#### Genesis 8:1

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Noach (Noah) and his family have been adrift in the ark for 191 days. God (a/k/a Elokim) (Judge of the Universe) thinks about <i>and remembers</i> the tenets of the antediluvian survival pact established between Himself and Noach. While the surface of planet Earth lies completely submerged under water for 190 days, Elokim remembers to reward Noach for his valiant and backbreaking effort to care for the living creatures situated inside the ark.	וַיּזְכּׂר
Elokim remembers the antediluvian pact He made	אֱלֹהָים
with	אֶת
Noach,	נֹחַ
and with	וְאֵת
all	ָּלַ פֿל
the beasts	הַחַיָּה
and with	וְאֶת
all	כָּל
the cattle	הַבְּהֵמָה
thαt are	אֲשֶׁר
with him	אָתוֹ
in the ark, and sees fit to end the flood unleashed upon the entire surface of planet	בַּתֵּבָה
Earth. God has it in mind to end the flood,	
and to achieve His objective, sends a calming wind over the surface of the waters.	וַיַּעְבַר
Elokim causes a gentle	אֱלהִים
wind to pass	רוּתַ
over	עַל
the watery surface of planet <i>Earth</i> . A prelude to God's removal of the excess water from the surface of planet Earth, this gentle wind, has a calming effect upon the turbulent waters. As a means of achieving His objective of enabling the water levels to revert to their antediluvian state, God commands the boiling liquid matter to return to the abyss situated beneath the ocean floor	הָאָרֵץ
and they sink back into the abyss.	וַיָּשׂכּוּ
The waters above the ocean floor, along with the boiling liquid matter God enabled to issue forth from below the oceanic floor, return to their point of origin (the wellsprings of the abyss).	הַפָּיִם
Genesis 8:2	
After willing the boiling liquid matter that issued forth from below the ocean floor to	וַיָּסֶּכְרוּ
return to its point of origin, God is intent upon sealing the wellsprings from which they	1
came, <i>and</i> by His command, <i>they are sealed</i> shut. God brought about	
the sealing up of the wellsprings of the	מַעְיְנֹת
abyss. Sealing shut all the wellsprings spewing boiling liquid matter from beneath the	הָהוֹם
ocean floor was the means by which God put an end to the commingling of its boiling	
liquid matter with the surrounding waters. 82 As a means of providing further respite for	
those riding out the flood inside the ark, God has to bring about the cessation of the	
rain inundating planet Earth for the past 190 days,	

<sup>82</sup> Recognizing the value to humankind of the hot springs of the Tiberias and other hot springs, God allows them to continue flowing into the surrounding waters in the postdiluvian era.

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and to achieve His objective, causes the floodgates of

the heavens to close,	 הַשָּׁמָיִם
and stops	ַניָּכָּלֵא וַיִּכָּלֵא
the flow of rain falling	ַבּי.בָּי.בּ הַגָּשֶׁם
from	ַטּיּ ⊕ – מָן
the heavens.	<u>ַּיּי</u> הַשָּׁמָיִם
Genesis 8:3	٠.٠ <u>٠</u> ٠٠
After inundating planet Earth with rain for 190 successive days, God had it in mind to	יַנְיָשֶׁבוּ
restore the antediluvian balance of land and water, <i>and</i> to achieve His objective, willed	' <del>-</del> = + 1
the waters to recede, and <i>they recede</i> . God ended	
the waters raining down upon planet Earth for 190 successive days. The next day, God	הַמַּיִם
enabled the waters to begin receding	=.0
from upon the surface of	מֱעַל
the planet Earth. 83 The waters	ַ <u>בּיבַּ</u> הָאָרֶץ
continuously diminished in depth because God stopped the rain and enabled the	ַ <u>יִיאָּנֶּ וּ</u> הַלוֹךְ
returning of the boiling liquid matter to the abyss (the deep, cavernous places below the	ַנִשׁוֹב בִישׁוֹב
ocean floor). God has it in mind to separate the boiling liquid matter commingling with	710 Î
the rain-induced water covering the entire surface of planet Earth,	
and to achieve His objective, commands the boiling liquid matter to go back down into	וייחרי
the abyss from whence it came. It was on May 7, 2105 b.c.e. (1657 years after creation)	ַרַיַּחְסָרוּ <u>רַיַּ</u> ּחְסָרוּ
when there came about a cessation of	
the torrent of waters that rained down upon the surface of planet Earth for 150	דמות
successive days. The torrent of rain, preceded by 40 days of regular rain, fell for 150	הַמַּיִם
successive days, and ceased	
at the end of	מרגוד
	מָקצֵה
fifty and a hundred	חֲמִשִּׁים
	וּמְאַת
days.	יוֹם
Genesis 8:4	
God had it in mind to end to the aimless floating about of the ark, <i>and</i> to achieve His	וַתָּנַח
objective, enabled the water to recede. The recession of the waters enabled <i>it</i> (the	
bottom of ark) to rest atop Mount Ararat. Having floated about upon the watery surface	
of planet Earth for 167 days,	
the ark came to rest upon land. <sup>84</sup> The landing of the ark upon Mount Ararat occurred on	הַתַּבָה
a particular day	
in the seventh month (Sivan) in the year 2105 b.c.e. (1657 years after creation). The ark	בַּחֹדֶשׁ
came to rest upon land on a particular day in	
the seventh month (Sivan) in the year 2105 b.c.e. (1657 years after creation). 207 days	הַשְּׁבִיעִי
after the beginning of the flood, God enabled the ark to assume a stationary position	
atop Mount Ararat. The bottom of the ark came to rest upon Mount Ararat	
on the seventh and	בְּשָׁבְעָה
tenth	עָעָיר

