

Noach נח **Noach Rests**
Torah Genesis 6:9–11:32
Haftarah Isaiah 54:1–55:5

The N'filim

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of Elohim saw the daughters of men, that they were fair. And they took them wives, whomsoever they chose. And YHWH said: My Spirit shall not abide in man forever. For that he also is flesh; therefore shall his days be a hundred and twenty years. The N'filim were on the earth in those days and also after that, when the sons of Elohim came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. The same were the mighty men that were of old--the men of renown. (Gen 6:1-4)

Two interpretations: First, this could simply be referring to **the sons of Elohim**, the righteous Sethite line intermarrying with **daughters of men**, the daughters in the Cain lineage.

The second interpretation takes **the sons of Elohim** as fallen angels with **the daughters of men**, producing N'filim, "fallen ones." 2 Peter 2:4-5, **Eloah did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to takh'ti [tartarus, the deepest part of Sheol], and delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved for judgment, And, did not spare the ancient world but saved Noach, one of eight people, a proclaimer of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the wicked.** Jude 6, **the angels who did not keep their first estate, but left their own habitation: He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness, for the judgment of the great day.**

Also, in 1 Enoch: *And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters.* ² *And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children.'* (1 Enoch 6:1-2) *And all the others together with them took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go in unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments, and the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants.* ² *And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants, whose height was three thousand ells:* ³ *Who consumed all the acquisitions of men.* ⁴ *And when men could no longer sustain them, the giants turned against them and devoured mankind.* ⁵ *And they began to sin against birds, and beasts, and reptiles, and fish, and to devour one another's flesh, and drink the blood.* ⁶ *Then the earth laid accusation against the lawless ones.* (1 Enoch 7:1-6)

For in the resurrection they marry not, neither are they betrothed: but are as the angels of Elohim in heaven. (Matt 22:30) All Yeshua says here is that in heaven neither humans nor angels will procreate.

Noah and the Messiah

Genesis 6:6-7: **And it repented YHWH that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. And YHWH said: I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the earth: both man, and beast, and creeping thing, and fowl of the air, for it repents Me that I have made them.** In Hebrew there are two different words translated as **repent**: *nacham*, "to sigh out of grief;" *shuv*, "to turn away from one's sin". So here God was grieved and sighed out of heart-felt pain.

Genesis 6:8, **But Noach found grace in the eyes of YHWH.**

. **"And he called his name Noach, saying: 'This same shall comfort us'"** (Genesis 5:29).

A title for Messiah from Lamentations 1:16 is *menachem*, "comforter." In Hebrew menachem is made up of a "mem," Noach's name, and another "mem." In the Hebrew picture language, the symbol for mem is waves of water, so menachem, "comforter" is Noach in the midst of water.

When speaking of the Holy Spirit in John 14:16, Yeshua tells His disciples that the Father will send them *another* Comforter (*Menachem*). In 1 John 2:1, Yeshua is referred to as our “**Advocate with the Father,**” equivalent to *Menachem*. *Menachem* is one of the names of Messiah.

Genesis 6:9, **These are the generations of Noah. Noah was, in his generations, a man righteous and blameless: Noah, walked with Elohim.** Amos 3:3, **Can two walk together, except they be agreed?** Walking with God requires personal discipline. Noah made a daily effort to walk with his heavenly Father in relation to God’s righteousness. God’s goal is to commune, to walk with His people. The Torah was given to Israel so that she might walk with God. So the whole purpose behind God given us Torah is so that we might be able to commune with Him. Torah’s primary goal was to show us how to live in obedience to God so that He may commune with us!

Noah was righteous in spite of the evil among the people around him. This teaches us that neither culture, habits of a nation, surrounding people, or environment can be held responsible for a person’s way of life. Each individual has a responsibility to live righteously and wholeheartedly before God.

2 Pet 2:5b calls Noah, **a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly.** So both Noah and Yeshua preached repentance and impending destruction to their generation. 1John 4:14, **And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.** As Noah saved the world through his obedience, it was through the Messiah’s obedience that the world will be saved. Just as Yeshua the Messiah provided a means for deliverance for mankind, so Noah built an Ark. The Messiah is like the Ark.

Heb 11:7, **By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house.** In Phil 2:12 we read: **Wherefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.** Faith (believing) must be obedient if it is to lead to salvation and eternal life.

