

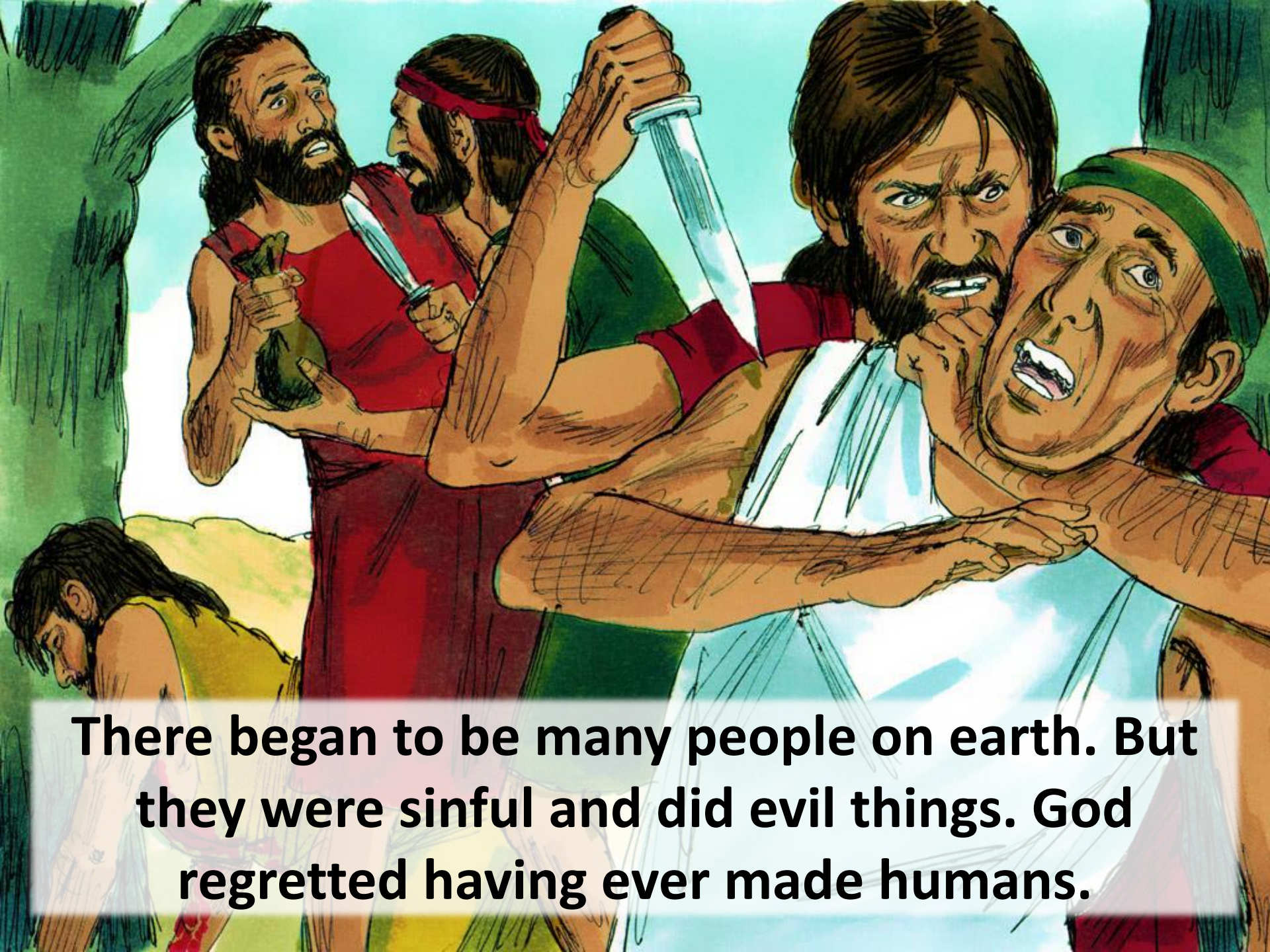
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CELEBRATING GOD'S PROMISES

