

The Flood Waters Receded and the Ark Came to Rest on Mount Ararat

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ADONAI had protected **Noah** and his family from judgment so cataclysmic that all life on earth outside **the ark** had been destroyed. For forty days, torrential rains beat down and **the ark** floated on the rising floodwaters. Day after day **Noah** waited. **The LORD** had shut him in **the ark** for his own safety. But for how long? And when **he** could finally leave **the ark**, what would **he** find?

Well, **God remembered Noah** and led his family and him into a fresh start. Gradually, the floodwaters subsided, and after one year and seventeen days in **the ark**, **Noah** led his family and the animals out of **the ark** onto dry ground. **The Flood** had not destroyed the world, but it was radically changed. It was truly a fresh start, starting with **Noah's** worship and with **Elohim** communicating to **Noah** a covenant that is still with us today.¹⁴⁶