

Parashah 2 – Noach (Noah)

B'resheet: 2 {Genesis 6:9 – 11:32}

Haftorah: Yesha'yahu (Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5)

[Messianic adaptation: commence the reading at 52:13]

B'rit Hadashah suggested readings for Parashah

Matthew 24:3; Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-27; 1 Peter 3:18-20

This week's portion is from Genesis 6:9 – 11:32

(Bold, Underlining and Italics added for emphasize) {NKJV-New King James Version, CJB-Complete Jewish Bible}

Prayer for understanding of G-d's word with His promises and requirements for us:

**Psalm 86:11,6 (NKJV) ⁶ *Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications...
¹¹ *teach me your way, O LORD; I will walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.****

This week's Torah Portion/Teaching/Study begins with one of the most famous events of Biblical History. It is the history of Noah, the Flood, and the genealogy of Noah's sons, the tower of Babel and a bit of who's who.

THIS IS IMPORTANT NOT JUST AS HISTORY OR CHILDREN'S STORIES, BUT AS THE INSPIRED WORD OF G-D GIVING US EXAMPLES OF HIS JUDGMENT AND JUSTICE; EXAMPLES OF HIS GRACE AND MERCY AND ANOTHER STEP IN HIS PLANS AND PURPOSES FOR RESTORING MANKIND BACK TO THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM IN HIS KINGDOM!

However, before we get into this week's portion, let us retreat and repeat from last week's portion. What was happening with the earth and mankind at this point of history, which brings us to the events in this study today?

As mankind multiplied, vast numbers of angels, the "sons of G-d", became disobedient and rebellious (following in the footsteps of their new leader Satan). They forsook their natural G-d appointed place in creation and His Kingdom to pursue the corrupted pleasures and ways of man by coming to earth in material form, taking any of the women they wanted, marrying them and producing offspring.

Genesis 6:1-2 (NKJV) ¹ Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

1. And it came to pass when man commenced to multiply upon the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them.

א. וַיְהִי כִּי הִחַל הָאָדָם לָרֹב עַל פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה
וּבָנוֹת יִלְדוּ לָהֶם:

2. That the sons of the nobles saw the daughters of man when they were beautifying themselves, and they took for themselves wives from whomever they chose.

ב. וַיִּרְאוּ בְנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים אֶת בָּנוֹת הָאָדָם כִּי טֹבֹת
הָיָה וַיִּקְחוּ לָהֶם נָשִׁים מִכָּל אֲשֶׁר בָּחָרוּ:

Man was created to live forever, but through the sin of Adam and the resulting "death sentence", man began to age (very slowly at first). This was because man was still so near perfection of body as created by G-d. Seeing the damage living so long would cause, G-d decided to do something about it. G-d set the maximum time of life for man to a new low, 120 years old.

Genesis 6:3 (CJB) ³ Adonai said, "***My Spirit*** will not live in human beings forever, for they too are flesh; ***therefore their life span is to be 120 years.***"

3. And the Lord said, "Let My spirit not quarrel forever concerning man, because he is also flesh, and his days shall be a hundred and twenty years."

ג. וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה לֹא יִדּוֹן רוּחִי בָאָדָם לְעֹלָם
בְּשָׁנִים הוּא בָשָׂר וְהָיוּ יָמָיו מֵאָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה:

True to His decree, G-d did not allow even His chosen faithful to break the decree of the time of man or time of a generation as it were. Don't think so, well let us skip and jump way ahead to the end of the Torah when Israel is finally going to be able enter the Promised Land. Take special note of Moses, his age, his health and his manner of death.

Deuteronomy 34:5 (NKJV) ⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, *according to the word of the LORD.*

Deuteronomy 34:7 (NKJV) ⁷ Moses ***was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.***

This is a very simple point, yet an important point to be remembered in further studies of G-d's word. It comes into play during prophecy concerning the plans and purposes of G-d Almighty. So take note, make a note, write on a wall, but keep in mind for future reference.

Back on track in our review of what led to the events involving Noah. As we have seen already, the "sons of G-d" rebelled and forsook their natural G-d given, appointed place in creation and His Kingdom. This union produced "super human", "freakish" offspring.

Genesis 6:4 (NKJV) ⁴ ***There were giants [N'filim]*** on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and *they bore children to them.* Those ***were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.***

4. The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of the nobles would come to the daughters of man, and they would bear for them; they are the mighty men, who were of old, the men of renown.

ד. הַנְּפִלִים הָיוּ בָאָרֶץ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וְגַם אַחֲרֵי כֵן
אֲשֶׁר יָבֹאוּ בְנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים אֶל בְּנוֹת הָאָדָם וַיִּלְדוּ
לָהֶם הַמָּה הַגִּבּוֹרִים אֲשֶׁר מְעוֹלָם אֲנָשֵׁי הַשָּׁמַיִם:

Remember, Satan and his followers the "sons of G-d" desired the worship of man. In their warped thinking, they thought they deserved it. So, as we can see from G-d's word these now fallen angels and their offspring set themselves up as "gods" to be worshipped. Did you perhaps discount the worship of and record of "mighty men of old, men of renown" as the vivid imagination of someone? Perhaps these "mighty men of old, men of renown" came about through a bout with some bad mushrooms or spoiled meat! Did or do you think they were aliens from space?

NO, they were real and material. We have been taught about them in school, the subject known as mythology. Remember some of those "gods", the "titans" and their sons and daughters? Zeus, Hera, Diana, Neptune/Poseidon, Aphrodite, Apollo, Ares, Athena, Hera, Hades/Pluto, Eros, Loki, Thor, Hercules and many, many others. These figures are known by different names in different cultures, but are the same figures. They were real and created havoc on the earth and among man.

What is the outcome of this as man multiplied on the earth? What did the Almighty think about this?

Genesis 6:5-7 (NKJV) ⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And *the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.* ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

5. And the Lord saw that the evil of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of his heart was only evil all the time.

ה. וַיִּרְא יְהוָה כִּי רַבָּה רַעַת הָאָדָם בְּאָרֶץ וְכָל יֶצֶר מַחְשַׁבַת לְבוֹ רַק רַע כָּל הַיּוֹם:

6. And the Lord regretted that He had made man upon the earth, and He became grieved in His heart.

ו. וַיִּנְחַם יְהוָה כִּי עָשָׂה אֶת הָאָדָם בְּאָרֶץ וַיִּתְעַצֵּב אֵל לְבוֹ:

7. And the Lord said, "I will blot out man, whom I created, from upon the face of the earth, from man to cattle to creeping thing, to the fowl of the heavens, for I regret that I made them."

ז. וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶמְחָה אֶת הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר בְּרָאתִי מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה מֵאָדָם עַד בְּהֵמָה עַד רֶמֶשׂ וְעַד עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם כִּי נַחַמְתִּי כִּי עָשִׂיתִם:

Yet, there was hope for mankind as already set forth in G-d's plans and purposes (*Genesis 3:14-15*). There was someone who was counted as faithful and found "grace" in the eyes of G-d Almighty.

Genesis 6:8 (NKJV) ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

8. But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

ח. וַנִּרְמָצָא חַן בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה:

This brings us to our study and Torah portion for this week. The ways and events of the world at that time in history was the reason we have the events, which we are going to study today.

Genesis 6:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 6:9-10 (CJB) ⁹ Here is the history of Noach. In his generation, Noach was a man righteous and wholehearted; Noach walked with God. ¹⁰ Noach fathered three sons, Shem, Ham and Yefet.

9. These are the generations of Noah, Noah was a righteous man he was perfect in his generations; Noah walked with God.

ט. אֵלֶּה תּוֹלְדוֹת נֹחַ אִישׁ צַדִּיק תָּמִים הָיָה בְּדַרְתָּיו אֶת הָאֱלֹהִים הִתְהַלֵּךְ נֹחַ:

10. And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

י. וַיּוֹלֵד נֹחַשְׁלֹשָׁה בָנִים אֶת שֵׁם אֶת חָם וְאֶת יָפֶת:

After just very brief and only need to know information concerning Noah, we get right to the matter at hand.

Genesis 6:11-13 (NKJV) ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

11. Now the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth became full of robbery.

יא. וַתִּשְׁחַת הָאָרֶץ לְפָנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים וַתִּמְלֵא הָאָרֶץ חֲמָס:

12. And God saw the earth, and behold it had become corrupted, for all flesh had corrupted its way on the earth.

יב. וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הָאָרֶץ וְהִנֵּה נִשְׁחָתָה כִּי הִשְׁחִית כָּל בְּשָׂר אֶת דַּרְכּוֹ עַל הָאָרֶץ:

13. And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth has become full of robbery because of them, and behold I am destroying them from the earth.

יג. וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים לְנוֹחַן כָּל בְּשָׂר בָּא לִפְנֵי כִי מְלֵאָה הָאָרֶץ חָמָס מִפְּנֵיהֶם וְהִנְנִי מִשְׁחִיתָם אֶת הָאָרֶץ:

Genesis 6:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ And behold, ***I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth***, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; everything that *is* on the earth shall die."

17. And I, behold I am bringing the flood, water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which there is the spirit of life, from beneath the heavens; all that is upon the earth will perish.

יז. וַאֲנִי הִנְנִי מְבִיא אֶת הַמַּבּוּל מִיָּם עַל הָאָרֶץ לְשַׁחֵת כָּל בְּשָׂר אֲשֶׁר בּוֹ רוּחַ חַיִּים מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם כֹּל אֲשֶׁר בָּאָרֶץ יָגוּעַ:

And bring the flood waters G-d Almighty did. God caused the rain to fall for forty days and nights, until the water covered the earth to a depth of fifteen cubits above even the tallest mountain (Genesis 7:17-24) (a cubit varied, but would be approx. foot and half to almost two feet) {thus covering above the highest mountain approx. 22 feet to 30 feet}. The waters covered the earth for 150 days, before starting to recede and it took another few months for the waters to recede enough for Noah and his family to come out of the Ark (Genesis 8:1-14) and begin anew.

There are more interesting details in this portion of the Torah Study for this week. The genealogy is important to future events and prophecy. The event of the tower of Babel/Bavel (confusion) is important to future events and prophecy. The covenant G-d Almighty established with Noah and all living flesh, man, beast, insect, etc. is important to future events in prophecy. Please read the entire portion to get more of the understanding of those times.

The path of our study is going to focus on the importance of the overall picture presented by the events of Noah and the flood to us today and prophecy for the last days of the end time, for this is the period of G-d's plans and purposes that we are living in today.

The time of Noah, the flood, G-d's judgment on evil, is used by Yeshua/Jesus himself when asked by His disciples to tell them what the sign(s) will be of His coming and the end of the age.

Matthew 24:3 (NKJV) ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "**Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?**"

Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ the Messiah gave the disciples a long laundry list of things that will be happening to herald His return with G-d's Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven (Matthew 24: 1-51). Knowing the condition of the world at the time of Noah. Knowing how the people must have harassed and mocked Noah for building the Ark and warning them of G-d's pending judgment. Let us take a look at Yeshua's prophetic words concerning the last days of the end times and the parallel with Noah's time and the flood.

Keep in mind and make note that Yeshua in talking about His return is also talking about the judgment and cleansing of evil from the earth as a result of His return. The flood was the judgment, the destruction and the

cleansing of the earth from evil.

Matthew 24:37-39 (NKJV) ³⁷ But *as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.* ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, ***they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,*** ³⁹ ***and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.***

Luke 17:26-27 (NKJV) ²⁶ And *as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:* ²⁷ ***They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.***

From what we know and have learned about the days of Noah, it was time filled with violence, immorality, false worship, false gods and prophets, supernatural wonders and disregard for the word of G-d coming from Noah, including a very visible, physical sign (the Ark). Does all that sound familiar? Describes today in a nutshell does it not? It appears that even with the rain, the people did not take note or take it seriously "***until the flood came and took them all away***". Even with the physical effects of the rain and rising water they were still taken unaware.

Today, we have the "rain" of prophetic fulfillment occurring directly concerning the return of Yeshua HaMashiach and the judgment he is brining to cleanse the earth of evil again. The world today is oblivious and ignoring the "signs" of the imminent judgment coming with Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ as he returns. The world condition is rapidly becoming as bad as the days of Noah and will increase to a worse state, yet life will have a modicum of normalcy, "***they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage***", "***They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage***".

The Apostle Peter when he was writing to the disciples and congregations who were in Diaspora in the province of Asia, Cappadocia, Bythinia, Galatia and Pontus points to and uses the event of Noah and the flood to drive home admonition and exhortation for faith and being prepared.

1 Peter 3:18-20 (NKJV) ¹⁸ ***For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God,*** being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, ***when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.***

It is a matter of obedience to the commands of G-d, thru faith. As G-d gave instruction to Noah to prepare for the coming judgment in order to survive it through grace given by G-d to Noah, we too have been given the same grace and instruction thru G-d's word on preparing for the coming of judgment which will be brought by Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ the Messiah, when he returns brining G-d's Kingdom to earth as it is in Heaven.

Haftarah - Prophets

Yesha'yahu (Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5)

The prophet Isaiah has several messages for the chosen people of G-d, for Israel. There are messages of comfort for those repenting and returning to the Lord, there are messages of judgment for disobedience and several messages concerning the coming Messiah.

In today's Haftarah (Prophets) part the study, we find Isaiah is giving reassurance to Israel of their being called back and accepted by G-d. Quoting what G-d told him to say, just as Moses did with instruction and the Law, Isaiah quotes G-d talking about Noah and the flood.

Isaiah 54:7-10 (NKJV) ⁷ "For a mere moment I have forsaken you, But with great mercies I will gather you. ⁸ With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you," Says the LORD, your Redeemer. ⁹ "For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you." ¹⁰ "For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

Israel can take comfort and condolence from G-d's own words of mercy and grace for her. G-d does not go back on his promises. Through keeping His word, His promises, we can rest assured of the promises and future G-d has promised all mankind, which includes us.

B'rit Hadashah – New Testament

Matthew 24:3; Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-27; 1 Peter 3:18-20;

Hebrews 11:1-3; Hebrews 11:7; Matthew 24:32-33

Time to review and summarize this week's teaching and study.

The time of Noah is not only a time of G-d's Judgment and Salvation, but as an example for us today. Through understanding the conditions of the day, the conditions of people's attitudes and behavior in parallel to our day and times, we can more fully grasp and appreciate the prophecies for the last days of the end times. Noah was a man of G-d, a man of faith and an example of walking with G-d no matter the surroundings and situation we find ourselves in. Noah did not have the "Law", but yet through his heart for G-d, he was found righteous. As told in the book of Hebrews, the "elders" or men of old, prior to the "Law" were counted as righteous for their faith.

Hebrews 11:1-3 (NKJV) ¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV) ⁷ By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

As we prepare for the last days and the return of Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ the Messiah, the most

important aspect of Salvation is faith. ***One cannot have true faith if one is not spiritually prepared and growing in spiritual maturity.*** Only mature faith with spiritual maturity will give us the ability to know no matter what we see, face and are surrounded by in these days (as Noah was surrounded by in his day), will we be able to persevere, knowing G-d is in control and will always provide the way out for us, regardless of how it looks to our frail, imperfect human understanding.

These days do parallel the days of Noah, with the violence, "lawlessness", lack of morality and ethics, lack of faith in G-d and the idolatry (worshiping things, people, objects, ideas, doctrines instead of G-d almighty). Returning to the teaching of Yeshua in the book of Matthew, not only is today like the days of Noah, but we are at a time he described later in his teaching about the last days of the end times.

Matthew 24:32-33 (NKJV) ³² **"Now learn this parable from the fig tree:** When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. ³³ So you *also, when you see all these things, know that it is near--at the doors!*

Matthew 24:32-33 (CJB) ³² **"Now let the fig tree teach you its lesson:** when its branches begin to sprout and leaves appear, you know that summer is approaching. ³³ *In the same way, when you see all these things, you are to know that the time is near, right at the door.*

Our Ark is the Salvation provided by G-d almighty through His only begotten Son, Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ the Messiah. Are you on board? Cannot stand there, as in Noah's day, cheering on Noah, being a spectator, thinking, if we see the rain, then we will grab our life and get on the ark. For if we are being spectators and not building our Ark, through spiritual maturity, we are going to miss the boat and be like Yeshua, Jesus further described.

Matthew 24:37-42 (NKJV) ³⁷ *But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.* ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and **did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.** ⁴⁰ Then *two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.* ⁴¹ *Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.* ⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ is talking about G-d's Judgment here, for that is what the flood was and that is what is coming soon in our day.

Closing:

Jude 1:17-24 (CJB) ¹⁷ But you, dear friends, keep in mind the words spoken in advance by the emissaries of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah. ¹⁸ They told you, "During the *acharit-hayamim* {last days, end times} there will be scoffers following their own godless passions." ¹⁹ These are the people who cause divisions. They are controlled by their impulses, because they don't have the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, and pray in union with the *Ruach HaKodesh* {Holy Spirit}. ²¹ Thus keep yourselves in God's love, as you wait for our Lord Yeshua the Messiah to give you the mercy that leads to eternal life. ²² Rebuke some who are disputing; ²³ save others, snatching them out of the fire; and to yet others show mercy, but with fear, hating even the clothes stained by their vices. ²⁴ Now, to the one who can keep you from falling and set you without defect and full of joy in the presence of his *Sh'khinah* {Glorious Presence} — to God alone, our Deliverer, through Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord — be glory, majesty, power and authority before

all time, now and forever. *Amen.*

For our final closing word, I would like to quote from the Messianic Torah Devotional by Kevin Geoffrey:

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"Father, You alone can make a man righteous – let me be one who walks only with You. Break me, my Master, that I will always be broken for Your service – never building my own kingdom for my own will, but working with You according to Your glorious plans. Thank you, Lord for raising up the righteous ones for Yourself in every generation – I praise You ADONAI, for you remember Your covenant with me forever. Remind me of Your promises and keep me holy, O G-d, that I may partake in the awesome blessing of life reserved for those who walk righteously with You."

God is in control, God is in charge and HIS Plans and Purposes will go forward resulting in the return of Yeshua HaMashiach with God's Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven, vanquishing the evil from among us and bringing us back to God's original purpose and relationship with HIM as intended!

***YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE WORD,
FOR THE WORD TO BE IN YOU!***

Shabbat Shalom, G-d Bless and Keep you!

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