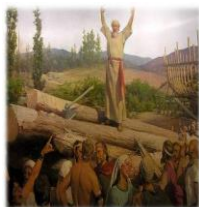


Parasha 2: Noach (Noah)

B'resheet/Genesis 6:9 – 11:32

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As we open this Torah Study, we are at once taken to realize that the setting of this parasha is very practical in regard to the day and time in which we live. The condition of mankind on earth, both then and now, has deteriorated rapidly. There is only one hope if mankind is to survive at all. YHWH must respond with *'judgment'*. The cancerous infection of sin must be *'cut off'* by a radical and widespread surgical application of YHWH's righteousness. Judgment is what happens when YHWH's righteousness has been rejected. The one lesson we are called upon to learn from Torah is... **THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR ACTIONS!** Are we, in our present time, not facing much of the same *'spirit'* as the world of Noach's day? Remember the words of our blessed Master Yeshua,

“For as in the days of Noach [Noah], thus will be the Bias HaMoshiach [the Coming of The Mashiach], the Coming of the Ben HaAdam [Son of Man].

For as they were in those days before HaMabbul (the Flood), eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noach [Noah] entered the Tevah [ark],” (Mattityahu/Matthew 24:37-38 OJB- definitions mine)

In other words, the *'spirit of the world'* just prior to that of Adon/Lord Yeshua's *'Second Coming'* will be the same as it was in the *'days of Noach'*. Now, what we find in our Torah portion should be a word of comfort. Many people believe that the Torah is strictly *'Law oriented'*, and that there is no *'grace'* to be found within it. Yet, here we find just the opposite. Amid the gathering storm clouds of YHWH's judgment, we find this wonderful verse at the end of last week's Torah portion,

“But Noach [Noah] found chen (grace, unmerited favor) in the eyes of Hashem [YHWH].” (B'resheet/Genesis 6:8 OJB- definitions mine)

The word *'favor'* used here in Hebrew is *'chen'*. It means, *'graciousness, kindness and favor'*. While it is true that *'grace'* is most typically understood as *'free, unmerited favor'*, we find something deeper here in Noach. The verb preceding *'favor'* in this verse is, *'found'*. It is in the *'causative tense'*. In other words, there was *'something that Noach was doing'* that **CAUSED YHWH** to *'look upon him'*. Out of all those who were living on the earth at this time, a terrible time of impending judgment, Noach was the one who *'found grace'* in the eyes of YHWH. What was it that *'caused'* Noach to be so blessed?

Torah Obedience Catches The Eyes Of YHWH

There are a few things that we do not realize about Noach without doing a little investigating. First, do you know who the contemporaries of Noach's abba, Lamech, were? Well, Lamech was only 56 years old when Adam died! That's right, there is a good chance that he knew and spoke with YHWH's first created man! He was 111 years old when Chanoch/Enoch was taken up by YHWH into the Shomayim/Heavens. And, he was 168 years old when Sheth/Seth died, Adam and Chava's/Eve's son who was born after Havel's/Abel's murder.

Second, what do you suppose Lamech spoke of with these men? Well, for one thing, they most likely discussed the Torah! Wait a minute. I didn't think the Torah came until Moshe's/Moses' time? Moshe was given the 'written Torah/Torah Sh'bichtav' שבכתב תורה (read right to left). However, the Torah is itself 'eternal'. (Tehillim/Psalms 119:52; 89; 152; 160) Before the time of Moshe, the Torah most likely existed in 'oral form/Torah Sh'ba'al Peh' פה שבעל תורה (read right to left). As such, it was 'passed down' from 'generation to generation as a continuous revelation' by word of mouth. All of the Torah, as Moshe was given it through YHWH in his day, may not have been existent in Noach's day. However, we do know, that there were 'Torah principles' being made available. How? Well, listen to this,

“Of every behamah hatehorah [the clean animals] thou shalt take to thee by sevens; the male and his mate; and of behamah [animals] that are not tehorah [clean] by two, the male and his mate.” (B’resheet/Genesis 7:2 OJB- definitions mine)

YHWH instructed Noach to take in the 'clean animals' He brought to him by 'sevens'. The 'unclean' were to be brought into the ark by 'two's'. Now, the differentiation between 'clean and unclean is a hallmark of Torah'. It is through Torah that we obtain the 'knowledge' of what YHWH deems as 'clean and unclean, holy and profane'. Where did Noach get this understanding? That's right, more than likely from his abba Lamech. Who got his 'knowledge' from Sheth/Seth, Chanoch/Enoch and Adam!