Sin, Judgment, and Salvation

And the earth was corrupt before Elohim, and the earth was filled with violence. And Elohim saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt: for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. (Gen 6:11-12)

Make you an ark of gopher wood. With rooms shall you make the ark, and shall pitch it within and without with pitch. (Gen 6:14)

The story of Noah begins with a description of the problem from God’s perspective. His righteous nature compels Him to bring judgment. Things have not changed much since Noah’s day. The human condition remains pretty much the same. **“And YHWH saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil; continually.”** (Genesis 6:5).

In Romans 1:18–32 **“For the wrath of Eloah is revealed from heaven, upon all the iniquity and the wickedness of men--those who hold the truth in iniquity,”** (verse 18). In the flood, all men fall under God’s judgment. His divine justice requires our destruction.

Not all mankind is to be obliterated by the wrath of God. Instead, a remnant will be spared. Just as He offered Noah an avenue of escape, He offers us salvation. If we will hearken to His voice and enter the ark, we will be spared. Messiah is like the ark.

In Noah’s case, it took faith to build the ark, and it required faith to enter the ark with his family. He was saved by his faith. If he had doubted God, not built the ark, or not entered when told to do so, he would have perished. We do not yet see the judgment. Yet we must believe that God’s judgment is real, and that He punishes wickedness and rewards goodness.

Maimonides: *I believe with complete faith that the Creator, blessed be His name, rewards those who observe His commandments, and punishes those who transgress His commandments. (Maimonides, 13 Principles of Faith)*

Because Noah believed, he obeyed God. So, too, our salvation requires us to take God at His word and to prepare an ark. We must trust in His Son that we might be, “**an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith**” (Hebrews 11:7).

Left Behind

And I, behold, I do bring the flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven. Everything that is in the earth shall perish. (Gen 6:17)

The series, Left Behind: most believers have gone around, hoping not to be “left behind.” Well, if you want to be biblical, each of us should want to be “left behind.”

And as it was in the days of Noach, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man. For as they were in the days that were before the flood--eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noach entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came and took them all away--so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (Matt 24:37-39)

Yeshua tells us that just as in Noach’s days, the generation of His return will ignore the warnings. Life will be going on as usual. Yeshua goes on to speak of those who will be taken away in judgment and those who will be left behind: **Then will two be in the field; one will be taken, and one left. Two will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.** (Matt 24:40-41)

The one “taken” in Matthew 24 is not ‘raptured up.’ No, just as the flood came and took people away in judgment, the ‘taking’ in Matthew 24:40–41 refers to people being taken in judgment.

“**Where [will they be taken], Lord?**” they asked. He answered, “**Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.**” (Luke 17:37).

The corpses of those ‘taken away’ will be food for the birds. **And I saw another angel standing in the service, and he cried with a great voice, and said to the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather together unto the great supper of Eloah: That you may eat the flesh of the kings, and the flesh of the rulers of thousands, and the flesh of the powerful [ones], and the flesh of the horses, and of those who sit upon them, and the flesh of the free [men], and of the servants, and of the small, and of the great...But the rest were killed by the sword of Him who sat on the horse--by that [sword] that came out of His mouth: and every bird of prey was full of their flesh.** (Rev 19:17-18, 21)

Ezekiel 39:17, 19: **And you, son of man, thus says the Adonai YHWH: Speak unto the birds of every sort, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side, to My feast that I do prepare for you--even a great feast upon the mountains of Yisra’el--that you may eat flesh and drink blood... And you shall eat fat till you be full, and drink blood till you be drunken, of My feast which I have prepared for you.**

In Yeshua’s teaching, those ‘taken away’ correspond to those who perished in the flood. The corpses became food for the scavenging birds. When Messiah comes, the wicked will be slain and left as food for birds.

Those who will be ‘left behind’ in the Matthew 24 passage are the righteous, not the unbelievers! Those left behind can be compared to Noah and his seven family members, “**The Lord knows how to rescue the godly**” (2 Peter 2:9). We should each strive to be “left behind.”

