

## NOAH

Noah was a special servant of the Lord whose story is recorded in the Old Testament. He is introduced in **Genesis 5:28-32**. The account that made him famous is found in **Genesis 6-9**. Noah is known for obeying the Lord and doing what many would perceive as an impossible task. As a result, he found favor in the eyes of the Lord (**Genesis 6:8**) and lived to be 950 years old.

As the population of the earth increased after creation, many humans did not find favor with the Lord as they walked in great wickedness (**Genesis 6:1-5**). Their evil grieved the Lord of creation (**Genesis 6:6**). He decided to destroy mankind and all animals with a great flood, preserving only a few faithful souls, and a male and female pair of every animal species. To preserve them, God spoke to Noah and instructed him to build a large ark that would house those being saved.

The ark was huge – 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high (**Genesis 6:15**), half the size of a modern cruise ship. The ark was built of cypress wood and coated with pitch inside and out (**Genesis 6:14**). Noah and his three sons – Shem, Ham, and Japheth, built the ark, doing everything God instructed them to do. Construction took many decades, possibly up to 100 years. When completed, God instructed Noah to take his wife, sons, their wives, as well as two of every living creature onto the ark (**Genesis 6:18-7:5**). Once onboard, the flood came.

It rained for 40 days and nights (**Genesis 7:12**), inundating the earth to water levels reaching a height 20 feet above the highest mountains. Even when the rain ended, water flooded the earth for 150 days (**Genesis 7:18-24**). Then the waters began to recede, setting the ark on the mountains of Ararat (**Genesis 8:1-5**). After nearly two months of sitting on the mountaintops, God instructed Noah, his family and all the animals to leave the ark (**Genesis 8:15**) and to go populate the earth (**Genesis 8:17**). Noah obeyed.

Before setting off, Noah sacrificed to the Lord and worshipped Him (**Genesis 8:20**). God also made a covenant with Noah and his sons, promising to preserve them and never

again flood the earth with such devastation, indicating that rainbows in the clouds after normal rainfall would remind Him of this covenant (**Genesis 9:8-17**).

Noah is one of many persons of strong faith honored in the New Testament. “By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith” (**Hebrews 11:7**).

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This is an introduction on the subject of **Noah**. Here are many other resources you may wish to explore:

[Who was Noah in the Bible? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[Who Was Noah in the Bible? Meaning and Symbols of the Story of Noah \(christianity.com\)](#)

[What We Know of Noah and the Ark in the Bible | Answers in Genesis](#)

[The Life of Noah \(biblestudy.org\)](#)

[Genesis 6:9-22 NLT - The Story of Noah - This is the account - Bible Gateway](#)

[Lessons from the Biblical Story of Noah: A Righteous Man \(learnreligions.com\)](#)

[Evidence for a Flood | Science | Smithsonian Magazine](#)