Now, upon further examination we find this said of Noach,

“These are the toldot [generations] of Noach; Noach was an ish tzaddik [righteous man] and tamim [blameless] among those of his time, and Noach’s halachah [way/walk] was with HaElohim [The Mighty One].” (B’resheet/Genesis 6:9 OJB- definitions mine)

So, we find here that Noach was 'righteous and blameless'. These words are 'adjectives' that describe the 'moral stature' of the man, Noach. How did he attain this place? We are told, 'Noach walked with Elohim/The Mighty One'. The Hebrew word for 'walked is halak'. Those who 'walk in obedience to Torah' are spoken of as 'walking in the way'. Noach was practicing the 'halachot (plural of 'halak') or 'the way of Torah', as it was 'being revealed' in his day. In a world that had lost its 'moral compass', because it had rejected the righteous ways of YHWH, here, Torah presents us with the man, Noach. In turn, he was found 'walking out of step' with the 'iniquity or the torahlessness' of the world in which he lived. He was 'walking in the ways' of YHWH. It was this perseverance to keep the 'ways of YHWH' that caught the eye of The Mighty One. The whole of mankind may have turned their back on its Creator. But here is a man determined to 'walk out his trusting faithfulness' taught to him by his abba. YHWH 'took note' of Noach then, and He will 'take note' of us today who seek to 'walk out the way of His Torah' by the power of His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness.

Noach Had Faith And Reverence For YHWH's Preceding Word From The Heavens

“By Emunah [trusting faithfulness] Noach, having been warned about the things not yet visible to the eye of flesh, and being an ish of yirat Shomayim [man of reverential fear of The Heavens], built the Teva (Ark) for the Geulah [redemption] of the Beis HaNoach [House of Noah]. By his Emunah [trusting faithfulness] he condemned the Olam Hazeh [present world] and he became the yoresh (heir) of the Tzedek Hashem [righteousness of YHWH] that is credited to Emunah. [Trusting Faithfulness]” (Ivrim/Hebrews 11:7 OJB- definitions mine)

Beloved, notice the first two words in the above verse: **TRUSTING FAITHFULNESS**. I use these two words, rather than simply 'faith', because the latter is sometimes misunderstood. Faith many times is taken as a 'static,

one-time event'. Whereas, the 'true Hebraic idea of faith or emunah' in Hebrew is that it is an act that is to be **CONTINUOUSLY** exercised by one who 'believes'. The source of 'trusting faithfulness' is to be found in 'studying the Torah'. In other words, **WE MUST BE FAMILIAR** with what YHWH **HAS** said. This will prepare us, **TO HEAR** what YHWH **IS SAYING** to our hearts 'in the present'. Noach, a man of Torah, was found 'walking in the ways' of YHWH. He **HEARD** the 'oral Torah/Torah Sh'ba'al Peh'/ תורה שבעל פה (read right to left) from the others of his day who spoke it and 'walked it out'. It was this 'obedience' to what YHWH **HAD SPOKEN** in the Torah that **PREPARED** Noach to 'be able to hear' what He **WAS SAYING PRESENT TENSE** in his heart.

Our blessed Rebbe Yeshua taught us, **WE DO NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE (what YHWH 'has' said); WE LIVE BY WHAT HE IS SAYING! (Mattityahu/Matthew 4:4)** Noach's 'trusting faithfulness' in YHWH's Word, spoken through the 'oral Torah/Torah Sh'ba'al Peh'/ תורה שבעל פה (read right to left), 'already given' to his elders, is what 'conditioned his spirit' to **HEAR THE FRESH, PRECEDING WORD** of warning to him of YHWH's impending judgment. This judgment could not be seen or even noticed by the world of Noach's day. Everything seemed just fine. Even the words of our Rebbe Yeshua give this idea. They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. Suddenly, in the midst of all of this 'normal everyday activity', Noach starts building something no one had ever heard of... **AN ARK!** What is an ark? For what? **RAIN?** What's that? **THE WORLD AT THAT TIME HAD NEVER SEEN RAIN!** However, Noach was moved by 'trusting faithfulness', not by what could or could not be seen.