The Messiah will come as a Thief in the Night

Command Aharon and his sons, saying, This is the Torah of the burnt-offering: it is that which goes up on its firewood, upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning thereby... And the fire upon the altar shall be kept burning thereby; it shall not go out. And the cohen shall kindle wood on it every morning, and he shall lay the burnt-offering in order upon it, and shall make smoke thereon, the fat of the peace-offerings. Fire shall be kept burning upon the altar continually; it shall not go out. (Lev 6:9, 12-13)

Most, if not all, of us have been taught that nobody knows the day or time of the return of the Messiah. That He will come "as a thief in the night."

First, during the Temple period, it was the responsibility of the priests to make sure the fire on the Altar never went out. After all, the initial flame came from God. Therefore, a priest, the 'master of the house,' was assigned to 'keep watch' over the fire.

The high priest would assign a supervisor, the captain of the guard, to double-check that the watchman was awake. At night, the supervisor would come to make sure the priest was awake. He was referred to as 'the thief in the night.' If the priest was sleeping at his post, the 'thief' would take from the flame of the Altar and set the priests robes on fire! (Mid. I 1)

Most people in Judaism knew who the thief in the night was. Job 18:5, **the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.**

In Rev 3:1-3 the risen Messiah says, **And to the messenger that is in the assembly of Sardis, write, Thus says He who has the seven spirits of Eloah and the seven stars. I know your works, and the Name that you have, and that you are alive: and, that you are dead. Be watchful, and establish the rest of those who are about to die: for I have not found that your works are complete before Eloah. Remember how you heard and you received: take heed and repent. But if you do not watch, I [will] come upon you as a thief, and you will not know [in] what hour He comes upon you.**

Matt 25:8-13: **And the foolish said to the prudent, Give us now of your oil, for our torches are extinguished. But the prudent answered and said to them, We may not give you, lest there suffice not for us and you. But go now therefore to them that sell, and buy for yourselves: And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came. And they that were ready, went in with Him to the marriage, and the door was shut. And after that, came the rest of the virgins, saying, My Master, My Master: open to us! But He answered, saying: Amen, I say to you, I know you not. Be you alert therefore, for you know not the day and the hour when the Son of Man comes. Yeshua tells those who are not watching that they will not know when He will return.**

Luke 12:37-40: **Blessed are those servants, whose Master comes and finds them awake. Truly I say to you, that He will gird up His loins, and cause them to recline, and will go around and serve them. And if He comes in the second or third watch and finds thus: blessed are those servants. Now this know, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, <he would have watched and> not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, you also be prepared: because the Son of Man will come in that hour that you do not expect. Peter asks Yeshua in verse 41, **Our Adon, do you speak this parable to us or also to everyone?** Yeshua answers in verses 42-46, **Who indeed is the faithful and beloved steward, whose Master will place him over His service, that he should give a portion in due time? Blessed is that servant whose Master comes and finds, that he does thus. Truly I say to you, that He will place him over all his possessions. But if that servant says in his heart, My Master delays to come, and begins to beat the servants, and the handmaids of his Master, and begins to eat, and to drink, and be drunk: The Master of that servant will come in a day that he does not expect, and in an hour that he does not know, and will divide him, and place his portion with those who are not faithful.****

Matthew 16:3, **And at daybreak, It will be stormy: for the heavens are lowering in their reddishness. And behold, you know how to judge the face of the heavens, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.**

Revelation 3:17-18: **Because you have said that you are rich, and, I have grown rich, and I am not in need of anything. And you do not know that you are weak and miserable, and poor and naked. I counsel you to buy gold from Me that is tried by fire, that you may become rich: and white garments to clothe yourself, lest the shame of your nakedness should be uncovered, and apply eye salve to the eyelids that you may see.**

Rev 16:15, **Behold, He comes like a thief. Blessed [is] he who watches and keeps his garments: lest he should walk naked, and they should see his shame.**

1 Thess 5:1-6, **Now concerning the times and the seasons, my brothers, you do not need [me] to write to you: For you truly know that the day of our Adon will so come like a thief in the night; As they are saying, shalom and quiet. And then suddenly, destruction will come upon them, as birth pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. **But you, my brothers are not in darkness: so that, that day should overtake you as a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day, and you are not, sons of the night or sons of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as others, but let us be watchful and wise.** Believers are to be watching and to know when He will return.**

There actually is a Jewish Feast day in Judaism which nobody knows when it will begin. The beginning of each month is the new moon, and the middle of the month is the full moon. However, it is not easy to tell when the new moon begins. Therefore, the high priest in Jerusalem used to keep watch for the new moon. All Jewish Feast days are at the full moon, except one—the Feast of Trumpets. It was referred to as the day that no-one knew when it would begin. It would appear as if Yeshua will return at the new moon, beginning the Feast of Trumpets, which is actually the celebration of the ‘catching away,’ when believers will be caught up in the air to meet our returning Messiah!

