

Genesis 9:1-17

v2 – dread	(noun)	feeling of great anxiety and fear
v2 – beasts	(noun)	large, dangerous animals
v5 – accounting	(noun)	a record or report of something that has happened
v6 – ‘sheds blood’		kills in a violent way
v9 – covenant	(noun)	a formal binding agreement between two parties
v9 – descendants	(noun)	people in your family who live after you
v10 – livestock	(noun)	animals that are kept on a farm
v10 – ark	(noun)	a large boat
v11 – flood	(noun)	a large amount of water covering an area of land that is usually dry
v12 – generations	(noun)	all of the people born and living at about the same time

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9 Then God blessed Noah and his sons. He said to them, “Have children so that there are many of you. Fill the earth. ² All the land animals will be afraid of you. All the birds in the sky will be afraid of you. Every creature that moves along the ground will be afraid of you. So will every fish in the seas. Every living thing is put under your control. ³ Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. I have already given you the green plants for food. Now I am giving you everything.

⁴ “But you must not eat meat that still has blood in it. ⁵ I will certainly hold someone accountable if you are murdered. I will even hold animals accountable if they kill you. I will also hold anyone accountable who murders another person.

⁶ “Anyone who murders a human being will be killed by a human being.
That is because I have made human beings so that they are like me.

⁷ “Have children so that there will be many of you. Multiply and become many on the earth.”

⁸ Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons who were with him. He said, ⁹ “I am now making my covenant with you and with all your children who will be born after you. ¹⁰ I am making it also with every living creature that was with you in the ark. I am making my covenant with the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals. I am making it with all the creatures that came out of the ark with you. In fact, I am making it with every living thing on earth. ¹¹ Here is my covenant I am making with you. The waters of a flood will never again destroy all life. A flood will never again destroy the earth.”

¹² God continued, “My covenant is between me and you and every living creature with you. It is a covenant for all time to come. Here is the sign of the covenant I am making. ¹³ I have put my rainbow in the clouds. It will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Sometimes when I bring clouds over the earth, a rainbow will appear in them. ¹⁵ Then I will remember my covenant between me and you and every kind of living creature. The waters will never again become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it. I will remember that my covenant will last forever. It is a covenant between me and every kind of living creature on earth.”

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, “The rainbow is the sign of my covenant. I have made my covenant between me and all life on earth.”