

Mount Zion A.M.E. Church Sunday Worship Experience

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"Rethinking Church In A Changing World"
(1 Corinthians 9:22b)

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Welcome!!!

We are excited that you have chosen to visit our evolving website. Mount Zion A.M.E. Church is a growing and thriving ministry, dedicated to building a vibrant Christian community based on biblical



Apostle's Creed ✝

**I believe in God The Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth,
And in Jesus Christ His Only Son Our LORD
Who was conceived by The Holy Spirit,
Born of The Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried,
On the 3rd day He arose from the dead,
He ascended into Heaven...**

Apostle's Creed ✝

... And sits on the right hand
of GOD The Father Almighty
From thence He shall come to judge
the quick and the dead,
I believe in The Holy Spirit,
The Church Universal,
The Communion of Saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And life everlasting - **AMEN**

SUNDAY SCHOOL **Section Review**

Sacred Altars and Holy Sacrifices

The Genesis of Altars and Sacrifices

■ **6/1: Genesis 4:1 – 16**

Cain's character and actions were the reason his offerings were not accepted over Abels, not the offering itself

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Sacred Altars and Holy Sacrifices

The Genesis of Altars and Sacrifices

Noah Builds an Altar

Genesis 8:13–22; 9:11–13

Background

- There are accounts of a major flood event by several cultures in history outside of the Bible – e.g. ancient Mesopotamia – “The Epic of Gilgamesh”
- <https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/blog/a-flood-of-myths-and-stories/>

Background

- Even Christian scholars and scientist argue on whether the flood in Genesis was truly a global event, or a local event from the perspective of the author.
- Nevertheless, God grew tired of the evil on the earth (**Genesis 6:1-5**)

Background

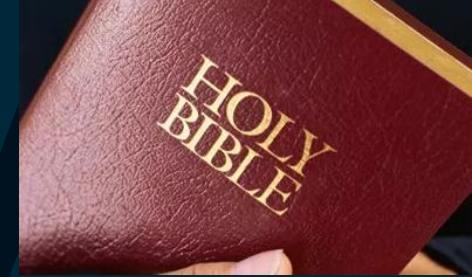
- Noah was commanded to build an ark and to take his wife, his 3 children Shem, Ham, Japeth and their wives, along with several pairs of clean and unclean animals of the earth
- Whether “all” animals of the earth were taken aboard is again debatable

Background

- Much depends on your view of the age of the earth. Some believe the earth is < 10,000 years old and that dinosaurs existed with men, and others say the earth is billions of years old
- The topic is vigorously debated, causing much strife unnecessarily

Background

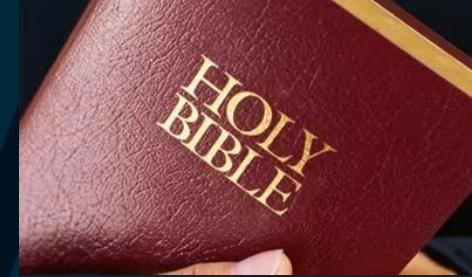
- Noah was said to be 600 years old at the beginning of the flood event (Genesis 7)



Lesson Text

GENESIS 8:13 (NKJV)

¹³ And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth;

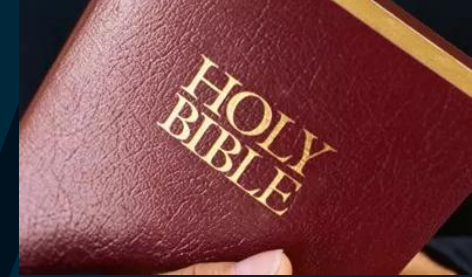


Lesson Text

GENESIS 8:13 – 14 (NKJV)

¹³ and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry.

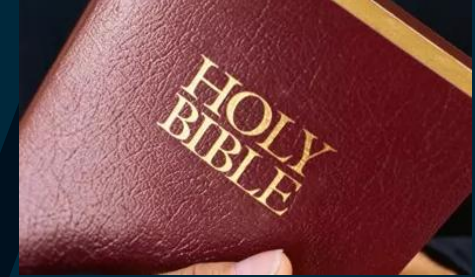
¹⁴ And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.



Lesson Text

GENESIS 8:15 – 16 (NKJV)

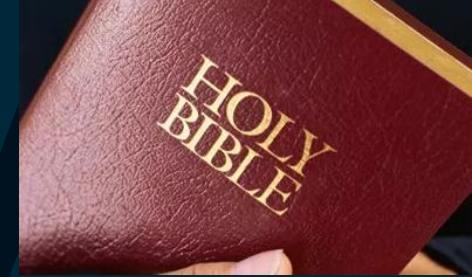
¹⁵ Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶ "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you."



Lesson Text

GENESIS 8:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."



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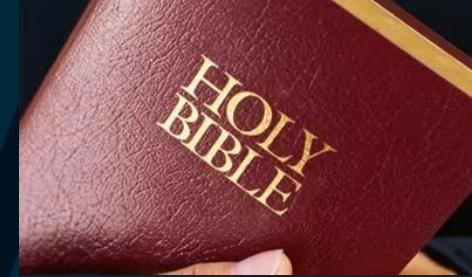
GENESIS 8:18 – 19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

¹⁹ Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

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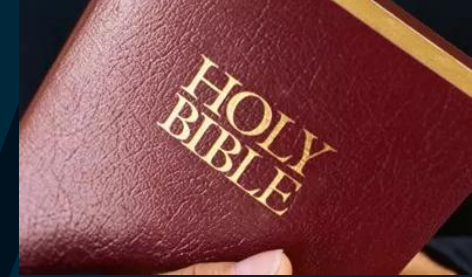


Lesson Text

God's Covenant with Creation

GENESIS 8:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.