Noah’s Calendar of Events

Everything that may abide the fire, you shall make to go through the fire, and it shall be clean. Nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of sprinkling, and all that abides not the fire, you shall make to go through the water. (Num 31:23) And YHWH said unto Noah: Come you and all your house into the ark, for you have I seen righteous before Me, in this generation. Of every clean beast you shall take to you seven and seven; each with his mate. And of the beasts that are not clean, two and two; each with his mate. Of the fowl also of the air, seven and seven; male and female, to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. (Gen 7:1-3)

Did you ever notice that God did not have to explain to Noah which animals were clean and unclean? Noah already knew. Noah cared to know which animals were clean versus unclean in order to offer sacrifices to God.

For yet seven days and I will cause it to rain upon the earth, forty days and forty nights. And every living substance that I have made, will I blot out from off the face of the earth. (Gen 7:4)

In the second month on the 10th day of the month, Noah was given a 7 day warning. Mon Oct 18th 2010 is the very day God warned Noah! This was so that Noah and his family would have one week of mourning, in Hebrew “shivah”, after the death of Methushelah. So Tues Oct 19th 2010 is the anniversary of the day Methuselah died.

Those who previously were disobedient in the days of Noah, when [in] the longsuffering of Eloah he commanded that an ark be made, upon the hope of their repentance, and only eight nefeshot [souls] entered it and were kept alive on the water. For also you live, by the same type--by immersion: not when you wash the body of filth, but when you

confess Eloah with a pure conscience, and, by the Resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah (1 Pet 3:20-21).

And it came to pass after the seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noach's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month--on the same day, were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. (Gen 7:10-12)

Monday Oct 25th is the anniversary of the day Noah's Flood began! Also, 40 days takes us to Kislev 26 (Chanukah)!

The Resurrection of the Messiah and the Flood

And the waters returned from off the earth continually, and after the end of a hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. (Gen 8:3-4)

Nisan. And the 14th day is Pesach, Passover. And according to John's Gospel, Yeshua was crucified on the Passover. And three nights and three days later, just at the end of Shabbat, Yeshua rose from the dead. So that would make Resurrection Day the 17th of Nisan! So Noach's ark **rested** on the mountains on the same day that Yeshua would rest after being resurrected from the dead!

The Destruction of the Temple and the Flood

And the waters decreased continually, until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen. (Gen 8:5)

The 1st of Tammuz.

And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noach opened the window of the ark which he had made. (Gen 8:6)

Noach sent forth the raven on the tenth day of the month of Av. The ninth day of Av is an infamous date in Jewish history.

Remember the story of the return of the spies Moshe sent out, and they returned with a bad report? That was on the 9th of Av, both the first and second Temples were destroyed on that date; the Jewish people were forced out of England in the 13th century; on the same date; the Sephardic Jews were kicked out of Spain in 1492; WWI started on this date; and Hitler announced his plan of killing the Jews on this date. Judaism also regards the tenth day of Av as a grievous occasion, for on that day the first Temple was consumed in flames.

The Raven and the Dove

And he sent forth a raven and it went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. (Gen 8:7)

Unclean birds often represent unclean spirits in the Scripture. Revelation 18:2, **Bavel the great, has fallen, has fallen: and has become a habitation for shadim [demons], and a prison for all unclean and hateful spirits.**

YHWH said unto HaSatan: Whence come you? Then HaSatan answered YHWH, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it (Job 1:7)

Like the raven, he spends his time going to and fro, circling and returning through the earth. Like the raven, he feeds on human death.

And he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the earth, But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot. And she returned unto him to the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. And he put forth his hand and took her, and brought her in unto him into the ark. (Gen 8:8-9) This day was a Shabbat.