 $<sup>^{83}</sup>$  The first day of the Hebrew month of Sivan (2105 b.c.e.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> The ark remained stationary during the first 40 days of rain. A torrent of rain ensued, and when the depth of the waters reached 11 amohs, it caused the ark to begin floating and randomly moving about.

day	יוֹם
of the Hebrew month of Sivan. The ark remained afloat for 167 days, and when it assumed a stationary position	לַחֹדֶשׁ
<i>upon</i> Mount Ararat, Noach hoped for the reappearance of the submerged	עַל
mountains surrounding Mount	הָרֵי
Ararat.85	אָרָרָט
Genesis 8:5	
191 days after initiating the flood, God began reversing its effects by evaporating the surface water and redirecting the boiling liquid matter into the abyss situated below the ocean floor. Gradually and continuously diminishing of the depths of the waters covering the entire surface of planet Earth is the means by which God enabled the bottom of Noach's (Noah) ark to rest upon the surface of the uppermost part of Mount Ararat. <sup>86</sup> God had it in mind to reestablish the antediluvian ratio of land to water, <i>and</i> to achieve His objective, <i>the</i> depth of <i>waters</i> covering the entire surface of planet Earth	וְהַמַּיִם
were being directed by God	הָיוּ
to continue receding. The depth of the water covering the entire surface of planet Earth recede until the tops of some of the highest mountains reappear above the surface of the water,	הָלוֹךְ
and the water continued to recede for the next two-and-a-half months at the rate of one-and-a-half handbreadths per day (one amoh (cubit) every four days)). The tops of the highest mountains remained submerged under water	וְחָסוֹר
until	עד
the first day of the tenth Hebrew month (Av). The tops of the highest mountains became visible on	- הַחֹנֶדִשׁ
the tenth Hebrew month in the year 2105 b.c.e. (1657 years after creation). A visible sign of the waters receding occurred	הָעֲשִׂירִי
in the tenth Hebrew month in the year 2105 b.c.e. (1657 years after creation). It was	בָּעֲשִׂירִי
on the first day	בְּאֶחָד
of the Hebrew month of Av that	לַחֹדֶשׁ
they (the tops of the mountains) became visible. The	נָרְאוּ
tops of some of	רָאשֵׁי
the highest mountains on planet Earth remained submerged under water for a period of 250 days after the inception of the flood. The reappearance of the highest mountain peaks above the surface of the water occurred over a period of two and a half months following the ark coming to rest upon the uppermost surface of Mount Ararat.	הֶהָרִים
Genesis 8:6	
An additional 40 days had gone by since the tops of some of the highest mountains on	וַיְהִי
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<sup>85</sup> During the peak of the flood, the waters had risen to, and sustained a maximum height of 15 amohs (cubits) above the highest mountain on planet Earth. By the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Sivan, the waters diminished to a level of 11 amohs above Mount Ararat. The next day (the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Sivan), the 30-cubit-high ark came to rest upon Mount Ararat. All the time the ark floated about in the water, its bottom remained exactly 11 amohs below the surface of the water while the remaining 19 amohs of the ark remained above the water. After 167 days afloat, the ark's bottom rested upon the exposed surface of Mount Ararat.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the seventh Hebrew month of Sivan (May 17, 2105 b.c.e.).

