



## NOAH (*rest*)

**Genesis 6:9** These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations with **את** Elohim walked Noah. C-MATS

**Question:** Who walked with Noah? Elohim and Yahusha (as one) walked with Noah. **C-MATS**

**Question:** How many generations were from Adam to Noah? The ten generations from Adam to Noah had ended in failure; mankind had stumbled into a downward spiral until יהוה resolved that all the inhabitants of the earth would be wiped out, with the exception of Noah and his family, and enough animals to replenish the earth after the destruction. Like Adam, the father of the entire human race, Noah would become the father of mankind after the Flood. *Chumash*

**Question:** Why was Noah called a righteous man? It is true that Noah was not nearly as great as Abraham, but it is fair to say that he would have been far greater had he not been surrounded by corrupt and immoral people. He feared only יהוה, and was not enticed by astrology, and surely not by idolatry. He walked in the path יהוה showed him, for he was a prophet (Ramban). He also taught his children to walk in יהוה's ways. *Chumash*

**Question:** Why are “good deeds” like your “offspring”? A person should love good deeds, the way he loves his own children, and he should perform them out of love, not just duty. A person should never criticize a good deed as being insignificant, just as he does not fail to love a child who lacks outstanding ability. And a person should work hard to perfect his deeds, just as he spares no effort to help his children. *Chumash*

**Genesis 6:10** And Noah became the father of three sons, **את** Shem, **את** Ham **את** Japheth. **11** The earth also was defiled before Elohim and the earth was filled with violence. C-MATS

**Question:** What were the people of this age doing that angered יהוה? They were guilty of immorality, idolatry, murder, and robbery. The immoral sexual conduct of the people extended to animals, as well, until they too cohabited with other species. *Chumash*

**Question:** Do you think that everyone steals? Not everyone puts on a mask and commits armed robbery, nor do they shoplift. However, there are so many subtle ways that a person can rationalize taking, pilfering (stealing small items of little value), or using something not his that it's almost impossible not to cross the line of stealing.

**Question:** Why do you think stealing caused society to go so downhill in Noah's times that civilization was destroyed? A basic necessity of a stable society is trust between its members and a feeling of security in one's possessions. Once society has so far fallen - through rampant theft and dishonesty - that this trust has eroded, it's only a matter of time that a civilization, whether through the Biblical flood or other means, will collapse.

**Question:** What did יהוה tell Noah and Methuselah, his grandfather, to do? יהוה said unto Noah and Methuselah saying, **7** Speak to the sons of men saying, “יהוה said, return from your evil ways and forsake your works, and יהוה will repent of the evil that he declared to do to you, so that it shall not come to pass.” **8** יהוה said, “Behold I give you a period of one hundred and twenty years; if you will turn to me and forsake your evil ways, then will I also turn away from the evil which I told you, and it shall not exist, said יהוה.” **9** And Noah and Methuselah spoke all the words of יהוה to the sons of men, day after day, constantly speaking to them. **10** But the sons of men would not hearken to them, nor incline their ears to their words, and they were stiff-necked. Jashar **5**

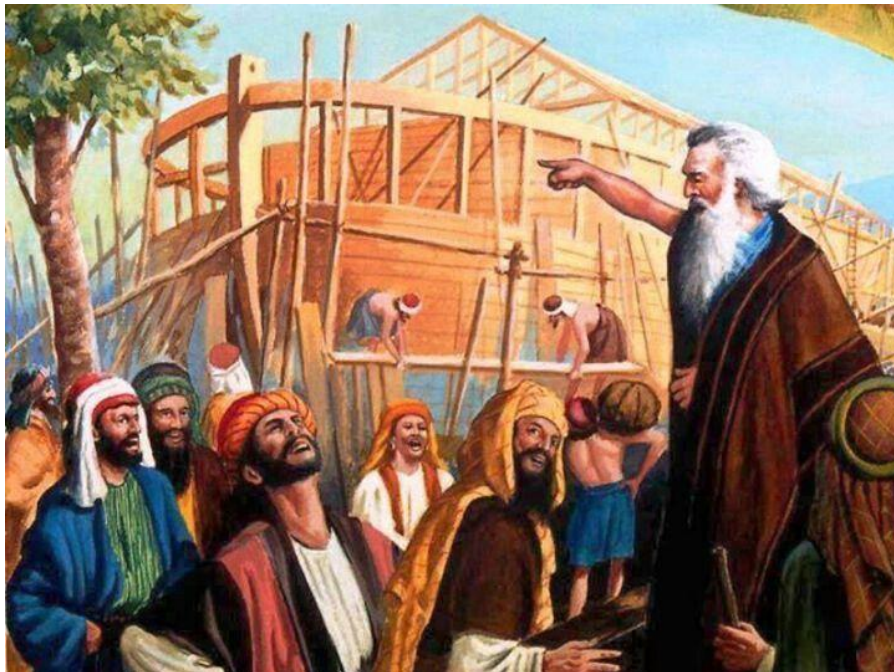
**Genesis 6:12** And looked upon Elohim **את** the earth and yes, it was defiled; and all living flesh **את** his way upon the earth was corrupted. **13** And Elohim said to Noah, the end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, yes, I will destroy them **with את** the earth. **14** Make an ark of gopher wood and make rooms in **את** the Ark and cover it with pitch inside and outside. C-MATS



**Question:** What is *gopher wood*? The Hebrew word "*gopher*" is used only once in the Bible. Because no one knows for certain what "*gopher*" means in this context, the King James Version and the New King James Version simply leave the word not translated and say "*gopher*" wood. It is possible that "*gopher*" refers to a process or method used to prepare the wood or to construct the ark. Examples:

1. The words "*gopher*" and "*ets*" (wood) are translated in the Septuagint (LXX.) as "squared beams".
2. The Vulgate version translated these same words as "planed wood".
3. Some researchers have suggested that "*gopher*" may have referred to a lamination process, which might have been necessary considering the huge size of the ark (450 feet long or more). If true, the correct translation would be "laminated wood".
4. Due to the similarity between a "g" and a "k" in the Hebrew alphabet (both resemble a backwards "C"), some have suggested that the first letter in the word "gopher" could be a scribal error, and that the word should be "*kopher*". *Kopher* is a Hebrew word translated as "pitch" or "pitched wood".

**Question:** יהוה could have saved Noah in many ways. Why then did He burden him with the task of constructing an Ark for 120 years? So that when the curious would see him cutting down lumber and working on the Ark for so long, they would ask him why. He would answer, "יהוה is about to bring a Flood on the world because of your sins," and they would thus be inspired to repent ... But instead of seizing the opportunity, Noah's contemporaries scoffed at him (Rashi). *Chumash*

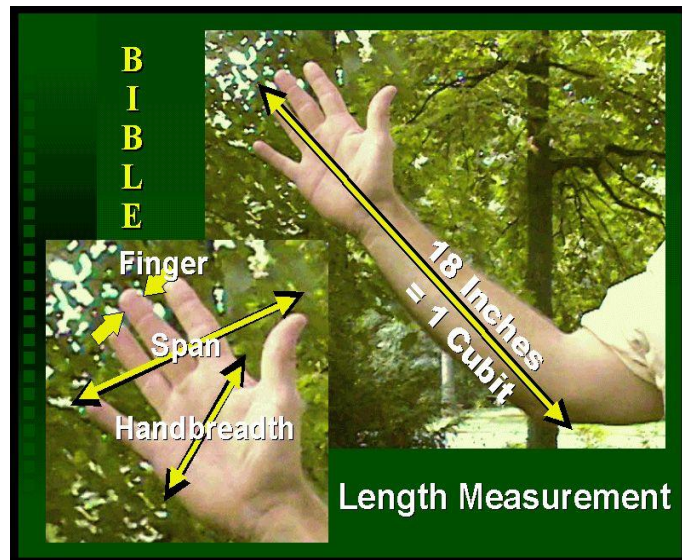


Noah told the people to repent and turn from their sins.

**Genesis 6:15 Here is how you should build it: The length of the Ark *should be* 450 feet, the width of it 75 feet and the height of it 45 feet. C-MATS**



**Question:** What were the dimensions of the ark? The ark is 450 x 75 x 45 feet 1,518,750 cubic feet. Each of its three stories had 33,750 sq. feet of floor space for a total of 101,250 square feet. This is based on a cubit being 18 inches. As many as 50,000 animals (including creatures that may now be extinct) could have fit on board the ark. These would not have needed to be the largest or even adult specimens. There are really only a few very large animals, such as the dinosaur or the elephant, and these could be represented by young ones.



**Genesis 6:16** Make a window for daylight in the Ark 18 inches below its roof. Put a door on the side of the Ark and build it *with* lower, second and third decks. C-MATS

**Question:** What were the three different levels used for on the ark? The upper compartments were for people, the middle ones for [animal] dwellings, and the bottom ones for waste matter.



Genesis 6:17 And I, myself, will bring **את** a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh under heaven, everything that breathes, everything that *is* on the earth will die. 18 But with you will I establish **את** My covenant; and you will come into the Ark, you and your son's and your wife and your son's wives with you. C-MATS

**Question:** Who is making **את** My covenant with Noah? There is a **את** in front of the words *My Covenant* symbolizing the covenant was actually made with Noah through **את** Messiah. It is through the **את** Messiah that all the everlasting covenants are made starting in Genesis through Deuteronomy. In Genesis 9:9-11 the covenant through **את** Messiah is made with Noah and in Genesis 9:13 the covenant through Messiah is made with all creation using the rainbow as a sign of promise. C-MATS

Genesis 6:19 And every living thing of all flesh, two of every *kind*, you will bring into the Ark to stay alive; they will be male and female. 20 Birds after their kind and cattle after their kind and every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep them alive. C-MATS



**Question:** How were the animals chosen to go into the ark? The animals came to Noah of their own accord, and he led them past the Ark. The Ark accepted only those which had not been involved in the sexual perversion that was one of the causes of the generation's downfall (Rashi; Sanhedrin 108b). *Chumash*

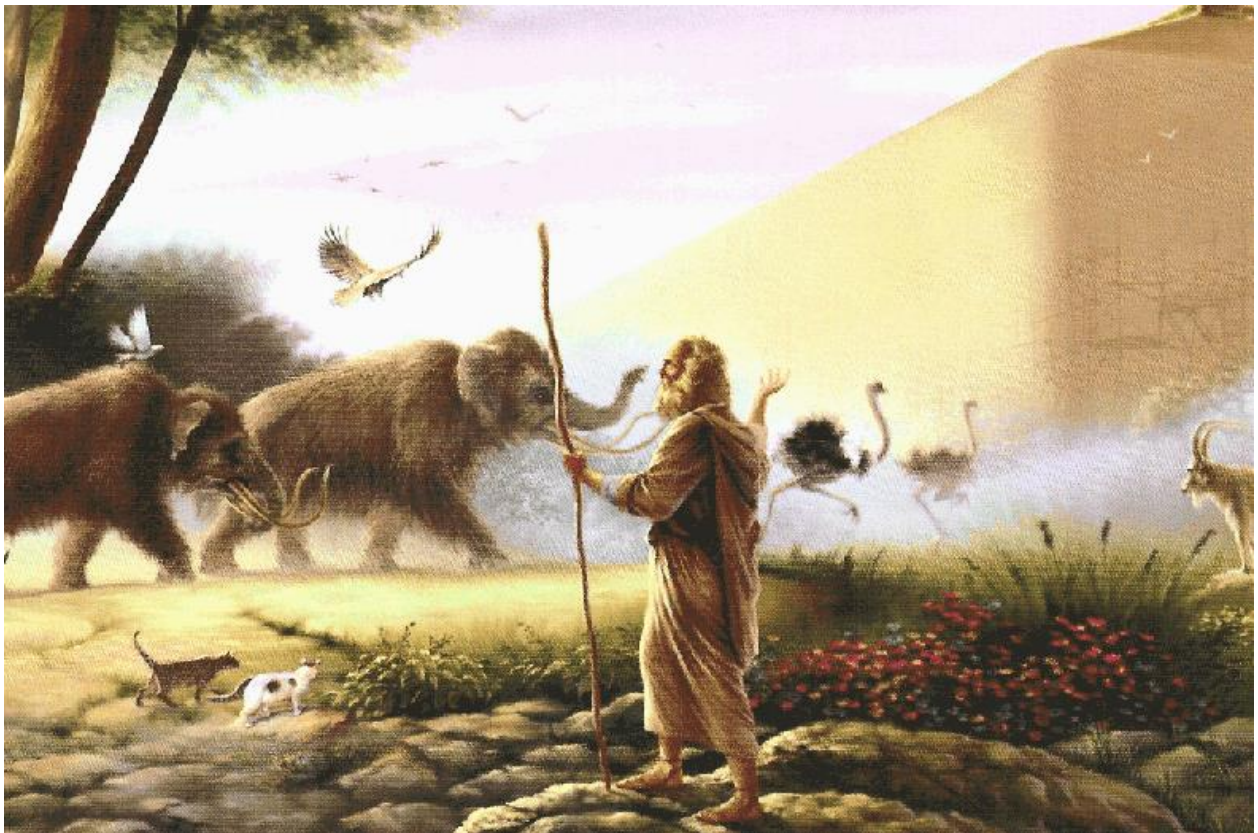


**Genesis 6:21 And take from all kinds of food that *is* eaten and collect it for yourself; and it will be good for you and for them. C-MATS**

**Question:** What kinds of food did he take into the Ark? The greater part of the provisions consisted of pressed figs and greens for the various animals. Noah also stored seeds for future planting after the Flood. *Chumash*

**Question:** Noah cared for thousands of animals he saved from the flood. Although the work was hard and the responsibility was great, it also helped Noah feel a greater love for the creatures he was taking care of. How do you think having more responsibility to take care of others relates to coming closer to יהוה? The way to come closer to יהוה is to act toward others as He does to us. Since יהוה has responsibility for and takes care of everyone and everything, when we imitate Him by taking care of others - a pet, siblings, children or students - we come closer to יהוה .