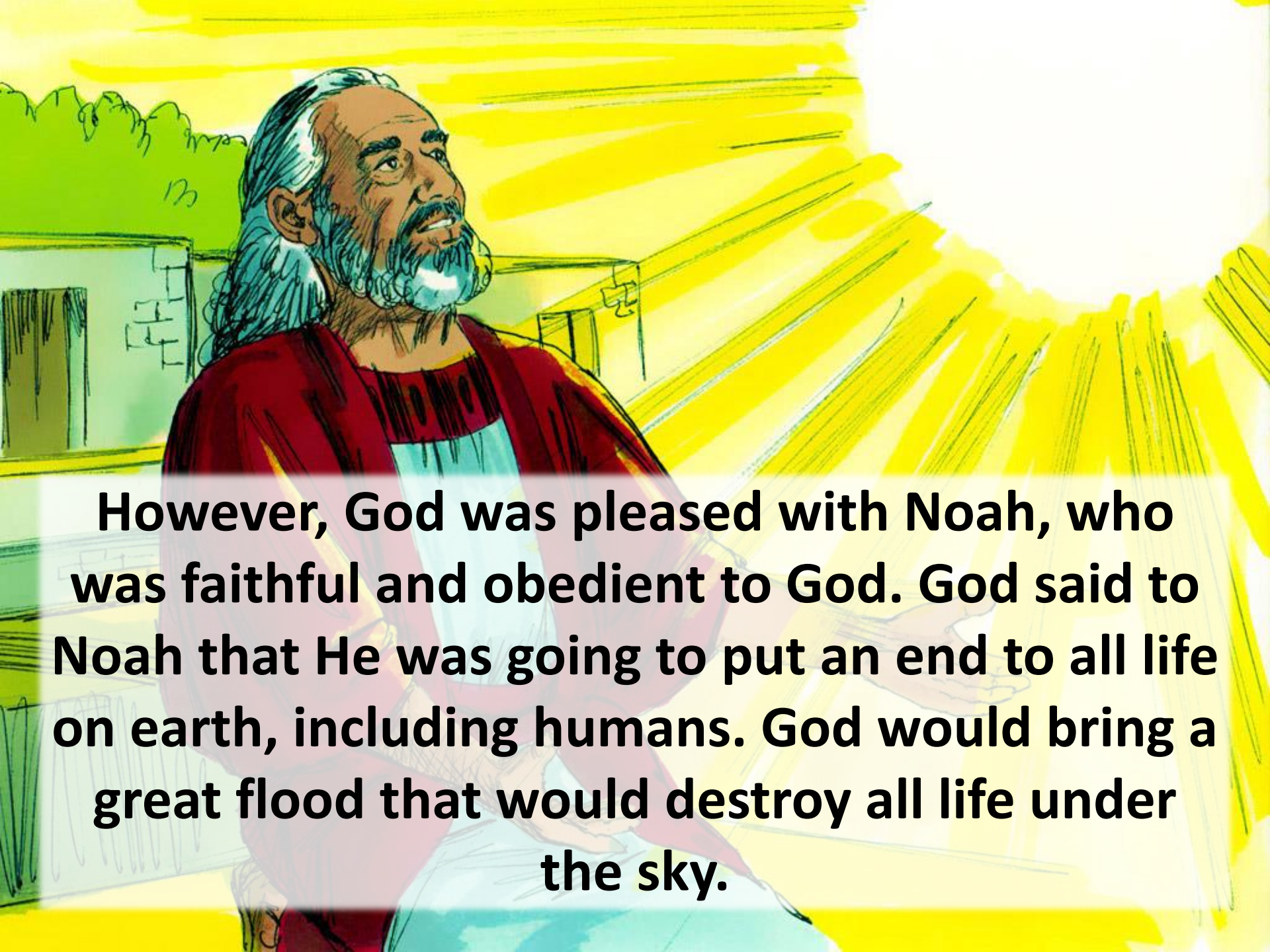
Noah and the Flood (*Genesis 6-9*)

“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.”

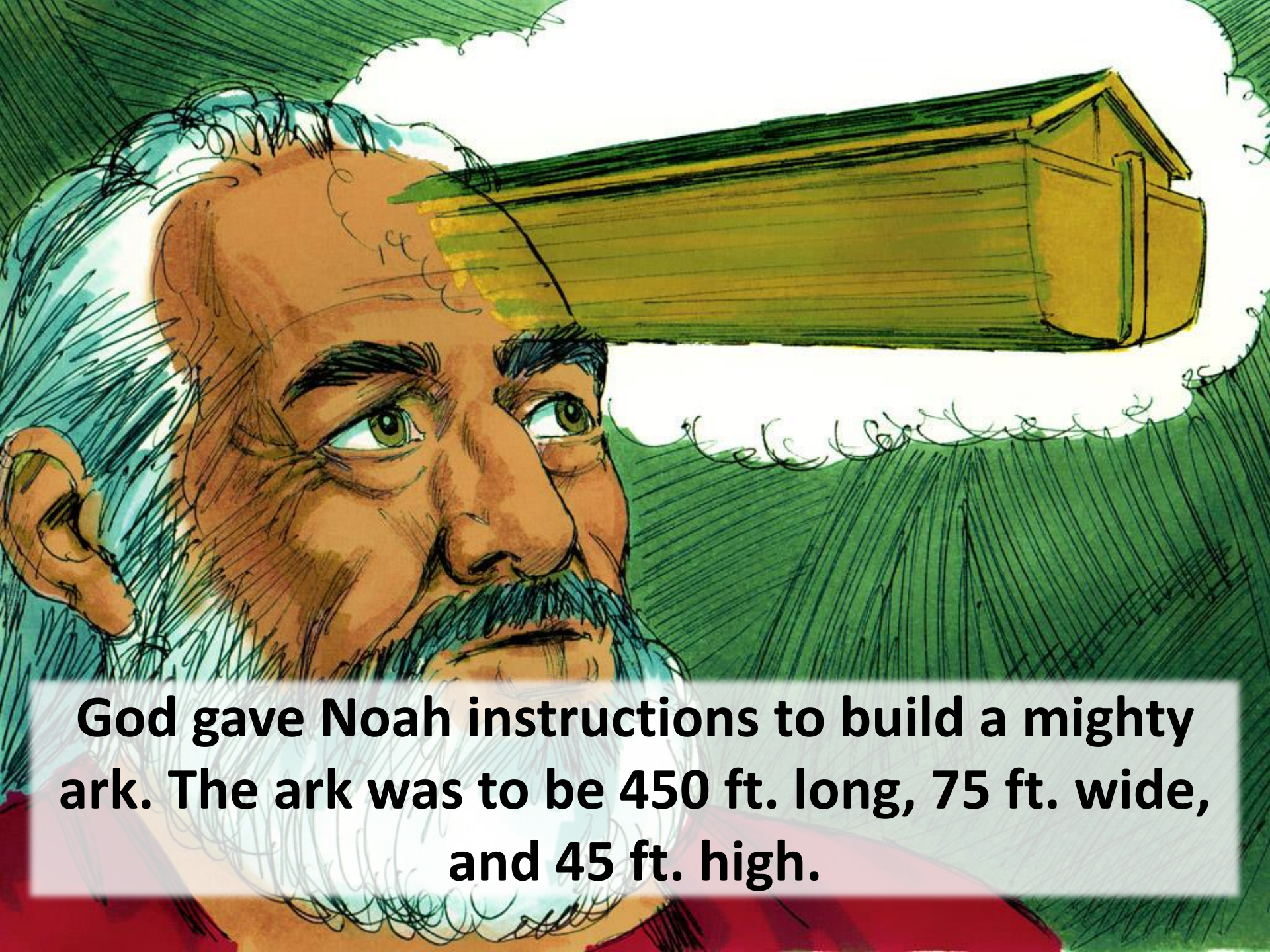
Genesis 9:16 (NIRV)



