

## **Torah Nuggets – Rabbin Deborah Brandt**

### **Noach – Genesis 6:9-8:14**

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Genesis 6:9 – 6:13

Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was in his generations a man righteous and whole-hearted; Noah walked with God.

Gen 6:10 And Noah begot three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Gen 6:11 And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Gen 6:12 And God saw the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah: 'The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.'

Dr.J.H. Hertz Commentary

Building of the Ark vs. 9-12

Vs. 9 These are the generations i.e. This is the story of Noach

Righteousness - In his actions, in his relationship with his fellows

Whole Hearted - Blameless, faultless

In His Generations - The Rabbis point out that these words may be understood as stating that, despite the depravity which raged around him, he remained unspotted and untainted by corruption. It may however also mean that in his generations i.e. judged by the low standards of his age, Noach was righteous but had he lived in the period of Abraham, he would not have been conspicuous for goodness.

Noah walked with God - But Abraham, scripture latter tells us, walked before God.

Example: A father takes his young child by the hand, so that the latter walks with him, but he allows an older, mature child to walk before him. In moral strength, Abraham was the superior of Noach (Midrash)

### **God Warns- Man Ignores- A Covenant Made With Noach**

#### **The 12 “I wills” of God to Noach**

1. I will destroy them with the Earth – 6:13
2. I will establish my covenant with you-6:18
3. I will cause it to rain upon the Earth-7:4
4. I will destroy every living substance – 7:4

5. I will not curse the ground again -8:21
6. I will not smite every living thing again-8:21
7. I will require life for life – 9:5
8. I will require blood of beasts that kill -9:5
9. I will require blood of men who kill – 9:5
10. I will establish my covenant with you – 9:11
11. I will remember my covenant with you – 9:15
12. I will look upon the rainbow – 9:16

#### Hertz Commentary - Vs 14

The Rabbis say that the construction of the Ark occupied Noach for 120 years, in order to give his contemporaries an opportunity to repent. Thus curiosity would naturally be aroused by what Noach was doing and He would answer their inquiry by warning them of the judgment which God was bringing on mankind. They however scoffed at him, and gave him no heed to his words.

#### **The Meaning of Numbers: The Number 120**

**The number 120 can symbolize a divinely appointed time of waiting. After God saw how sinful and dedicated to evil man had become after the garden of Eden, he determined a one hundred and twenty year period would be given for repentance and then the flood waters would come (Genesis 6:1 - 3)**

As Rabbi Hertz points out, God give man ample warning and time to repent, yet only 8 entered into the Ark. They were blinded to their own evil and sin and had forgotten The Lord their Maker. The eight were given the commission to replenish the earth and serve God.

In Hebrew the number eight is (*Sh'moneh*), from the root (*Shah'meyn*), "to make fat," "cover with fat," "to super-abound." As a participle it means "one who abounds in strength," etc. As a noun it is "superabundant fertility," "oil," etc. So that as a numeral it is the superabundant number. As *seven* was so called because the seventh day was the day of completion and rest, so *eight*, as the eighth day, was over and above this perfect completion, and was indeed the *first* of a new series, as well as being the *eighth*. Thus it already represents two numbers in one, the *firs* and *eighth*.

#### EIGHT BY ITSELF

It is *7 plus 1*. Hence it is the number specially associated with *Resurrection* and *Regeneration*, and the beginning of a new era or order.

When the whole earth was covered with the flood, it was Noah "the eighth person" (2 Peter 2:5) who stepped out on to a new earth to commence a new order of things. "Eight souls" (1 Peter 3:20) passed through it with him to the new or regenerated world.

Hence, too, circumcision was to be performed on the *eighth* day (Gen 17:12), because it was the foreshadowing of the true circumcision of the heart, that which was to be "made without hands," even "the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ" (Col 2:11). This is connected with the new creation.

The first-born was to be given to YHVH on the eighth day (Exo 22:29,30). E.W.Bullinger-Number in Scripture

Our assignment to repair the world has miserably failed instead of repair we see it in disrepair.

As in Noah's time God has given mankind ample time to repent and return to Him, yet we see man not heeding the warnings and going their merry way. However, God always has a remnant who are watchmen on the walls and continue warning the World of Gods final judgement to come.

### The Terrible Flood of Noah

*by Lambert Dolphin*

#### Before the Fall

The early earth after creation is nowhere pictured as a place of smoking volcanoes, sulfurous fumes and violent quakes. The Apostle Peter quite simply says that the earth "was formed out of water and by means of water" (2 Peter 3:5). The whole purpose of creation was to produce an environment-a habitat-for man. In fact, the universe was designed for man to manage and govern (Gen 1:26-31, Heb 2:6-8). All this has changed as far as we are concerned-Adam forfeited his rightful place as steward over the creation. The world we live in has been ruined, and the human race in its ongoing rebellion against God continues to require interventions by God when He calls men into courts of judgment. God's last major judgment was the Flood of Noah-and this great disaster was actually not very long ago in the history of our race.

### **Yeshua our Messiah Reminds us - As in The Days of Noach**

Mat 24:37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Mat 24:38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark,

Mat 24:39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.(ESV)

### **Brit HaDasha References to Noach**

**Heb 11:7** By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. (ESV)

1Pe 3:18 For Messiah once suffered for sins also—the righteous for the unrighteous—in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Ruach.

1Pe 3:19 Through the Ruach He also went and preached to the spirits in prison.

**1Pe 3:20** Long ago they disobeyed while God kept waiting patiently, in the days of Noah as the ark was being built. In that ark a few (that is, eight souls) were brought safely through water.

1Pe 3:21 Corresponding to that, immersion now brings you to safety—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but a pledge to God of a good conscience—through the resurrection of Messiah Yeshua.

1Pe 3:22 He has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels and authorities and powers subjected to Him. (TLV)

2Pe 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;

**2Pe 2:5** if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

As Talmidim of Yeshua it is our commission to preach the Good News, whether people listen or not and make Talmidim of those who have repented and returned to God so they in turn can help others to become Talmidim of Yeshua. Just as Noach spent 120 years preaching repentance as he was building the Ark of safety for those who would repent, so to we need to continue to preaching repentance presenting Yeshua as the Only Ark of safety for mankind to be saved from the judgement to come.

### **Scriptures To Ponder (All ESV Tranlation)**

Genesis 6:12

Gen 6:12 And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

**Isa 57:1** The righteous man perishes, and no one lays it to heart; devout men are taken away, while no one understands. For the righteous man is taken away from calamity;

Isa 57:2 he enters into peace; they rest in their beds who walk in their uprightness.

Isa 59:14 Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter.

Isa 59:15 Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.

Isa 59:16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.

Isa 59:17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

Isa 59:18 According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment.

Isa 59:19 So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives.

Isa 59:20 "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.

Isa 59:21 "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD, "from this time forth and forevermore."

**2Ti 3:1** But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

2Ti 3:2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,

2Ti 3:4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

2Ti 3:5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

2Ti 4:3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

2Ti 4:4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

Eph 5:15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

Eph 5:16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.