**Question:** Who do you think a person will come to love more: one he gives to or one who gives to him? At first glance, the obvious answer seems like 'the one who gives to us.' After all, he's giving us something. But the deeper reality is that giving - not taking - is what creates the bonds of love and the more we give, the stronger the love will be.



**Genesis 6:22 And Noah did according to all that Elohim commanded him, so did he. Genesis 7:1 And יהוה says to Noah, come into the Ark, you and your entire house, because I have seen you as righteous before My face in this generation. C-MATS**

**Question:** Up to now, the scriptures had spoken of Elohim talking to Noah, indicating יהוה's Attribute of Justice. Now the scriptures say, "And יהוה says to Noah". The יהוה of Mercy is saving Noah from the Flood, and, in addition, He is saving Noah's entire family and possessions, which, on their own merits, did not deserve to be saved (Sforno). *Chumash*

**Question:** יהוה doesn't compare us to others or expect us to be like anyone else, so why should we do it to ourselves? יהוה praises Noah and refers to him as "**you as righteous before My face in this generation**". He is called righteous even though compared to others in other generations he was lacking. We can learn from this not to make the mistake of comparing ourselves to others - but rather succeed by being the best 'us' we can be by following every commandment in the Torah whether others around you do so or not.

**Question:** Each person should look at the world as if it was created and exists only for him. How is this idea related to the value of not comparing ourselves to others? This idea doesn't mean we should be selfish, rather it comes to teach us a deep spiritual secret: יהוה has put each of us in the world with a unique growth-related life task that only we can accomplish. Every talent we have or don't have, everything that happens to us, and every person we meet are all somehow part of the setting we need to accomplish that task. Once we realize that each of us is essentially on our own unique learning trip through life it makes absolutely no sense to compare ourselves to others and we can easily get down to the real task of being the best 'ourselves' we can be.

**Question:** How can we be righteous in this wicked generation? The Scriptures show that unrighteous acts include:

Greediness

Envy

Murder

Arguing

Deceitfulness/dishonesty

Having bad manners (being rude)

Gossiping (spreading hearsay)

Slandering (violating someone's character)

Not believing in יהוה (atheism)

Disrespect

Pride

Bragging

Being responsible for causing others to do wrong

Being disobedient to one's parents

Refusing to be reasonable (not listening to wisdom)

Not honoring agreements (violating contracts, promises)

Not loving your family

Not being merciful

Being sexually immoral (adultery)

Worshiping idols

Committing adultery

Practicing homosexuality

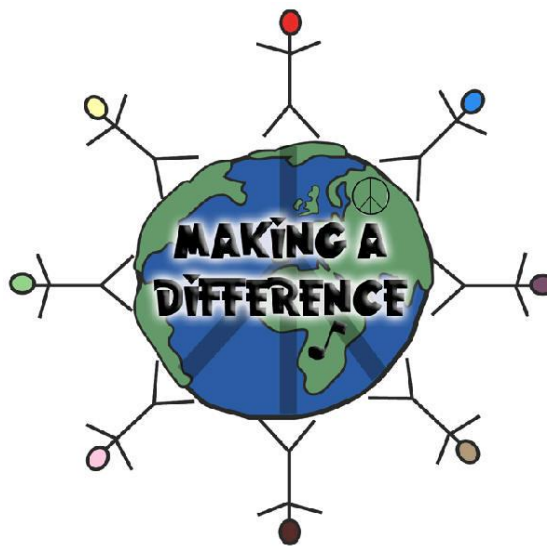
Thievery  
Drunkenness  
Insulting (belittling others)  
Extorting (obtaining by threats)  
Being an angry person (dealing with others through anger not love)

**Genesis 7:2** You will take seven couples, the male and his female, of every clean animal; and animals that *are* not clean take one couple, *the* male and his female. **3** You will take seven couples, the male and his female, of every bird in the air; in order to preserve their species upon the face of all the earth. C-MATS

**Question:** Why did יהוה ask Noah to bring seven couples of clean animals? Noah would be able to use them as offerings when he left the Ark (Rashi). They would also provide him with a supply of livestock for food, in anticipation of יהוה's removal of the prohibition against eating meat [9:3] (Radak). *Chumash*

**Genesis 7:4** For in seven days I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will destroy **אתי** every living substance that I have made from off the face of the earth. C-MATS

**Question:** Why did יהוה give Noah seven more days to prepare the Ark? These were also the seven days of mourning for Methuselah, who had just died and in whose honor יהוה delayed the Flood (Rashi). יהוה promised Methuselah that as long as he lived the world would not be destroyed. *Chumash*



**Question:** Why can one person doing right make such a difference? People are very influenced by what they see others around them doing. If at least somebody is acting properly, others who aren't sure what to do may follow his lead. Also, just like one small candle burning in a dark room takes away a lot of darkness, one person doing right, can really make a dark situation brighter.



**Question:** What do we gain when we realize how much power we have as individuals? Often when a person feels weak or ineffective, it makes him want to give up and not even try. But when we realize that what we as individuals do or don't do really counts, it will give us the courage and energy to succeed.

**Question:** Does the fact that 'everybody else is doing it' ever justify behaving in a way that goes against our values? It certainly can sound like a tempting argument. However, what is right and wrong is not up to vote, or applicable to 'majority rule.' What's right is right, no matter how many people say otherwise. And when we choose properly, we strengthen our relationship with יהוה, regardless of what others choose to do.

**Question:** In the end, all the people in the world, except Noah and his family were destroyed. So what difference did his proper behavior really make? Firstly, in Noah's merit, the world was given a very long 'probation period' to improve, and learn from Noah's ways while he spent 120 years building the ark. However they chose not to improve, and had to face consequences. Beyond this, Noah merited to rescue the planet's animal life, and together with his family, begin our world anew. In our generation, even if we see evil around us, our choice to do and be good, is doing more than we can imagine bringing light into the world.

**Question:** When will Yahusha return? **Matthew 24:36 (Yahusha said) But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 42 Watch therefore: for you know not what hour your Adonai does come. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Be ready, for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man comes. C-MATS**

**Genesis 7:5 Noah did according to all that יהוה commanded him. 6 Noah was 600 years old when the flood waters came upon the earth. 7 Noah went into the Ark with his son's and his wife and his son's wives, because of the waters of the flood. C-MATS**

**Question:** Who were Noah's sons' wives? And you should choose for thy sons three maidens (virgins), from the daughters of men, and they shall be wives to thy sons. Then Noah took the three daughters of Eliakim, son of Methuselah, for wives for his sons, as יהוה had commanded Noah. Jashar 5:32

**Genesis 7:8 Bring clean animals and animals that are not clean and birds and everything that crawls upon the earth. 9 They went in by couples, the male and the female, to Noah into the Ark as had commanded Elohim אלהי Noah. C-MATS**

**Question:** Do you agree that foul language is a form of pollution? Using foul language is like dumping garbage on ourselves and the people around us. It is a violent and non-constructive way of expressing oneself, and a spiritual person will always find another, cleaner way to get his message across. The Torah always separates the clean and unclean. Either we are clean before יהוה and have clean speech or we are unclean before יהוה and have unclean speech.

**Question:** How do you think people will react to someone who refuses to curse or use "four-letter words"? They might be surprised at first, especially if he didn't always speak that way, but in the end they will come out having much more respect for him when he shows how much respect he has for himself and others by choosing to keep his speech clean.



**Question:** What is so bad about using foul language? A person's power of speech is one of the deepest and most spiritual parts of himself. It is the interface between his inner and outer worlds. It might not be immediately apparent, but if he uses this awesome spiritual power in an unclean way, he is letting something very unclean into his deepest self, and it will affect the quality of his whole life. Besides this, it is a form of assault on the people around him. If this sounds extreme, do an experiment, and for one week keep your speech free of any form of profanity, and see how sensitive you become to the effects of unclean speech.

**Question:** Does the way a person speaks reflect upon his character? It is actually one of the best ways penetrating people's 'masks,' and finding out what is going on beneath the surface. A person's speech, gives you an x-ray into what he is really about. It is also a powerful tool of personal growth, as improving the quality of our own speech is an accessible method of improving our own character and building ourselves spiritually.

**Genesis 7:10** And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. **11** In *the* 600th year of Noah's life, in *the* second month, the seventeenth day of the month, all *the* fountains of the great deep were broken up and the windows of heavens were opened. C-MATS

**Question:** What are “*the* fountains of the great deep”? “The great deep” is used three other times and usually refers to the oceans:

**Isaiah 51:10** Is it not אֲתָּהּ (*You?*)\* who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; that made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over?,

**Amos 7:4** So showed me: Adonai יהוה and, behold, called to contend by fire; Adonai יהוה and it devoured אֲתָּהּ great deep and would have eaten up אֶתְּךָ a part of *the land*.

**Psalm 36:6** Your righteousness is like the mountains of Elohim; Your judgments are a great deep: O יהוה, You preserve man and beast.

The Hebrew word (*mayan*) translated “**fountains**” means “fountain, spring, well”. On the day the flood began, there was a “breaking up” of the fountains, which implies a release of the water, possibly through large fissures in the ground or in the sea floor. The waters that had been held back burst forth with catastrophic consequences. There are many volcanic rocks interspersed between the fossil layers in the rock record—layers that were obviously deposited during Noah's flood. So it is quite plausible that these fountains of the great deep involved a series of volcanic eruptions with prodigious amounts of water bursting up through the ground. It is interesting that up to 70 percent or more of what comes out of volcanoes today is water, often in the form of steam. In their catastrophic plate tectonics model for the flood, Austin has proposed that at the onset of the flood, the ocean floor rapidly lifted up to 6,500 feet (2,000 meters) due to an increase in temperature as horizontal movement of the tectonic plates accelerated. This would spill the seawater onto the land and cause massive flooding—perhaps what is aptly described as the breaking up of the “**fountains of the great deep**”.

**Question:** What year did the Flood come? 1656 *Chumash*

**Genesis 7:12** And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. **13** On that day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the son's of Noah and Noah's wife and the three wives of his son's went into the Ark. C-MATS

**Question:** Why does the scripture refer to the Flood as rain? The precipitation began gently, so that -- had the people repented at the last minute -- it still could have been transformed into a rain of blessing. Only when they refused did it become a Flood. *Chumash*

**Jashar 6:11** And on that day, יהוה caused the whole earth to shake, and the sun darkened, and the foundations of the world raged, and the whole earth was moved violently, and the lightning flashed, and the thunder roared, and all the fountains in the earth were broken up, such as was not known to the inhabitants before; and יהוה did this mighty act, in order to terrify the sons of men, that there might be no more evil upon earth. **12** And still the sons of men would not return from their evil ways.



