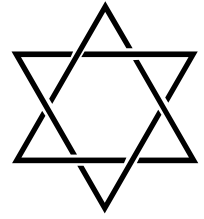


Noach (Noah)

"The Flood"

Parasha 02 – Genesis/B'reisheet 6:9 – 11:32



The Story

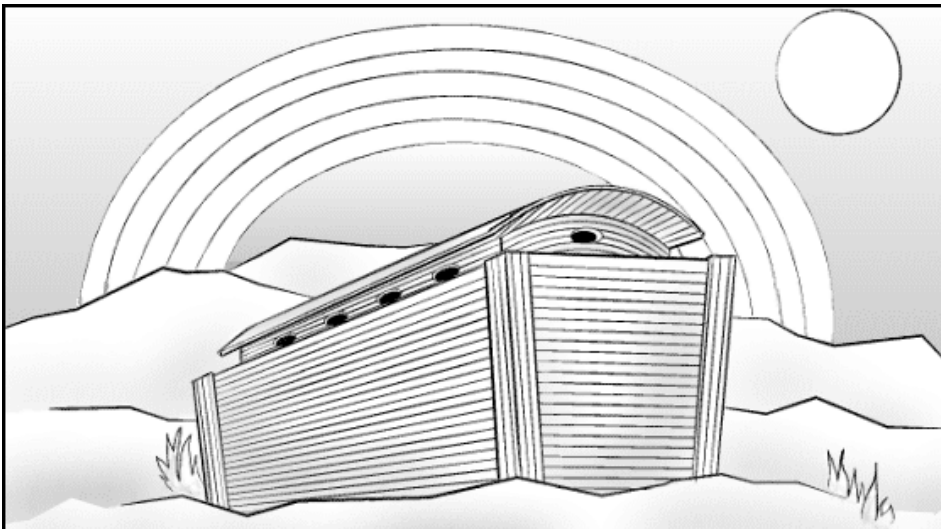
Last week we learned about Adam and Chavah. Eventually they had children. Their names were Cain and Abel. If we took time to read the story, we would learn that Abel gave God his best. Cain did not. Cain disobeyed and sinned against God by killing his brother. God had to punish Cain for his sin. God loved the people of the world, but they began loving things and people first, instead of God. God was so upset that He decided to destroy the world. (Genesis 6:5-7)

There was a special man who loved and obeyed God. His name was Noah. God looked down and saw Noah. "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD." (Genesis 6:8) This means that the LORD was very pleased with Noah." Noah was a man who loved God. So, the LORD decided to let Noah and his family live. (Genesis 6:9-13)

God instructed Noah to build a big boat called an ark. It was almost as big as two football fields put together! (Genesis 6:14-16) Noah gathered lots of wood and starting building the ark. Many of the people started laughing at him because they thought he was crazy building an ark on dry land. While he was building the ark, "Noah preached the right way to live." (II Peter 2:5) The people had time to choose to follow God while Noah was building the ark.

Finally, the ark was finished. Then, God told Noah to bring two of each animal and put them in the ark. God also instructed Noah to bring 7 pairs of the clean animals. (Genesis 7:2) The LORD made a difference between the animals that He would accept as a sacrifice. The clean animals were the only ones accepted by God for sacrifice. This shows us that the Torah was always with us.

Next, the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because you have followed Me." Then the LORD God shut the door. And everyone waited for 7 days. Can you use your imagination and think about Noah in the Ark waiting a week for the rain to come? On the seventh day, suddenly, the rain began to fall. The people probably started knocking on the side of the ark. "Let us in, it's starting to flood!" they might have screamed. (Genesis 6:17-22) God kept Noah and his family safe as the flood started. (II Peter 2:5) God sent the rain nonstop for 40 days and 40 nights. That is over a month! The LORD also caused the underground water to burst out to the earth's surface. It covered the whole earth. (Genesis 7:14-18)



Then God sent a wind over the earth to begin to dry the earth. After 280 days, Noah opened the window and sent out a black bird, called a raven. The bird flew around, but could not find a place to land, so the bird returned to Noah. Noah sent a white dove next, but it also returned. (Genesis 8:1-9) Noah waited a week and sent out another dove. This time the dove came back with an olive leaf in its beak. Noah

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knew that trees were growing again on the earth. Finally Noah sent out another dove a week later, and it didn't come back.

Now Noah knew it was about time to leave the ark. God told Noah to come out of the ark. (Genesis 8:10-12) When they opened the ark, the world was beautiful. Everything was pretty and green. The animals must have been so excited to finally get back on land! When Noah stepped on dry land, he made a special monument, an altar, to God. Noah used one of the clean animals to sacrifice and to thank God for saving him and his family. (Genesis 8:13-22)

God made a promise to Noah and all mankind. He told Noah that he would never destroy the entire world again with a flood. To make sure all people remembered that promise, God made a beautiful rainbow in the sky. The rainbow is a sign from God to promise us that He will never flood the world again. (Genesis 9:8-17)

What Noah's Ark Teaches About Yeshua? Let's compare Noah's Ark and Yeshua:

Noah's Ark	Yeshua
Noah warned people about coming judgment	Yeshua warned people about coming judgment
Noah obeyed God	Yeshua obeyed His Heavenly Father
The ark had only one door	Yeshua is called the "Door" and is the only way to God
People were protected in the ark	When we are in Messiah we have protection
Noah saved his family	Yeshua saved the world

Noah's Ark can teach us that we have protection and salvation in the midst of judgment. That is exactly what Yeshua did for us in His death and Resurrection. Yeshua promised that He would return back to earth one day. He gave us a final warning concerning how the world would act before His return. He used Noah as the example. In Mattityahu 24:37-39, Yeshua taught, "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