planet Earth reappeared above the surface of the water. Noach (Noah) refrained from	
initiating any form of reconnaissance until the 10 <sup>th</sup> day of the Hebrew month of Elul	
(August 13, 2105 b.c.e.) (290 days after the beginning of the flood), and it came to pass	
that he became inclined toward opening the window of the ark	
at the end of	מָקֵץ
forty	אַרְבָּעִים אַרְבָּעִים
days after the tops of some of the highest mountains on planet Earth reappeared above	יוֹם יוֹם
the surface of the water. Noach had it in mind to get a glimpse of the postdiluvian	_,
world,	
and to achieve his objective, opened the window of the ark.	וַיִּפְתַּח
Noach, overcome	ַבּיי. בֹח
with curiosity, opened the	ַבַּהַ אַת
window of	ָּטֶּוּר חַלּוֹן
the ark	
	הַמֵּבָה ייי-
that	אֲשֶׁר 
he made with his own hands, and peered out to determine if it was time to disembark	נְעָיָה
and resume living upon the surface of planet Earth.	
Genesis 8:7	
After being inside the ark for 290 days, Noach (Noah) took his first postdiluvian view of	וַיְשַׁלַּח
the outside world by looking through the opening of the ark's window. Noach's view of	
the postdiluvian world yielded nothing definitive as regards to the habitability of the	
surface of planet Earth. Noach had it in mind to ascertain the habitability of the ground,	
and to achieve his objective, sent forth a raven on a reconnaissance mission. After	
waiting 40 days after some of the tops of the highest mountain appeared above the	
surface of the water, Noach sent forth a raven to determine if there was a parcel of dry	
land upon which to disembark. Noach allied himself	
with	אָת
the raven to determine if there was a parcel of land upon which to disembark. Noach	ָּדָע <u>ׂר</u> ֶב
dispatched the raven through the window of the ark,	
and after he went flying out of the ark, exhibited reluctance	וַיֵּצֵא
to go out beyond its confines. Rather than performing reconnaissance, the raven circled	יָצוֹא
the ark	•
and was inclined toward returning to its confines. Noach determined that the raven's	וַשׂוֹב
unwillingness to fly about to determine the whereabouts of a parcel of dry land was due	Ŧ
to its reluctance to leave his mate behind. It appeared to Noach that the raven would	
not leave the ark	
until God enabled the postdiluvian waters covering portions of the surface of planet	עד
Earth	٠, ٠
to yield dry land. Noach contemplated utilizing an alternative species neither adverse	יְבֹשֶׁת
toward doing reconnaissance nor amenable toward waiting until God removed	1. mm − i
the postdiluvian waters	הַמַּיִ <b>ּ</b> ם

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from upon

the surface of planet Earth, 87

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> The raven species, refusing Noach's (Noah) request to search for land, would achieve redemption by bringing food to Eliyahu (Elijah, the Prophet), hiding from Ahab, whom he

#### Genesis 8:8

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and seven days after the failed raven reconnaissance mission, sent forth a dove to ascertain if any part of planet Earth's surface was dry and habitable. Hoping to get a	וַיְשַׁלַּח
better perspective as to the goings on in the postdiluvian world, Noach (Noah) allied	
himself	
with the dove. 296 days after the beginning of the flood, 88 Noach released	אָת
the dove	הַיּוֹנָה
from his hand and hoped it would be able	מֵאָתּוֹ
to see if the waters had	לְרְאוֹת
subsided to the degree in which some of planet Earth's surface became habitable.	הַקּלוּ
Noach needed to find out if	
the waters had subsided to the degree that some portion of the land was no longer	הַמַּיִם
under water. Noach hoped that if the dove descended	
upon	מַעַל
the face of	פְּנֵי
the ground and did not return, then he would infer from its absence that it had found a	הָאֲדָמָה
resting place on dry land. Knowing doves were inclined toward perching in trees, rather	
than on bare, treeless mountaintops, Noach was not worried that it might resume its	
existence upon any particular mountaintop exposed by the diminution of the depth of	
the waters.	
Genesis 8:9	
After releasing the dove to perform reconnaissance, Noach (Noah) hoped that it would	וְלֹא
happen upon a parcel of dry land and not return. Noach would infer from the dove's	
permanent absence that he and all the other living species situated inside the ark could	
disembark and begin repopulating the world. Sometime after dispatching the dove,	
Noach saw it flying toward the ark, and knew it was not the right time to disembark.	
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Noach became despondent when	
she (the dove) found neither a parcel of dry land nor a tree upon which to perch. During	מָצְאָה
its long and arduous flight,	
the dove failed to find	הַיּוֹנָה
a resting place	מָנוֹחַ
<i>for</i> the <i>sole</i> of	לְכַף
her foot to perch. Unable to find a dry parcel of land, the dove set out to reunite with	רַגְלָה
Noach	
and returned	וַהָּשָׁב
to him. The dove returned	אַלָיו
to	אָל
the ark	הַתַּבָה