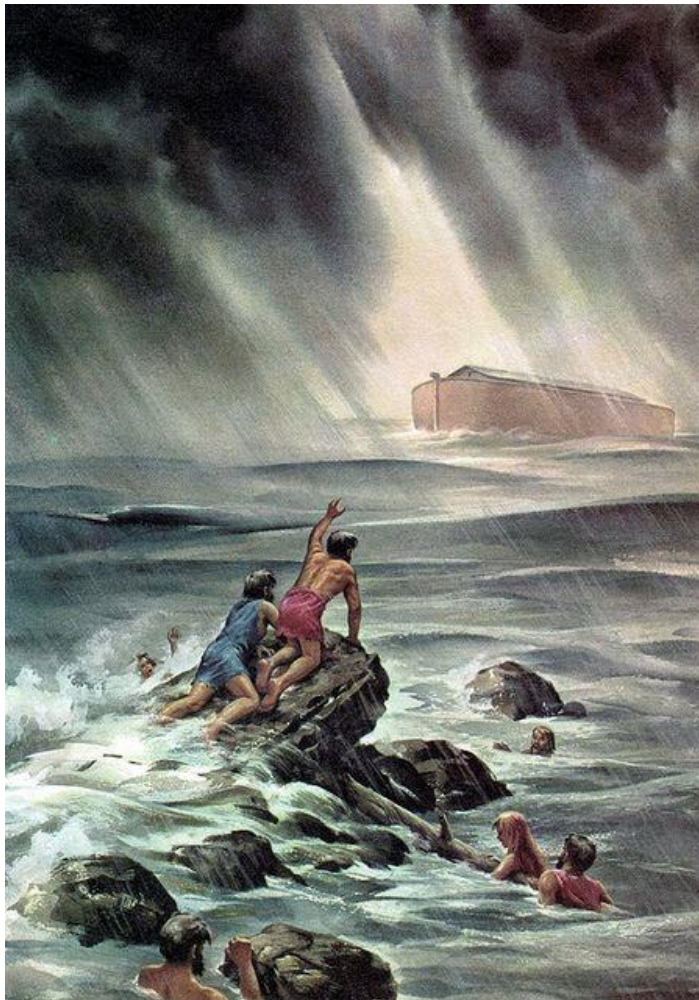
**Genesis 7:14** They and every beast after his kind and all the cattle after their kind and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth after his kind and every bird after his kind and every bird of every wing. **15** And they went to Noah into the Ark, couples from every kind of living thing that breathes. **16** And they that entered went in male and female from every kind of living being as Elohim had commanded him: and יהוה shut him in. C-MATS

**Question:** Why did Elohim shut the door of the ark? He protected Noah from the angry people outside the ark that wanted to kill him.

Jashar 6:17 And the sons of men assembled together, about seven hundred thousand men and women, and they came unto Noah to the ark. **24** And the sons of men approached in order to break into the ark, to come in on account of the rain, for they could not bear the rain upon them. **25** And יהוה sent all the beasts and animals that stood round the ark. And the beasts overpowered them and drove them from that place, and every man went his way and they again scattered themselves upon the face of the earth.



The people on earth refused to repent.





Genesis 7:17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased and lifted up **את** the Ark and it was lifted up above the earth. 18 And the waters overflowed the earth and grew deeper and the Ark floated upon the surface of the waters. 19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills that *were* under *the* whole heavens were covered. 20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. (*The waters rose above the highest mountain 20 feet*) 21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both birds and cattle and *wild* beasts and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth and every Adam (*man*): C-MATS





**Question:** What was the highest mountain at the time of the Ark? Mt. Ararat was the world's highest mountain at the time of the Flood, and the waters rose to 15 cubits above it. The numerous mountains that are now far higher than Ararat came into being or bulged up to their present height as a result of the upheavals of the Flood. Thus, even those who climbed to the highest mountain peaks to escape the violent waters found nowhere else to flee and drowned (Rosh). In addition, the upheaval of those months of intense heat and turmoil caused a great shifting and turning of geological strata and a deep burial of animal remains. Thus the attempt to date the earth and fossils is futile (Malbim), for no one can know how much the heat and water pressure affected the geology of the planet and the animal and plant remains. *Chumash*

**Question:** Why did יהוה spare the fish and did not destroy them? יהוה spared the fish, because they did not participate in Man's sins (Maharsha citing Zevachim 113b). *Chumash*

**Genesis 7:22** All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life; all that *lived* on the dry *land* died. 23 And *was* destroyed **את־** every living substance, which *was* upon the face of the ground, both man and cattle and the creeping things and the birds of the heavens; and they were destroyed from the earth: and only Noah remained *alive* and they that *were* with him in the Ark. 24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth 150 days (*5 months*). C-MATS

Jashar 6:28 And the ark floated upon the face of the waters, and it was tossed upon the waters so that all the living creatures within were turned about like pottage in a cauldron. 29 And great anxiety seized all the living creatures that were in the ark, and the ark was about to be broken. 30 And all the living creatures that were in the ark were terrified, and the lions roared, and the oxen lowed, and the wolves howled, and every living creature in the ark spoke and lamented in its own language, so that their voices reached to a great distance, and Noah and his sons cried and wept in their troubles; they were greatly afraid that they had reached the gates of death. 31 And Noah prayed unto יהוה, and cried unto him on account of this, and he said, “יהוה help us, for we have no strength to bear this evil that has encompassed us, for the waves of the waters have surrounded us, mischievous torrents have terrified us, the snares of death have come before us; answer us, יהוה, answer us, light up thy countenance toward us and be gracious to us, redeem us and deliver us.” 32 And יהוה hearkened to the voice of Noah, and יהוה remembered him. 33 And a wind passed over the earth, and the waters were still and the ark rested.

**Genesis 8:1** And remembered Elohim **את־** Noah **ואת־** every living thing **את־** all the cattle that *were* with him in the Ark: and Elohim made a wind to pass over the earth and the waters assuaged (*receded*). C-MATS

**Question:** Why do scriptures say that Elohim remembered Noah? To say that יהוה “remembers” implies that forgetfulness is possible for Him, which is clearly an absurdity. The Torah uses this term, like many others, to make it easier for us to understand the course of events: יהוה's wisdom had decreed that up to this point He should ignore the plight of His creatures, as if He had forgotten them. Now, when He was ready to show them mercy, it was as if He had remembered. The commentators state that Noah earned this mercy because he fed and cared for the animals during all the months in the Ark (Midrash). *Chumash*

**Genesis 8:2** The fountains of the deep and the windows of heavens were stopped and the rain from *the* heavens was restrained. **3** And the waters came back from completely covering the earth: and after the end of 150 days the waters were abated (*decreased*). **4** And the Ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month upon the mountains of Ararat. C-MATS



Mount Ararat in eastern Turkey

**Genesis 8:5** And the waters continually decreased until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains *were* seen. **6** And it came to pass at the end of forty days that opened Noah אֶת window of the Ark, which he had made. **7** And he sent out אֶת the raven, which went out to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. **8** Also he sent out אֶת the dove to see *if* the waters were dried up from the face of the ground. **9** But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot and she returned to him into the Ark, because the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put out his hand and took her and pulled her into the Ark. **10** And he stayed another seven days; and again he sent out אֶת the dove out of the Ark; **11** and the dove came to him in the evening; and in her mouth *was* an olive leaf *she had* plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were receding from off the earth. C-MATS

**Question:** Why did the dove bring a leaf from an olive tree specifically? Prior to the flood the inhabitants of the world were very corrupt. Immorality was rampant among humans, and even cattle and fowl consorted with other species. This caused all to lose their unique identities. An olive produces oil; it cannot mix with any other liquids and floats to the top. The message to Noah was that after the flood, the human race was required to improve its ways. It was forbidden to ever again mix and mingle as it had done previously. *Chumash*



**Genesis 8:12** And he waited another seven days; and sent out **את־** the dove; which did not return to him anymore. **13** And it came to pass in *the* 601st year, in the first month, the first day of the month that the waters were dried up from off the earth: and removed Noah **את־** covering of the Ark and looked and saw that the face of the ground was dry. **14** And in the second month, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the month, the earth was dried. C-MATS

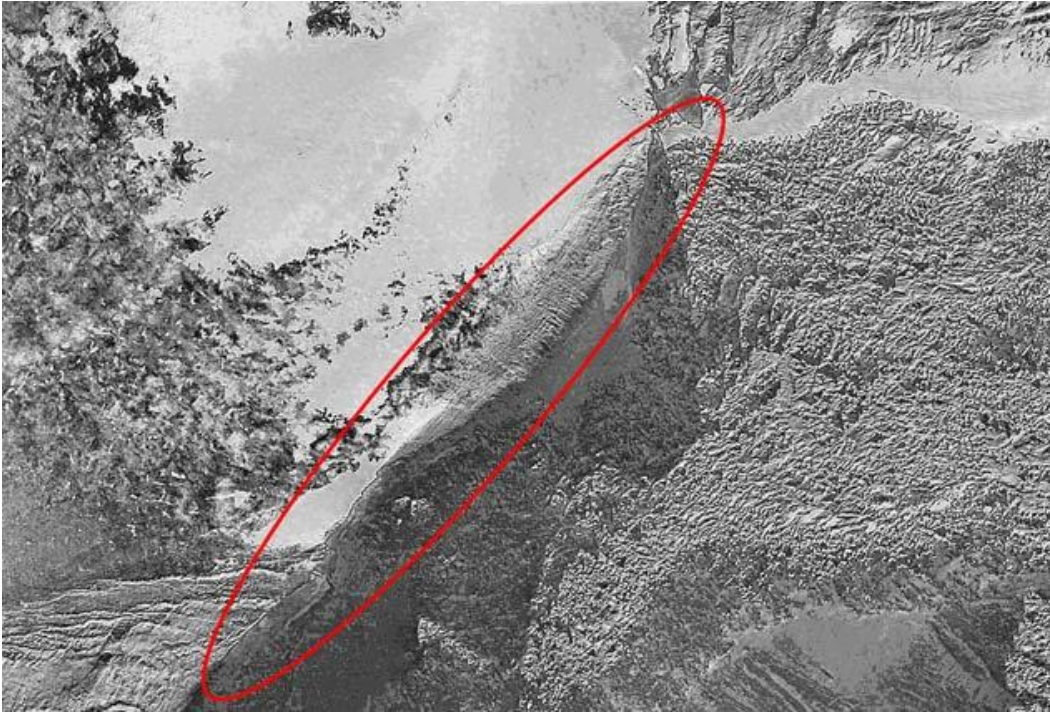
**Question:** Why does Noah continue to wait on **יהוה**'s voice to tell him when to leave the Ark? The earth's surface had dried, but it was not yet firm enough to walk upon (Rashi). Thus, Noah waited for **יהוה**'s command before leaving the Ark (Midrash; Radak). *Chumash*

**Genesis 8:15** And Elohim spoke to Noah saying, **16** Go out of the Ark, you and your wife and your son's and your son's wives. **17** Bring out with you every living thing that *is* with you, of all living things, birds, cattle and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth and be fruitful and multiply upon the earth. **18** Noah went out with his son's and his wife and his son's wives: C-MATS

**Question:** How long was Noah in the Ark? From 17 Marcheshvan (second month), when the rains began, to 27 Marcheshvan of the following year, when Noah was finally able to leave the Ark, was a full solar year, making 365 days that the earth was uninhabitable (Rashi). *Chumash*



**Question:** Has Noah's Ark ever been found? Men continue to search for Noah's Ark. On April 27th, 2010, a team of Chinese and Turkish explorers claim that they have found Noah's Ark 4000 meters up on Mount Ararat in eastern Turkey - and that they have the wooden specimens to prove it. The team says that the carbon dating proved it was 4800 years old, around the same time the ark is said to have been afloat.