Noach's dove, which could find no place to rest her feet, may be likened unto the Holy Spirit, which can find no righteous person upon which to rest. **And the Spirit of Elohim hovered over the face of the waters** (Gen 1:2b). The dove returned to Noah, symbolizing that God's Holy Spirit could find no righteous person on which to rest. **There is not one righteous [man], not even one** (Rom 3:10).

And he stayed yet another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. And the dove came in to him at evening. And behold, in her mouth, an olive leaf freshly plucked. So Noach knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. (Gen 8:10-11)

The second time Noah sent forth the dove, it returned with a single torn olive leaf in its beak. In order for the dove to have torn a leaf from an olive tree. The Holy Spirit must have found a righteous individual upon which to rest. In Romans 11, Paul refers to the nation of Israel as an olive tree. The leaf in the dove's beak represents new life, new hope, and reprieve after judgment.

In Genesis 8:11, the olive leaf was torn from the tree.

Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick, and upon the left side thereof? And I answered the second time, and said unto him, What are these two olive branches, which are beside the two golden spouts, that empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said: Know you not what these are? And I said, No, my master. Then said he: These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Adon of the whole earth. (Zech 4:1-14)

An "Anointed One" is a Christ, a *Mashiach*. Every 'anointed one' is anointed with olive oil. In the *Genesis Rabbah* 33:6, Rav Abba declares, "The Dove brought the olive leaf from the young shoots of the Land of Israel." Rav Levi says, "She brought it from the Mount of Olives."

The Spirit of God descended upon Yeshua in the form a dove. **And it was in those days, that Yeshua came from Natzalet of Galil, and was immersed in the Yarden by Yochanan. And immediately when He came up from the water, He saw the heavens split: and the Spirit, like a dove, descend upon Him.** (Mark 1:9-10) Yet was He torn away, and in bitterness and suffering, His soul endured anguish, scorn, and sorrow. But He came back from death, a token of new life, new hope, and reprieve from sin.

Noach stretched forth his hand and received the dove back unto himself, even as the heavens opened to receive the Messiah. According to Rav Levi the dove carried the torn leaf from the Mount of Olives. (*Targum Yonaton* on Genesis 8:11)

And while they were gazing into heaven; while He was departing, two men were found standing near them in white garments. And they said to them: men of Galil, why do you stand and gaze into heaven? This Yeshua, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same manner like you have seen Him, who ascended into heaven. (Acts 1:10-11)

A third time Noah sent forth the dove, and on the third occasion, she did not return. This symbolizes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples (Acts 2).

The Feast of Trumpets and the Flood

And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month; the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked. And behold, the face of the earth was dried. And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dry. (Gen 8:13-14)

The date on which the water finally dried up from the earth is the first day of the first month and would be the day of the Feast of Trumpets. The Feast of Trumpets, also called *Rosh HaShanah* (Head of the Year), anticipates Messiah's second coming and the ushering in of the 1,000-year Messianic Kingdom.

The seventh day, the day of the Shabbat, is generally understood as a picture of the seventh millennium. The Sages envisioned a 1,000-year era of Shabbat rest. Just as the

Shabbat is the seventh day, so too the 1,000-year reign of Messiah will come after the 6,000 years have been completed. Messiah's 1,000-year reign must begin on the first day of the first month of the 6,001st year.

The first day of the first month is the first day of Noah's seventh century. When Messiah comes accompanied by the sound of the shofar, it will be the beginning of the seventh millennium and a completely new beginning for all mankind.

The Bow

I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between Me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow is seen in the cloud (Gen 9:13-14).

And the bow shall be in the cloud and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant, between Elohim and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. (Gen 9:16)

God sets the bow in the sky as a sign of His covenant faithfulness and mercy. It spans the distance between heaven and earth. It is a glimmer of God's glory.

As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of YHWH. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke. (Ezek 1:28)

Like the rainbow, Messiah is a reflection of the radiance of the glory of God, "**the bow will be seen in the cloud**" (Genesis 9:14).

The rainbow is God's bow. In that sense, it is a sign of judgment. When we see the rainbow, it reminds us that we are worthy of the same fate as the generation of Noah. **And He has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand has He hid me, and He has made me a select arrow. In His bow has He concealed me (Isaiah 49:2).**

One day, the select arrow will be fitted to the string of the bow, "**And then, will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then will all the tribes of the land, mourn; when they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with great power and glory.**" (Matt 24:30) One day the select hidden arrow will be fitted to God's bow in the sky and then every eye will see the sign of the Son of Man coming in the clouds in all His glory!