There began to be many people on earth. But they were sinful and did evil things. God regretted having ever made humans.



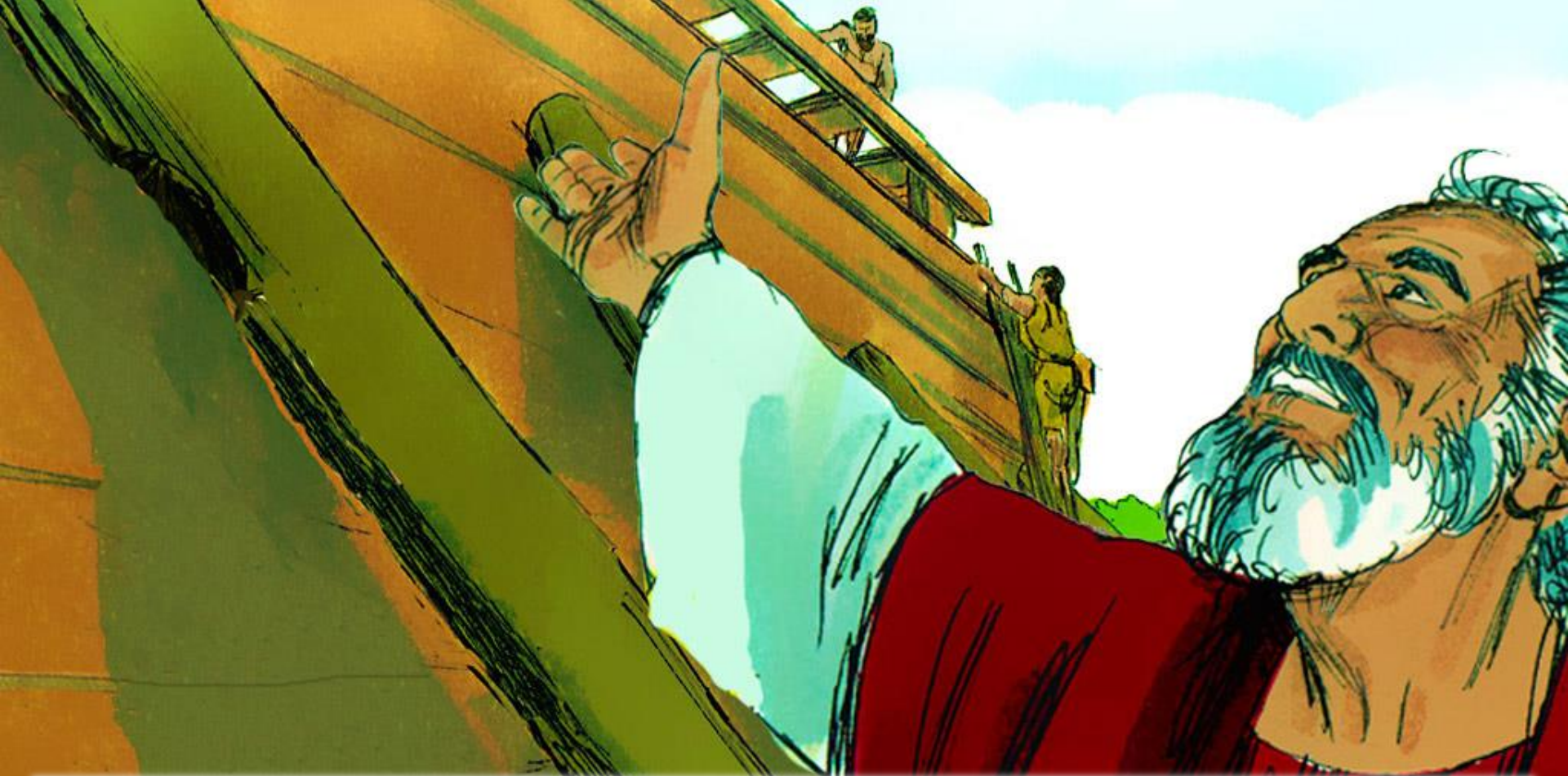
However, God was pleased with Noah, who was faithful and obedient to God. God said to Noah that He was going to put an end to all life on earth, including humans. God would bring a great flood that would destroy all life under the sky.