Listen clearly to what the rest of this verse says,

“...an ish of yirat Shomayim [a man of reverential fear of The Heavens], built the Teva [ark]...”
(B'reshheet/Genesis 11:7b OJB- definitions mine)

Because Noach was a man who 'walked in the ways of Torah', he, in turn, was a man who had 'submitted himself' to YHWH's 'governmental authority'. He was a man who 'walked in the reverential fear/awe of The Shomayim/Heavens, the seat or throne of YHWH's Kingdom'. In the 'Hebraic understanding', when one makes it his choice to 'yield himself' to the Torah, he is said to be 'taking upon himself the yoke of Heaven'. If the words we are hearing in our spirit are truly to be the words of YHWH, then we **MUST BE YIELDED** to His Kingdom that is from 'Shomayim/The Heavens'. This is how Noach knew to 'respond to the Word of YHWH' when it came to his heart. There are many today that say, 'YHWH told me this'... or 'I heard the Spirit say that'. However, in order to 'truly hear a present tense/proceeding Word' from YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness, you must **FIRST** have 'yielded yourself to the Kingdom of YHWH' that is above, in The Shomayim/Heavens. How do you do that?

By taking up the 'yoke of heaven and embracing the Torah'. One of the true tests as to whether you are truly taking up the 'yoke of heaven' is in your finding your place 'within a Torah based community of believers'. The practical reality of living under the 'authority of the Kingdom of The Heavens' is learning to deal with the blessings and challenges of 'living in relation' to others. It's actually the latter that really tests our mettle. This may be why Brother Judah only encourages study of the Torah in a minimum of two people! The study of the Torah 'prepares your spirit' to hear. Doing the Torah, as YHWH's HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness leads, shows that you have left off doing 'your own ways', and are 'walking in His ways'. This is why men in Jewish Yisrael wear the 'kippah or yarmulke' as it may be known. It is a 'testimony' that they acknowledge they are 'living under YHWH's authority'. 'Reverencing the Heavens' means, taking up YHWH's Torah to **HEAR AND DO** what He has said. Knowing what Abba YHWH 'has said' is the prerequisite to 'hearing and knowing' the word that is **COMING TO YOUR SPIRIT** as His **PRESENT TENSE** Word. Abba YHWH **NEVER** speaks a Word 'out of character' with His 'written Torah'. Familiarity with the 'written Torah', by study and action, 'produces an atmosphere' within the human spirit and soul that is conducive to

the resonation of the *'present tense voice'* of YHWH through His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness.

Noach had no *'written Torah'* in his day. He only had the *'oral Torah'* taught to him by his abba as a *'continuous revelation'*. Lamech was faithful to that Torah and he taught it to his son. In turn, because Noach *'reverenced The Shomayim/Heavens'* by taking up Torah, the Word YHWH **HAD SPOKEN**, he was ready to *'revere'* the **PROCEEDING WORD** when he **HEARD IT SPEAKING** to him. As a result, a *'way of deliverance'* was provided for he and his family. **IF NOACH NEEDED THAT PROCEEDING WORD IN HIS DAY, HOW MUCH MORE DO WE NEED THE SAME IN OUR OWN?** We are that generation that is living in the *'days of Noach'*. The *'days of Noach'* are a time fast approaching imminent judgment. So, these days leading up to the appearing of our blessed Master Yeshua's *'Second Coming'* will also be days of impending judgment.

Torah Obedience Condemns The World Around Us

Beloved, listen very closely to me. In this day of restoration of the Whole House of Yisrael, many of us have been given mercy to understand our need for the Torah of YHWH. Why is Moshe and his Torah being returned to us? **BECAUSE THE WHOLE HOUSE OF YISRAEL IS ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER DELIVERANCE!**

It is amazing to me, how those around us react so negatively to our embracing the ways of YHWH and His Torah. We are accused of trying to put people back *'under the Law'*. It is made to seem we are being *'unfaithful'* to our Savior to study and obey the clear truth of the *'Loving Instructions'* of our heavenly Abba. ****[The true meaning of Torah... not Law]** Why is the reaction so harsh? It is because Torah is **THE CONSCIENCE OF YHWH!** What is the work of the conscience? It *'convicts'* of what is *'right and wrong'*. **TORAH IS THE TARGET OF YHWH'S WILL.** Sin is simply *'missing the target'*. ****[The 'root word' of Torah is 'yaraw'. It has to do with 'archery'. It means 'to throw or shoot an arrow']** Torah helps *'identify'* what sin is. The problem is, when sin is *'revealed'*, if the heart is unprepared then it's like *'turning the light on in a dark room'*. Has that ever happened to you? The reaction usually isn't so pleasant. Even so, our faithfully studying and obeying the Torah has the same reaction to those around us who do not see the Torah in its *'true light'* as YHWH's *'Loving Instructions'*.