The Noachide Laws

And Elohim blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them: Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, and upon all with which the earth teems, and upon all the fishes of the sea: into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be for food for you; as the green herb have I given you all. Only flesh with the life thereof--which is the blood thereof--shall you not eat. And surely your blood, of your lives, will I require, at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man. Even at the hand of every man's brother, will I require the life of man. Whoso sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of Elohim, made He man. (Gen 9:1-6)

- 1 Don't worship idols
- 2 Don't blaspheme God's name
- 3 Don't murder
- 4 No sexual immorality
- 5 Don't steal
- 6 Don't eat animals while they are still alive

7 Establish courts of justice.

These were not given as a means for achieving eternal life or as the sum total of our obligations to God.

The findings of the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15:29: **That you should abstain from that which is sacrificed [to idols], and from blood, and from [that which] is strangled, and from sexual immorality: that as you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.** These are not the total requirements for 'membership' into God's Kingdom. No, these are only the minimum starting point, from which to grow through the study of Torah. Contrary to the teachings of many in the church, there are not two ways into the Kingdom, one for the Jewish people through Torah and another for gentiles through grace. No, there is only one way to get in and stay in—through grace followed by obedience to Torah.

Covering of Sin

And the sons of Noach, that went forth from the ark were: Shem, and Ham, and Yefet, and Ham is the father of Kena'an. (Gen 9:18)

Now these are the generations of the sons of Noach: Shem, Ham, and Yefet, and unto them were sons born after the flood. (Gen 10:1)

The order of Noach's sons is Shem, Ham, and Yafet. One would assume that Shem was the oldest and Yafet the youngest, so Ham is always placed in the middle. In Scripture, grandchildren can also be called sons. Also, none of Noach's sons had children until after the Flood, so the next passage must have taken place at least twenty or more years after they got off the ark.

And Noach the husbandman, began and planted a vineyard. And he drank of the wine and was drunken, and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Kena'an, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers without. And Shem and Yefet, took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. And their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. And Noach awoke from his wine, and knew what his youngest son had done unto him. (Gen 9:20-24)

So when Noach awoke, he realized what his youngest son had done unto him. So, this could not have been Ham! Ham was the middle son. **Kena'an** was Ham's youngest son (Gen 10:6); he was Noach's youngest grandson, which could be called Noach's youngest son. So **Kena'an** was the doer of the deed.

We need to unpack what it means that he was uncovered within his tent.

None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness. I am YHWH. The nakedness of your father, and the nakedness of your mother, shall you not uncover: she is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. (Lev 18:6-7)

The nakedness of your father's wife shall you not uncover: it is your father's nakedness. (Lev 18:8)

So it appears as if **Kena'an** did something to either Noach or his wife to uncover Noach within his tent. We need to take something into consideration. Let's look at the lineage of **Kena'an**:

And Kena'an begot Tzidon--his firstborn, and Het: And the Y'vusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, And the Arvadite, and the Tz'marite, and the Hamathite. And afterward were the families of the Kena'anites spread abroad. And the border of the Kena'anites was from Tzidon, as you go toward G'rar unto Azah; as you go toward S'dom and Amora and Admah and Tzvoyim, unto Leshah.(Gen 10:15-19)

What great sin were the people living in S'dom and Amora famous for committing? Remember the story of Lot and the two angels (Gen 19)? Now I think we can figure out what most likely happened to Noach by his grandson Kena'an.

The Tents of Shem and the 70 Nations

And he said, Cursed be Kena'an; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brothers. And he said, Blessed be YHWH, the Elohim of Shem, and let Kena'an be their servant. Elohim enlarge Yefet, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Kena'an be their servant. (Gen 9:25-27)

Shem is the father of the Semitic peoples. The sages understood the descendants of Japheth dwelling in the tents of Shem as converts from the nations entering the house of Israel (the Shemites) in the days of Messiah.

In the days of Messiah, all nations will either be joined to Israel (as with Japheth) or subjugated to Israel (as with Canaan). From a Messianic perspective, we can understand this to be an early prophecy of the engrafting of the nations into the house of Israel.

