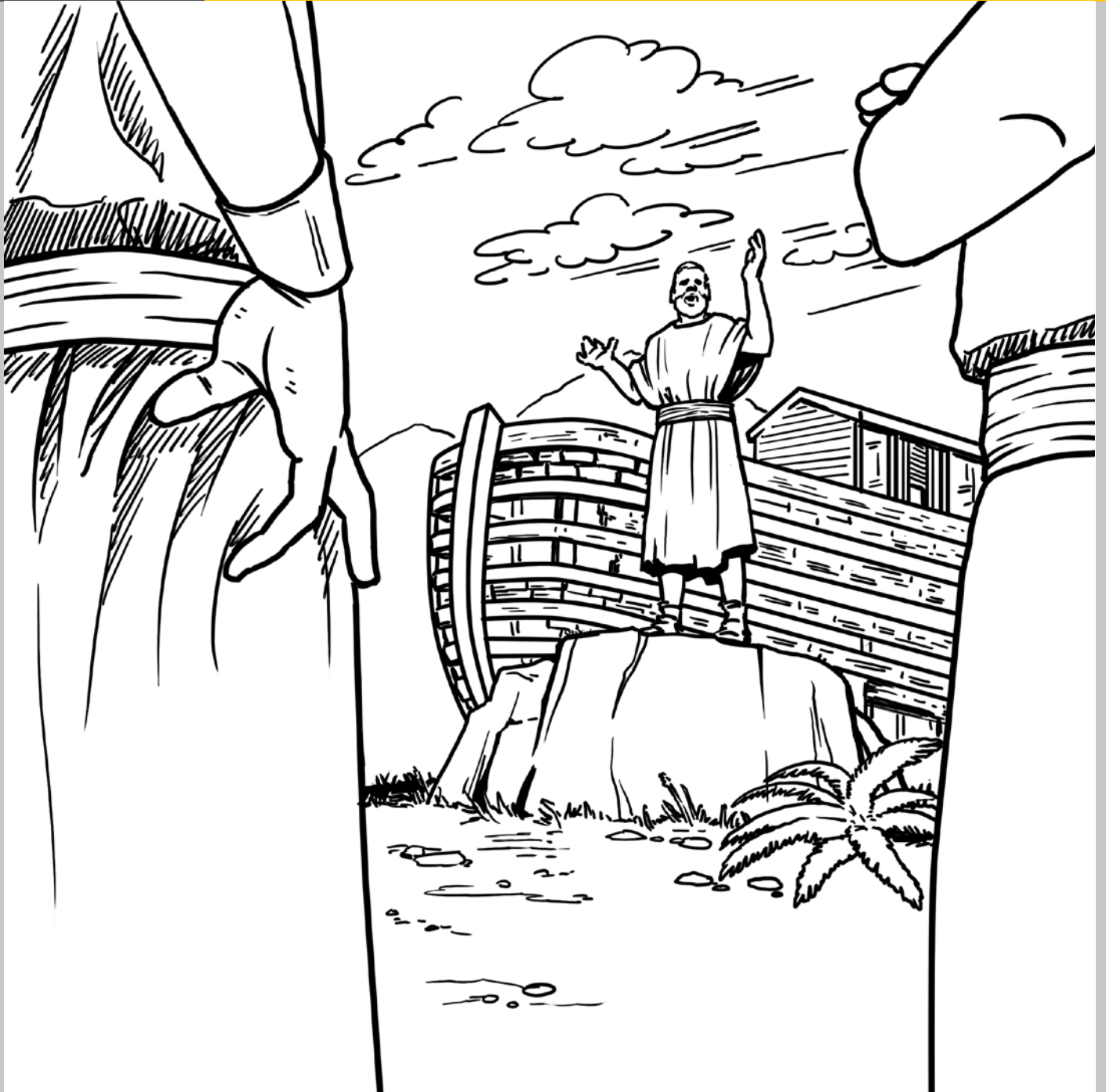




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Adam and Eve sinned, disobeyed God and ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God expelled them from the beautiful home He had given them in the Garden of Eden. God also cursed the ground, causing it to become hard and thorns to grow. This made it harder for Adam and Eve to grow food, forcing them to sweat and labor in the dirt.

