

Gen 8:1) Then God turned his attention to Noah and all the wild animals and farm animals with him on the ship. God caused the wind to blow and the floodwaters began to go down. (2) The underground springs were shut off, the windows of Heaven closed and the rain quit. (3) Inch by inch the water lowered. After 150 days the worst was over. (4) On the seventeenth day of the seventh month, the ship landed on the Ararat mountain range. (5) The water kept going down until the tenth month. On the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains came into view. (6) After forty days Noah opened the window that he had built into the ship. (7) He sent out a raven; it flew back and forth waiting for the floodwaters to dry up. (8) Then he sent a dove to check on the flood conditions, (9) but it couldn't even find a place to perch--water still covered the Earth. Noah reached out and caught it, brought it back into the ship. (10) He waited seven more days and sent out the dove again. (11) It came back in the evening with a freshly picked olive leaf in its beak. Noah knew that the flood was about finished. (12) He waited another seven days and sent the dove out a third time. This time it didn't come back. (13) In the six-hundred-first year of Noah's life, on the first day of the first month, the flood had dried up. Noah opened the hatch of the ship and saw dry ground. (14) By the twenty-seventh day of the second month, the Earth was completely dry. (15) God spoke to Noah: (16) "Leave the ship, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives. (17) And take all the animals with you, the whole menagerie of birds and mammals and crawling creatures, all that brimming prodigality of life, so they can reproduce and flourish on the Earth." (18) Noah disembarked with his sons and wife and his sons' wives. (19) Then all the animals, crawling creatures, birds--every creature on the face of the Earth--left the ship family by family. (20) Noah built an

altar to GOD. He selected clean animals and birds from every species and offered them as burnt-offerings on the altar. (21) GOD smelled the sweet fragrance and thought to himself, "I'll never again curse the ground because of people. I know they have this bent toward evil from an early age, but I'll never again kill off everything living as I've just done. (22) For as long as Earth lasts, planting and harvest, cold and heat, Summer and winter, day and night will never stop."

Gen 9:1) God blessed Noah and his sons: He said, "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill the Earth! (2) Every living creature--birds, animals, fish--will fall under your spell and be afraid of you. You're responsible for them. (3) All living creatures are yours for food; just as I gave you the plants, now I give you everything else. (4) Except for meat with its lifeblood still in it--don't eat that. (5) "But your own lifeblood I will avenge; I will avenge it against both animals and other humans. (6) Whoever sheds human blood, by humans let his blood be shed, Because God made humans in his image reflecting God's very nature. (7) You're here to bear fruit, reproduce, lavish life on the Earth, live bountifully!" (8) Then God spoke to Noah and his sons: (9) "I'm setting up my covenant with you including your children who will come after you, (10) along with everything alive around you--birds, farm animals, wild animals--that came out of the ship with you. (11) I'm setting up my covenant with you that never again will everything living be destroyed by floodwaters; no, never again will a flood destroy the Earth." (12) God continued, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and everything living around you and everyone living after you. (13) I'm putting my rainbow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between me and the Earth. (14) From now on, when I form a cloud over the Earth and the rainbow appears in the cloud, (15) I'll remember my covenant between me and you and

everything living, that never again will floodwaters destroy all life. (16) When the rainbow appears in the cloud, I'll see it and remember the eternal covenant between God and everything living, every last living creature on Earth." (17) And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I've set up between me and everything living on the Earth." (18) The sons of Noah who came out of the ship were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan. (19) These are the three sons of Noah; from these three the whole Earth was populated. (20) Noah, a farmer, was the first to plant a vineyard. (21) He drank from its wine, got drunk and passed out, naked in his tent. (22) Ham, the father of Canaan, saw that his father was naked and told his two brothers who were outside the tent. (23) Shem and Japheth took a cloak, held it between them from their shoulders, walked backwards and covered their father's nakedness, keeping their faces turned away so they did not see their father's exposed body. (24) When Noah woke up with his hangover, he learned what his youngest son had done. (25) He said, Cursed be Canaan! A slave of slaves, a slave to his brothers! (26) Blessed be GOD, the God of Shem, but Canaan shall be his slave. (27) God prosper Japheth, living spaciously in the tents of Shem. But Canaan shall be his slave. (28) Noah lived another 350 years following the flood. (29) He lived a total of 950 years. And he died.

