## Noach n: "Noah"



## Genesis 6:9 - 11:32

In this week's Parasha we learn that God is comforted by His righteous judgment of sin. When we accept God's provision to save us from the punishment we deserve, He extends grace in the form of a new covenant.

Noach and his family were the only humans who did not rebel against God. As a result, they were saved from God's judgment and entered into a new covenant with Him. This covenant is everlasting, meaning it is still enforced today.

After the Flood, the descendants of Noach disobeyed God's command to fill the earth. They stayed in one place and began building a tower to make a name for themselves. This sin brought God's discipline in the form of different languages and dwelling boundaries for all people.

## ~ Focus Passage of Scripture ~ Genesis 8:20 - 9:17

The people that lived before the Flood knew how God wanted them to live, but they disobeyed God's plan for their lives. This obedience led to great violence, or hamas (גָּקָיָם), on the earth at all times. This disorder and misuse of God's creation resulted in His judgment.

Did you know that God is a God of order? His order is perfect, so it does not change!

Since God's order is perfect, His judgment of disorder is right. God must judge sin because He is righteous. God is comforted when He judges sin. Once sin has received what it deserves, His perfect order can begin again. When God's perfect order is in place, He offers His grace and truth through a new covenant.

Genesis 9:9 And as for me, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your descendants after you

## Pray First

We praise You, Father God, because Your judgments are always right. We thank You that Your judgments are complete and bring You comfort. Thank You for Your grace, mercy, and love. Please help us agree with the truth of Your Word.

In Yeshua's name we pray. Amen.

<u>Read Next</u> Genesis 6:9 - 11:32 Our passage today speaks of Noach and his family, along with many animals who receive God's favor in a wicked generation. Noach spent many years building the ark exactly as God instructed. During this period of time, God was warning the wicked people to stop sinning and return to His order for their lives. The people did not repent, despite God's patient calling, and continued to disobey Him. When we continue to disobey God, we are rebelling against Him and His perfect order/plan for our lives.

In Genesis 8:20-21 after God destroyed the earth with water, Noach builds an altar to worship God. God is comforted because His judgment of sin has restored His perfect order and provisions for His creation.

In Genesis 8:22-9:4 God restates His order for creation. Once again, He commands man to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. God states that animals will now fear man and be consumed as food with one exception. The blood of an animal must never be consumed for food because it remains set apart for the purposes of God. God has provided the blood for the atonement/covering of man's sin and for sacrifice to worship God.

In Genesis 9:5-6 we learn that God says if a man or beast kills a man, he is misusing God's provision of blood. If one kills a man, his life will be taken by man.

In Genesis 9:8-17 we learn that God makes an external covenant/brit olam with every living creature of the earth. Eternal covenant in Hebrew is brit olam (בְרִית עוֹלָם). A covenant of God is an agreement that supports God's perfect will and loving promises.

God's judgment and curse by the flood was total and complete. The flood was so effective in accomplishing God's plan that it will never need to be repeated. As a reminder of this covenant, God gives a sign in the clouds that He brings over the earth. This sign is the rainbow that we see in the sky. It is a testament to Heaven and Earth that God's order is perfect and His judgments are right. The rainbow is a sign that God always keeps His promises. It dishonors God for the rainbow to be used to symbolize anything other than His new eternal covenant with His creation.

# Recap Review Fun

Eight people obey God's instruction for salvation from His judgment. These eight people received God's grace and truth as an outcome of trusting His word. When we have faith in God's provision for salvation, we can enter into an eternal  $\_$   $\_$   $\_$   $\_$   $\_$  relationship with Him.

Directions: Answer the following questions. Then find the corresponding letter of each answer in the word box. Write the letters that correspond to answers in order to complete the above statement and write it in the ark.

Questions:

- 1. To whom did God reveal His plan of salvation and command to build an ark?
- What was the name of Noach's youngest son? (Gen. 9:18)
- 3. How many days and nights did it rain during the flood?
- 4. How many people were saved on the ark?

5. What day of the month did the Flood begin and the ark rest? (Gen. 7:11; Gen. 8:4)
6. What was Noach's oldest son named?
7. How many cubits upwards did the waters rise? (Gen. 7:20)
8. Which one of Noach's sons saw their father's nakedness and told the other two brothers? (Gen. 9:22)



Word Bank		
O. Japheth	N. Seventeen	
B. Ark	D. Flood	
E. Eight	J. Judgment	
H. Rainbow	F. Grace	
A. Shem	I. Comfort	
G. Enoch	K. Blessing	
V. Forty	T. Ham	
C. Noach	N. Fifteen	



For Christ also suffered once for sins, the Righteous One for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:18

#### ~ | Peter 3:18-22 ~

In this passage of scripture we learn just as God was patient with humanity in the days of Noach, He is patient with humanity today. God does not want one soul to perish, but He must judge sin.

