

Then God said to Noah: Come Out of the Ark

8: 15-19

For over a year **God** had been silent, but now **He** commanded **Noah** and **his** family to leave **the ark**. All other human life had been destroyed in **the Flood**. Now **Noah's** three sons and their wives would repopulate the earth. Although the rest of humanity had been judged, **Noah** and **his** family were saved. None had been lost. **The LORD** brought them through the judgment of **the Flood** by telling them exactly how to escape it and live. They believed **Him** and obeyed. Throughout the long history of mankind, **ADONAI** has always rescued those who believe in **Him** and obey **His** word. Because **God** did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (First Thessalonians 5:9).

The animals shared **Noah's** deliverance and because they entered **the ark** with him, they also left with **him**. They were also rescued from **the Flood** and now they could resume their charge to **multiply and increase in number (9:19)**. **ADONAI** would soon bless **Noah** and **his** sons with a similar command. But before that blessing was spoken the aged patriarch would worship **the LORD** by building an altar to **Him** and sacrificing offerings on it. Worship and fellowship would blend in joyful celebration as a redeemed man and a redeeming **God** communed together.¹⁵⁵