Look at what it says happened to the world around Noach. The *'faithful obedience'* with which he responded to YHWH's Word to his heart, brought *'salvation/deliverance'* to him and his family. What about the world that was watching him? To them it brought *'condemnation'*. Listen, Noach didn't just build the ark. No, we are told that he *'preached righteousness'* to those who stood by. **(Kefa Beit/II Peter 2:5)** What was it that he preached? The only thing he knew... **THE TORAH GIVEN TO HIM BY HIS FATHER!** He tried to show those around him there were *'consequences'* for the lifestyle they were living. If you live according to YHWH's *'commandments/loving instructions'*, then there will be *'blessing'*. If you don't, then there will be *'judgment'*. The world of Noach's day had *'rejected the ways'* of YHWH. The earth was filled with immorality and violence. Noach, called with a *'deep heart of love'* to the world of his generation to *'repent and return to the ways of YHWH'*... His Torah. What was their response? His words apparently fell on deaf ears. By today's standards, Noach was a failure as a preacher! **ONLY EIGHT PEOPLE RESPONDED TO HIS MESSAGE!** However, the response of those who hear the word, is not the responsibility of the preacher. The weight rests on the preacher to simply bring what YHWH has faithfully put on his heart. In that sense, Noach was a success!

Return And Rebuild

Those of us who have had our hearts enlightened to the need to *'embrace the Torah'* of YHWH have work to do. Noach had to *'prepare the ark'* for that fateful day, when YHWH would call him and his family to enter it. **NO MORE GRACE. NO MORE LOOKING THE OTHER WAY.** For Noach and his family it was a time

of joy. Their place of 'safe habitation' had been prepared. The name 'Noach' in Hebrew means, 'rest'. We too have a place that has been prepared for us. Our 'place of rest' is in the 'bosom of our blessed Mashiach Yeshua'. **HE IS OUR ARK!** There are so many similarities to the 'ark of Noach' and of our blessed Master Adon/Lord Yeshua. What does an ark do? It transports. Even so, our 'Mashiach', our 'Ark of Safety', will transport us in the 'day of trouble'. He, by His 'HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness' will transport us 'through the waters of tribulation' to the safety of His coming 'Malchut HaShomayim/Kingdom of the Heavens'... **THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM ON EARTH!** YHWH's means of deliverance is not UP in some supposed 'secret rapture'. **No! IT IS THROUGH... IN MASHIACH, FOR THOSE WHO KEEP HIS TORAH!**

While our redemption is 'complete in Mashiach Yeshua', we still have work to do in the present. (**Philippians 2:12**) Sin has taken its toll on us. Our obedience to follow YHWH's commandments, His Loving instructions ****[from both sides of The Book]** will help restore to our lives what sin has taken away. The 'torahlessness' of our former days has left the 'hedge' of YHWH's protection around us broken down and penetrable. Can you hear what YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness is saying?

'Return and rebuild the walls of your deliverance in your heart. Now, is the time before the storm comes in its fury. Return to Torah and sh'mah... HEAR AND OBEY. Just as surely as I shut Noach in and he and his family escaped the terrible day of YHWH's judgment, even so, if you rebuild the 'hedge of Torah' around you, I WILL DELIVER YOU TOO!'

This I believe is the wisdom of Shlomo/Solomon in Koheleth/Ecclesiastes when he warns...

*"...and whoso breaketh through a wall, a nachash [serpent] shall bite him."
(Koheleth/Ecclesiastes 10:8a OJB- definitions mine)*

It is further echoed by King David, who after his sin with Bat-Sheba/Bathsheba and being restored again by trusting faithfulness to YHWH cried out,

"Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Tziyon [Zion]; build Thou the chomot [walls of] Yerushalayim [Jerusalem]." (Tehillim/Psalms 51:18 OJB- definitions mine)

David knew that his sin had brought trouble upon Yerushalayim/Jerusalem. The physical 'walls of the city' were not 'broken down' at this time, but they were in 'spirit' in his heart. There are such severe repercussions in our lives when we open the way for sin to 'break down the wall of protection' Abba YHWH has placed 'around our hearts' through His Torah.