In the days of Noach, there was only one ark with one door to enter. All who ignored this provision from God died in the flood. All who trusted in God's word entered the ark and survived His judgment. Likewise, there is only one way by which a person can escape God's future judgment of sin. That one way is to trust only in one person. To be saved from God's upcoming wrath and judgment, a person must trust in the death and resurrection of Yeshua, God's only Begotten Son. It pleased Father God to place all our sins upon His Son at the cross for judgment. This does not mean we no longer sin. It means if we trust in the work of Yeshua, we find favor with God, and He declares us righteous in our generation. Trusting in the work of Yeshua will save us from God's future judgment of the world.

#### Pray First

#### Father God,

We praise You for Your provision of salvation and forgiveness of our sins. We acknowledge that Your way is the only way to obtain redemption and eternal life. Thank You for Your eternal grace and covenant of peace that You give to anyone who trusts in that way, Yeshua. In His blessed name, we pray. Amen.

#### Read Next

l Peter 3:18-22 Isaiah 54:1-55:5

Remember the rainbow? God placed it in the clouds as a sign after His first judgment of the world. When He makes it appear today, it is a signal to the world that God remembers and keeps His promises. Likewise, God has given us a sign to demonstrate to Him and to the world that we trust in Yeshua, His Son, for salvation from His future judgment. This sign is called baptism.

When a person is baptized, he is completely immersed in water to represent God's judgment of sin by the flood and by His Son's death and burial in the earth. After being totally underwater, the person is quickly raised out again. This represents the eight people exiting the ark and Yeshua being raised from the grave back to life again. Baptism represents a change in status. God commands each person who trusts in the work of Yeshua for salvation to be baptized as a demonstration of their faith in Him.

Will you trust in Yeshua today? If so, pray this prayer to God right now:

#### Father God,

I admit that I am a sinner and in need of salvation. Your son, Yeshua, shed His blood on the cross as a provision for my salvation and forgiveness of my sins. This was the way you wanted His blood to be used. You were pleased with His sacrifice to save me, and You raised Him back to life again. I want to thank You for loving me so much that You asked Yeshua to do this for me. I want to make Him my Lord and my God because He loved You so much that He was willing to die instead of me. Please now, Father, put His Spirit in me forever.

Amen



Write your name in this ark.

\*When you are baptized remember what it demonstrates\*



"For the mountains shall be removed And the hills will collapse, But My grace shall not depart from you, Nor shall a covenant of My peace collapse," said the Lord, who has mercy on you.

Isaiah 54:10

#### ~ Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5 ~

This passage of scripture tells of God's great faithfulness to keep the promises of His covenants with His people and the land of Israel. When God judges the world in the future, a great change, or transition, will occur. New life will burst forth in the land, and the people will be transformed inwardly and outwardly.

God redeems and brings about this change through His son, Yeshua. There is nothing we can do to deserve this expression of God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness. It is a gift from God.

# Recap Review Fun

Hey, did you know that because God is perfect and never changes, His reaction to sin is a pattern? Help the dove find its way back to the ark to see this pattern develop.



# Numbers in the Bible

Hey, did you know that numbers in the Bible have meaning? First, let's look at the numbers that were mentioned about the ark.



victory

50



Freedom or liberty

Death

When zeros are added to a number, they get the additional meaning of entirely or complete.

The dimensions of the ark,  $300L \times 50W \times 30H$ , provided the total area of safety during the flood. The ark provided complete victory over death, giving freedom to worship God.



Kingdom of God Redemption Newness Renewal The eight people who entered the ark received redemption and a new beginning on a renewed earth.

## Numbers in the Bible

## Transition or change

The waters of the deep broke forth, and it rained for 40 days/nights. The flood changed the entire landscape of the earth and transitioned those saved into a new beginning.

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Completely set apart for a purpose

The flood began on the 17th day of the 2nd month, and the ark rested on the 17th day of the 7th month.

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## The Name of God "Yah"

The waters rose upwards to God 15 cubits.

The flood was completely set apart for the purpose of changing the earth to reflect the character/name of God.

# Recap Review Fun

Directions: Draw a line to the number and its corresponding definition(s).

Death	15	Kingdom of God
Change	8	Completely sanctified
"Yah"	30	God's Name
Freedom	17	Redemption
Newness, renewal	300	Liberty
Testing, revealing, proving completely	40	Total victory
	50	Transition

40 - change, transition; 50 - liberty, freedom