God wanted Adam and Eve to remember that their bodies were made of dirt, and that they would become dirt again after they died. Their only hope was God's promise that one day a Savior would come and die for their sins. Only then would they be able to repent and eat from the tree of life.

Adam and Eve missed the Garden of Eden, but they still kept living Satan's way of selfishness. When they had children, these children also chose to do what *they* thought was right rather than what *God* said was right.

CAIN AND ABEL

Adam and Eve had two sons soon after they were expelled from the

Garden of Eden. They named their first son Cain and the other Abel. God had promised that a Savior would come, and Eve likely thought Cain was that Savior. Cain's life shows Adam and Eve probably did not discipline and correct him much. They probably spoiled him. He grew up to become a very selfish man.

Abel wasn't perfect either. He sinned and made mistakes. Unlike Cain, however, Abel tried to repent of his selfish attitude and obey God. That is why God calls him "righteous Abel" in the Bible.

Cain grew up to be a farmer who raised fruits and vegetables. Abel became a herder of sheep.

God told Adam and Eve, who taught Cain and Abel, to kill a lamb and burn it on an altar at certain times of the year. This reminded them that a Savior would have to be killed for their sins. It reminded them of how much they needed to stop sinning and repent.

When the time came to offer this sacrifice, Abel gave his best lamb in sacrifice to God. But Cain was

selfish. He did not want to give up his best lamb, so he brought some vegetables instead.

God was upset by Cain's sacrifice because he had disobeyed and had not given his best.

Cain was angry with God for rejecting his sacrifice. He became jealous of Abel. God told Cain that if he did his best in the future, He would accept his sacrifice. But Cain allowed himself to hate Abel. He was thinking

more and more like Satan!

Eventually, when Cain and Abel were alone in a field, Cain murdered Abel!

When God asked Cain where Abel was, Cain lied and told God he didn't know. But God knew the terrible sin Cain had committed. God sent Cain away from his family to punish him and to protect his family from him. But Cain never apologized or repented of his horrible sin. He



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Cain was jealous of Abel because God did not accept his sacrifice.

married one of his sisters, which was the only choice in those days, and took her with him. He then had children and raised a very evil family.

THE GREAT FLOOD

Adam lived for 930 years and had many children. After Abel was murdered by Cain, God gave Adam and Eve a son named Seth. Like Abel,

Seth tried to live God's way. God used Seth and some of his descendants to warn people that Satan's way only brings violence and misery.

The people didn't listen to these warnings. Instead, they chose to live the same way Cain did. By the time Adam died, the world was full of lying, stealing, murdering people. Nearly everyone lived Satan's way.



Cain kills his brother Abel.

When God looked down and saw all the violence and unhappiness in the world, He decided to end it. He chose to send a great flood that would cover the whole world with water! It would drown everyone and end their misery and the evil that they were doing to each other.

But God found one man who was trying to follow His laws. He was a

descendant of Seth: His name was Noah. God spoke to Noah and told him that He was going to flood the Earth, but that He would save Noah and his family. God gave Noah instructions to build a huge ship, called an ark. Noah obeyed and started building it.

When people came to watch him build this huge boat, Noah warned them they would die in a flood if



Cain and his wife are sent into exile.

they did not repent. But people only laughed at him and continued to live Satan's way.