rebuked for his avocation of idol worship, appointment of hundreds of false prophets, and aiding Jezebel in her quest to kill the legitimate prophets. Ahab sought to kill Eliyahu after he cited Ahab's blasphemous activities as the reason God withheld rain for three successive years. Upon finding out about Ahab's desire to kill him, Eliyahu hid inside a cave while waiting for God to call upon him to play a demonstrable role in confronting the idol worshipers and proving God was the One True Lord of the Universe (See: I Kings 17:6)

 $<sup>^{88}</sup>$  The 16 $^{th}$  day of the Hebrew month of Elul (August 19, 2105 b.c.e) (1656 years after creation)

because the	 פי
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waters continued aggregating	מֵיִם עַל
upon the surface of	
all of the antediluvian parcels of land found on	ַפְּנֵי כָל
the surface of planet Earth. Upon seeing the dove flying near the ark, Noach intended to return it to its place inside the ark,	הָאָרֶץ
and to achieve his objective, put forth	וַיִּשְׁלַח
his hand. The dove landed upon Noach's arm	ַרָּנְ יַדוֹ
and he took her in hand. Noach walked toward the entrance of the ark,	ַנִיּקּהֶהָ וַיִּקּהֶהָ
and after bringing	ַ וַיָּבֵּא קיָבָא
her	אֹתָהּ אֹתָהּ
unto him, situated the dove back	אַלָיו אַלָיו
inside	ַ <u>מַלְ</u>
the ark.	ַ <del>יָּ</del> הַמָּבָה
Genesis 8:10	1) 🚉 " [ ]
The dove's failure to find dry land during its initial attempt incentivizes Noach (Noah) to	רניברל
wait a while before dispatching it again. Noach has it in mind to send the dove out a	וַיָּחֶל
second time, and waits seven more days to pass before dispatching it on another	
reconnaissance mission to ascertain the existence of any dry, habitable parcels of land.	
Exercising wisdom and patience, Noach waits	
yet	 עוֹד
<u> </u>	
seven more	<u>שָּׁבְעַת</u>
days before sending the dove on another reconnaissance mission. Noach is determined to occupy the dove's time with	יָמִים יָמָים
<i>more</i> of the <i>ones</i> (reconnaissance missions) necessary to find dry land. Noach is optimistic	אֲחֵרִים
and continues to cling to the belief that the dove is the creature most ideally suited to determine if the waters have receded to the point where some dry, habitable parcels of	يْرُهُ آ
land reappeared. After waiting seven days after the dove initially returned to the ark, Noach decides	
to send it forth	שַׁלַּח
with the hope that	אָת
the dove will fly	 הַיּוֹנָה
out of	מָן
the ark, and this time, find a parcel of dry, habitable land.	ַ. הַתָּבָה
Genesis 8:11	T
Noach (Noah) eagerly awaits the completion of the dove's second attempt to	וַתָּבֹא
determine if the depth of the waters covering the entire surface of planet Earth had	· · ·
receded enough to reveal at least one parcel of dry land. Noach waits patiently for the	
dove to return, and she returned	
to him on the evening of August 26, 2105 b.c.e. (303 days after the beginning of the	אַלָיו
flood)	† "
The dove returned to Noach	הַיּוֹנָה
at the time of the day known as the	לְעֵת
evening,	עֶרֶב