The children of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, enumerated in Genesis 10, total seventy sons. These are the fathers of the seventy nations. When the Rabbis speak of seventy nations, they are referring to all nations.

The Tower at Bavel

The name of YHWH is a strong tower: the righteous run into it, and is set up on high. The rich man's wealth is his strong city: and as a high wall in his own conceit. Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty: and before honor goes humility. (Prov 18:10-12)

And Kush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before YHWH, wherefore it is said, Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before YHWH. And the beginning of his kingdom was Bavel, and Erekh, and Akkad, and Kalneh, in the land of Shinar. (Gen 10:8-10)

Nimrod **was a mighty hunter before YHWH**. This means that he was a great 'hunter of men's souls.' Who else in the Tanakh is referred to as a mighty hunter? Esau. Nimrod was not only the founder of Bavel, Babylon, but he was the founder of the pagan religion.

And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. And it came to pass as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Come, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Come, let us build us a city, and a tower, with its top in heaven. And let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And YHWH came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. And YHWH said: Behold, they are one people and they have all one language, and this is what they begin to do. And now nothing will be withheld from them which they purpose to do. (Gen 11:1-6)

Our motivation for obeying God's commands is not to be that of working our way to heaven. Righteousness is a walk of obedient believing, not of sinless perfection.

Come; let us go down and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So YHWH scattered them abroad from there, upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore was the name of it called Bavel, because YHWH did there confound the language of all the earth. And from there, did YHWH scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth. (Gen 11:7-9)

So against God's instructions to repopulate the earth, Nimrod built a city and attempted to build a tower to heaven. God **confound their language** and **scattered them** abroad from there, upon the face of all the earth.

And he cried with a great voice, Bavel the great, has fallen, has fallen: and has become a habitation for shadim [demons], and a prison for all unclean and hateful spirits, Because she has mixed the wine of her fornication for all the nations, and the kings of the earth have fornicated with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power

of her trade... And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, and there is no one who [will] buy their cargo any more... And cinnamon, and perfumes, and myrrh, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and the bodies and nefeshot [souls] of the sons of men. (Rev 18:2, 3, 11, 13)

The Toldot of Terach

And Yahushua said unto all the people, Thus says YHWH, the Elohim of Yisra'el: Your fathers dwelt of old time, beyond the River--even Terach the father of Avraham, and the father of Nachor--and they served other gods.(Josh 24:2)

Terach and Avraham served other gods beyond the Euphrates River.

Now these are the generations of Terach: Terach begot Avram, Nachor, and Haran, and Haran begot Lot. And Haran died in the presence of his father Terach, in the land of his nativity—in Ur [flame, fire] of the Chaldees. (Gen 11:27-28)

N'vukhadnetzar the king, made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Bavel... And whoso falls not down and worships, shall the same hour, be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace... Wherefore at that time, certain Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews. (Dan 3:1, 6, 8)

And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast: and he will cause all who will not worship the image of the beast, to be killed. (Rev 13:15)

Apparently, historical records say that Terach was a manufacturer and seller of idols for Nimrod. Terach complained to Nimrod that Abram had smashed his idols. Nimrod threw Abram into the fiery furnace (Ur) of Chaldees. He then challenged Haran as to whose side he was on. Haran was wavering to see if Abram survived first but was thrown in as Abram was coming out and consequently died "before" his father in the Ur of the Chaldees.

And Avram and Nachor took them wives. The name of Avram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nachor's wife, Milkah--the daughter of Haran, the father of Milkah--and the father of Yiskah. And Sarai was barren; she had no child. And Terach took Avram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Avram's wife. And they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Kena'an, and they came unto Haran and dwelt there. And the days of Terach were two hundred and five years, and Terach died in Haran. (Gen 11:29-32)

The idolater died without seeing his son make it to the Land of Promise.

For your Maker is your husband, YHWH Tzva'ot is His Name, and HaKadesh of Yisra'el is your Redeemer: the Elohim of the whole earth shall He be called. For YHWH has called you, as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit. And a wife of youth, can she be rejected? says your Elohim. For a small moment have I forsaken you, but with great compassion will I gather you. In a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have compassion on you, says YHWH your Redeemer.

Shalom