

# Parashat Noach

## פרשת נח

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### Repentance, Forgiveness, Justice and Righteousness

השבועות הזה קוראים / This Week's Reading

תורה: Genesis 6:9-11:32

הפטרה: Isaiah 66:1-24

הברית: Matthew 3-4

החדשה

*Triennial cycle: Bereshit / Genesis 8:15-10:32*

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In this week's reading from Parashat Noach (*Bereshit / Genesis 6:9-11:32*) the Lord saw all of the wickedness on the face of the earth from mankind (וַיִּרְא יְהוָה כִּי רַבָּה רָעַת הָאָדָם בָּאָרֶץ וְכָל-יֶצֶר מַחְשָׁב תּוֹרַת לִבּוֹ רָק רַע כָּל-הַיּוֹם: וַיִּנְחַם יְהוָה בְּ-יָ) and that the heart of man was consistently focused upon evil (*Bereshit 6:9*). It grieved the Lord that He had made man, the Targum Onkelos (*Bereshit 6:10*) says that it grieved the Lord God in His the

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Memra (בְּמִמְרֵיהָ, Word) that He had made man (תָּבַח בְּמִמְרֵיהָ אֲרֵי עֲבַד יְת אָדָם). As a result, the Lord was going to bring a great flood to destroy all life having breath from the face of the earth. (בְּאַרְעָא וְאָמַר בְּמִמְרֵיהָ לְמַתְבַּר תּוֹקְפֵיהּוֹן כְּרַעוּתֵיהָ)

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God instructs Noah to build an ark and then Noah, his family, two of every unclean animal, and 7 pairs of every clean animal enter into the ark. Following the flood and the waters receding, God instructs Noah that it is ok to leave the ark. In *Bereshit / Genesis 9:11* God says *"I establish my covenant with you,"* the Lord declares that He will establish His covenant and

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places His bow as a reminder of the covenant that He has made to not destroy the earth by water (flood) אֶת-קַשְׁתִּי נִתְמִי בַעֲנֹן וְהִיְתָה לְאוֹת בְּרִית בֵּינִי וּבֵין הָאָרֶץ as long as the earth stands and the seasons come in their time. Based on this text, the Lord makes a covenant with the earth and places the rainbow as a sign of the covenant. On seeing the rainbow, the Lord will remember the covenant that He made with

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us and all life on the earth (וְזָכַרְתִּי אֶת-בְּרִיתִי אֲשֶׁר בֵּינִי וּבֵינֵיכֶם וּבֵין כָּל-נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה בְּכָל-). Note that God "remembers" on seeing the rainbow. Life can be so intense sometimes that we forget the hope that we have that comes as a result of our faith and faithfulness to God. Like God, sometimes we need to remind ourselves that mighty and awesome is our God, He

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has a plan for us and He (God) has remained faithful to us throughout the ages in the covenant He made in His Son Yeshua the Messiah.

### פרשת נח ספר בראשית פרק ט פסוק ז-טו

ז וְאַתֶּם פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ שִׂרְצוּ בָאָרֶץ וּרְבוּ-בָהּ: ח וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל-נֹחַ וְאֶל-בָּנָיו אֲתוּ לְאִמְרֵי: ט וְאֲנִי הִנְנִי מְקִיִּים אֶת-בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם וְאֶת-זִרְעֵכֶם אַחֲרֵיכֶם: י וְאֵת כָּל-נֶפֶשׁ הַחַיָּה אֲשֶׁר אִתְּכֶם בְּעוֹף בְּבִהֵמָה וּבְכָל-חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ אִתְּכֶם מִכָּל יִצְאֵי הַתְּבֵה לְכָל חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ: יא וְהִקְמֵתִי אֶת-בְּרִיתִי

### Bereshit / Genesis 9:7-15

9:7 'As for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it.' 9:8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, 9:9 'Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; 9:10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. 9:11 'I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.' 9:12 God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; 9:13 I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. 9:14 'It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, 9:15 and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. (NASB)

אֶתְכֶם וְלֹא-יִפְרֹת כָּל-בְּשָׂר עוֹד מִמֵּי הַמַּבּוּל וְלֹא-יִהְיֶה עוֹד מַבּוּל לְשַׁחַת הָאָרֶץ: יב וַיֹּאמֶר  
אֱלֹהִים זֶה אֶת-הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר-אֲנִי נֹתֵן בֵּינִי וּבֵינֵיכֶם וּבֵין כָּל-נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה אֲשֶׁר אִתְּכֶם לְדֹרֹת  
עוֹלָם: יג אֶת-קִשְׁתִּי נֹתַתִּי בְּעֵנָן וְהָיְתָה לְאוֹת בְּרִית בֵּינִי וּבֵין הָאָרֶץ: יד וְהָיָה בְּעֵנָי עָנָן עַל-  
הָאָרֶץ וּנְרָאָתָה הַקִּשְׁתׁ בְּעֵנָן: טו וְזָכַרְתִּי אֶת-בְּרִיתִי אֲשֶׁר בֵּינִי וּבֵינֵיכֶם וּבֵין כָּל-נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה בְּכָל-  
בְּשָׂר וְלֹא-יִהְיֶה עוֹד הַמַּיִם לְמַבּוּל לְשַׁחַת כָּל-בְּשָׂר:

Noach (נח) is the grandson of Methuselah (*Bereshit / Genesis 5:25-29*) who lived 969 years, the oldest man to have walked the earth. Noach was born 250 years following the death of Adam. Methuselah was the son of Lamech who was the fifth in descent from Cain and Lamech was the first man to have violated the marriage covenant of having only one wife (see *Bereshit / Genesis 4:23-24*). The word Noach (נח) when used as a noun is a proper name, when used as a verb (לנוח) means “to rest,” and when used as an adjective (נח) means “resting.” The meaning behind the name that Lamech gives to Noach is explained in *Bereshit / Genesis 5:29* that states ‘*This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the Lord has cursed*’ (זֶה יִנְחַמְנוּ (מִמַּעֲשֵׂי נוֹ וּמִמַּעֲבֹדוֹן יְדִינוֹ מִן-הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר אָרְרָה יְהוָה)).

**פרשת בראשית ספר בראשית פרק ה פסוק כה-ל**

כה וַיְחִי-לְמֶךְ שְׁתַּיִם וְשֵׁם נִים שָׁנָה וּמָאת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֵד בֵּן: כט וַיִּקְרָא אֶת-שְׁמוֹ נֹחַ לְאִמֹּר זֶה יִנְחַמְנוּ מִמַּעֲשֵׂי נוֹ וּמִמַּעֲבֹדוֹן יְדִינוֹ מִן-הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר אָרְרָה יְהוָה: ל וַיְחִי-לְמֶךְ אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת-נֹחַ חֲמִשָּׁה וְתַשְׁעִים שָׁנָה וְחִמֵּשׁ מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֵד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת:

These words are prophetic in a sense that Noach was a type of Messiah (Savior) for the human race. It was through Noach and his family that the human race survived the destruction of the world by the flood. During the great flood the earth rested from the wickedness of mankind however the earth was in great turmoil. Noach personified the Messiah in the sense that he was a type of the one who is the true “rest and comfort” of men under the burden of life as it is written in *Matthew 11:28* (Δεῦτε πρός με πάντες οἱ κοπιῶντες καὶ πεφορτισμένοι, ἀγῶ ἀναπαύσω ὑμᾶς.) “*Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.*” Noah was a righteous man and lived righteously in his generation as it says in *Ezekiel 14:14*, and *Bereshit / Genesis 6:8* that Noah found grace in God’s eyes (וַיִּבְרַח נֹחַ בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה).

**ספר יחזקאל פרק יד**

יד וְהָיוּ שְׁלֹשֶׁת הָאֲנָשִׁים הָאֵלֶּה בְּתוֹכָהּ נֹחַ דָּנְיָאֵל [דָּנְיָאֵל] וְאִיּוֹב הֵמָּה בְּצַדִּיקוֹתָם וַיִּנְצְלוּ נַפְשָׁם נְאֻם אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה יְהוָה:

As the men of Noach’s generation were growing more and more corrupted (wicked) the Lord God had decided to wipe the earth of the wicked population and so the Lord God entered into a covenant with Noach having the promise of deliverance from the coming flood. As a result of the covenant, God commanded Noah to build an ark in *Bereshit / Genesis 6:14* saying וַיִּבְרַח נֹחַ בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה

**Bereshit / Genesis 5:28-30**  
5:28 Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son. 5:29 Now he called his name Noah, saying, ‘This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the Lord has cursed.’ 5:30 Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had other sons and daughters. (NASB)

**Ezekiel 14:14**  
14:14 even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves,’ declares the Lord God. (NASB)

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220 then absolution of sin according to God's way. So if our hearts are not  
correct/right before God are we bringing a sacrifice on our own conditions? Note  
how Yeshua commanded in *Matthew 5:23-26* "Therefore if you are presenting  
225 your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something  
against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled  
to your brother, and then come and present your offering. "Make friends quickly  
with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your  
opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and  
you be thrown into prison. "Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until  
230 you have paid up the last cent. (NASB) Yeshua's words indicate that if we bear  
iniquity in our hearts (*having something against your brother*) that we must make  
right with our brother first and that this leads to justice (טִפְּחֵי צְדָקָה) and righteousness  
(תְּפִלָּה) before God. Only then would atonement be accepted at the altar.