and Noach beheld	וְהִנֵּה
a leaf in the dove's beak. Noach became elated upon discerning that it was an	עֲלֵה
olive leaf freshly	זַיִת
torn off from a tree branch	טָרָף
in her (the dove's) beak, 89	בְּפִידָ
and knew it was time to disembark.	וַיֵּדַע
Noach was convinced	נֹתַ
that the waters	פָֿי
receded to the degree that rendered some parcels of land exposed to the sky. Noach	كالإلا
was convinced that God removed enough of	
the waters	הַמַּיִם
from upon the surface of	מֱעַל
the planet Earth to cause the reappearance of parcels of dry land.	הָאָרֶץ
Genesis 8:12	
Encouraged by the evidence of dry land in the form of an olive leaf brought back by the	וַיִּיָּחֶל
dove, Noach (Noah) believes it is just a matter of time before he would be able to leave	
the ark. Noach exercises patience and waits another seven days before sending the	
dove out to determine if there was enough dry land to convince him to leave the ark.	
Noach could have dispatched the dove in less than seven days after its prior mission,	
<i>yet</i> waited	עוֹד
seven more	שָׁבְעַת
days before sending it out on its third reconnaissance mission. Noach hoped that the	יָמִים
dove's third reconnaissance mission would produce	
more evidence like the one it produced upon returning to the ark from its second	אֲחֵרִים
reconnaissance mission. Noach waited seven days after the dove returned from its	
second reconnaissance mission with an olive leaf	
and sent it forth on its third reconnaissance mission on September 2, 2105 b.c.e. (365	וַיְשַׁלַּח
days after the beginning of the flood)). Noach sent the dove out from the ark	
with the hope that it could bring back more evidence of the waters having subsided	אֶת
even more so than had been indicated seven days earlier. Noach deduced from the	
olive leaf brought back by the dove that the treetops remained unencumbered by	
water, but realized that the tree trunks and the land from which they sprouted	
remained underwater. Noach hoped sending	
the dove on a third reconnaissance mission would result in it finding evidence indicating	הַיּוֹנָה
that planet Earth's surface was continuing to revert to its antediluvian condition when it	
provided suitable habitation for all manner of living creature. Noach deduced that if the	
dove found evidence that its surroundings reverted to its antediluvian condition, it	
would have no need to return to the ark. Noach bides his time,	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> The Midrash Aggadah interprets the Hebrew 'toroff' to mean 'food' and the Hebrew word 'bfeehaw' to mean 'speaking'. The sequence of these two Hebrew words conveys the following message from the dove to Noach (Noah), "The olive branch, while evidencing my freedom of dependence upon you, does not absolve me of my obligation to return and inform you of the condition of the surface of planet Earth. I am grateful to you for feeding and caring for me while sequestered inside the ark. I want you to know that I prefer this bitter olive branch from the hand of God than any sweeter sustenance from the hand of a mortal."

and it would soon become evident that the dove was no longer inclined toward	וְלֹא
returning to the ark. Having found an olive tree to perch upon and a parcel of dry land,	
she (the dove) lacked the incentive to return to the ark and repeat Noach's mission of	יָסְפָה
finding dry land and refused	
to return	שוּב
to him. Noach deduced from the dove's absence that it had found a dry, habitable	אַלָיו
portion of earth and would not be seeing that particular dove	
again. The time is at hand for Noach and its occupants to vacate the ark,	עוֹד
Genesis 8:13	
and what occurred is that dry land reappeared 310 days after the inception of the great	וַיְהִי
flood.	
in the first	בְּאַחַת
and sixth	וְשֵׁשׁ
hundred <b>t</b> h	מֵאוֹת
year of his life, Noach (Noah) witnessed the postdiluvian reappearance of land. What	שָׁנָה
occurred	
in the first Hebrew month of Tishri (September 2, 2105 b.c.e.) (310 days after the flood),	בָּרָאשׁוֹן
on the first day	בְּאֶחָד
of the Hebrew month of Tishri, was that	לַחֹדֶשׁ לַחֹדֶשׁ
they (portions of land submerged under water by the great flood) dried up. God	ָּ תַרְבוּ
removed enough of	
the waters	הַמַּיִם
from	מֲעַל
the surface of planet Earth to enable the exposure of some parcels of land to the sky.	ָהָאָרֶץ הָאָרֶץ
Heartened by his discovery of dry land, Noach had it in mind to remove the ark's hatch	
covering that ensured the containment of every living thing sequestered inside the ark,	
and removed it.	וַיָּסַר
Noach was determined to satisfying his curiosity as regards to the condition of the	נת
postdiluvian world, and began	_
with the removal of	אָת
the covering of	מִכְסֵה
the ark. Noach raised his head above its opening	. יִי הַתַּבָּה
and looked outside,	<u>וַיִּ</u> רָא
and upon beholding the ground, saw that	: וְהָנֵּה
they (portions of the ground) were dry. To Noach's relief, some parts of the	ָ חָרְבוּ
surface of	ַבְּי <u>ַ</u> פְּנֵי
the ground had dried up.90	<u>- ַ</u> הָאֲדָמָה
Genesis 8:14	्राप्त के निर्मा
Forty-five days had passed since Noach (Noah) discovered, by way of the dove, that	וּבַחֹדֶשׁ
some parcels of land were dry. 91 Noach waited a little longer, and the landmasses	= 4,7=1
reverted to their dry antediluvian state <i>in the</i> Hebrew <i>month</i> of Cheshvan (October 27,	
2105 b.c.e.). The landmasses reverting to their dry antediluvian state occurred on	
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 $<sup>^{90}</sup>$  The ground was too hot and muddy for Noach (Noah) and his people to walk upon it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> September 2, 2105 b.c.e. (310 days after the flood had begun).

