

## Scripture Reading

Genesis 6:8–12 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. <sup>10</sup> Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. <sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. <sup>12</sup> God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.

### 1) Cosmic Reset

Genesis 6:13–22 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. <sup>14</sup> So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. <sup>15</sup> This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. <sup>16</sup> Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. <sup>17</sup> I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. <sup>18</sup> But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup> You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. <sup>20</sup> Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. <sup>21</sup> You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." <sup>22</sup> Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

### 2) The ark is a floating Eden

Genesis 7:1–5 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. <sup>2</sup> Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, <sup>3</sup> and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. <sup>4</sup> Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made." <sup>5</sup> And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.

Genesis 7:24 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup>The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8:1–4 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.

<sup>2</sup> Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. <sup>3</sup> The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, <sup>4</sup> and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.

Genesis 1:2 The land was wild and waste Darkness was over the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters

Genesis 8:1b–2a And God caused a wind to pass over and the land, and the waters receded

Genesis 1:6-8 Separation of the waters above and the waters below

Genesis 8:2b And the springs of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed

Genesis 1:9 Water gathers into one place, and the dry ground appeared. Vegetation comes out of the ground

Genesis 8:3–5, 11 Waters return from the land, and the tops of the mountains appeared. The dove returns with fresh olive branch

Genesis 1:20 Let birds fly above the earth, against the face of the sky dome

Genesis 8:12 Dove leaves the ark to return to the sky and land

Genesis 1:24 Creation of living creatures, live stock, creatures that move along the ground

Genesis 8:17 Animals leave the ark, living creatures, livestock, creatures that move along the ground

Genesis 1:26 Humans are the image of God  
Genesis 9:6 Humans are the image of God

Genesis 1:29 “There will be food for you”  
Genesis 9:3 “There will be food for you”

### 3) Noah and the Ark, Jesus and the Cross

#### a) Noah’s name means rest

Matthew 11:28–30 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

<sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

#### b) There was only one vessel for salvation

John 14:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.