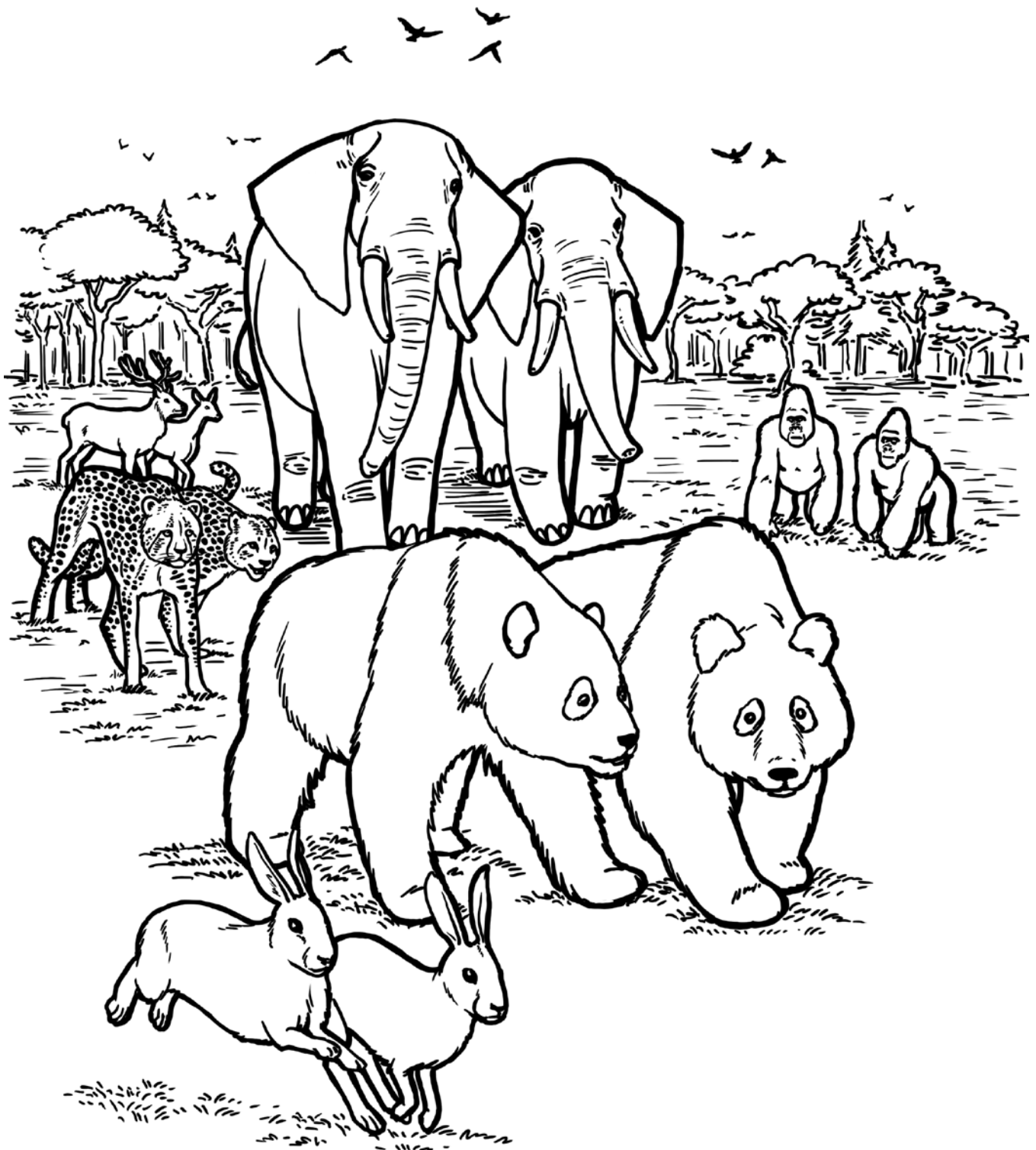
Together with his three sons, Noah worked on the ark and warned people for more than 100 years. Finally, God helped Noah and his family put all sorts of animals into the

ark. Noah took seven pairs of every animal that was clean to eat and one pair of every unclean animal. He and his family put them in stables and cages inside the ark where they would be safe from the Flood.