God gave Noah instructions to build a mighty ark. The ark was to be 450 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, and 45 ft. high.

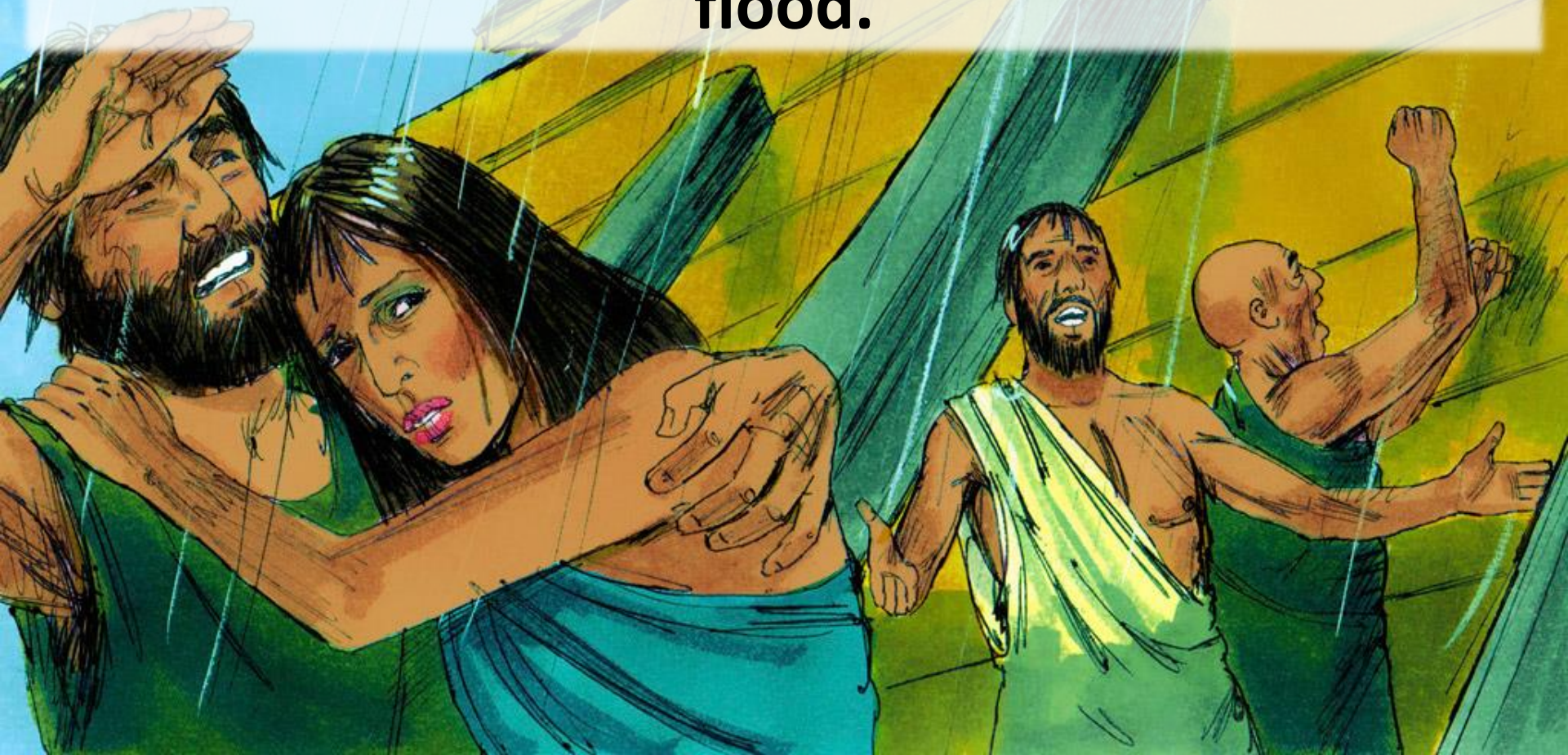


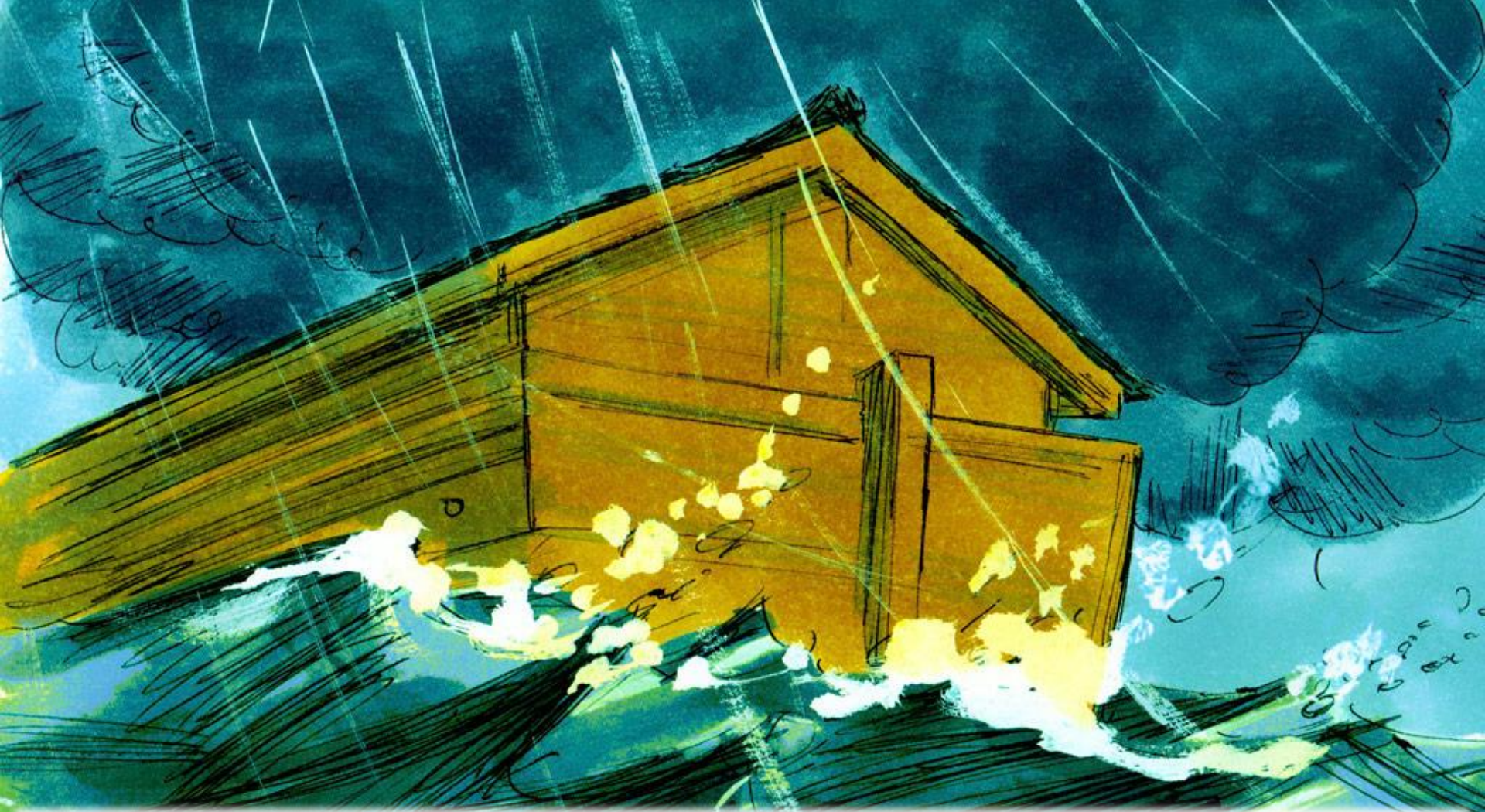
Noah was to fill the ark with two of every kind of animal and bird, male and female, and every living creature that moved along the ground. Noah and his family were to live in the ark with the animals.



Noah did everything just as God commanded him. When the ark was finished Noah and his family went into the ark, as did all the animals and birds.

Once Noah, his family and all the animals were in the ark, God shut the door. Then the rains came for 40 days and 40 nights. Every living thing on earth, including humans, died in the flood.





The earth was flooded for 150 days. The waters rose until all the high mountains were covered. The ark rose with the water and floated on top.



God remembered Noah and sent a wind to sweep over the earth. And the waters began to go down. By the seventh month the ark came to rest on top of the mountains of Ararat.