The word 'build' used here in the above verse in Hebrew is 'bana' (**baw-naw**). It has the sense of something being 'done over', or more clearly 'to rebuild'. You see, because of the blood of our blessed Adon/Lord Yeshua, the Torah **NO LONGER WORKS TO CONDEMN US. (Romans 8:1)** Our sins have not only been 'covered' **THEY HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY! (Ivrim/Hebrews 10:4-14)** This is the work that **ONLY THE SINLESS, PURE BLOOD OF YHWH'S SEH ELOHIM/LAMB OF THE MIGHTY ONE IS CAPABLE OF! (Ivrim/Hebrews 9:14)** The blood of the 'animal korbanot' under the 'second renewal' (**Shemot/Exodus 33-34**) of YHWH's 'original covenant' at Mt. Sinai (**Shemot/Exodus 20**) could not. That blood was an 'atonement'. It was a 'covering', so that any Yisraelite could 'karob/draw near' to YHWH's 'Sh'kinyah/Manifest Presence' at the Mishkan/Tabernacle and later at the Heikhal/Temple... **AND LIVE!** Now, through the 'final renewal of YHWH's promised covenant' (**Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31:27-34**) has been 'ratified' by the 'blood' of our blessed Adon/Lord Yeshua's 'redemptive work', we may exercise **ALL** the 'positive promises' of YHWH and learn how to 'rebuild our lives' according to Abba YHWH's 'Loving Instructions'. The Torah now works 'in conjunction' with the 'unlimited redemptive ability' of YHWH's 'final renewed covenant' to bring **ALL THINGS** to their 'full, final, and perfect end' (**Kefa Alef/1 Peter 5:10**),

through Mashiach Yeshua. We learn to stay within the *'parameters of His holiness'*. We learn to *'discern the realms of life and death'* and how to experience *'YHWH's life'* on every level of our being. We *'discern'* between the *'clean and the unclean'*. We build upon the Rock. In turn, we *'rebuild the wall or hedge of Torah protection'* around us and our families.

Back in the Bible days, when the shepherds would settle their flocks for the evening, they would gather up stones and bramble bushes to cordon off the area around the sleeping flock. The bramble bushes had sharp thistles. Snakes could not penetrate the hedge because of these sharp thistles. The soft underbelly of the snake could not take the pain caused by them. The wolves would not try and press into the hedge, because they would either get entangled in the bushes or the shepherd who was lying on the ground between the stones and bushes like a gate would be awakened. He would then use his staff and rod to injure or kill them. The sheep were safe so long as they *'remained'* within that hedge!

This is a picture of what YHWH wants us to see in this Torah portion about the *'faithfulness of Noach'*. Our Adon/Lord Yeshua has warned us that the *'days of tribulation'* are coming. We are no longer being lulled to a *'false sense of security'* believing we are going to be *'whisked away in some secret rapture'*. No! Instead, we are being shown YHWH's way of **TRUE TORAH DELIVERANCE**. It is not **OUT**, but **THROUGH**. In His great mercy Abba YHWH has allowed us time to see His Torah and **RETURN TO THE ANCIENT PATHS OF HIS WAYS**. (**Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 6:16**)

Now, is the time to *'teshuv/fully return'* to Him in our heart. First, to *'teshuvah/return'* corporately. To be *'repatriated'* to our true *'Hebraic identity'* as the *'returning house of Yosef-Ephraim-Yisrael'* and to begin to make our return from our *'galut/exile/scattered existence'* among the nations. We must be ready to become the **ONE NATION** again of the *'Whole House of Yisrael'* with the *'house'* of our *'elder brother'* Yehudah/Judah. This will bring us to the *'final phase'* of our redemption... **OUR RETURN TO THE LAND OF YISRAEL!** There is no other *'safe zone'* for us. Meanwhile, we must continue the personal process of *'rebuilding the walls of our deliverance'* with the lessons He is teaching us from His Torah. Those with ears to hear let them hear. Amen!

We say the following blessing as we continue each week's study of Torah...

*Chazak u'Baruch...
Strength and Blessing!*

This week's Torah Parasha reading

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****If you have not read our teaching, *'Restoration 101'*, please follow the link below. There you will find an explanation of the restoration of the *'Whole House Of Yisrael'*. There is another *'house'* besides the *'Jewish one'*, that makes up the *'nation of Yisrael'*. A non-Jewish house, that is as much Yisrael, as the Jewish one. It's existence, and prophesied reunion are contained in the Hebrew Scriptures of Torah, and the Nevi'im Prophetic writings. Our blessed Master Yeshua Himself spoke of this event and His talmidim/disciples asked Him of it's coming. This four-part study may just help you discover your destiny in the process.**

Restoration 101