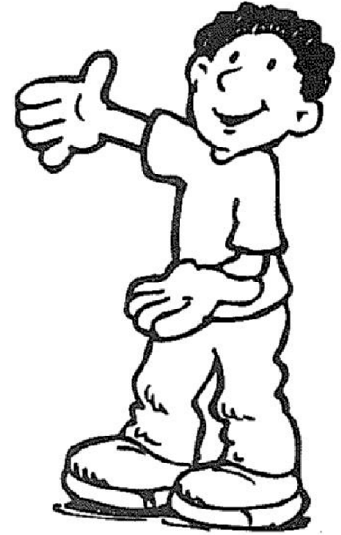
Before Yeshua returns the world becomes just like it was prior to the flood. People were hurting each other, they were very mean and very, very bad. The saddest thing is that they forgot about the LORD. They did not think He was important anymore. But when Yeshua returns people will understand who is the boss or Lord of the world. Just like the people learned in Noah's time, so the people today will learn something. Everyone will learn who is boss! Yeshua is coming again and we need to tell others that He is coming soon. People may think you are crazy, but just tell them anyway. Tell them in love and pray for them. Remember Yeshua is the LORD!

The Memory Verse

By trusting, Noach, after receiving divine warning about things as yet unseen, was filled with holy fear and built an ark to save his household. Hebrews 11:7a

Questions

1. What did God think of Noah?
 - A. God was not sure about Noah.
 - B. God was pleased with Noah.
 - C. God was angry with Noah.
2. What did God tell Noah to do?
 - A. Run a marathon.
 - B. Fly a kite.
 - C. Build an ark.
3. What did Noah do?
 - A. Noah obeyed God, built an ark, preached.
 - B. Noah obeyed God, and built the ark, but did not warn others.
 - C. Noah ignored what God said.
4. What did God do?
 - A. God kept Noah safe in the ark and gave life preservers to the people outside the ark.
 - B. God kept Noah and his family safe during the flood.
 - C. God just kept his family safe during the flood, Noah was on his own.
5. How many clean pairs of animals was Noah instructed to take on the ark?
 - A. 2
 - B. 7
 - C. 10
6. How many doors were on the Ark?
 - A. 1
 - B. 3
 - C. 5
7. Who closed the ark's door after Noah and his family entered the ark?
 - A. Noah
 - B. His son
 - C. The Lord God
8. Complete the verse, "But Noah found _____ in the _____ of the LORD." (Genesis 6:8)
9. How many days did it rain to flood the earth?
 - A. 10
 - B. 40
 - C. 120



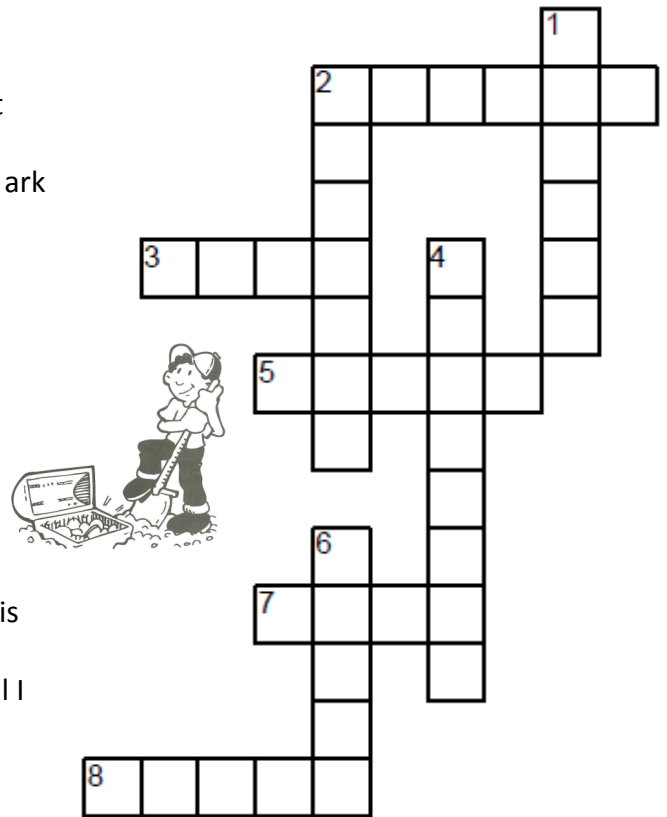
The Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 2. It was 150 days before the ark came to rest on Mount _____ . (Genesis 8:4)
- 3. Noah had 3 sons, _____, Ham and Japheth on the ark with him. (Genesis 7:13)
- 5. God said that He was going to bring a _____ on the earth. (Genesis 6:17)
- 7. Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth when the _____ returned with an olive branch in it's beak. (Genesis 8:11)
- 8. Noah found _____ with God. (Genesis 6:8)

Down

- 1. It _____ 40 days and nights. (Genesis 7:17)
- 2. Noah took 7 each of the clean _____. (Genesis 7:2)
- 4. After the flood God _____ Noah "never again will I destroy all living creatures." (Genesis 8:21)
- 6. The ark was made of _____ wood. (Genesis 6:14)



The Word Puzzle

Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

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Let's Learn Hebrew!

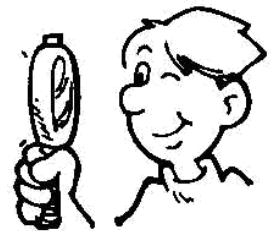
The Hebrew word of the week is "nacham". In English this word means "to comfort". This is the root of the name Noah in parasha "Noach":



"Nacham"



"Noach":



And he called his name **Noah**, saying, "This one shall **comfort** us concerning our work." (Genesis 5:29)

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| Ark | Gofer | Noah | Shem |