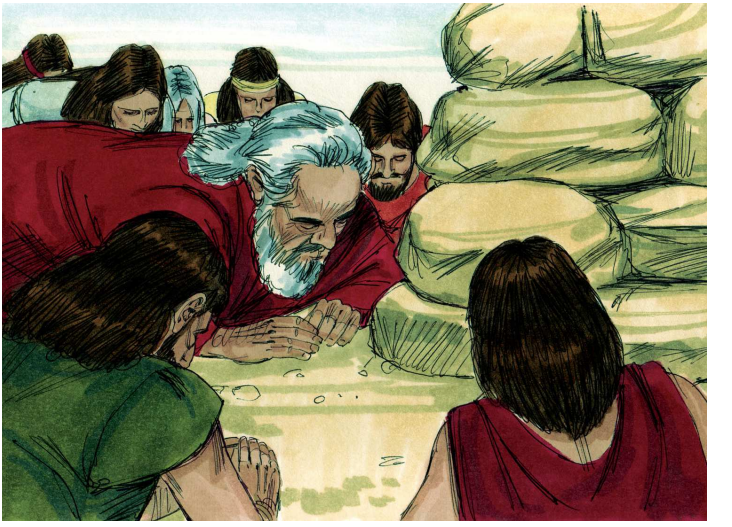
Two months later, the earth was completely dry. Then God told Noah, “Come out of the boat; you, your wife, your sons and their wives.”



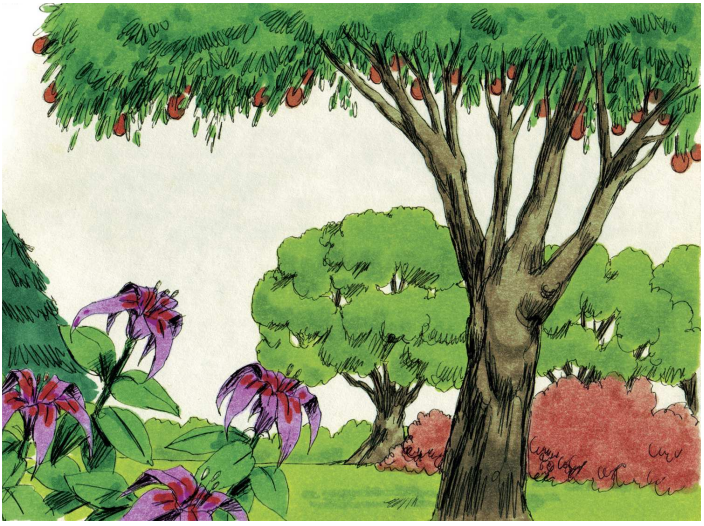
“Release all the animals and birds. Then they can breed and reproduce and spread out over all the earth.” So Noah and his family and all the animals left the boat.



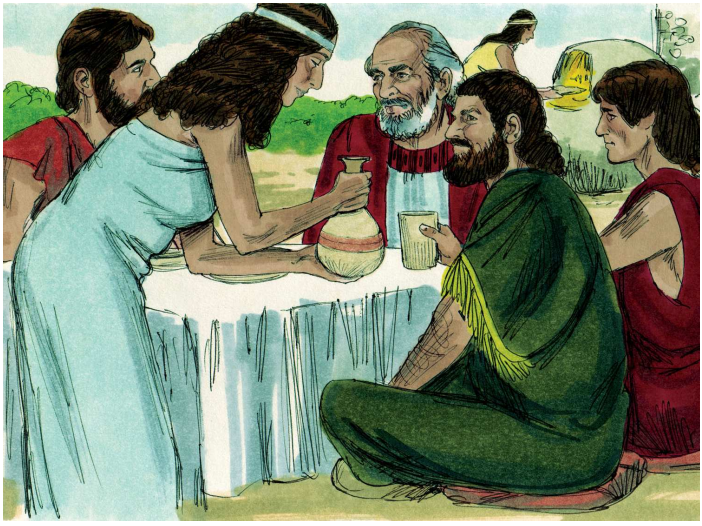
Then Noah built an altar to the Lord. There he sacrificed burnt offerings of animals and birds approved for sacrifice.