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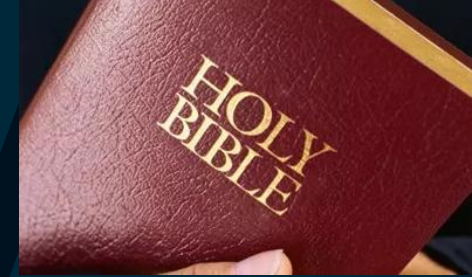
God's Covenant with Creation

GENESIS 8:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake,

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God's Covenant with Creation

GENESIS 8:21 (NKJV)

²¹ although the imagination^[a] of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

Commentary: Noah's Altar

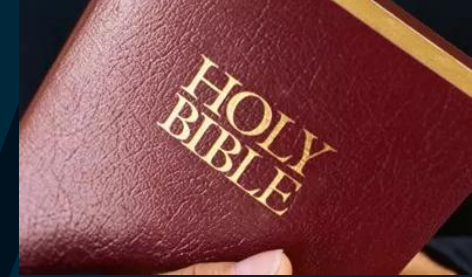
- Altars are often built to honor and remember God's provision
- God provided for Noah and his family through the flood.
- God did not explicitly ask Noah to build an altar, nor offer a sacrifice, but God did provide "clean" animals to sacrifice

Commentary: Noah's Altar

- "Clean" animals are not defined specifically until **Leviticus 11**, one may assume that the animals offered were from that chapter's description

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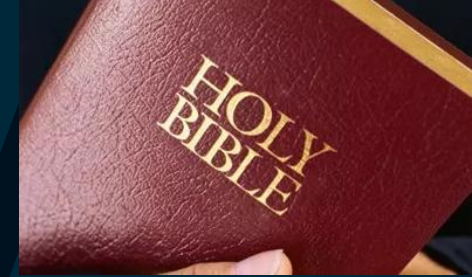


Lesson Text

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Creation

GENESIS 8:22 (NKJV)

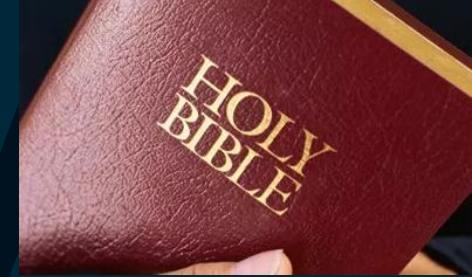
22 "While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat,
Winter and summer,
And day and night
Shall not cease."



Lesson Text

GENESIS 9:11 (NKJV)

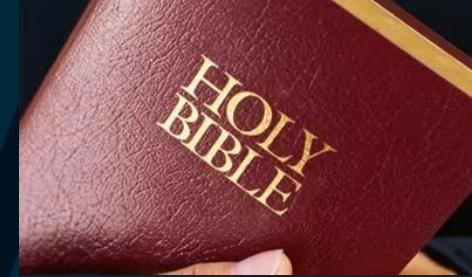
11 Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."



Lesson Text

GENESIS 9:12 (NKJV)

¹² And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:



Lesson Text

GENESIS 9:13 (NKJV)

¹³ I set My rainbow in the cloud,
and it shall be for the sign of the
covenant between Me and the
earth.

Commentary: Noahic Covenant

- The Noahic Covenant is the 2nd of 7 Covenants in the Bible:

Adamic

Noahic

Abrahamic

Mosaic

Palestinian

Davidic

New

Commentary: Noahic Covenant

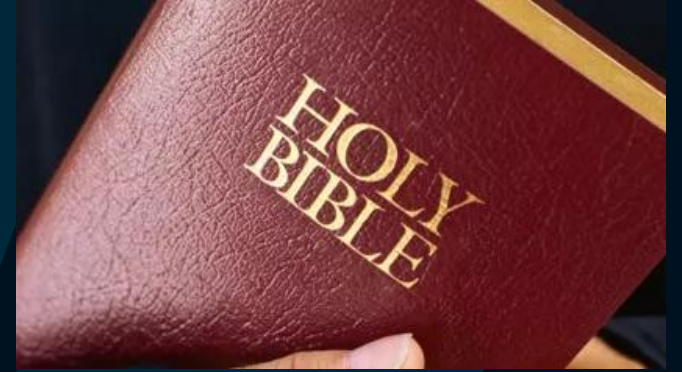
- The Noahic covenant is a non-conditional one, in that God knows that man will continue to be evil
- Nevertheless, this covenant ensures the other 5 will come to pass

Commentary: Noahic Covenant

- Like other covenants, it has a “seal”
 - the rainbow as reminder that God has honored His promises. Other covenants also have seals or signs:
- E.g. the Mosaic – circumcision;
- New Covenant – communion/Baptism

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Scripture References



Genesis 5 - 7

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Church School Creed

Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a Christian
Every Christian a worker
Every worker trained
A worker that will not be ashamed
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

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Church School Benediction

We have come

We have studied

We have learned

So until our next coming together

To study God's word

May His rich blessings reside with you

And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN