



NOACH – NOAH

Genesis 6:9 to 11:32

Isaiah 54:1-10

Numbers 28:1-15

Matthew 24:36-44

1 Peter 3:18-22

The Local Synagogue

In my early years of studying Scripture from a Hebrew perspective, I responded to a public invitation given by the neighborhood synagogue to meet their new Rabbi and join a lunchtime study group. It was the beginning of the Torah cycle in the fall. I thought what an incredible opportunity to learn. In the first five minutes of the study, we were informed that the ten generations from Adam, up to and including Noah, were all just a fable. At that everyone in attendance laughed in agreement. I have since found there are many, including believers today, who consider the biblical story of Noah and the flood to be a legend - an allegorical story.

As I drove home that day, I recalled God's/*Elohim* factual (not fictional) rainbow still with us today. After thousands of years, to have a physical appearance of His eternal promise manifesting demonstrates His love and assurance to all mankind that His Word is true and faithful. God/*Elohim* created the rainbow in Noah's day as a reminder. It was His *first* physical sign of a Covenant. To this day, whenever I pass by the synagogue, I pray our Redeemer reveal Himself to them anew.

📖 **Psalm 29:10** “The LORD/*Yahweh* sat enthroned at the Flood, and the LORD/*Yahweh* sits as King forever. The LORD/*Yahweh* will give strength to His people; the LORD/*Yahweh* will bless His people with peace.”

Noah, A Righteous Man

The story of Noah carries a foreshadowing of future events. Yeshua confirms this with His disciples in the book of Matthew.

📖 **Matthew 24:37-39** “But *as the days of Noah were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 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, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

The life accounts in Genesis are stories within stories on physical and spiritual levels. Thus, the study of Torah is very descriptive and illuminating for all who are in pursuit of their Messiah. Yeshua is revealed in every story, and the story of Noah and his family is without exception.

🌿 **Genesis 6:7-9** “So the LORD/*Yahweh* 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.’ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD/*Yahweh*. This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect [*righteous* -תָּמִים *tamîm*] in his generations. Noah walked with God/*Elohim*.”

What is a righteous man? According to Ezekiel, a righteous man is one who walks in God's/*Elohim* right ways.

“They [*those who honor and walk in His word are complete, entirely in one accord with God's/Elohim truth*] shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy, they shall stand as judges, *and* judge it according to My judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths” (Ezekiel 44:23-24).

How did Noah have the knowledge of walking in God's/*Elohim* ways and how was he able to accomplish these righteous acts? In the last study *Beresheet*, we learned that His word is also called *the Gospel* or the wisdom of Yeshua. The Gospel, the spoken Word, created and upheld the universe. The Gospel was proclaimed in each generation beginning with Adam. That was how Noah learned to walk with God/*Elohim* in His kingdom and respect the natural boundaries and laws of His universe. In doing so, Noah was declared a righteous man (John 1:1,14; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 1:17).

How did Noah stay faithful amidst a wicked and evil generation? Noah's predecessors lived hundreds of years. They knew and walked with God/*Elohim*. Noah's father Lamech was fifty-six years old when *Adam* died, a hundred and eleven years old when *Enoch* was no more, and a hundred and sixty-eight years old when *Seth* passed away. Lamech was taught by these men and would have met throughout the year to celebrate God's/*Elohim* Feast Days/*moedim* together.

Note: His Feast Days are found within the Gospel. They are all eternal Godly appointments that never end and are prophetic in nature. The Gospel is upheld by Covenants. The Feast Days are contained within the Covenants. Feast Days are Sabbaths. God/*Elohim* designed the Sabbath to bless and sanctify His people. The Sabbath was explained in the last lesson. Feast Days are explained in more detail as we go forward in the lessons.

During these family occasions (Sabbaths), Lamech would have heard from his living ancestors what the Garden was like and how to walk in the presence of God/*Elohim*. They created lasting memories for Lamech that were passed on to his son Noah. Because of the eyewitness accounts of the Living Torah (Yeshua, the Tree of Life), Noah knew what was right and how to walk in the Truth/Gospel. In this way, walking in the ways and presence of Torah/Truth was natural for

Noah. The knowledge of God's/*Elohim* ways kept he and his family safe in the days to come when man's ways were corrupt upon the earth. Walking in the Gospel as Noah did will also keep believers safe in perilous times (Deuteronomy 32:4; 2 Samuel 22:31; Psalm 18:30; Psalm 19:7; 1 Peter 1:10-11).

The Ark – The *Olam Haba*

“And God/*Elohim* 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. Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; make *rooms* in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with *pitch*. And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a *window* for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the *door* of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks” (Genesis 6:13-16).

Noah was commanded to make the ark according to the *pattern* God/*Elohim* showed him. We find this pattern of redemption all through Scripture. Redemption is based on His people observing what is clean and holy according to His word (*Gospel*) and by keeping separate from what He says is unclean and unholy. The ark is to be a set-apart place, a light that shines in the darkness, a shelter to bring comfort, a haven, a place of refuge and rest, a covering and a life source. It is a place where no sickness, disease or disorder resides, where heaven meets earth - *Malchut Shamayim* - and the place where Yeshua, the Living Torah dwells (Ezekiel 44: 23-24; 1 John 5: 6-8 KJV/NKJ).

Through the building process, Noah knew he was to set himself apart from the unbelieving and immoral lifestyle found in the world around him. In Hebrew, that world was called the *olam hazeh*. The lifestyle of the *olam hazeh* is in a constant state of decay and destruction because of the ruler of this world – Satan. In Yeshua, we are to purpose, as Noah did, toward the *future realm* called in Hebrew *olam haba* - the resurrection life, which He has prepared for those who purpose after Him. His people can only truly *see the goal of their faith* after choosing to believe. When His people put their trust and faith in Yeshua's Faithfulness, by acting on His promises and principles that are held within His Covenant to them, only then will they see the goal of their faith. As with Noah, when believers set themselves apart from an unbelieving carnal nature and lifestyle, their status or realm changes, and they become a new creation called *the future – the new (re-newed) heaven and the new (re-newed) earth* (Isaiah 65:17-25; Matthew 17:1-3; Romans 6:4-6; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:1-10; Hebrews chapter 4; Revelation 21:1).

📖 **2 Corinthians 5:17** “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ/*Yeshua*, he is a new [*re-newed*] creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new [*re-newed*].”

We see the understanding of 2 Corinthians 5:17 in Hebrews chapter 11, which is called the *faith chapter* for believers. Allowing God's/*Elohim* Spirit to change the heart from one realm/kingdom to another – from the *olam hazeh*/the common, earthly, dishonoring realm (*the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*), to the *olam haba*/the heavenly, holy, set apart realm (*the Tree of Life*) – called *sanctification*.

📖 **Hebrews 11:1-3** “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for [*in the olam haba*], the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders [*Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*] obtained a good testimony. By faith [*olam haba*] we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God/*Elohim*, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible [*olam haba*].

What is this faith that Hebrews 11 speaks? It is trusting in the Messiah *before* His physical appearance on earth. This trusting is the message and vision spoken since the beginning of time. *All* the men and women mentioned in Hebrews 11 put their hope in the understanding that the Father’s word would manifest in the flesh at an appointed time in the future. Therefore, they honored God’s/*Elohim* word and His principles knowing that their lives were a shadow of what was to come. They trusted, and had faith in the *truth of the vision*, as God’s/*Elohim* vision is timeless, meaning *eternal*.

📖 **Habakkuk 2:2-4** “Then the LORD/*Yahweh* answered me and said: ‘Write the vision and make *it* plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, It will not tarry. Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; but the just [those who walk in His Righteous ways] shall live by his faith.”

- “By faith [*trust in the vision of the Father’s word manifesting on earth in the flesh at an appointed time*] **Abel** offered to God/*Elohim* a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God/*Elohim* testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks” (Hebrews 11:4).
- “By faith [*trust in the vision of the Father’s word manifesting on earth in the flesh at an appointed time*] **Enoch** was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God/*Elohim* had taken him;” for before he was taken he had this testimony [*in the olam haba*], that he pleased God/*Elohim*. But without faith [*olam haba*] it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God/*Elohim* must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:5).
- “By faith [*trust in the vision of the Father’s word manifesting on earth in the flesh at an appointed time*] **Noah**, being divinely warned of things not yet seen [*judgment against the olam hazeh*], moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household [*from the olam hazeh*], by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness [*in the olam haba*] which is according to faith” (Hebrews 11:7).

The ark and Noah’s walk revealed the entire pattern of the Father’s sanctification in prophetic imagery for all generations to see. This Gospel pattern helps believers understand that when they walk by faith in God’s/*Elohim* word, that action activates sanctification and the inheritance He has promised *to come towards them*. When believers are in right moral and ethical order to His principles, they too will find refuge in the ark (Yeshua) and become a living ark for others looking for rest from the storms of everyday life.

🌿 **Matthew 7:13** “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.”

A Mixed Multitude

There were clean and unclean animals (animals represented people’s attitude and characteristics) on board the ark. This does not mean that everyone will desire to be sanctified, but all desire to be saved. Thus, there was a mixture among them.

🌿 **Matthew 25:1-4** “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins [*believers - those in Covenant*] who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise [*believers who had entered into the olam haba - clean*], and five were foolish [*believers still in the olam hazeh - unclean*]. Those who were foolish [*unclean*] took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise [*clean*] took oil in their vessels with their lamps.”

The Atonement

The ark was made of gopher wood (a type of papyrus) with rooms inside. *Kane* (Strong’s H7064), the Hebrew word for *rooms*, can also mean *nests*. Noah was to prepare quarters in the ark for the animals. The animals may have been young when they boarded, and food lined nests could have provided the comfort needed to keep them bedded down for many months of hibernation. Animals can also reference people and the ark a reference to the Tabernacle. Both of which give insight on how we are to take shelter in God/*Elohim* as our Source and Savior (Acts 10: 9-14, 28; 1 Corinthians 3:16).

After completing the ark, Noah was to coat the wood with pitch inside and out. In Hebraic understanding, wood is synonymous with man’s mortality. The word pitch in Hebrew is *kaphar* (Strong’s H3722) from the same root word that refers to the act of protecting - to cover, annul, forgive and pardon. Thus, God/*Elohim* was prophesying through Noah and his family that He will cover and forgive past transgressions and iniquities of the generations. Noah’s experience foreshadows the promise given Eve that her offspring would defeat the enemy and bring redemption to His people.

The Light

🌿 **Genesis 6:16** “You shall make a *window* [*Strong’s H6672*] for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above”

The Hebrew word for Strong’s H6672 *window* is *sohar* שֹׁהַר. The root H6671 means *oil, shining or to illuminate*. Fresh oil from pressed olives also references *a reflection or a light*. While in the ark, Noah, and his family did not require the natural light of the sun by day or the moon by night, as the true *Light*, Yeshua (also called the Light of the world), supported the family throughout their journey (Genesis 1:3; John 8:12).

📖 **Numbers 4:16** “The appointed duty of Eleazar the son of Aaron *the priest* [*this is also a reference to Yeshua’s Bride, the carrier of fresh oil*] is the oil for the light, the sweet incense, the daily grain offering, the anointing oil, the oversight of all the tabernacle [*ark*], of all that is in it, with the sanctuary and its furnishings.”

📖 **Luke 4:18** “The Spirit of Yahweh is upon Me [*Yeshua. This could also be a believer with Yeshua dwelling within*], because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel [*Kingdom principles found in the olam haba*] to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives [*believers - the unclean walking outside His principles/olam hazeh*] and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed”

The Pattern

The ark was divided into the three sections of lower, middle, and upper decks. This similar pattern is seen in,

- The Tabernacle in the wilderness
- The Temple
- The Heavenly Tabernacle

These deck partitions represent the outer court, the Holy Place, and the Most Holy Place. They present the levels of progressive understanding God’s/*Elohim* people receive as they journey through the Torah principles of sanctification and holiness in the redemptive process - the goal of every believer (1 Peter 2:9).

Clean And Unclean

📖 **Genesis 7:5-12** “And Noah did according to all that the LORD/*Yahweh* commanded him. Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth. So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. Of clean animals, of animals that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God/*Elohim* had commanded Noah. And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.”

As we saw in the Garden, there was also a mixture of clean and unclean (light and darkness) entering the Ark. God/*Elohim* brought both toward Noah. How did Noah discern clean from unclean?

Noah experienced a relationship with God/*Elohim*. He had also learned through his relatives what was first taught to Adam and Eve in the Garden. Noah ate from the *Tree of Life* and was able to see far more than the carnal people around him who had a distorted view of the truth and scoffed at his seemingly ridiculous ideas. One of the *life* teachings that Noah learned from the

generations was about the clean animals and the function of the unclean entities. The unclean entities were designed to keep the grounds and waterways working, clean, and free of debris. They were never fit for human consumption (Genesis 6:9).

As mentioned earlier, animals also relate to people as we see in the sheet/*tallit* that fell from heaven in the vision given to Peter in Acts 10:11-12, 28. The fact that this vision was coming from heaven and was a *holy tallit* that contained a mixture of clean and unclean with all four corners bound tightly together suggests that what was inside was in Covenant with God/*Elohim*. Peter learns that the clean animals referenced God's/*Elohim* people who were all walking in His right ways (His principles) and honoring His Feast Days and Sabbaths. Peter also learned that the unclean entities in this tallit related to people who did not have a Jewish heritage but desired to honor God/*Elohim* and live in Covenant with His Torah lifestyle. However, they needed assistance. Seeing they too were in the tallit/Covenant, Peter was instructed to go and share with them that they might come to know this walk of rightness. Thus, we see how a non-Jew, Cornelius, and his whole family, entered into the full saving knowledge of their Savior. The vision of the tallit, full of all kinds of animals taught Peter that he must also share His Gospel with those desiring Kingdom Truth, who had been scattered living among the Nations. We know that during Noah's time, only eight people entered the ark, but the fuller understanding of an ark is that it is to be a haven for those coming in from the nations – Jew and Gentile alike.

Many will be drawn toward the Presence by the truth, lifestyle, and covering held within the ark (Torah). Among those attracted will be people coming from among the unclean desiring to enter in, like Cornelius and his family. They yearn to begin their journey within the pattern of the ark and learn the walk of a redeemed lifestyle. However, a mixture of assimilation to the world occupies many who say they are in Covenant. They will not recognize or be attracted to the Truth held within this seemingly unattractive ark and walk on by, choosing life in the world as being more attractive than a walk of obedience (Ezekiel 34).

The Second Passover

When all was completed, Noah and his family entered the ark on the tenth day of the second month (*Iyar*) on the Biblical calendar. There is a provision in Torah in Numbers 9:6-12 for those who could not partake of the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread on the first month due to being ceremonially unclean at the time. For those people, God/*Elohim* made provision that a *second* Passover could be set in the second month on the same date as the first month. Noah and his family were in an unclean place for the Passover in the first month. It appears as Noah entered the ark on the tenth day of the second month, that it was quite probable they celebrated Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the ark before the floodwaters opened up seven days later. Eating the unleavened bread during the Feast days served as a cleansing/consecration (physical and spiritual) for Noah and his family, with the flood waters acting as a baptism/*mikvah* for status change for the entire earth, from an unclean state to a clean state.

Note: It is not the event on earth that initiates a Feast but the Feast that unfolds the event on the earth. Prophets such as Ezekiel (chapter 45-46) and Zechariah (chapter 14) tell us that God's/*Elohim* Feast Days are not exclusive to the Jewish people but are eternal and prophetic

in nature, perpetually celebrated in every generation by *all* people, including those who walk in Covenant with the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob today (Leviticus 23).

✿ **Matthew 24:36-39** “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. *As it was in the days of Noah*, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man [*Yahweh in the flesh*]” (Luke 17:24-28).

✿ **Hebrews 11:7** “By faith [*obedience to the future of the coming Messiah – olam haba*] 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.”

Death And Destruction

✿ **Genesis 7:16** “And the LORD/*Yahweh* shut him in.”

Yeshua is the door. For forty days, the floodwaters kept coming on the earth. All the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered to a depth of more than twenty feet. Mount Everest is recorded as the highest mountain on earth at over five miles high. The waters covered this by more than twenty feet. Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died - man, animals, the creatures that moved along the ground, and the birds of the air. Only Noah and those with him in the ark survived (Genesis 7:17- 23; John 10:7).

✿ **Psalms 27:5-6** “For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

The earth remained under flood a hundred and fifty days, after which God/*Elohim* sent the wind, the Spirit of the Holy One/*Ruach HaKodesh*, and the waters that caused death and destruction began to recede. On the seventeenth day of the seventh month, the ark was found resting on Mount Ararat. This timing was in the season called *our joy* during *The Feast of Tabernacles*, also known as *The Festival of Ingathering* or *The Festival of Dedication* (Genesis 8:1-6).

The Window

The waters continued to recede until the day of the New Moon/*Rosh Chodesh*, the first day of the tenth month when the tops of the mountains become visible. After forty days, Noah opened the *window*.

✿ **Genesis 8:5-6** “And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the *window* [*Strong’s H2474*] of the ark which he had made.”

Here we have a different word in Hebrew for *window* than what we learned earlier in this lesson. It is Strong's H2474 *challon* חַלּוֹן meaning *window* or *piercing of the wall*. The root derivatives for *challon* are *bore through*, *perforated*, *hole* or *pain the type that is caused by a tool that spins to drill a hole*. The phrase *windows of heaven* is another term for *floodgates*. God/Elohim released the floodgates for a destructive flood (Genesis 8:2; Isaiah 24:18), as a controlled shower of plenty (2 Kings 7:2) or as a symbol of blessing (Malachi 3:10).

Challah is also a form of *challon*. A baked unleavened *pierced* cake presented in the grain / *mincha* offering. It is made of fine flour and oil (Leviticus 2:4; Leviticus 7:12; Numbers 6:15). *Challah* was part of the firstfruits offering that was placed before God/Elohim as part of the elevation offering (Numbers 15:20; Leviticus 8:26; Exodus 29:23). Participants ate *challah* as part of their peace offering/*shelamim* (2 Samuel 6:19; Exodus 29:2; Numbers 6:19).

Challon and its derivatives speak of Yeshua, who was pierced for our transgressions. That which brought illumination in the ark also became a visible window or *piercing*. Until the time of the flood, light had been receding on earth due to the corruptness of the generations. The Light of Yeshua was with Noah and his family in the ark, and now this Light also became a window, *challon* - a *piercing or hollow in the wall*. Out of Yeshua's pierced side flowed life. It is interesting to note the Hebrew word for *bride* is very similar - *kallah* Strong's H3618. The Bride of Yeshua comes from His *pierced* side.

The Raven

In Genesis 8:7 when Noah opened the window in the ark he sent out a raven. It kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. Why was a raven sent out before the dove and what did it represent? A raven is a bird that can represent darkness. It is unclean and is an omnivorous scavenger. Noah used the raven to see if the land was cleared of debris after the flood, as the raven feeds on dead carcasses and garbage of any sort.

Here the Hebrew language gives us insight. Noah and the flood or *the sea* can also represent groups of people and destruction as we see in David's Psalm 18.

🦅 **Psalm 18:16-17** "He sent from above, He took me [*David*]; He drew me out of many waters [*olam hazeh*]. He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me."

The flood can also represent believers who had fallen asleep, not walking in the principles of Torah, *asleep* floating in the waters of destruction (*olam hazeh*).

🦅 **Hosea 4:6** "My people [*believers*] are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God/Elohim, I also will forget your children."

🦅 **1 Peter 3:18-20** "For Christ/*Yeshua* also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God/Elohim, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 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.”

The raven can also represent spiritual leaders who have not taken care to feed God’s/*Elohim* people good food (*Torah*) leaving the congregants in the dark (*olam hazeh*), lacking alternatives. Being fed a steady unhealthy diet of compromise can lead to the flock becoming weak and falling asleep instead of growing stronger in God’s/*Elohim* principles that give life. Those feeding on this unhealthy diet develop a habit of wandering aimlessly in search of food. They tend to go from congregation to congregation to quench their hunger and thirst thinking that will sustain them instead of learning how to correct an unredeemed lifestyle. In their searching, they can be drawn to unwise associations to try to satisfy their hunger. Eventually unfulfilled, those people begin to act as orphans choosing instead independence and a self-ruling lifestyle. Sooner or later they leave the congregation in frustration. Unstable choices result in an inability to truly enter into an inheritance of redemption. Hence, they remain uncovered and unconverted floating on the sea of destruction, devastation, and death (Luke 22:31-32 KJV).

📖 **2 Peter 2:1-5, 9-11** “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord/*Adonai Elohim* who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. For if God/*Elohim* did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; - *then* the Lord/*Adonai Elohim* knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord/*Adonai Elohim*.

📖 **Ezekiel 37:1-12** “The hand of the LORD/*Yahweh* came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD/*Yahweh*, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it *was* full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, ‘*Son of man, can these bones live?*’ So I answered, ‘*O Lord GOD/Adonai Elohim, You know.*’ Again He said to me, Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, ‘*O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD/Yahweh! Thus says the Lord GOD/Adonai Elohim to these bones: Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD/Yahweh.*’ So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but *there was* no breath in them. Also He said to me, Prophecy to the

breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, *‘Thus says the Lord GOD/Adonai Elohim: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.’* So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, *‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’* Therefore prophesy and say to them, *‘Thus says the Lord GOD/Adonai Elohim: Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.’*”

The Dove

Later, Noah sent a dove through the window of the ark. The dove is a clean bird representing the righteous acts of the believer. The dove is imagery of Adam’s bride coming from his side/rib and is prophetic of Yeshua’s Bride coming from His pierced side, the one who walks in His heavenly imagery on earth. It is also a picture of a true marriage of a husband loving his bride. The wife is the product/reflection of the image her husband walks in thus reveals *his* truth and bears the fruit of *his* choices (Genesis 8:8; Ephesians 5).

✠ **Isaiah 53:5** “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Found No Rest

✠ **Genesis 8:9** “But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned to him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the earth. And he put out his hand and took her, and pulled her in to him into the ark.”

Contrary to the foraging raven, the clean dove found no rest in the world/worldly affairs of the *olam hazeh* and returned to the sanctity of the ark (representing Torah – *olam haba*). The dove (Bride of Yeshua) returned, as she knows her redemption is only found through the sanctifying words of God/*Elohim*; that which brings her life, comfort, and peace.

The Scripture in Genesis 8:9, “*found no rest for the sole of her foot,*” is fulfilled in John 1:32 when John “*saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on [Yeshua].*” The dove found rest in her Redeemer.

In Hebrew, Noah’s name relates to the comforter, that which brings relief, rest, and salvation. Before Yeshua left to prepare a place for His Bride, He told His disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Spirit/*Ruach* called the *Comforter*. His Comforter was realized in Acts 2. When we return through repentance and sanctification to the *Tree of Life*, (the Living Torah – Yeshua), we too will find His Comfort and Rest (John 14:26; 16:7-8; Acts 1).

✠ **Act 20:32** “So now, brethren, I commend you to God/*Elohim* and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

Seven More Days

🌿 **Genesis 8:10** “He [*Noah*] waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark.”

Seven is the number of days for consecration from the unclean realm to the clean realm. Doves were used in sacrifices, offerings, and for purification.

The Olive Leaf

🌿 **Genesis 8:11** “When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf!”



This olive leaf was not picked up from floating debris but was a *freshly plucked* or *torn leaf*. It is said that the olive leaf is not affected by a few months of being submerged under water. It may be that this leaf the dove returned with had come from a tree that survived the flood, reestablished itself and flourish thereby able to provide *fresh* leaves. This was a wonderful sign for Noah. The waters had receded. Could the dove have selected a fresh olive leaf because it also represented oil/light, the symbol of the *Tree of Life*; that which was with her all those months while at sea in the ark? The dove returning with an olive leaf in her beak is symbolic of the Bride of Yeshua being grafted back into the Torah through the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh*.

🌿 **Romans 11:17** “And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,”

The olive branch is also representative of the two olive sticks a Torah scroll is wrapped around. Those who grab hold of the Truth will become one in the Father’s hand, and Truth will be found in their mouths. The leaves of the Torah scroll contain His Word/Gospel, which is where the healing for the Nations will come. When God’s/*Elohim* people read the words on these leaves and obey what is contained within them, it will be written on their hearts, and then they will know how to walk in the righteousness of the Holy One, *Yeshua HaMashiach*. When God’s/*Elohim* people return to the lifestyle of His principles, they too will find Comfort (Deuteronomy 28; Ezekiel 37:15-17).

The Covering

🌿 **Genesis 8:12-13** “So he [*Noah*] waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore. And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry.”

What kind of roof did Noah have on the ark? Through a Hebrew word study, we see the roof was a covering of animal skin. Covering in Hebrew is *mikseh* (Strong's H4372). This noun refers mostly to the leather, as in badger skins, porpoise skins, and hides of sea cows. They comprised the coverings for the Tabernacle as well. We may have seen pictures of the ark with a wooden roof, but this Scripture in Genesis 8 reshapes the picture for us. Animal skins speak of the shedding of blood, as in an atonement covering much like the garments God/*Elohim* made for Adam and Eve. In Yeshua is our atonement. As animals are used in Scripture to represent people, the skins over the ark also represent the atonement and surrendering of the animalistic nature from the lives of His people, as they bow in humility before Him. Without Yeshua's blood offering, His people would have no means to be redeemed from their iniquities, called *many waters*. When believers walk in Yeshua's redemption through His Principles, they too will become a refuge, ark, and tabernacle – the dwelling place of God/*Elohim* for many peoples and nations.

✿ **Isaiah 51:15-16** “But I *am* the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, who divided the sea whose waves roared - The LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts/*Tzva'ot* is His name. And I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, that I may plant the heavens, lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, ‘You *are* My people.’”

✿ **Psalms 46:1-4** “God/*Elohim* is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. *Selah*. There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God/*Elohim*, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.”

✿ **Isaiah 61:10** “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD/*Yahweh*, My soul shall be joyful in my God/*Elohim*; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”

When Noah removed the covering, there was a *tearing* or *renting* of the skin (covering or flesh), which then became the *window* through which the raven and dove flew. As Adam's side was pierced to release his bride, so too Yeshua's side/flesh was torn or pierced to redeem His Bride. We who are in Yeshua are the grafted branches of the Messiah. Upon Messiah's death, the temple veil tore (rent) from top to bottom revealing the way home for the Bride (Matthew 27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45; Romans 11:17-18).

✿ **Mark 1:10** “Immediately upon coming up out of the water, he saw heaven torn open and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove” (CJB)

The Third Covenant: The Covenant of Noah Genesis 8:21 to 9:17; 24-27

✿ **Genesis 8:14-17** “And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried. Then God/*Elohim* spoke to Noah, saying, ‘Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living

thing of all flesh that *is* with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”

What was Noah’s first endeavor after the ark emptied?

📖 **Genesis 8:18-20** “So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, *and* whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar to the LORD/*Yahweh*, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.”

Noah was a man of faith. Thus, Noah built an altar and made his *blood* sacrifice in agreement to *the word* he walked in, knowing this offering was a reflection of the vision to come. There he praised and worshiped God/*Elohim* for keeping His Covenant of Truth over them and for their safe arrival. God/*Elohim* was pleased with Noah’s offering of righteousness. In response, He declared this eternal universal Covenant for all mankind (Habakkuk 2:2-3; Hebrews 11:7; 1John 5:6-8 NKJ/KJV only).

📖 **Genesis 8:21-22** “And the LORD/*Yahweh* smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD/*Yahweh* said in His heart, ‘I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

- That no longer is the earth cursed for man’s sake.
 “I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake.”
- Never again destroy every living thing.
 “Nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done”
- Never again destroy the earth.
 “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

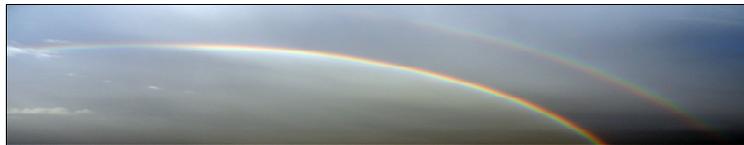
The Rainbow

In the proclamation of the Covenant given to Noah and all mankind, God/*Elohim* also established the first physical sign of His Covenant, the multi-colored rainbow, to be set in the clouds. It represents His banner of Truth and that His love still stands as a testimony to His faithful promises.

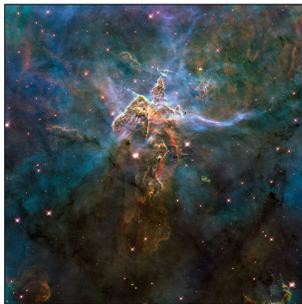
📖 **Genesis 9:13-17** “I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God/*Elohim* and every living creature of

all flesh that is on the earth.” And God/*Elohim* said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

In the story of Creation, the light came out of darkness. This action reveals the prophetic picture of God/*Elohim* sanctifying His people by drawing them from the darkness to His Light - Yeshua. Light travels faster than anything in the universe. It stimulates sight and makes things visible. Black is the base and light is added to get eventually to white. Light has energy and is part of the electromagnetic spectrum, which ranges from radio waves to gamma rays. The rainbow forms when light travels from one medium, such as air into another; in this case the water of the cloud (raindrops). When all the colors that make up sunlight combine, they look white but once they are refractive or bend, the colors break up into the ones we see as in the rainbow. The primary colors of light are *red*, *blue*, and *green*. The secondary colors are yellow, cyan/aqua, and magenta.



Mixing pigment and mixing light are very different. Red and green *paint*, for example, makes the color brown, but red and green *light* makes *yellow light*. Amazingly enough, colors are perceived in our eyes and brains by a three-color code; three different particles in the retina are sensitive to *red*, *blue*, and *green*. Just as mixing the three primary colors can make any color of the spectrum, so do our own eyes discern the various colors by sensing different wavelengths with these three receptors.



Each light color carries its own frequency and announce God's/*Elohim* promise to His Bride. The colors of the rainbow declare His whole redemption story and echo, through His prisms of Light, His Covenant promises to her. Today, with the help of the Hubble space telescope, we can see deep into space the fact that God/*Elohim* is still creating. In this picture, a portion of Carina Nebula, His Light is piercing the darkness within. Note the prominent colors of red, blue, and green.

Be Fruitful and Multiply

🏰 **Genesis 9:1** “So God/*Elohim* blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.’”

God/*Elohim* commanded Noah and his family to be fruitful and multiply. These were the same directives given in Creation to Adam and Eve (Genesis 1:28). All families on earth are to produce *seed* from the *Tree of Life* that would bring forth and multiply generations who would glorify and praise the Name of God/*Elohim* (For more graphic seed information see the chart in study *Nitzavim* in Deuteronomy 29 www.sheepfoldgleanings.com).

📖 **Psalm 78:1-4** “Give ear, O my people, to my law [*Torah –The Tree of Life - seed*]; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD/*Yahweh*, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.”

Do Not Eat The Lifeblood

At this time man’s diet also increased. Along with green herbage, God/*Elohim* gave mankind approval to eat meat. In His word, the Bible, only *clean animals, drained of their lifeblood*, are called *food* acceptable for human consumption. Pork, shellfish, carnivore animals and unclean birds, for example, carry diseases and are unfit for human consumption. Consequently, they are not considered edible and therefore not called *food* in the Bible. Also, God/*Elohim* warned man not to eat the *lifeblood* of the animal in the meat they consume (Genesis 9:4). The *lifeblood* is that which flows through the veins and arteries taking *life* through the body and *removing* body wastage. Therefore, lifeblood is not to be eaten, as life is contained in the blood. It is only used for atonement.

📖 **Genesis 9:1-7** “So God/*Elohim* blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move *on* the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its *blood*. Surely for your *lifeblood* I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man’s *blood*, by man his *blood* shall be shed; for in the image of God/*Elohim* He made man. And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it.”

- Do not eat the blood.
“*You shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its **blood**. Surely for your **lifeblood** I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man.*”
- The establishment of the principles of human government to curb sin.
“*From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man’s **blood**, by man his **blood** shall be shed; for in the image of God/*Elohim* He made man.*”

Today, the principle not to consume the *lifeblood* still applies as it is an *eternal universal law*, just as the rainbow is a universal principle still activate through all the generations of Noah’s descendants, including our generation (Acts 15:20, 29; Acts 21:25).

The Sons Of Noah

The sons of Noah were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. From these sons came many people groups and nations that populated the earth (Genesis 9:18-27).

Noah worked the soil and planted a vineyard. Could Noah have taken these vines with him on the ark? Could they have come originally from the Garden? We do not see the time element in Scripture for the vineyard, but it would have taken several years, five at least before there would be a harvest to make the first pressing of wine.



Vineyard at the Base of Mt Tabor, Jezreel Valley, Israel

Noah's youngest son Ham found his father lying naked inside his tent, quite drunk from the wine. "*Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers outside*" (Genesis 9:22).

The word *saw* is *ra'ah* (Strong's H7200). In Hebrew, *ra'ah* means *to look, see, and understand*. As a redeemed people in Yeshua, we are all learning to walk in a redeemed lifestyle. While we learn to grow together, we are to *cover* (forgive) each other's sins and not expose them. To uncover one's nakedness is as to sodomize them. While Noah was still in a state of drunkenness, his other two sons reverently and with respect covered their father to restore dignity. Upon waking, Noah said, "*Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants he shall be to his brethren. And he said: 'Blessed be the LORD/Yahweh, the God/Elohim of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant. May God/Elohim enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and may Canaan be his servant'*" (Genesis 9:25-27).

The Generations Of Noah And The Tower Of Babel Genesis 10:1-11:9

After the flood, Noah (the tenth generation since Adam) lived 350 years and died at the age of 950 when Abraham (the twentieth generation since Adam) was 58 years old. Recorded in Genesis 10:1 to 11:9 is the list of generations and lines of descendants within their nations that filled the earth after the flood. In Genesis 11 we see the extent to which evil had intensified upon the earth. God/*Elohim* kept His promise not to flood the earth again, but to control the evil He caused great confusion among the populace by changing their one language into many. The various languages they spoke after that were just babble to those who spoke other languages. With this, God/*Elohim* scattered them over the earth.

📖 **2 Peter 3:8-18** "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord/*Adonai Elohim* one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord/*Adonai Elohim* is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord/*Adonai Elohim* will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens

will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God/*Elohim*, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider *that* the longsuffering of our the Lord/*Adonai Elohim* is salvation - as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our the Lord/*Adonai Elohim* and Savior Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.”

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