**Genesis 8:19** Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird and whatever moves upon the earth, according to their families, went out of the Ark. C-MATS



Noah and his family leave the Ark

**Question:** Did the animals mate in the Ark? Only back on earth were the animals to be fruitful and multiply, but in the Ark, male and female were kept separate, because all sexual activity was forbidden (Rashi). *Chumash*



Noah built an altar



**Genesis 8:20 Noah built an altar to ליהוה; and took from every clean animal and every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. C-MATS**

**Question:** Why did Noah bring a sacrifice to יהוה? Noah wanted to thank יהוה because He saved him from the waters of the Flood and brought him from the prison of the Ark. Making a sacrifice brings a man closer to Elohim and makes His dedication to Elohim stronger. *Chumash*

**Question:** What did Noah sacrifice on the altar? Did he keep the commandments of Torah? He sacrificed clean animals keeping the commandments of Torah. *Chumash*

**Genesis 8:21 And smelled יהוה את a sweet savor; and יהוה says in His heart, I will not curse any more את the ground for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither again will I destroy את everything living as I have done. C-MATS**

**Question:** Is man evil from his birth? Man receives the Evil Inclination from birth before he has the wisdom and maturity to combat it [meaning that man's animal instincts are inborn, while the intellect and spiritual desire for self-improvement must be instilled and developed with time and maturity]. Thus, while individuals are responsible for their sins, mankind as a whole should not be wiped out totally because of sin. יהוה will punish people in other, less drastic ways (Ramban; Abarbanel). *Chumash*

**Genesis 8:22 As long as the earth exists, seedtime and harvest and cold and heat and summer and winter and day and night will not cease. C-MATS**

**Question:** What promise did יהוה give us? יהוה guaranteed that as long as this world continues to exist, the natural cycle of the seasons will not cease. *Chumash*





**Genesis 9:1** And blessed Elohim אֱלֹהִים Noah נֹחַ his son's and said to them, be fruitful and multiply and replenish אֶת the earth. C-MATS

**Question:** Why did יהוה again repeat the blessing to be fruitful and multiply? When Noah left the Ark and saw the world destroyed, with only four human couples still alive, he was dismayed and fearful. יהוה calmed his concern by giving him this blessing that the world would become repopulated (Abarbanel). *Chumash*

**Question:** How were Noah and his family a blessing to the world? After the world was devastated by the great flood, Noah and his wife, practically the only survivors, instead of giving up, worked hard to rebuild, raising children, planting crops, etc. and because they didn't give up, we, their descendants are all here today! When things go wrong it's tempting to throw up our hands and just give up - but almost always we'll be glad if we pick ourselves up and try again, instead.

**Question:** What advantage do you think someone could gain from having to overcome numerous setbacks while trying to reach a goal? Though it may not be pleasant - encountering setbacks, and overcoming them is one of the most powerful ways to grow and realize our hidden potentials. When things come too easily, we never have to reach back and discover what we're really made of.

**Question:** What do you think is the secret to pulling yourself together when things fall apart? It's mostly a matter of attitude. When things and situations 'fall apart' you have a choice whether to just get down about it and not do anything about it, or to proactively look at the new situation and do what you can to make it good. Make the best of the present situation by considering it a challenge to increase your spiritual growth. Once you realize that יהוה is always with us and constantly manipulating the events in our lives to encourage our spiritual growth, you can find it easier to accept things as they come, and focus on what you can do to be the best person possible in any given situation.



**Question:** Is there ever a time when it's appropriate to give up and quit? While usually perseverance is a virtue, there are times - especially if we are uncertain whether what we are trying to accomplish is actually worthwhile - that we should make a reasonable effort and if it doesn't work, move on to something new. It takes wisdom to know when to quit and when to try again. This can come with experience and by discussing our situation with experienced people we trust. Can you think of a time when you wanted to give up and didn't and were rewarded for your perseverance?

**Genesis 9:2** The fear of you will be upon every animal of the earth and upon every bird of the air, upon all that moves *upon* the earth and upon all the fish of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. C-MATS

**Question:** Why did יהוה put fear of man in the animals? Before the Flood the animals were men's companions and were tame. Now that man would eat the animals, to keep them from being driven into extinction יהוה placed the fear of man in them. *Chumash*

**Genesis 9:3** Every moving thing that lives will be meat for you; just as I gave you green plants before, so now I give you **את** all things. 4 But flesh with the life in it, *which is* its blood, you will not eat. C-MATS

**Question:** What restriction did יהוה put on eating meat? It is forbidden to eat a limb taken from a living animal. Accordingly, the verse states that flesh is prohibited while life is still in the animal, and that this prohibition applies to its blood, as well (Rashi). *Chumash*

**Genesis 9:5** And certainly **את** your blood of your lives will require; at the hand of every beast will I require it and at the hand of Adam (*man*) and at the hand of every Adam's (*man's*) brother will I require **את** the life of Adam (*man*). C-MATS

**Question:** What commandment did יהוה give man concerning the spilling of blood? The Torah places another limitation on man's right to take a life. יהוה states that He will demand an accounting from one who spills his own blood, for a human being's life belongs not to him but to יהוה. Though Noah had been granted authority over animal life, he had no right to commit suicide; only יהוה has the right to end life (Bava Kamma 91a; Rashi). Alternatively, this passage refers to a person who turns over another to be killed by wild beasts (Torah Sheleimah 31, 21). יהוה will not permit a murderer to go unpunished. He will be hunted down by wild animals or by the hand of man (Ramban). *Chumash*

**Genesis 9:6** Whoever sheds man's blood, by man will his *own* blood be shed, because in the image of Elohim made He **את** Adam (*man*). 7 Be fruitful and multiply; swarm on the earth and multiply there. C-MATS





Genesis 9:8 Elohim spoke to Noah and to his son's saying, 9 I will establish **אתי** My covenant with you **אתך** with your seed after you, 10 **אתם** with every living creature that is with you, birds, cattle and every animal of the earth from those that went out of the Ark. 11 I will establish **אתי** My covenant with you; no more will all flesh be killed by the waters of a flood; and there will not be a flood to destroy the earth. 12 And Elohim said, *this **זאת** is the sign of the covenant which I will make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all generations to come:* 13 **אתי** My rainbow I will set in the CLOUD\* and it will be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. (\*the cloud is a manifestation of Yahusha Exodus 33:10 and Nehemiah 9:19) C-MATS

**Question:** What covenant did יהוה establish with Noah and his descendants? יהוה established a covenant with Noah and his descendants, and all living beings, until the end of time. This covenant would be signified forever by the rainbow. The eternal sign that no matter how bleak the future may seem, יהוה will lead mankind to its ultimate goal. *Chumash*



This double full-circle rainbow was seen in 2013 from a helicopter over Perth, Australia

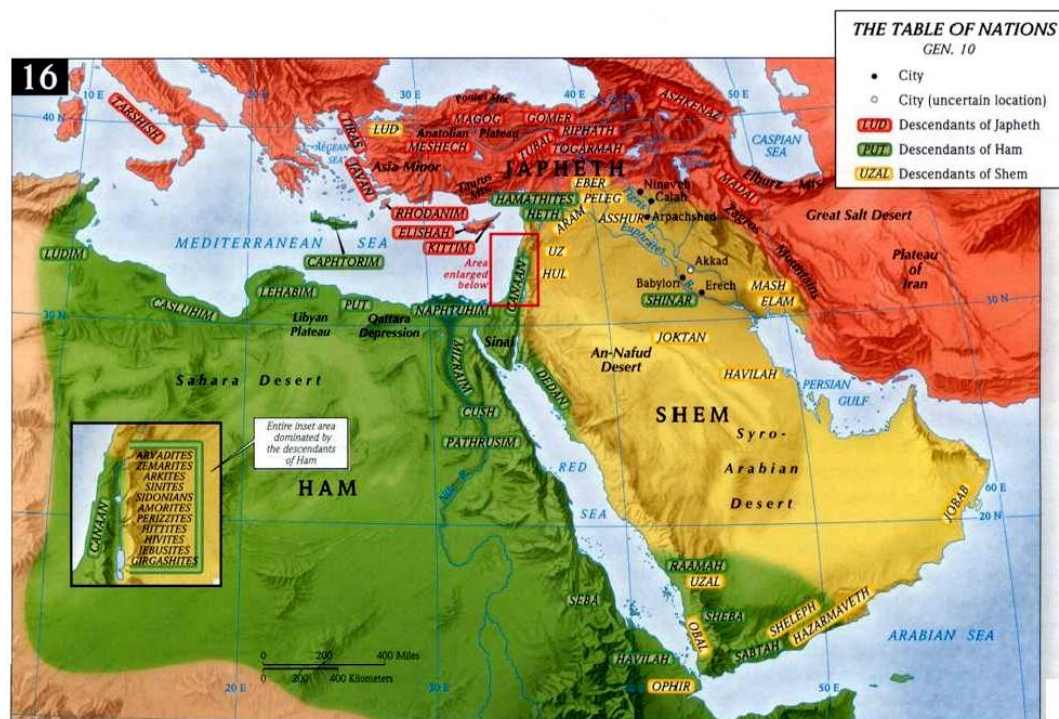


**Question:** Is the rainbow a circle? From the ground, typically, only the top portion of a rainbow is visible because directions toward the ground have fewer raindrops. From the air, though, the entire 360 degree circle of a rainbow is more commonly visible. NASA

**Question:** What does the circle symbolize? The circle is a symbol of totality, wholeness, perfection eternity, timelessness, unity, closure, continuity, and infinity, Just as Elohim gave us the rainbow in a circle of promise, we give wedding bands symbolizing no beginning and no end, representing never-ending love.

**Question:** Can part of the world be destroyed by a flood? Part of the world's population may be destroyed, but never again will the entire world be destroyed by a flood or any other catastrophe (Sforno, Or HaChaim), even if the people are sinful (Chizkuni). The Egyptians erred in this regard. They thought that they could drown the Israelite babies without fear of יהוה's measure-for-measure retribution, because He had sworn never to bring another flood. But they did not realize that only the entire world would not be flooded; therefore, the Egyptian army could be drowned at the splitting of the sea. *Chumash*

Genesis 9:14 And it will come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow will be seen in the cloud: 15 I will remember אֶת־ My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters will *no longer* become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 And the rainbow will be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember *the* everlasting covenant between Elohim and every living creature (*soul*) of all flesh that is upon the earth. 17 Elohim said to Noah, *this אֶת־ is the sign of the covenant, which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.* 18 And the son's of Noah, Shem and Ham and Japheth, went out of the Ark: Ham is the father of Canaan. 19 These *are the* three sons' of Noah: and from them was *the* whole earth populated. C-MATS



**Question:** How did the sons of Noah divide the world? Asia was taken by Shem; Africa by Ham; and Europe by Japheth (Abarbanel).

**Genesis 9:20** Noah began *to farm* the ground and he planted a vineyard: 21 And he drank of the wine and was drunk; and he was uncovered in his tent. 22 And Ham saw, the father of Canaan, את the nakedness of his father and told his two brother's about it. 23 And took Shem and Japheth את the garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and went backward and covered את nakedness of their father; and their faces *were turned away* and they did not see their father's nakedness.  
C-MATS



Shem and Japheth cover Noah

**Question:** What sin did Ham commit? Noah's intoxication caused him to become uncovered, and Ham gazed at him disrespectfully. Ham enjoyed the sight of his father's dishevelment and drunkenness. Canaan is associated with the event because he had a part in disgracing Noah. Canaan may have been the one who saw Noah and ran to tell his father (Rashi). Some say that Canaan may have castrated Noah while others say that Ham may have done so (Rashi). Some say that Canaan may have lusted after his father or that Ham lusted after his father. Whatever Canaan did to worsen the situation, Ham's conduct was disgraceful, for he entered the tent and sneered at Noah's shame, and then, instead of turning away his gaze and covering him, as his brothers did, he went to tell his brothers. *Chumash*

**Question:** Do you think Noah was embarrassed by his drunkenness? Embarrassment hurts, and how we treat someone when he is in an embarrassing situation makes all the difference. Noah found himself in an embarrassing situation and the Torah praises two of his sons for who tried to help him save face and chastises the third son for trying to embarrass him further. The Torah teaches us to do what we can to save people from getting embarrassed and certainly never purposely embarrass anyone.

**Question:** Can you think of some ways we can be careful not to embarrass people? For one thing, we shouldn't ask them a question if we know they won't know the answer. Also, we shouldn't bring up unflattering incidents from their past or embarrassing things about their family, etc. even if they are true. We shouldn't call people nicknames or make jokes about them even if they're funny. The general rule is not to do something to someone we wouldn't want others to do to us.