the second Hebrew month of Cheshvan in the year 2105 b.c.e. (1657 years after	הַשָּׁנִי
creation).	
On the seven	בְּשִׁבְעָה
and twentieth	וְעֶשְׂרִים
day of Cheshvan, God rendered dry all the antediluvian landmasses of planet Earth.  God timed the reversion of the landmasses to their antediluvian state	יוֹם
to occur in the Hebrew month of Cheshvan (October 27, 2105 b.c.e.) and	לַחֹדֶשׁ
dried out the landmasses submerged throughout the duration of the great flood. God saw to it that all the antediluvian landmasses of	יָבְשָׁה
the planet Earth completely dried up. A substantial amount of rain would have to fall to enable the return of the antediluvian landmasses to their varying degrees of geologic normality. The 27 <sup>th</sup> day of October, 2105 b.c.e. marked the end of the 365-day journey of Noach and all the living creatures situated inside the ark, and the one-year anniversary of the destruction of the Generation of the Flood.	הָאָרֵץ
Genesis 8:15	
God (a/k/a Elokim) (Judge of the Universe) had it in mind to speak to Noach (Noah), and to achieve His objective, spoke to him.	וַיְדַבֵּר
Elokim refrained from speaking	אֱלֹהִים
to	<u>יי איל –                                    </u>
Noach, and after 121 years, decided	<u>.</u> נֹתַ
to say something to him.	 לֵאמֹר
Genesis 8:16	<u> </u>
Following a year's sequestration inside the ark, Noach (Noah) heard the voice of God Who, after 121 years of silence, said, "Go outside! Come out	хх
<i>from</i> inside	מָן
the ark! I want	הַתַּבָה
you,	אַתָּה
and your wife	ןאָשְׂתְּךָּ
and your sons	וּבָנֶיךְ
and the wives of	וּנְשֵׁי
your sons	בָנֶיךָ
with you to disembark. <sup>93</sup>	אָתָּדְ
Genesis 8:17	·

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Now is the time for *every* one of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Most of the Generation of the Flood observed the lunar calendar. The duration of the flood exceeded the lunar calendar year of 354 days by 11 days. The 365-day duration of the flood, being equivalent to the duration of a solar year, might have been God's way of setting an example of punishment toward those of the Generation of the Flood who worshipped the sun. In Noach's (Noah) time, those deifying the sun may have had enough knowledge to base their calendar on its 365-day cycle. Perhaps Noach and his progeny interpreted this event as a cautionary tale to continue using the lunar calendar to mark the passage of time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> God's first postdiluvian commandment was for Noach (Noah) and his family to leave the ark. God's second postdiluvian commandment was for Noach, his wife and Noach's sons and their wives to end their God-imposed one-year prohibition against engaging in marital relations and procreation.

