

13 By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water on the land had dried up. Noah opened the top of the ship, looked out, and saw the surface of the ground. **14** By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the land was dry.

15 Then God spoke to Noah, **16** "Come out of the ship with your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives. **17** Bring out every animal that's with you: birds, domestic animals, and every creature that crawls on the earth. Be fertile, increase in number, and spread over the earth."

18 So Noah came out with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives. **19** Every animal, crawling creature, and bird—everything that moves on the earth—came out of the ship, one kind after another.

20 Noah built an altar to the Lord. On it he made a burnt offering of each type of clean^[a] animal and clean bird. **21** The Lord smelled the soothing aroma. He said to himself, "I will never again curse the ground because of humans, even though from birth their hearts are set on nothing but evil. I will never again kill every living creature as I have just done.

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As long as the earth exists,
planting and harvesting,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never stop."

God Blesses Noah and His Sons

9 **1** God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fertile, increase in number, and fill the earth. **2** All the wild animals and all the birds will fear you and be terrified of you. Every creature that crawls on the ground and all the fish in the sea have been put under your control. **3** Everything that lives and moves will be your food. I gave you green plants as food; I now give you everything else.

4 "But you are not to eat meat with blood in it. (Blood is life.) **5** In addition, I will demand your blood for your life. I will demand it from any animal or from any person. I will demand the life of any person _{└ who kills} another person.

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Whoever sheds human blood,
by humans his blood will be shed,
because in the image of God, God made humans.

7 Be fertile, and increase in number. Spread over the earth, and increase."

Footnotes

^a8:20 "Clean" refers to anything that is presentable to God.