**Question:** Is it ever acceptable to embarrass someone in jest for the sake of a good joke? A healthy sense of humor is important and has many benefits. However the form of humor that involves embarrassing others - even slightly and even if they seem not to mind - is actually a hidden form of cruelty and should never be used. Even calling names in a teasing form can embarrass a person. It is best to never call anyone a name such a "stupid" or "dumb" in jest, especially someone you love. These so called "teasing names" can make a person lose respect for themselves and also for the person who is calling them demeaning names.

**Question:** Is embarrassing someone close to murdering them? A person's self-image and their desire to be respected by others is an essential part of their identity. To embarrass someone and cause him to feel bad about himself and/or others to look down on him is to have wounded him to the core and this is akin to murder.

**Genesis 9:24** Noah awoke from his wine and knew **את** what his younger son had done to him.  
C-MATS

**Discuss:** Noah "knew **את** what"? Did Noah's sons tell him what Ham had done? Did Noah see evidence of Ham's sin? Did Noah see that he had been castrated? Did **יהוה** tell him what had happened?



Noah curses Canaan



Genesis 9:25 He said, cursed *be* Canaan; a servant will he be to his brother's. C-MATS

**Question:** Why was Canaan cursed? Noah foresaw that Canaan's descendants would always be wicked and morally degraded; thus we find the Patriarchs carefully avoiding marriage with the accursed Canaanites (Radak) Eventually the descendants of Ham were led away by the King of Assyria naked and barefoot (Isaiah 20:4 So shall lead away the king of Assyria אֲרָם captives of Egypt אֲרָם and exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.). *Chumash*

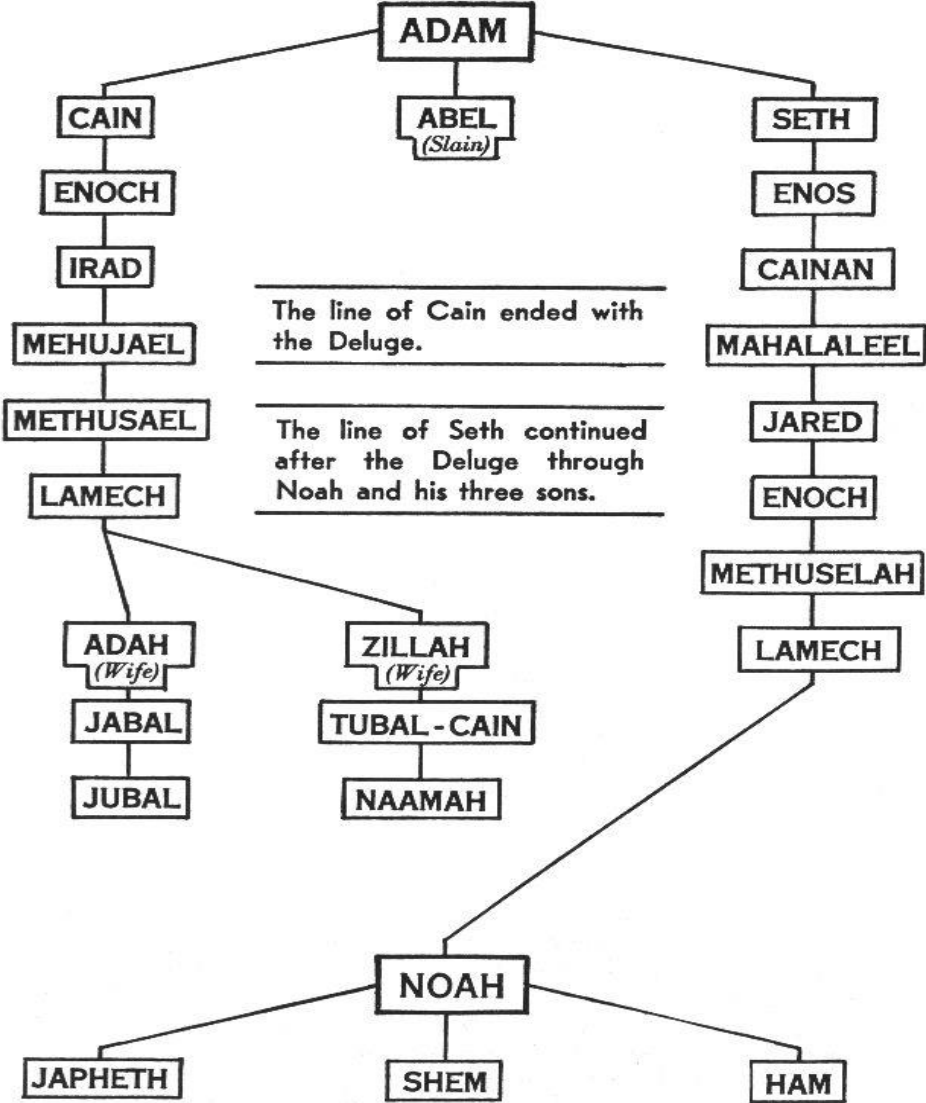


Ethiopia was located in the land of Ham

Genesis 9:26 And he said blessed *be* יהויה Elohim of Shem; and Canaan will be his servant. 27 Elohim will enlarge Japheth and he will live in the tents of Shem; and Canaan will be his servant. *Prophecy Fulfilled...The Elohim of Shem will be the Son of Shem...Gen. 9:26, 27 is Luke 3:36* 28 Noah lived after the flood 350 years. 29 All the days of Noah were 950 years: and he died. C-MATS

**Question:** Who was the “Elohim of Shem”? Luke 3:23 And Yahusha himself began to be about thirty years of age, being as was supposed the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, 24 Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Janna, which was the son of Joseph, 25 Which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Amos, which was the son of Naum, which was the son of Esli, which was the son of Nagge, 26 Which was the son of Maath, which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Semei, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Judah, 27 Which was the son of Joanna, which was the son of Rhesa, which was the son of Zorobabel, which was the son of Salathiel, which was the son of Neri, 28 Which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Addi, which was the son of Cosam, which was the son of Elmodam, which was the son of Er, 29 Which was the son of Jose, which was the son of Eliezer, which was the son of Jorim, which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi. C-MATS

Luke 3:30 Which was the son of Simeon, which was the son of Judah, which was the son of Joseph, which Luke 3: was the son of Jonan, which was the son of Eliakim, 31 Which was the son of Melea, which was the son of Menan, which was the son of Mattatha, which was the son of Nathan, which was the son of David, 32 Which was the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed, which was the son of Booz, which was the son of Salmon, which was the son of Naasson, 33 Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Judah, 34 Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor, 35 Which was the son of Saruch, which was the son of Ragau, which was the son of Phalec, which was the son of Heber, which was the son of Sala, 36 Which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad, which was the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech, 37 Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan, 38 Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of Elohim. C-MATS







**Question:** How many primary nations came from Noah? 70

**Question:** Where were all the families located? Present day Iraq

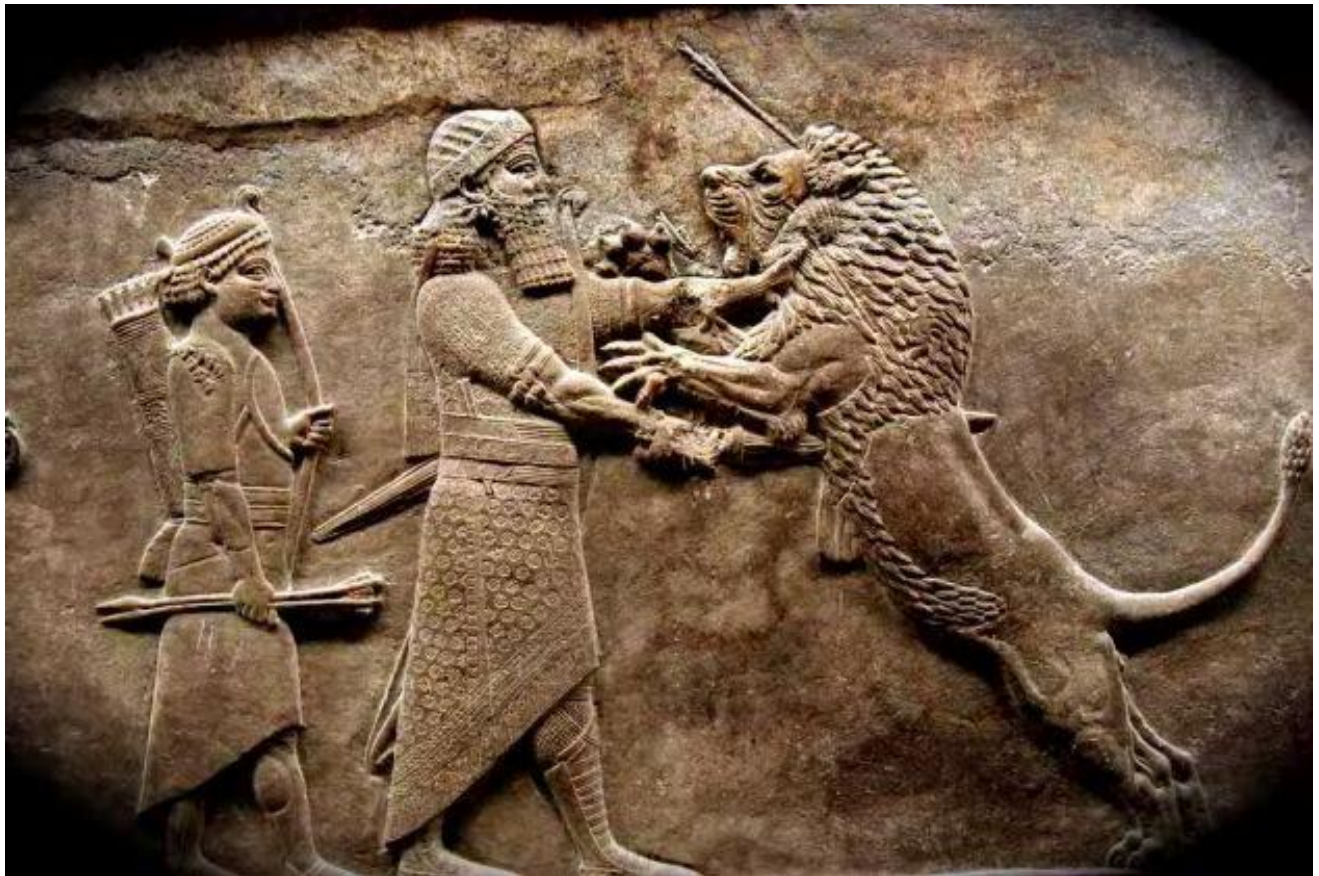
**Question:** How many generations were from Noah to Abraham? There were ten generations from Noah to Abraham. The cycle was repeated. There had been ten generations from Adam to Noah, giving mankind the opportunity to fulfill its responsibility to carry out the plan of Creation. They failed, and the Flood wiped them away. Then the mission of humanity fell to Noah and his offspring. The next ten generations failed as well, but this time Abraham was able to prevent destruction. *Chumash*

**Genesis 10:2** The sons of Japheth are Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. **3** And the son's of Gomer; Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah. **4** And the son's of Javan; Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim. **5** From these were the islands of the Gentiles (*nations*) divided into their lands, each according to his language, according to their families, in their nations. **6** And the sons of Ham; Cush and Mizraim and Phut and Canaan. **7** And the sons of Cush; Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba and Dedan. **8** And Cush became the father of **אֶת־** Nimrod: who was the first powerful ruler on the earth. **9** He became a mighty hunter before (*against*) the face of יהוה: therefore it is said by the people, like Nimrod a mighty hunter before יהוה. C-MATS

**Question:** How did Nimrod become powerful in the beginning of his life? Jasher 6:25 For after the death of Adam and his wife, their garments of skin that יהוה made for them in the Garden were given to Enoch, the son of Jared, and when Enoch was taken up to יהוה, he gave them to Methuselah, his son. **26** And at the death of Methuselah, Noah took them and brought them to the ark, and they were with him until he went out of the ark. **27** And in their going out, Ham stole those garments from his father, Noah, and he took them and hid them from his brothers. **28** And when Ham begat his first born Cush, he gave him the garments in secret, and they were with Cush many days. **29** And Cush also concealed them from his sons and brothers, and when Cush had begotten Nimrod, he gave him those garments through his love for him, and Nimrod grew up, and when he was twenty years old he put on those garments. **30** And Nimrod became strong when he put on the garments, and יהוה gave him might and strength, and he was a mighty hunter in the earth, yes, he was a mighty hunter in the field, and he hunted the animals and he built altars, and he offered upon them the animals before יהוה. **31** And Nimrod strengthened himself, and he rose up from amongst his brethren, and he fought the battles of his brethren against all their enemies round about. **32** And יהוה delivered all the enemies of his brethren in his hands, and יהוה prospered him from time to time in his battles, and he reigned upon earth. **33** Therefore it became current in those days, when a man ushered forth those that he had trained up for battle, he would say to them, "Like יהוה did to Nimrod, who was a mighty hunter in the earth, and who succeeded in the battles that prevailed against his brethren, that he delivered them from the hands of their enemies, so may יהוה strengthen us and deliver us this day." **46** And all the earth was of one tongue and words of union, but Nimrod departed from the ways of יהוה, and he was more wicked than all the men that were before him, from the days of the flood until those days.