the living creatures	הַתַּיָה
that are	אֲשֶׂר
with you inside the ark to disembark. I am charging you with the responsibility	אָתְּךְּ
of shepherding all living creatures comprised of	מָכָּל
flesh and blood from the confines of the ark to the surface of planet Earth. The ark	בָּשָׂר
should be free	
from fowl (remove all the birds remaining inside the ark),	קעוֹף <u>-</u>
and free from cattle (remove all the cattle remaining inside the ark). Begin extricating	וּבַבְּהֵמָה
all the aforementioned creatures	
and continue with the extrication of every	וּבְכָל
creeping thing	הָרֶמֶשׂ
that creeps	הָרֹמֵשׂ
upon	עַל
the surface of planet Earth.	הָאָרֶץ
Bring out every living creature situated inside the ark. All living creatures must leave the	הוצא
ark	
with you	אָתָּדְ
and resume swarming	וְשָׂרְצוּ
on the surface of planet Earth	בָאָרֶץ
and resume being fruitful (procreate)	וּפָרוּ
and resume multiplying (enable gestation to come to term)	וְרָבוּ
on	עַל
the surface of planet Earth."94	הָאָרֶץ
Genesis 8:18	
Noach (Noah) heeded the word of God to remove all living things situated inside the	וַיֵּצֵא
ark, and after removing every living thing, went out of the ark to resume living upon the	
surface of planet Earth.	
Noach was the first to leave the ark,	נֹחַ
and then his sons left the ark,	וּבָנָיו
and then his wife left the ark,	וְאִשְׁתִּוֹ
and then the wives	וּבְשֵׁי
of his sons left the ark. The members of Noach's family	בָנָיו
with him inside the ark throughout the duration of the flood disembarked.	אָתּוֹ
Genesis 8:19	
Prior to initiating the flood, God chose and placed all manner of land-based living	כָּל
creatures inside the ark. God spared those land-based living creatures because they	
were healthy and eschewed from interspecies procreation. After flood's end, Noach	
(Noah) escorted the members of his immediate family and their respective wives off	
the ark, and went back and removed all the creatures situated inside. God witnessed	
<i>every</i> species of	
the beasts and	הַחַיָּה

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> All the while Noach (Noah), his family, and all manner of land-based living creatures remained inside the ark God prohibited cohabitation and procreation. After ending the flood, God commands all species to inhabit the surface of planet Earth and resume cohabitation and procreation.

every species of	כָּל
the creeping things	הָרֶמֶשׂ
and every species of	וְכָּל
the fowl (birds) and	ָּדְעוֹף
every other species of living creature that	פֿל
creeps	רוֹמֵשׂ
upon	עַל
the surface of planet Earth vow	הָאָרֶץ
to procreate within their own families (species). After vowing to refrain from interspecies procreation in the postdiluvian world,	לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתֵיהֶם
they (all living creatures confined inside the ark) departed	רעעג
from	יָצְאוּ
	מָן
the ark with God's blessing.	הַתַּבָה

#### Genesis 8:20

ַרָּבֶּרָן. בַּיּבֶּרָן
נֹתַ
מָּוְבֵּחַ
לַיהנָה
וַיָּקַח
מָכּל
הַבְּהֵמָה
הַּטְהֹרָה
וּמִכּּל
ָדְעוֹף
הַטָּהוֹר

<sup>95</sup> Leviticus 21:17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> Sheim (Shem) was the foremost monotheistic spiritual leader of his time (until Avram (l/k/a Avraham), the father of Judaism, succeeded him).