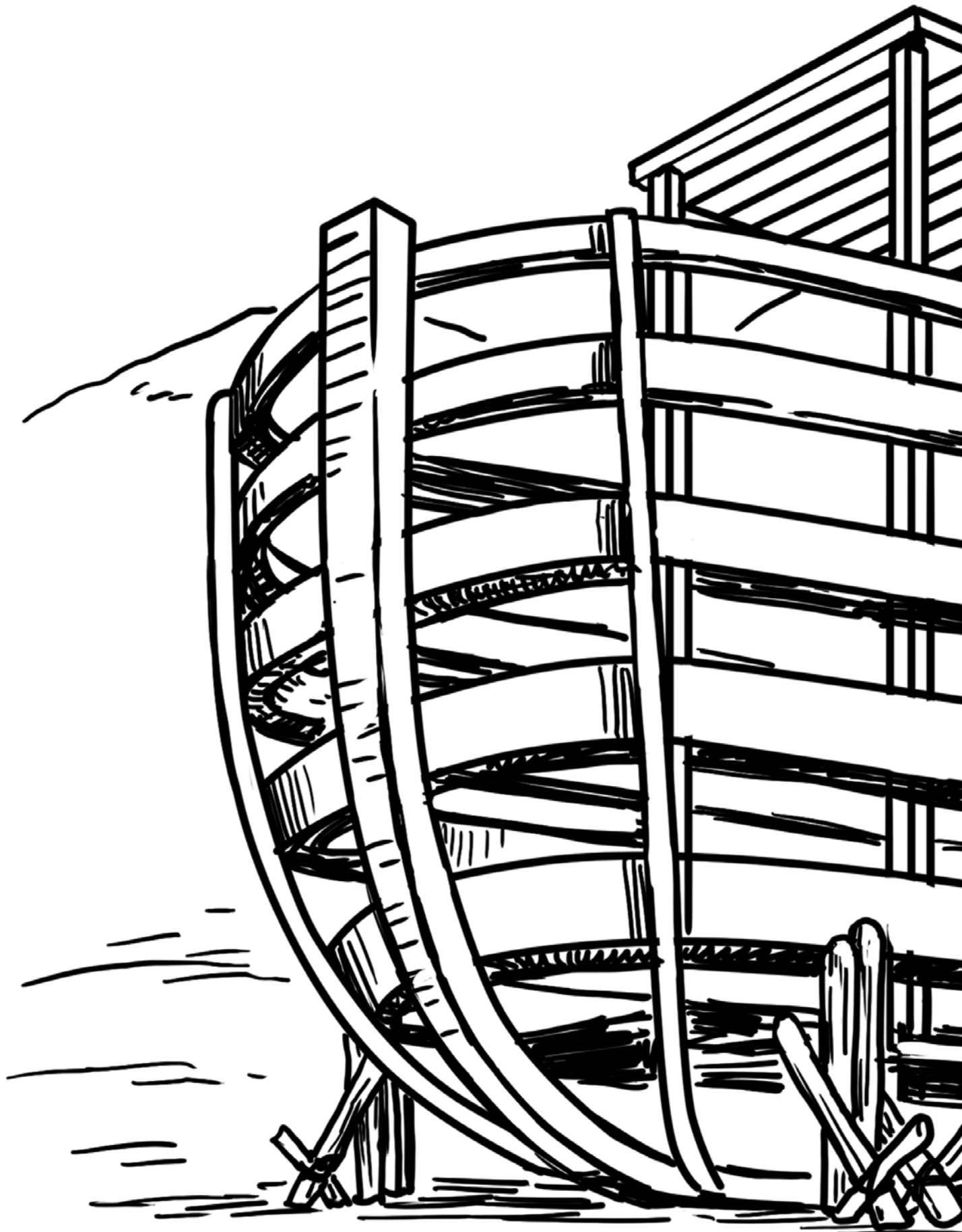
After the animals were loaded, Noah, his wife, his three sons and