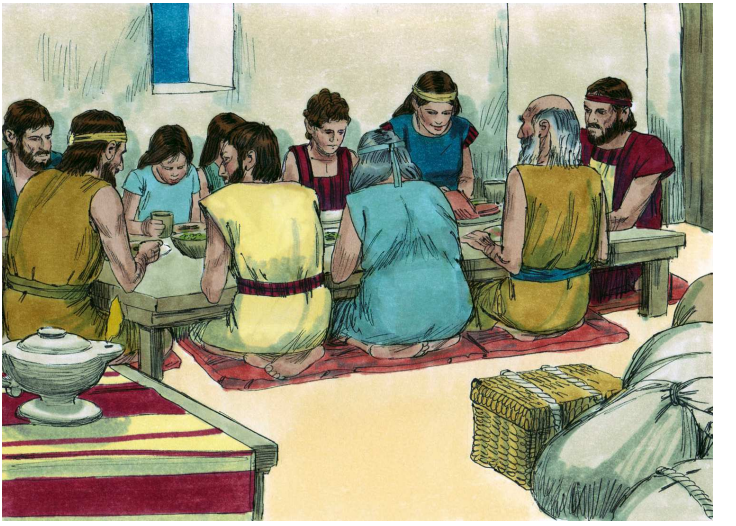
This pleased the Lord very much. And the Lord said to himself, “I will never again destroy all living things this way.”



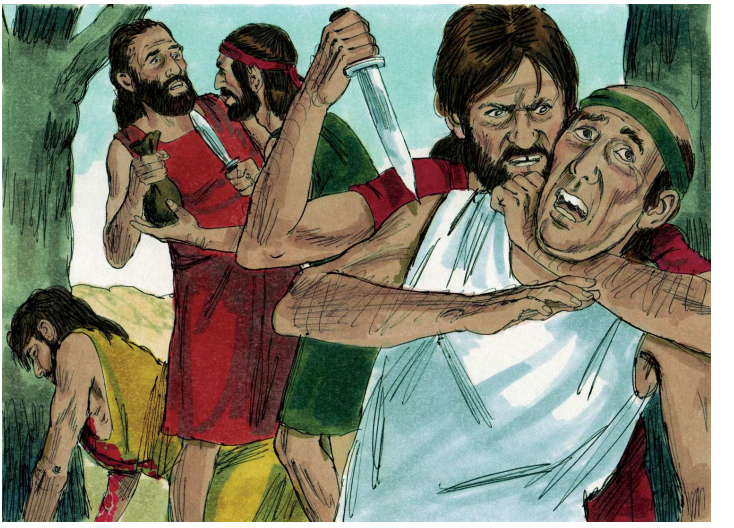
God said, “While the earth remains, there will be seasons for planting and harvesting. There will also be daytime and nighttime.”



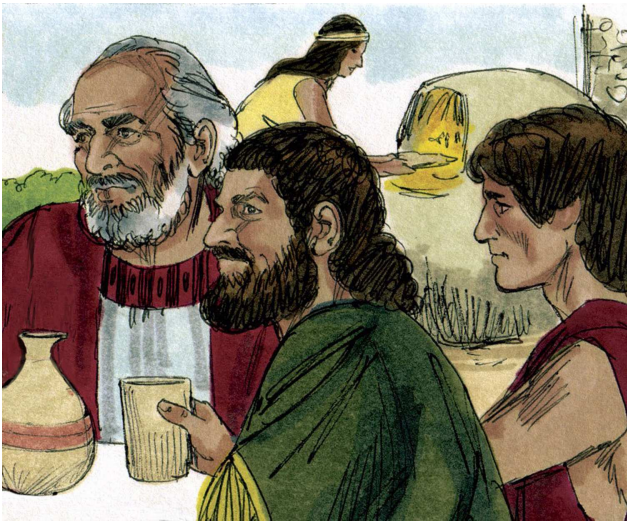
God blessed Noah and his family and told them, "Have many children so that your descendants will spread out and live all over the earth."



“Just as I gave you plants to eat, now animals will also be food for you. But do not eat any meat that still has blood in it.”



And God said, “Anyone who murders another person must be killed by others, because God made man in His own image.”



Then God said to Noah and his sons, “I am making a covenant with you and your descendants and with every living creature on earth. I will never again destroy all living things by a flood.”



So God put the rainbow in the sky to be a reminder of His promise.

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