**Question:** Who was Nimrod? Nimrod was the great-grandson of Noah through his cursed son Ham. Nimrod (in Hebrew "Na-maroon") has been derived from the Hebrew verb "Marad" which means "To rebel". Nimrod was the first ruler of mankind. Nimrod was brought up by Semiramis, an exceptionally clever woman, as a spoiled son, a mother's darling. He was himself very intelligent, a great leader of men, a mighty fighter in rebellion against the One True יהוה (Genesis 10:9 He became a mighty hunter before (against) the face of יהוה.). Later his jealous mother, the beautiful queen Semiramis made him her husband also. Nimrod persuaded the people that their success in building Babel ("Bab" means gate or gateway) would help them overcome the heavenly kingdom of Elohim. Anybody who refused to accept Nimrod was tortured and if he still dissented then he was put to death. Accordingly a reign of tyranny was started against the believers in the Elohim of Noah. Nimrod thus wiped out all opposition to those who believed in the One True יהוה.

**Question:** How did Nimrod and Semiramis receive such power? Semiramis and Nimrod acquired their vast and intricate knowledge in so short a time from Horus and Marduk, the two fallen angels, who are hanging suspended in the underground well at Babel. The high degree of perfection of what he learned is evident from the fact that in these 4,000 years we have not advanced much further on many of these subjects beyond what he has disclosed -- especially in the calculation of the Solar Year, the method of computing and dividing days, hours, minutes, the twelve Zodiacal constellations, Astrology, Palmistry, and the Horoscope for forecasting.



Nimrod the great Hunter

Nimrod achieved these things:

1. The first use of irrigation in the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates for agriculture (This knowledge of building dams and digging canals was carried to Egypt from here).
2. The first extraction of copper.
3. The invention of manufacture of bronze.
4. Invention of sexagesimal system (Base 60) which divides a circle into 360 degrees, a degree into 60 minutes and a minute into 60 seconds.
5. The division of the day into 24 hours, each hour to consist of 60 minutes divided into 60 seconds. The new date commences from midnight instead of "Sun Set" as the time of Sun Set varied from day to day, hence this was not a scientific method according to Nimrod.
6. Astronomy.
7. The twelve constellations of the Zodiac.
8. The calculation of the solar year comprising 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes and 30 seconds. (These ideas were taken to Egypt from here).
9. The division of the solar year into twelve months according to the twelve constellations of the Zodiac.
10. The calculation of the Horoscope based upon the Zodiac.
11. Astrology, palmistry and forecasting.
12. Making burnt clay bricks for buildings.
13. Mathematical calculations for large buildings, bridges, temples, palaces and dams.
14. Cuneiform Tablets.
15. Magic, the art of Witchcraft -how to influence other people to his ways of thought without their being aware of it or being able to get out of the spell cast. We the human race are still today far, far behind the powers he had attained and displayed.
16. The alteration of the commencement of the week from Saturday to "Dies Solis" or Sun-god's day and the naming of the days after the various deities -Sun's day, moon's day etc.

In honor of the two angels, his tutors, Nimrod built in Babylon, the temple to Marduk a little to the south of the tower of Babel whilst the group that went to Egypt built temples in honor of Horus, whom they called the "only begotten son of God".

**Question:** How did Nimrod die? Nimrod inherited the garments of Adam and Eve from his father Cush, and these made him strong in battle. Later Esau (grandson of Abraham), ambushed, beheaded, and robbed Nimrod of these garments. Much of the knowledge that Nimrod learned from the fallen angels died with him.

**Genesis 10:10** And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. **11** Asshur went out of that land and built אֶת־נִינְוֵה Nineveh and אֶת־רֶחֱבֹתַיִם Rehoboth, the city אֶת־כַּלְהַי Calah, C-MATS

**Question:** Why did Asshur leave his sons? Since Asshur saw his sons obeying Nimrod and rebelling against the Omnipresent by building the tower, he departed from their midst and built Nineveh. Elohim sent Jonah to the city to bring repentance to them, so they would be spared for the sake of Asshur their ancestor. **Jonah 3:2** Arise go to Nineveh, that great city and preach to it אֶת־הַמֵּסָגָה the message that I bid you. C-MATS *Chumash*

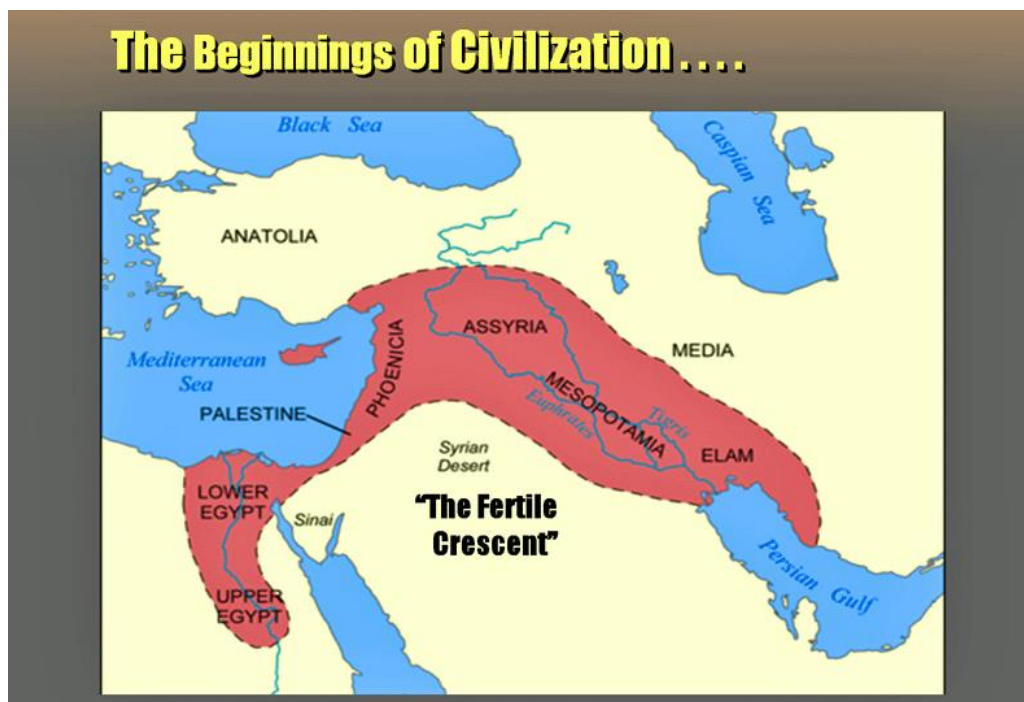


Genesis 10:12 **את** Resen between Nineveh and Calah: that one *is* the great city. 13 and Mizraim became the father of **את** Ludim **את** Anamim **את** Lehabim **את** Naphtuhim, 14 **את** Pathrusim **את** Casluhim, out of whom came Philistim **את** Caphtorim. C-MATS

**Question:** Whom did the Philistines (Palestine) emerge from? The Philistines descended from Philistim **את** Caphtorim who exchanged the intimacy of their wives with each other. *Chumash*

Genesis 10:15 And Canaan became the father of **את** Sidon, his firstborn **את** Heth, 16 **את** the Jebusite **את** the Amorite **את** the Girgasite, 17 **את** the Hivite **את** the Arkite **את** the Sinite, 18 **את** the Arvadite **את** the Zemarite **את** the Hamathite: and then the families of the Canaanites were spread abroad. 19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as you come to Gerar, to Gaza, as you go to Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboim, even to Lasha. 20 These *are* the sons of Ham, after their families, after their languages, in their countries and in their nations. 21 To Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even *to* him was children born. 22 The children of Shem; Elam and Asshur and Arphaxad and Lud and Aram. 23 And the children of Aram; Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash. 24 And Arphaxad became the father of **את** Salah; and to Salah was born **את** Eber. 25 And to Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan. C-MATS

**Question:** What can we learn about Eber? We learn that Eber was a prophet, since he named his son for a future event-the division of the peoples. Hence, you learn that in the year of Peleg's death, the families were dispersed across the land. The tongues became confused, and they were scattered from the valley and were dispersed throughout the entire world. *Chumash*



The earliest western "civilizations" are part of the "fertile" crescent of Mesopotamia..."between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates" and the Nile.

Genesis 10:26 And Joktan became the father of **את** Almodad **את** Sheleph **את** Hazar-maveth **את** Jerah, 27 **את** Hadoram **את** Uzal **את** Diklah, 28 **את** Obal **את** Abimael **את** Sheba, 29 **את** Ophir **את** Havilah **את** Jobab: all these *were* the son's of Joktan. 30 And their territory was from Mesha to Sephar, a mount of the east. 31 These *are* the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, after their nations. 32 These *are* the families of the son's of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood. 11:1 And the whole earth was *of* one language and *of* one speech. C-MATS

**Question:** What does *of* one language and *of* one speech mean? Everyone on earth spoke the sacred tongue-Hebrew. *Chumash*

Genesis 11:2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they lived there. 3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make bricks and bake them in the fire. And they had brick for building stone and clay for mortar. 4 And they said, Come, let us build a city with a tower with a top *reaching into* the heavens; and let us make us a name for ourselves (*gods*), otherwise we *will* be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. C-MATS

**Question:** What prophecy were they trying to prevent from coming to pass? Peleg's prophecy that when he died the peoples would be scattered over the earth, if the peoples did not repent and serve Elohim. *Chumash*

**Question:** What year did this prophecy happen? The year of the prophecy is 1996 from Creation, 340 years after the Flood. Noah and his children were still alive at the time, and Abraham, 48 years old, had already recognized his Creator (Seder Olam). All the national families were concentrated in present-day Iraq and they all spoke one language, the Holy Tongue (Rashi), the language with which the world was created (Mizrachi). *Chumash*