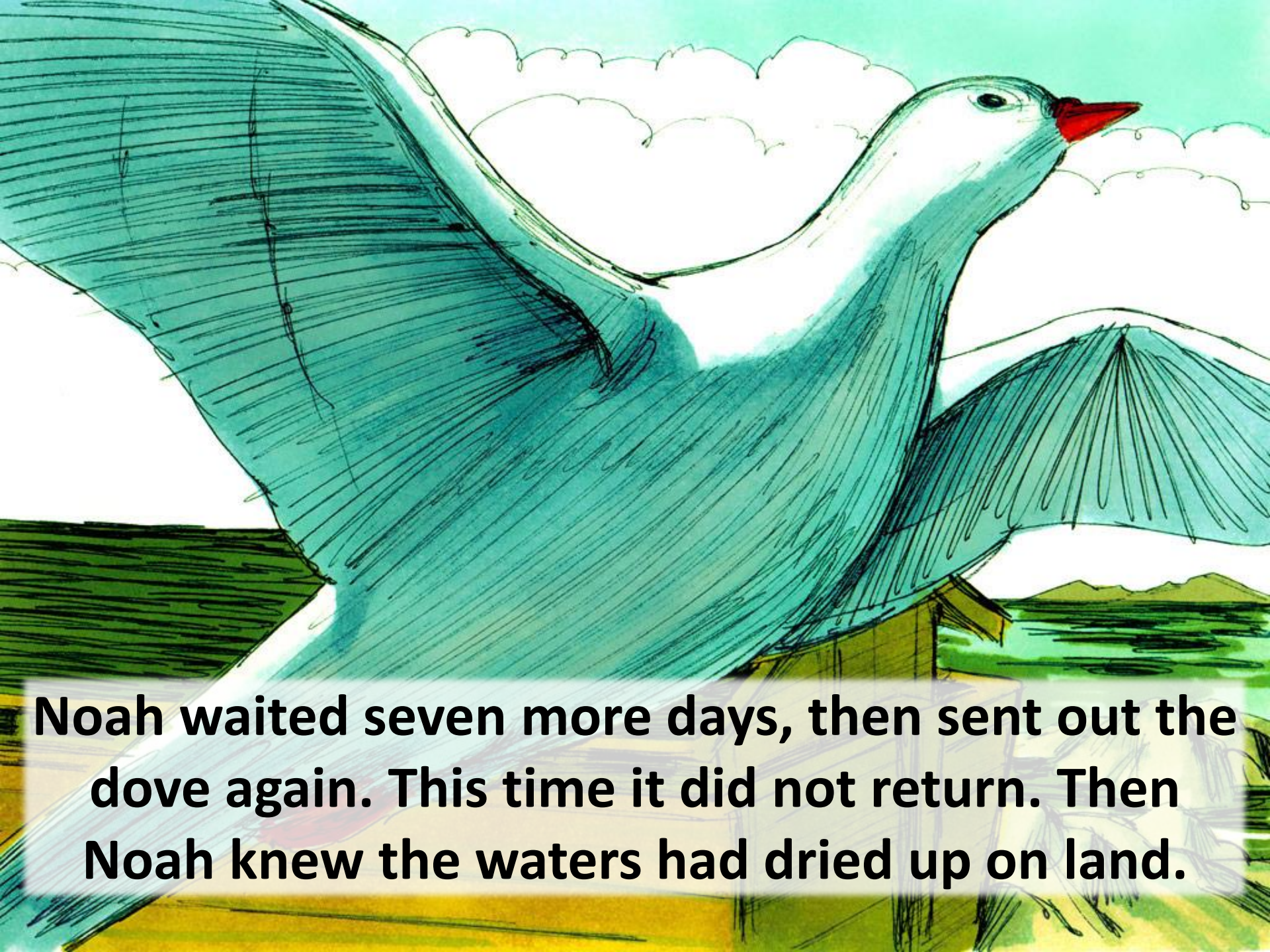
Noah opened a window in the ark. He sent out a raven, but it kept flying back and forth over the water and could not find a place to land.