and to achieve his objective, he had Sheim bring them up before the altar. Noach slaughtered the animals in a humane manner and his son Sheim situated them upon	וַיַּעַל
the sacrificial altar and rendered them as  burnt offerings (sacrifices) unto God. A sacrifice was the means by which Noach chose to express his thankfulness to God for sparing him and his family from the flood and	עֹלת
giving humankind and all the other land-based living creatures another chance to start anew. As a means of expressing gratefulness unto God for sparing Noach and all other living creatures from the destruction of the flood, Noach and Sheim repeat the process of placing an animal in front of the altar, slaughtering, cutting and placing the pieces of	
it onto the altar, and burning the pieces	
on the altar.	בַּמָּזְבֵּחַ
Genesis 8:21	
God (a/k/a AdoShem) (Ruler of the Universe) witnesses the antediluvian survivors' sacrificial offerings <i>and</i> derives joy from <i>smelling</i> the aroma emanating from their burnt offerings.	וַיָּרַח
AdoShem inhales and is delighted	יְהוָה
with the	אָת
aroma of the burnt animal sacrifices. After inhaling	רית
the pleasant aroma emanating from the antediluvian survivors' burnt sacrificial	ָבָּי הַ הַנִּיחֹתַ
offerings, God reflects upon the consequence of exercising His will to bring about the	3
destruction of planet Earth's land-dwelling inhabitants. Mournful for the loss of life and	
a willingness to express remorse, God composes a vow	
and says	וַיּׂאמֶר
AdoShem to Himself with conviction	יְהוָה
in	אָל
His heart, "I will	לִבּוֹ
not ever inundate planet Earth with a flood that I used to destroy the Generation of the	לא
Flood. If my thoughts turn toward destroying planet Earth,	
I will not duplicate and implement the diluvian process utilized	אָסָף
to curse it. I cursed the ground after Adam (the first man with an eternal, not-of-this-	לְקַלֵּל
earth soul tethered to his body) violated My one commandment. I perpetuated Adam's	
curse throughout his lifetime and 126 years following his death. I removed the curse to	
coincide with the birth of Noach (Noah). I vow never	
again to destroy every living creature dwelling upon the surface of planet Earth	עוֹד
with a devastating worldwide flood completely covering	אָת
the ground. I will withhold all manner of diluvian punishment	ָהָאַדָמָה הָאַדָמָה
for the sake of Adam. Adam was	רַּנְעֲבוּר
the first man to acquire the evil inclination	ָהָאָדָם 
because he ate the forbidden fruit. Adam acquired	ָּבָי 
the evil inclination in his	ַיצֶר. 
heart and mind and passed it along to his descendants. The descendants of Adam,	לֵב
the first man, must resist giving into the	הָאָדָם 
evil inclination. This evil inclination incessantly floods man's heart and mind and is	רַע
intent upon drowning the goodness within. To avoid drowning in the depths of the evil	
inclination, man must build an 'ark' out his own free will and use it to navigate his way	
out of the turbulent waters of evil and drop anchor in the calm waters of goodness.	

Man begins battling his evil inclination	
from his youth, and continues struggling with it throughout his life. Man is involved in a	מִנְּעֻרָיו
lifelong struggle to suppress the urge to give into his evil inclinations. Having derived	
some degree of joy from the activities of the humanoid species with an eternal, not-of-	
this-earth soul tethered to its body, I am remorseful for having brought about their	
demise by way of a devastating flood,	
and will not ever again destroy with water all living creatures dwelling upon the surface	וְלֹא
of planet Earth. If ever I am inclined toward destroying humankind,	
<i>I will</i> cease to <i>continue</i> thinking <i>anymore</i> about a process involving a watery means of	אָסָף
destruction that if implemented, would	
again destroy every living creature dwelling upon the surface of planet Earth. No longer	עוֹד
will I be so inclined as	
to destroy every living creature	לְהַכּוֹת
with water covering the entire surface of planet Earth. I vow never again to destroy	אָת
every	כָּל
<i>living</i> thing	חַי
just as	ַבַּאֲשֶׁר
I had done to the Generation of the Flood by means of the worldwide catastrophic	עָשִׂיתִי
flood.	
Genesis 8:22	
I will perpetuate the various continuous seasonal cycles as long as planet Earth remains	עד
in existence. I will ensure seasonal cycles continue for	
all the	בָּל
days	יְמֵי
the planet Earth remains in existence. There will be continuous cycles of	הָאָרֶץ
sowing time when seeds are planted,	זָרַע
and continuous cycles of harvest time	וְקָצִיר
and continuous, seasonal cycles of cold days	וְקֹר
and continuous, seasonal cycles of heat-filled days	וָחֹם
and continuous, seasonal cycles of spring and summer	וְקַיִּץ
and continuous, seasonal cycles of autumn and winter	וָחֹרֶף
and continuous 24-hour cycles of day	וְיוֹם
and night. I vow	וָלַיְלָה
not to cause an interruption of the continuous cycles of day, night and seasonal	ל <sub>ו</sub> א
changes that occurred during the duration of the flood. If ever I am intent upon	
initiating the end of days and bringing about the destruction and subsequent	
reconstitution of planet Earth, I will cause	
them (the continuous cycles of day, night and seasonal changes) to cease."	יִשְׁבֹּתוּ
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