Tower of Babel



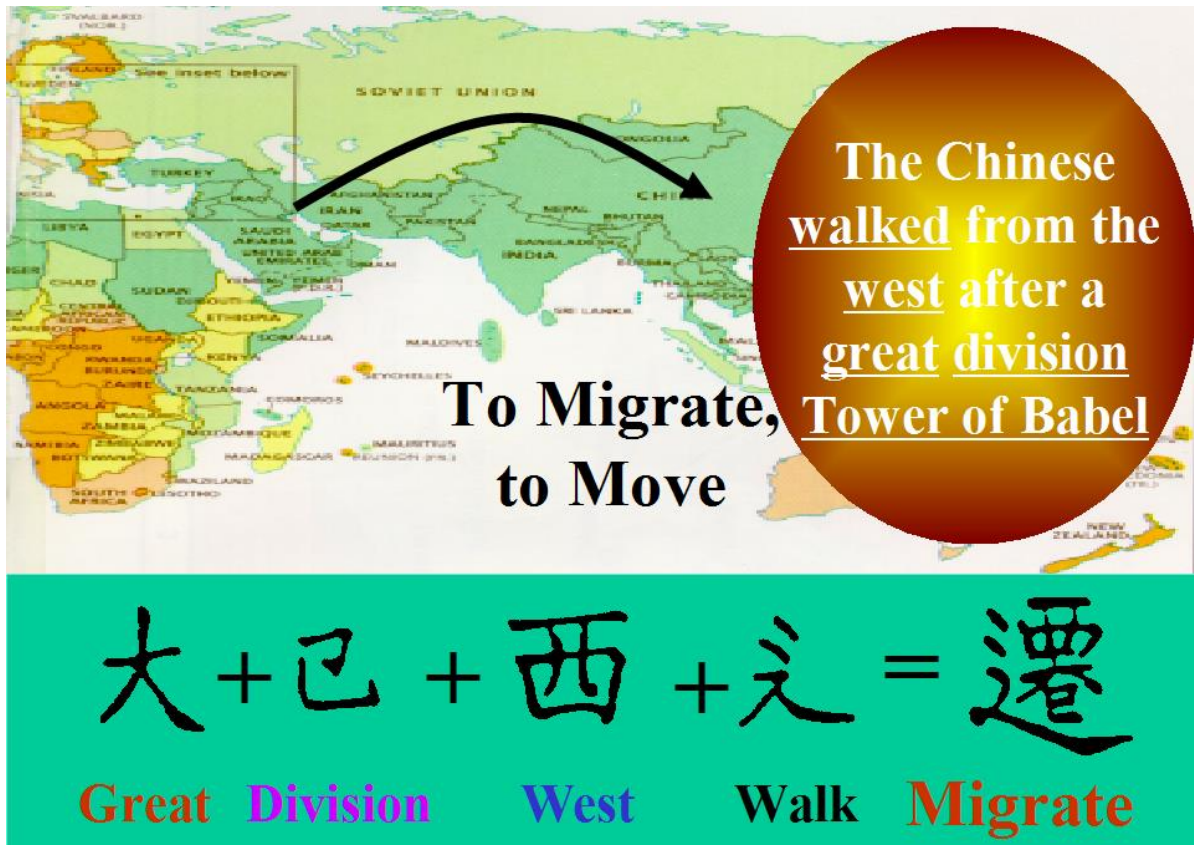
The Tower of Babel was a ziggurat or stepped pyramid, Similar to those found all over the Ancient Near East.

**Question:** Who was the primary force behind this rebellion? Nimrod was the primary force behind this rebellion. He planned to build a tower ascending to Heaven and, from it, wage war against יהוה. He wanted to seek revenge against יהוה who destroyed his forefathers. As for the memory of the Flood -- which should have frightened them from confronting יהוה -- the builders of the tower rationalized that such an upheaval occurs only once every 1656 years, so that they had nothing to fear from Divine intervention for another 1316 years, by which time they would have waged their "war" against יהוה and won.

**Genesis 11:5** And יהוה came down to see את־ the city ואת־ the tower, which the children of Adam (*man*) built. **6** And יהוה says, Look at these people, they *are* one and they have all one language; and see what they begin to do! Now nothing they set out to accomplish will be impossible for them! **7** Lets go down there and confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech. C-MATS

**Question:** Why did יהוה scatter them across the land? The people of earth came with one scheme and said, "He had no right to select for Himself the upper regions. Let us ascend to the sky and wage war with Him." יהוה cursed the people for their wickedness. The curse broke up the unity of the entire human race. The people went to sleep speaking one common language but awoke the next morning speaking different languages! They did not understand one another. There was complete confusion and chaos. Disputes and misunderstanding arose as to what was being said by one group to the other. The natural result was separation and disunity. Groups speaking the same language gathered together. Nimrod and his group being the most powerful stayed on at Babylon. Each of the other language groups went in different directions and settled down in new countries. The wicked teachings of Nimrod accordingly spread all over the face of the earth and are still practiced today.





Genesis 11:8 So יהוה scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth: and they ceased to build the city. 9 Therefore the name of it is called Babel; because יהוה confused the language of all the earth: and from there did יהוה scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth. 10 These *are* the generations of Shem: Shem was 100 years old and became the father of אֶת־ Arphaxad two years after the flood: 11 And Shem lived after he became the father of אֶת־ Arphaxad 500 years and became the father of sons and daughters. 12 And Arphaxad lived 35 years and became the father of אֶת־ Salah: 13 And Arphaxad lived after he became the father of אֶת־ Salah 403 years and became the father of sons and daughters. 14 And Salah lived thirty years and became the father of אֶת־ Eber: 15 And Salah lived after he became the father of אֶת־ Eber 403 years and became the father of sons and daughters. 16 And Eber lived 34 years and became the father of אֶת־ Peleg: 17 And Eber lived after he became the father of אֶת־ Peleg 430 years and became the father of sons and daughters. 18 And Peleg lived 30 years and became the father of אֶת־ Reu: 19 And Peleg lived after he became the father of אֶת־ Reu 209 years and became the father of sons and daughters. C-MATS

**Question:** What happened after the people were scattered? Beginning with Peleg, the human life span shortened dramatically. His father lived for 464 years, while he died at only 239. Since the Torah notes that the Dispersion took place in Peleg's time the cause of this change was that the people were suddenly cast into unfamiliar climates with new diseases and this sapped their strength. Genesis 10:25 the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided. C-MATS

Genesis 11:20 And Reu lived 32 years and became the father of אֶת־ Serug: 21 And Reu lived after he became the father of אֶת־ Serug 207 years and became the father of sons and daughters. 22 And Serug lived thirty years and became the father of אֶת־ Nahor: 23 And Serug lived after he became the father of אֶת־ Nahor 200 years and became the father of sons and daughters. 24 And Nahor lived 29 years and became the father of אֶת־ Terah: 25 And Nahor lived after he became the father of אֶת־ Terah 119 years and became the father of sons and daughters. 26 And Terah lived seventy years and became the father of אֶת־ Abram, אֶת־ Nahor אֶת־ Haran. 27 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah gave birth to אֶת־ Abram, אֶת־ Nahor אֶת־ Haran; and Haran gave birth to אֶת־ Lot. C-MATS



Terah is Abram's father

**Question:** Why is Terah's name repeated twice? The Midrash notes that anyone whose name is repeated has a share in the World to Come. But Terah was an idolater! This indicates that he ultimately repented and earned a share in the World to Come! *Chumash*

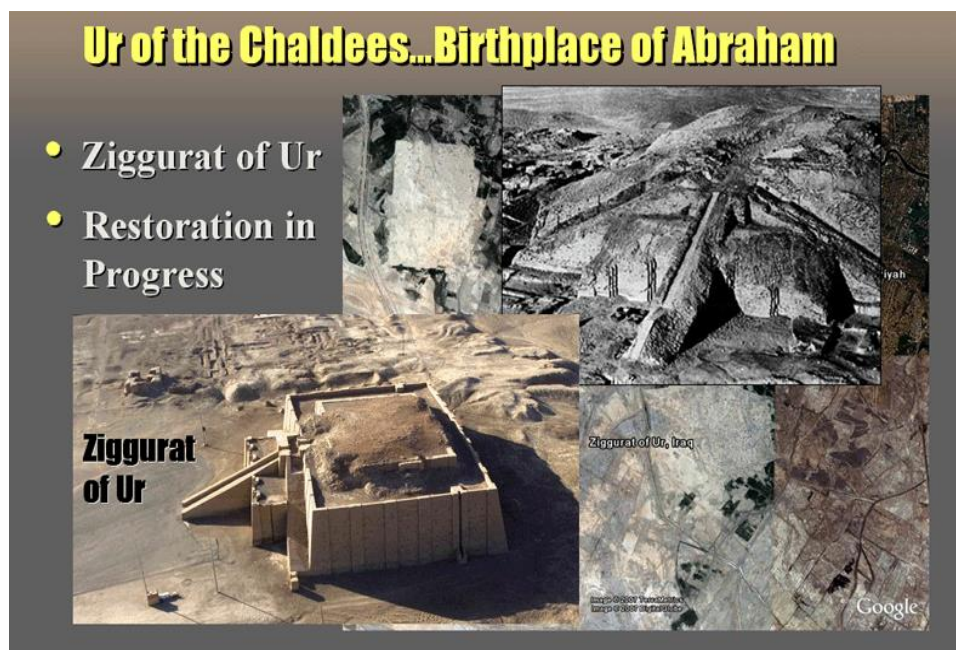
**Question:** What happened on the night that Abram was born? Jasher 8:1 And it was in the night that Abram was born, that all the servants of Terah, and all the wise men of Nimrod, and his conjurors came and ate and drank in the house of Terah, and they rejoiced with him on that night. 2 And when all the wise men and conjurors went out from the house of Terah, they lifted up their eyes toward heaven that night to look at the stars, and they saw, and behold one very large star came from the east and ran in the heavens, and he swallowed up the four stars from the four sides of the heavens. 3 And all the wise men of the king and his conjurors were astonished at the sight, and the sages understood this matter, and they knew its import. 4 And they said to each other, This only betokens the child that has been born to Terah this night, who will grow up and be fruitful, and multiply, and possess all the earth, he and his children forever, and he and his seed will slay great kings, and inherit their lands.

**Question:** What did King Nimrod do when he heard of this prophecy? Jasher 8:33 He wanted to slay Abram and he promised Terah silver and gold for the death of the child. And Terah hastened, (as the thing was urgent from the king), and he took a child from one of his servants, which his handmaid had born to him that day, and Terah brought the child to the king and received value for him. 34 And יהוה was with Terah in this matter, that Nimrod might not cause Abram's death, and the king took the child from Terah and with all his might dashed his head to the ground, for he thought it had been Abram; and this was concealed from him from that day, and it was forgotten by the king, as it was the will of Providence not to suffer Abram's death. 35 And Terah took Abram his son secretly, together with his mother and nurse, and he concealed them in a cave, and he brought them their provisions monthly. 36 And יהוה was with Abram in the cave and he grew up, and Abram was in the cave ten years, and the king and his princes, soothsayers and sages, thought that the king had killed Abram.

**Question:** What did Abram do when he left the cave? Jasher 8:5 And when Abram came out from the cave, he went to Noah and his son Shem, and he remained with them to learn the instruction of יהוה and his ways, and no man knew where Abram was, and Abram served Noah and Shem his son for a long time. 6 And Abram was in Noah's house thirty-nine years, and Abram knew יהוה from three years old, and he went in the ways of יהוה until the day of his death, as Noah and his son Shem had taught him.

**Question:** Did Abram's father worship יהוה? Jasher 9:8 Terah had twelve gods of large size, made of wood and stone, after the twelve months of the year, and he served each one monthly, and every month Terah would bring his meat offering and drink offering to his gods; thus did Terah all the days.

**Genesis 11:28** And Haran died before his father Terah *died* in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldees. C-MATS





**Question:** Why did Haran die before his father? Haran died because of Terah. Terah, who was a manufacturer and seller of idols, complained to Nimrod that Abram had smashed his wares, so Nimrod had Abram thrown into a fiery furnace. Haran was challenged to choose between Abram, his brother, and Nimrod. He did not know with whom to side, and decided to join whoever emerged victorious. When Abram was miraculously saved from the fire, Haran sided with him, whereupon Haran was thrown into the furnace. Since Haran was willing to defy Nimrod not because of his belief but because he expected a miracle, he was unworthy of one; thus he died in Ur Kasdim, literally the fire of the land of Kasdim [Chaldea].

**Genesis 11:29 And Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. C-MATS**

**Question:** Why did Abram and Nahor marry the daughters of Haran, their brother? Haran died as a young man leaving three children, Lot, Milcah and Iscah (also called Sarah). Haran's brothers, Abraham and Nahor, married his daughters to carry on his memory and to ease Terah's grief. Lot attached himself to Abraham and left Haran with him.

**Question:** Who is Iscah? Iscah was Sarah. She was called Iscah [from the word *äëñ*, meaning to see, gaze] because she could see the future by divine inspiration, and because everyone gazed at her beauty. Also, Iscah denotes nobility, as does her name Sarai, which means my princess (Rashi). *Chumash*

**Question:** Why did Sarah have two names? A woman has two missions in life, the first from birth as an individual, and the second when she marries and is elevated to a higher, joint mission with her husband. Thus Iscah is the name indicating her personal greatness and Sarai, the name indicating her mission with Abraham, is used exclusively from the time of her marriage.