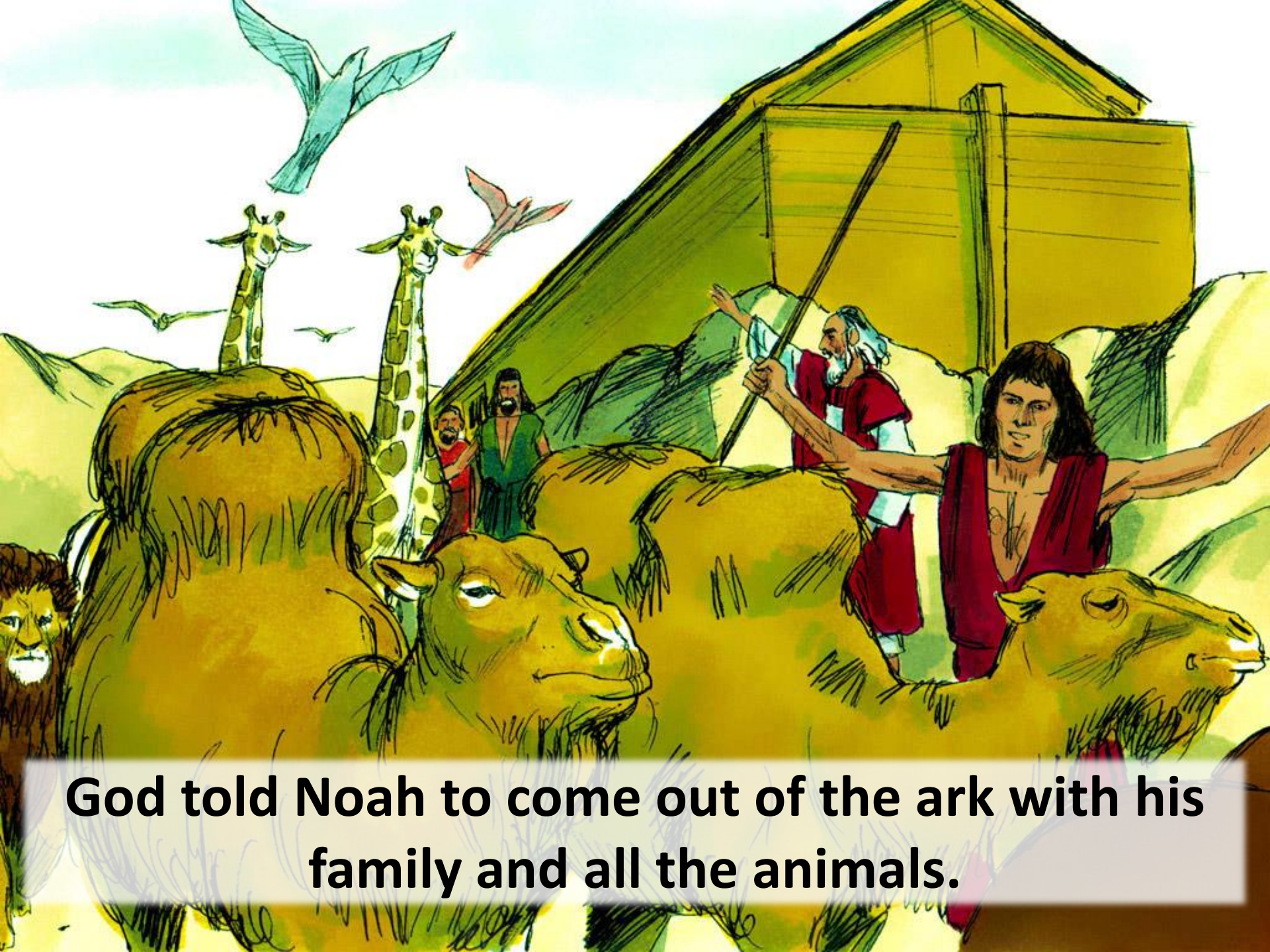
Then Noah sent a dove to see if the waters had gone down. But it could not find a place to land because the waters had not gone down. It returned to the ark.



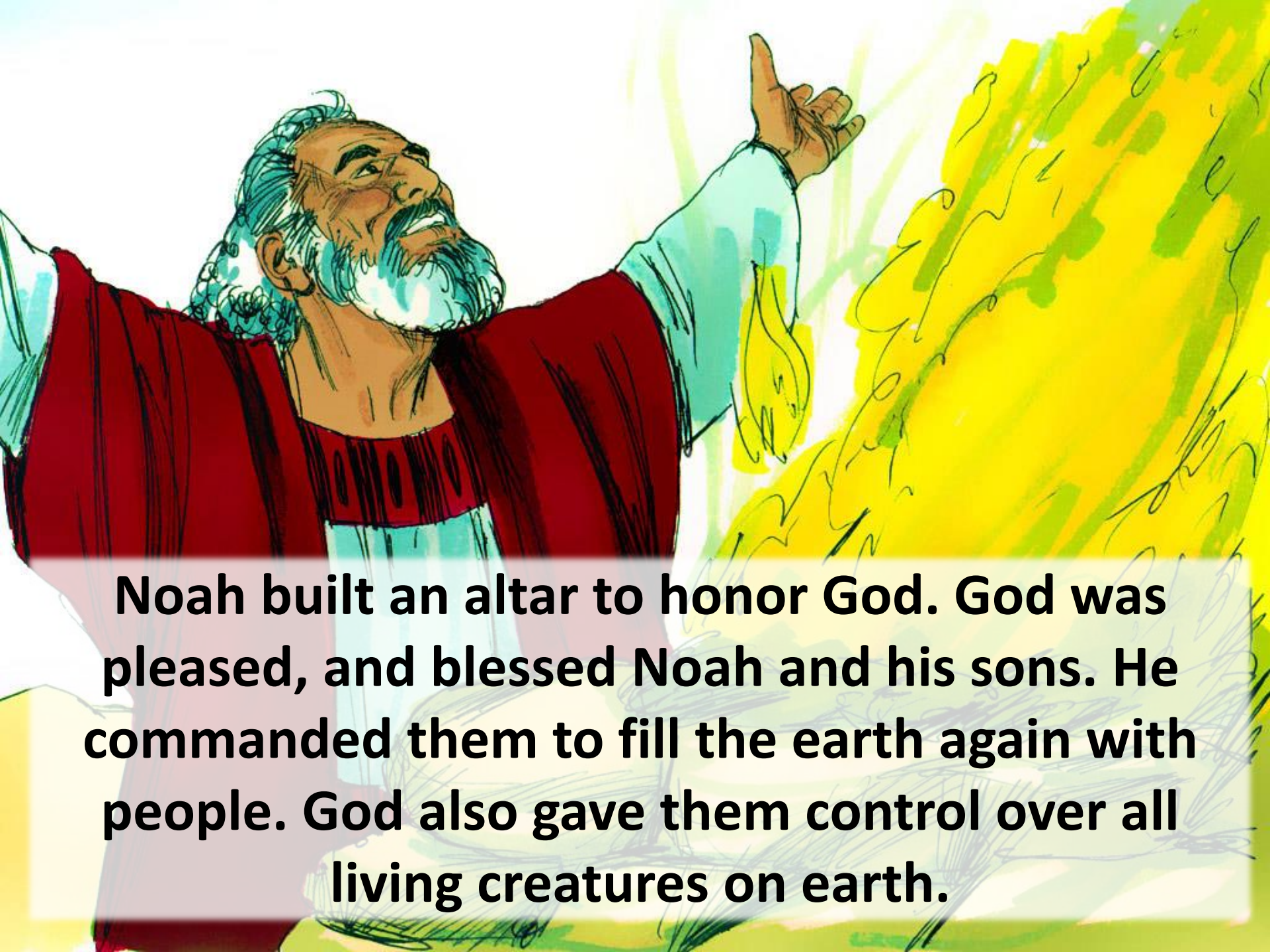
Noah waited seven more days before sending out the dove again. This time it returned with a fresh olive leaf in its beak.