Gen 10:1) This is the family tree of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. After the flood, they themselves had sons. (2) The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, Tiras. (3) The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, Togarmah. (4) The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, Rodanim. (5) The seafaring peoples developed from these, each in its own place by family, each with its own language. (6) The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put, Canaan. (7) The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, Sabteca. The sons of

Raamah: Sheba, Dedan. (8) Cush also had Nimrod. He was the first great warrior on Earth. (9) He was a great hunter before GOD. There was a saying, "Like Nimrod, a great hunter before GOD." (10) His kingdom got its start with Babel; then Erech, Akkad, and Calneh in the country of Shinar. (11) From there he went up to Asshur and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, (12) and Resen between Nineveh and the great city Calah. (13) Egypt was ancestor to the Ludim, the Anamim, the Lehabim, the Naphtuhim, (14) the Pathrusim, the Casluhim (the origin of the Philistines), and the Kaphtorim. (15) Canaan had Sidon his firstborn, Heth, (16) the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, (17) the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, (18) the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Later the Canaanites spread out, (19) going from Sidon toward Gerar, as far south as Gaza, and then east all the way over to Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim, and on to Lasha. (20) These are the descendants of Ham by family, language, country, and nation. (21) Shem, the older brother of Japheth, also had sons. Shem was ancestor to all the children of Eber. (22) The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram. (23) The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, Meshech. (24) Arphaxad had Shelah and Shelah had Eber. (25) Eber had two sons, Peleg (so named because in his days the human race divided) and Joktan. (26) Joktan had Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, (27) Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, (28) Obal, Abimael, Sheba, (29) Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab--all sons of Joktan. (30) Their land goes from Mesha toward Sephar as far as the mountain ranges in the east. (31) These are the descendants of Shem by family, language, country, and nation. (32) This is the family tree of the sons of Noah as they developed into nations. From them nations developed all across the Earth after the flood.

Gen 11:1) At one time, the whole Earth spoke the same language. (2) It so happened that as they moved out of the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled down. (3) They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and fire them well." They used brick for stone and tar for mortar. (4) Then they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city and a tower that reaches Heaven. Let's make ourselves famous so we won't be scattered here and there across the Earth." (5) GOD came down to look over the city and the tower those people had built. (6) GOD took one look and said, "One people, one language; why, this is only a first step. No telling what they'll come up with next--they'll stop at nothing! (7) Come, we'll go down and garble their speech so they won't understand each other." (8) Then GOD scattered them from there all over the world. And they had to quit building the city. (9) That's how it came to be called Babel, because there GOD turned their language into "babble." From there GOD scattered them all over the world. (10) This is the story of Shem. When Shem was 100 years old, he had Arphaxad. It was two years after the flood. (11) After he had Arphaxad, he lived 600 more years and had other sons and daughters. (12) When Arphaxad was thirty-five years old, he had Shelah. (13) After Arphaxad had Shelah, he lived 403 more years and had other sons and daughters. (14) When Shelah was thirty years old, he had Eber. (15) After Shelah had Eber, he lived 403 more years and had other sons and daughters. (16) When Eber was thirty-four years old, he had Peleg. (17) After Eber had Peleg, he lived 403 more years and had other sons and daughters. (18) When Peleg was thirty years old, he had Reu. (19) After he had Reu, he lived 209 more years and had other sons and daughters. (20) When Reu was thirty-two years old, he had Serug. (21) After Reu had Serug, he lived 207 more years and had other sons and daughters. (22) When Serug was thirty years old, he had Nahor. (23) After Serug had Nahor, he lived 200 more years and had other sons and

daughters. (24) When Nahor was twenty-nine years old, he had Terah. (25) After Nahor had Terah, he lived 119 more years and had other sons and daughters. (26) When Terah was seventy years old, he had Abram, Nahor, and Haran. (27) This is the story of Terah. Terah had Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran had Lot. (28) Haran died before his father, Terah, in the country of his family, Ur of the Chaldees. (29) Abram and Nahor each got married. Abram's wife was Sarai; Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of his brother Haran. Haran had two daughters, Milcah and Iscah. (30) Sarai was barren; she had no children. (31) Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot (Haran's son), and Sarai his daughter-in-law (his son Abram's wife) and set out with them from Ur of the Chaldees for the land of Canaan. But when they got as far as Haran, they settled down there. (32) Terah lived 205 years. He died in Haran.

Gen 12:1) GOD told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you. (2) I'll make you a great nation and bless you. I'll make you famous; you'll be a blessing. (3) I'll bless those who bless you; those who curse you I'll curse. All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you." (4) So Abram left just as GOD said, and Lot left with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. (5) Abram took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot with him, along with all the possessions and people they had gotten in Haran, and set out for the land of Canaan and arrived safe and sound. (6) Abram passed through the country as far as Shechem and the Oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites occupied the land. (7) GOD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your children." Abram built an altar at the place GOD had appeared to him. (8) He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent between Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. He built an altar there and prayed to