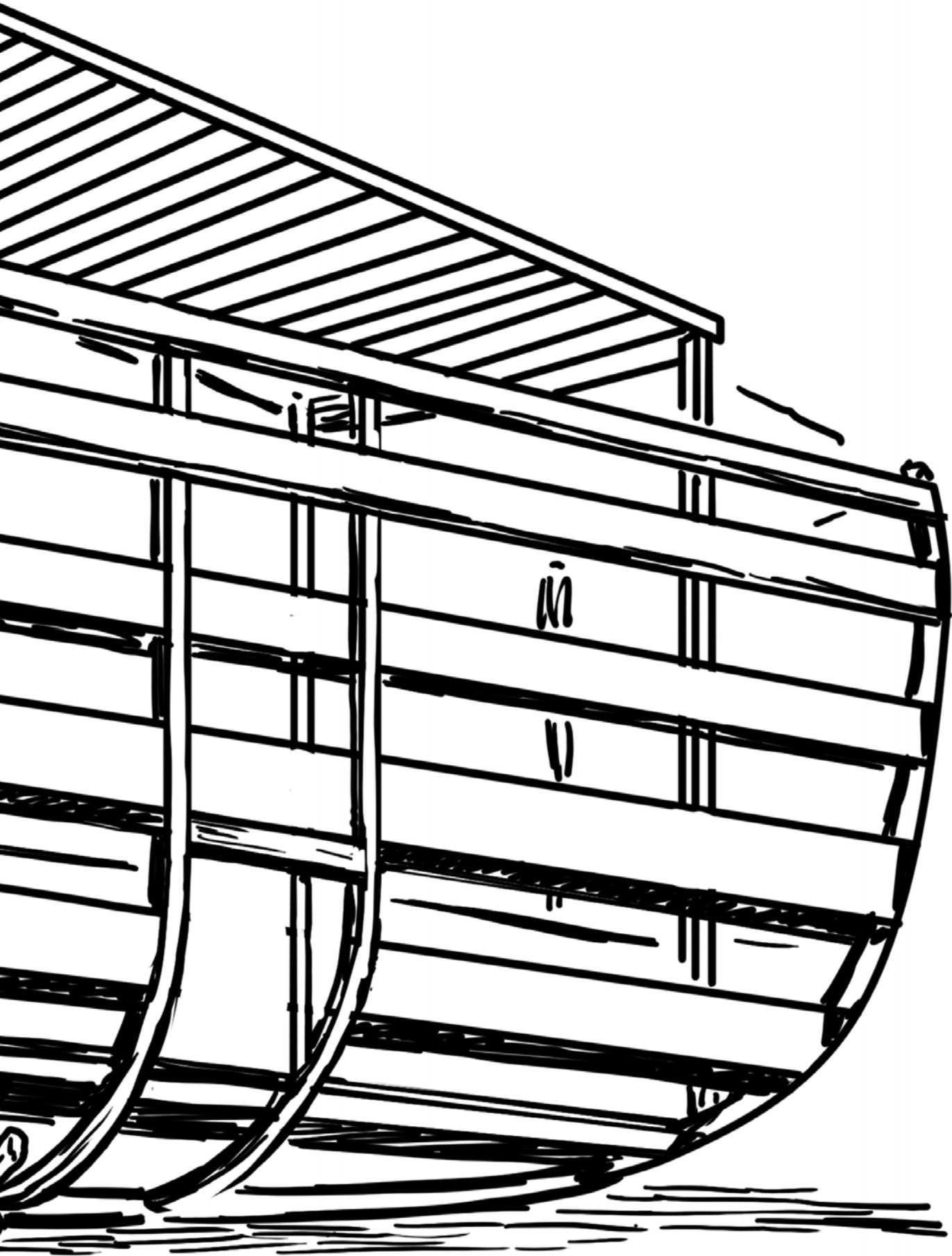
Men strove against each other constantly before the Flood.



God brought all animals in pairs to the ark to preserve animal life on Earth.