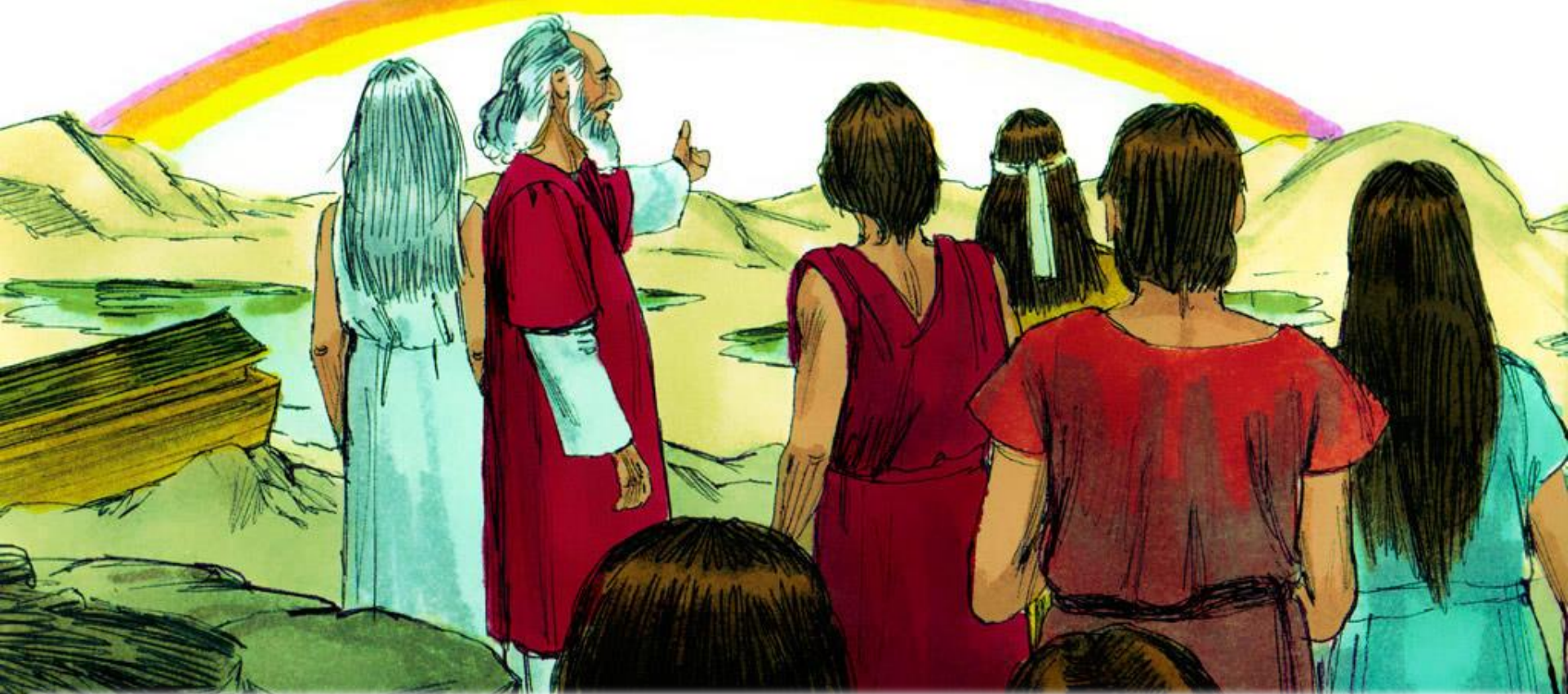
Noah waited seven more days, then sent out the dove again. This time it did not return. Then Noah knew the waters had dried up on land.



God told Noah to come out of the ark with his family and all the animals.



Noah built an altar to honor God. God was pleased, and blessed Noah and his sons. He commanded them to fill the earth again with people. God also gave them control over all living creatures on earth.



God promised never to destroy all life on earth again through a flood. He put a rainbow in the clouds as a sign of this promise. God would remember His promise never to flood the earth again when the rainbow appeared in the sky.



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