GOD. (9) Abram kept moving, steadily making his way south, to the Negev. (10) Then a famine came to the land. Abram went down to Egypt to live; it was a hard famine. (11) As he drew near to Egypt, he said to his wife, Sarai, "Look. We both know that you're a beautiful woman. (12) When the Egyptians see you they're going to say, 'Aha! That's his wife!' and kill me. But they'll let you live. (13) Do me a favor: tell them you're my sister. Because of you, they'll welcome me and let me live." (14) When Abram arrived in Egypt, the Egyptians took one look and saw that his wife was stunningly beautiful. (15) Pharaoh's princes raved over her to Pharaoh. She was taken to live with Pharaoh. (16) Because of her, Abram got along very well: he accumulated sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, men and women servants, and camels. (17) But GOD hit Pharaoh hard because of Abram's wife Sarai; everybody in the palace got seriously sick. (18) Pharaoh called for Abram, "What's this that you've done to me? Why didn't you tell me that she's your wife? (19) Why did you say, 'She's my sister' so that I'd take her as my wife? Here's your wife back--take her and get out!" (20) Pharaoh ordered his men to get Abram out of the country. They sent him and his wife and everything he owned on their way.

Gen 13:1) So Abram left Egypt and went back to the Negev, he and his wife and everything he owned, and Lot still with him. (2) By now Abram was very rich, loaded with cattle and silver and gold. (3) He moved on from the Negev, camping along the way, to Bethel, the place he had first set up his tent between Bethel and Ai (4) and built his first altar. Abram prayed there to GOD. (5) Lot, who was traveling with Abram, was also rich in sheep and cattle and tents. (6) But the land couldn't support both of them; they had too many possessions. They couldn't both live there-- (7) quarrels broke out between Abram's shepherds and Lot's shepherds. The Canaanites and Perizzites were

also living on the land at the time. (8) Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have fighting between us, between your shepherds and my shepherds. After all, we're family. (9) Look around. Isn't there plenty of land out there? Let's separate. If you go left, I'll go right; if you go right, I'll go left." (10) Lot looked. He saw the whole plain of the Jordan spread out, well watered (this was before GOD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah), like GOD's garden, like Egypt, and stretching all the way to Zoar. (11) Lot took the whole plain of the Jordan. Lot set out to the east. That's how they came to part company, uncle and nephew. (12) Abram settled in Canaan; Lot settled in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent near Sodom. (13) The people of Sodom were evil--flagrant sinners against GOD. (14) After Lot separated from him, GOD said to Abram, "Open your eyes, look around. Look north, south, east, and west. (15) Everything you see, the whole land spread out before you, I will give to you and your children forever. (16) I'll make your descendants like dust--counting your descendants will be as impossible as counting the dust of the Earth. (17) So--on your feet, get moving! Walk through the country, its length and breadth; I'm giving it all to you." (18) Abram moved his tent. He went and settled by the Oaks of Mamre in Hebron. There he built an altar to GOD.

Gen 14:1) Then this: Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim (2) went off to war to fight Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, that is, Zoar. (3) This second group of kings, the attacked, came together at the Valley of Siddim, that is, the Salt Sea. (4) They had been under the thumb of Kedorlaomer for twelve years. In the thirteenth year, they revolted. (5) In the fourteenth year, Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him set out and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth



Karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim, (6) and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El Paran on the far edge of the desert. (7) On their way back they stopped at En Mishpat, that is, Kadesh, and conquered the whole region of the Amalekites as well as that of the Amorites who lived in Hazazon Tamar. (8) That's when the king of Sodom marched out with the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, that is, Zoar. They drew up in battle formation against their enemies in the Valley of Siddim-- (9) against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. (10) The Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits. When the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, they fell into the tar pits, but the rest escaped into the mountains. (11) The four kings captured all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, all their food and equipment, and went on their way. (12) They captured Lot, Abram's nephew who was living in Sodom at the time, taking everything he owned with them. (13) A fugitive came and reported to Abram the Hebrew. Abram was living at the Oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and Aner. They were allies of Abram. (14) When Abram heard that his nephew had been taken prisoner, he lined up his servants, all of them born in his household--there were 318 of them--and chased after the captors all the way to Dan. (15) Abram and his men split into small groups and attacked by night. They chased them as far as Hobah, just north of Damascus. (16) They recovered all the plunder along with nephew Lot and his possessions, including the women and the people. (17) After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and his allied kings, the king of Sodom came out to greet him in the Valley of Shaveh, the King's Valley. (18) Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine--he was priest of The High God-- (19) and blessed him: Blessed be Abram by

The High God, Creator of Heaven and Earth. (20) And blessed be The High God, who handed your enemies over to you. Abram gave him a tenth of all the recovered plunder. (21) The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me back the people but keep all the plunder for yourself." (22) But Abram told the king of Sodom, "I swear to GOD, The High God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, this solemn oath, (23) that I'll take nothing from you, not so much as a thread or a shoestring. I'm not going to have you go around saying, 'I made Abram rich.' (24) Nothing for me other than what the young men ate and the share of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; they're to get their share of the plunder."

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