Noah worked on the ark for more than 100 years.





As the waters receded, the ark landed on Mount Ararat.



their wives walked into the ark. Then God Himself closed the door to the ark and sealed it shut!

For seven days, nothing happened. But then the sky grew dark. Rain began to fall. Then it began to storm. Then water suddenly shot up out of the ground. People became terrified as water began rising everywhere. The rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights. By the time it stopped, the whole world was covered with water. Every person on Earth had drowned—except for Noah's family!

Noah and his family remained in the ark and took care of all the animals for many months while the floodwater drained away. When God showed Noah it was time to leave the ark, he and his family led all the animals out and sent them on their way to scatter over all the Earth.

Noah took some of the clean animals and offered them as a sacrifice to God. God accepted Noah's sacrifice and made a promise that He would never flood the whole Earth again. As a sign of His promise, God put a rainbow in the sky. So whenever you see a rainbow, remember why God created it: to remind us of His promise!

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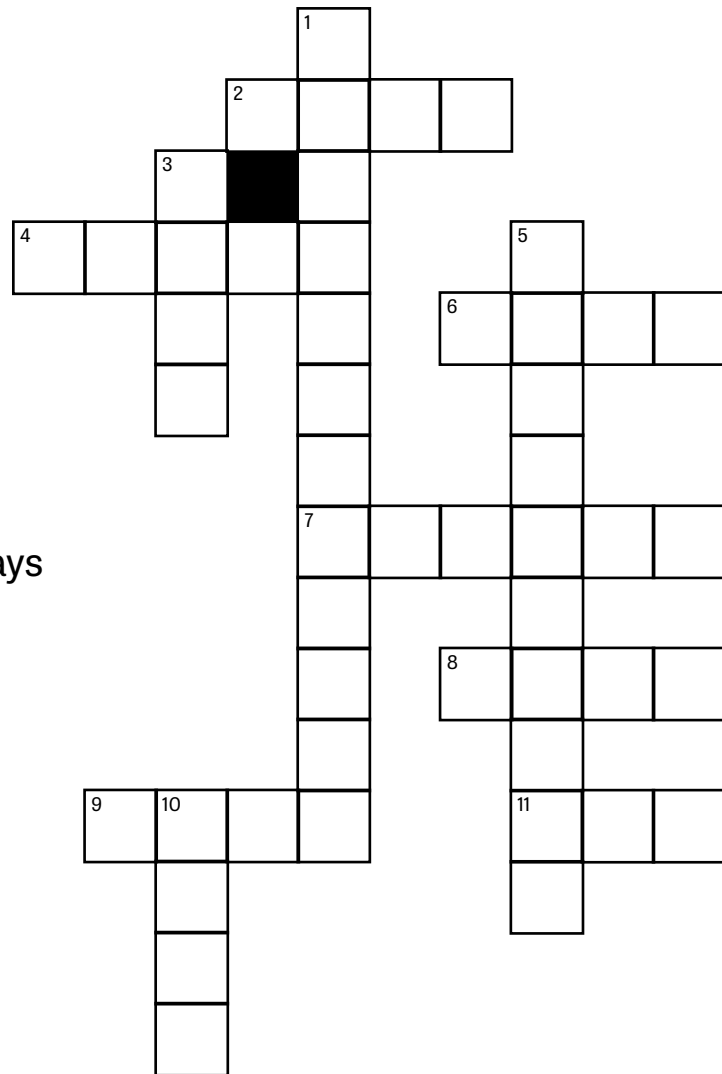
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Before the flood



ACROSS

- 2. Abel's sacrifice
- 4. Covered the Earth
- 6. Adam and Eve's third son
- 7. The rain fell for _____ days and nights.
- 8. Gave his best lamb
- 9. First murderer
- 11. Created from Adam's rib

DOWN

- 1. Adam and Eve's first home
- 3. Built the ark
- 5. Cain's sacrifice
- 10. First man