**Genesis 11:30 But Sarai was barren; she had no children. 31 And Terah took אַבְרָם Abram, his son אֶלְוִי Lot, the son of Haran, his son's son אַרְבֶּךְ Sarai, his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went with them from Ur of the Chaldees to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and lived there. C-MATS**

**Question:** Why didn't Terah finish his journey and go to Canaan as he was supposed to do? Terah stopped in Haran and missed the blessing that was given to Abraham. Abraham was obedient and continued the journey to Canaan-the Promised Land.

**Genesis 11:32 And the days of Terah were 205 years: and Terah died in Haran. C-MATS**

**Question:** When did Terah die? In the year 2083; Isaac was thirty-five years old at the time (Seder Olam). Terah died more than sixty years after Abraham's departure from Haran.

## Haran .... Abraham's Home until Age 75

- In Turkey, near the border with Syria



**Question:** Why is Terah's death recorded here when he lived many days after Abram left Haran? Torah records a person's death when his role is over and to avoid the public implication that Abram disrespectfully abandoned his father in his old age. Abraham was uniquely absolved from the commandment to honor his father, because Elohim commanded Abraham to leave his family and go to Canaan. Terah was supposed to go to Canaan, but he stopped in Haran.

**Question:** What happened to Babylon? By 605 B.C., when Nebuchadnezzar became king of Babylon, the Babylonian Empire had become the leading empire in the world. The Greek historian Herodotus, who wrote about Babylon about 100 years later, described how Cyrus' army captured the city. Part of the army went north of Babylon and dug a trench from the Euphrates River to a nearby marsh. When the army connected the trench to the Euphrates River, much of the water in the river flowed toward the marsh, while only a little water continued to flow toward Babylon. While the Babylonians were confidently celebrating a feast, the strong river and moat protecting the city became very shallow, and the Medes and Persians were able to enter the city (Herodotus 1.191). They captured the city without a battle, and Darius the Mede was put in charge (Daniel 5:31). Finally, nearly 200 years after Isaiah wrote about Babylon, part of his prophecy was fulfilled. יהוה told Isaiah, "I will stir up against them, **את** Medes, who shall not regard silver and as for gold, they shall not delight in it." Isaiah 13:17. The Medes captured Babylon, just as Isaiah predicted. They captured the city without a battle and did not plunder the city. Today, Babylon is still an empty city. In times of peace tourists can go see the partially rebuilt ruins of Babylon that have remained empty for almost 2,000 years. The city is exactly like Isaiah predicted: "It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be lived in from generation to generation." Isaiah 13:20.

## Do You Know??

1. Noah means \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Noah was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when the flood began.
3. The ark was made of \_\_\_\_\_ wood.
4. The ark had \_\_\_\_\_ decks and was \_\_\_\_\_ feet long.
5. Noah took \_\_\_\_\_ couple of the unclean animals and \_\_\_\_\_ couples of the clean animals into the Ark.
6. It rained for \_\_\_\_\_ days and \_\_\_\_\_ nights
7. Noah lived in the Ark for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) until the land was dry.
8. The Ark landed on the mountains of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The first animal that Noah sent out of the ark was a \_\_\_\_\_ that did not come back.
10. The dove brought an \_\_\_\_\_ leaf to Noah.
11. After the Flood man could eat \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The sign of the covenant with man is a \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Noah cursed \_\_\_\_\_ his grandson because Ham saw him naked.
14. After the Flood the people lived in present day \_\_\_\_\_. (where?)
15. From Noah came the \_\_\_\_\_ nations of the earth. (how many?)
16. \_\_\_\_\_ built the Tower of Babel
17. At first all the people spoke one language called \_\_\_\_\_.
18. יהוה punished the people for their rebellion by \_\_\_\_\_ their language.
19. יהוה \_\_\_\_\_ the nations across the earth.
20. Abram's wife was \_\_\_\_\_, who could have no children.

### Answers:

1. Comfort, rest
2. 600
3. gopher
4. 3 decks, 450 feet
5. 1, 7
6. 40, 40
7. 1
8. Ararat
9. raven
10. olive
11. meat
12. rainbow
13. Canaan
14. Iraq
15. 70
16. Nimrod
17. Hebrew
18. confusing
19. scattered
20. Sarai



## Haftorah

The *Haftorah* compares the final Redemption to the pact יהוה made with Noah in this week's Torah reading. Just as יהוה promised to never bring a flood over the entire earth, so too He will never again be angry with His people.

Isaiah 54:1 Sing, O barren, you who did not give birth; break forth into singing and do not cry aloud, you that did travail with child: for more *are the* children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, says יהוה. 2 Enlarge the place of your tent and the curtains of your habitations let them stretch forth: spare not, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes; 3 For the right hand and on the left you will break forth on; and your descendants the nations (*gentiles*) will inherit and *the* cities desolate, make to be inhabited. 4 Fear not; for you will not be ashamed: neither be you confounded; for you will not be put to shame: for the shame of your youth you will forget and the reproach of your widowhood will not *be* remembered anymore. 5 For your husband is your Maker(s); יהוה of Hosts *is* His name; and your Redeemer the Sacred One of Israel; the Elohim of the whole earth will He be called. 6 For as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit has called you, יהוה and a wife of *your* youth, when you were refused, said your Elohim. 7 For a small moment have I forsaken you; but with great mercies I will gather you. 8 In a little wrath I hid My face for a moment from you; but with kindness everlasting will I have mercy on you, said your Redeemer, יהוה. 9 For the waters of Noah this *is as* to Me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. 10 For the mountains will depart and the hills be removed; but My kindness from you will not depart the covenant of My peace, neither will be removed, says יהוה that has mercy on you. 11 O you afflicted, tossed with tempest and not comforted, see, I will lay with fair colors, your stones and lay your foundations with sapphires. 12 And I will make rubies your windows of and your gates of carbuncles and all your borders of stones pleasant. 13 And all your children *will* be taught of יהוה; and great *will be* the peace of your children. 14 In righteousness will you be established: you will be far from oppression; for you will not fear: and from terror; for it will not come near you. 15 See, they will certainly gather together, *but* not by Me: whoever will gather together against you for your sake will fall. 16 See, I have created the smith that blows in the fire the coals and that brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. 17 No weapon that is formed against you none will prosper; and every tongue *that* will rise against you in judgment you will condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servant's of יהוה and their righteousness *is* of Me, says יהוה. Isaiah 55:1 Come everyone that thirst, come you to the waters and he that *has* no money; come, buy and eat; come, buy without money and without price, wine and milk. 2 Why do you spend money for that which is not bread? And your labor for *that which* satisfies not, listen diligently to Me and eat *that which is* good and let your soul delight itself in fatness. 3 Incline your ear and come to Me: hear and your soul will live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, the faithful mercies of David. *Prophecy Fulfilled...Isa. 55:3...Resurrected by Elohim... Acts 13:34* 4 See, for a witness to the people I have given him, a leader and commander to the people. *Prophecy Fulfilled...Isa. 55:4...A witness... John 18:37* 5 See, a nation *that* you know not you will call and nations *that* knew you not will run to you because of יהוה your Elohim and for the Sacred One of Israel; for He has glorified you. C-MATS

## Brit Chadashah

**Question:** How many people did Elohim save during the flood? 2 Peter 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly. C-MATS

**Question:** What will life be like when Yahusha returns? Luke 17:26 **And as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.** 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. 31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. 34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 36 *Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.* 37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Master? And he said unto them, **Where the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together.** C-MATS

**Question:** Besides at the Tower of Babel, when did Elohim give a new language to earth? Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Ruach haKodesh, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? 9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of Elohim. 12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What means this? 13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, You men of Judaea, and all you that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15 For these are not drunken, as you suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. C-MATS

**Question:** How is Noah being saved in the ark similar to baptism? 1 Peter 3:18 For Mashiach also has once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to Elohim, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: 19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison. C-MATS

**1 Peter 3:20** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of Elohim waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. **21** The like figure whereunto even baptism does also now save us not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward Elohim, by the resurrection of Yahusha haMashiach: **22** Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of Elohim; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him. C-MATS

**Question:** It feels good to live up to our values and do what is right. But what should we do if the people around us aren't? Should we get involved and try to change them? In this week's Torah portion Noah faced this very dilemma. יהוה informed him that He was about to bring a great flood to destroy the world that had become very corrupted and evil. יהוה told Noah, who was literally the only good and honest man left in the world that only he and his family would survive to start the world anew. Although Noah was sad and hoped that everyone else would change their ways and also be saved, he made the mistake of not doing enough to influence them to change. We learn from here that sometimes just being good ourselves isn't good enough.

### **Class Action**

Amy Landers ducked as a chalkboard eraser went whizzing past her head. "They're going to get in trouble," thought Amy, who found it hard to concentrate on her assignment amidst the sound of banging furniture, screaming laughter and general mayhem that reigned in Homeroom 202. Mrs. Hansen, the regular teacher, was out with the flu and Ms. Jones, the young substitute, had stepped out of the classroom for a few moments to photocopy some worksheets. That's when the whole class, except for Amy, seized the opportunity and went wild. Suddenly the classroom door swung open. Ms. Jones nearly dropped her stack of copies at the scene which greeted her. "OK. Everyone and I mean everyone stays after school today! None of you should even think about going home before 3:30!" The class went silent and the rest of the lesson went normally until the bell rang, sending them to lunch break. Amy stayed behind and slowly approached the teacher, who was still trying to organize the mess that the kids had made of her desk. Amy cleared her throat. "Er, Ms. Jones..." The teacher looked up. "Ms. Jones, may I be excused from staying after school? I didn't do anything wrong. I just quietly did my schoolwork the whole time you were out of the classroom." The teacher looked at her for a moment and then said, "Amy, I can see from the way you behave that you are a good girl, and I believe you are telling me the truth." Amy sighed with relief. "But..." added the teacher, "let me ask you something. Did you do anything to try to stop the others when they went wild?" Silence. "Did you tell them that what they were doing was wrong? You must have realized that they would be punished." Amy blushed. "Um, no I didn't do anything," she admitted. "I guess I was just glad that it wasn't me." "Amy, it really wasn't enough. If you had spoken up maybe they would have stopped, and wouldn't be in trouble now. At least you could have tried. I'm sorry Amy, but if you knew better but didn't try to stop them then you are also at fault to some degree, and you'll also have to stay after school." Amy slowly walked off to join her friends for lunch. She understood that from now on she would have to try harder to look out for everyone's good.



**Question:** How did Amy feel when she saw her classmates misbehaving? She felt happy that she wasn't acting like that.

**Question:** How would it have been better for her to feel? She should have felt bad about how they were acting and tried to get them to stop.

**Question:** What did Ms. Jones hope to teach Amy by making her stay after school? Amy mistakenly thought that since she didn't misbehave like the rest of the class, that she was totally innocent. The teacher wanted her to realize that a person is responsible to try to influence the people around her to act with proper values. If she doesn't, then she is also in a sense responsible for what happens.

**Question:** Suppose that Amy had determined that her classmates weren't going to listen to her. Should she still have spoken up? Why or why not? Although she might not have been able to change the situation, still she might have accomplished something worthwhile. Even if one or two people refrained from misbehaving it would have made a difference. Perhaps next time the others would have thought twice before acting that way. A person who tells others to do what is right can make an impact on other people's lives.

**Question:** Why should it matter to me what others do as long as I'm doing the right thing? The Torah wants to develop us into more caring and loving people, and for that reason alone we will benefit by getting involved to help others to grow. But on a deeper level all of humanity is spiritually interconnected. It is as if we are one body. Just like a healthy hand can't go on living happily while the other hand is wounded, so too we all suffer when others are acting destructively. Humanity will be uplifted greatly once we all begin to feel a sense of responsibility for each other.

**Question:** What do you think might be some effective ways to influence others to improve? One of the most important things is to act out of genuine respect. Just because I may be behaving better than someone else doesn't make me a more valuable person. We should also correct others in a pleasant and positive manner, which is also much more effective.

**Resources:** "Weekly Torah Portion" from [www.aish.com](http://www.aish.com)

*The Stone Edition of The Chumash*

*The Complete Messianic Aleph Tav Scriptures C-MATS* [www.AlephTavScriptures.com](http://www.AlephTavScriptures.com)

*The **Book of Jasher** (or the **Book of the Upright** or the **Book of the Just Man**)*

Joshua 10:13 states: **And the Sun stood still, and the Moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves on their enemies. Is this not written in the *Book of the Upright* (*Sēper haYYāšār*)?**