In this week's study from Parashat Noach, we read that God saw the great  
wickedness of the generation that Noach was living in and purposed to destroy  
235 that generation from the face of the earth. Today does God see wickedness in  
your heart? Personally, I constantly have to take control of my heart and my  
thought life. When a wicked thought comes into my head and I entertain the  
thought, or when I have a murderous thought being angry at someone, I ask for  
forgiveness and repent and ask the Lord to help me to keep my heart, my mind to  
240 operating with (טִפְּחֵי צְדָקָה) and righteousness (תְּפִלָּה) before Him. Do you struggle  
with these things too? According to the Torah, we need to seek the internal  
cleansing that purifies us before God, this only happens when we ask the Lord  
believing in His Messiah Yeshua. If one does not believe on God's way, through  
His Messiah, then not only will such a person die here on earth, but he/she will  
245 have no part in the Olam Habah (the World to come). In Noach's day, God  
waited for the people to repent on the testimony of Noach. The apostle Peter  
gives us some commentary on Noach in *1 Peter 3:18-20* saying:

250 ΠΙΕΤΡΟΥ Α 3:18-20

250 ὅτι καὶ Χριστὸς ἅπαξ περὶ ἀμαρτιῶν ἔπαθεν, δίκαιος ὑπὲρ ἀδίκων, ἵνα  
ὑμᾶς προσαγάγη τῷ θεῷ, θανατωθεὶς μὲν σαρκὶ ζωοποιηθεὶς δὲ  
πνεύματι: ἐν ᾧ καὶ τοῖς ἐν φυλακῇ πνεύμασιν πορευθεὶς ἐκήρυξεν,  
ἀπειθήσασιν ποτε ὅτε ἀπεξεδέχετο ἡ τοῦ θεοῦ μακροθυμία ἐν ἡμέραις  
255 Νῶε κατασκευαζομένης κιβωτοῦ, εἰς ἣν ὀλίγοι, τοῦτ' ἔστιν ὀκτώ  
ψυχαί, διεσώθησαν δι' ὕδατος.

The Greek text translations "Christ (Χριστὸς) died once for sins suffered, the  
just for the unjust (δίκαιος ὑπὲρ ἀδίκων) that he should lead us toward God  
having put to death indeed the flesh but being restored to live to the spirit." Peter  
260 goes on to say using the days of Noach as an example, that God is patiently  
waiting, how long will you wait to believe in the Lord God Almighty and His  
Messiah? There were only eight people/souls (ὀκτώ ψυχαί) saved being brought  
through the water. This week's study, and the various narratives found in the  
Torah of Yisrael are meant to shape our understanding of salvation and  
265 relationship with the Lord. We are called out of darkness and slavery to sin into

1 Peter 3:18-20

3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 3:19 in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, 3:20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. (NASB)

light, peace, and freedom from sin. If you want a new life, and new heart, and a new spirit within, God will accomplish this if you ask placing your faith in His Son Yeshua the Messiah. Let's pray.

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Heavenly Father,

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Help me to know the depths of the love and mercy that You have for me in Your Son Yeshua. Help me to understand and apply all that I have learned this week from the Scriptures. Help me to know without a doubt, that You have purchased, established, and confirmed Your covenant because of Your mercy and love for me. Please forgive me of my sins, I recognize and confess the wickedness that dwells in my heart. Deliver me from my sins Lord, not because of what I have done, but because what You have done in Yeshua the Messiah. I believe Yeshua laid down His life for me and that He was raised up to life from the grave as the Scriptures say. Thank You Lord for making the truth of Your Son known to me today; I believe that the atonement You have provided is an absolute necessity for me to receive forgiveness, and I thank you for forgiving me and redeeming me from my sins. Help me to serve You Lord by faith. Please come and work in my life daily and help me to hear Your voice. Thank You Lord for everything You have done for me. I give You all of the glory, the honor, and the praise forever and ever.

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In Yeshua's (Jesus') Name I pray! Amen!

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**What to pray:**

- *Ask the Lord to help you to recognize sin in your life and to repent seeking forgiveness in His son Yeshua the Messiah.*
- *Ask the Lord to help you see, trust, and obey Him and His Word. Ask the Lord to help you "to hear His voice" and "to hold fast to Him."*
- *Thank the Lord for lifting the burden of sin and revealing His truth in your heart and life.*

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**Be Blessed in Yeshua, Christ our Messiah!**

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הללויה לאדוננו מורנו ורבינו ישוע מלך המשיח לעולם ועד:  
Hallelujah for our Lord, our Teacher, our Rabbi,  
"Yeshua" King Messiah forever and ever

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