

Torah: B'resheet (Genesis) 6:9-11:32 Haftarah: Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 54:1-55:5 (A); 54:1-10 (S) (Messianic Adaptation: begin at 52:13) B'rit Hadashah: 1 Kefa (1 Peter) 3:18-22, Mattityahu (Matthew) 24:36-44		year 1: 6:9-8:14	year 2: 8:15-10:32	year 3: 11:1-32
	1	6:9 – 16	8:15 – 22	11:1 – 4
	2	6:17 – 19	9:1 – 7	11:5 – 9
	3	6:20 – 22	9:8 – 17	11:10 – 13
	4	7:1 – 9	9:18 – 29	11:14 – 17
	5	7:10 – 16	10:1 – 14	11:18 – 21
	6	7:17 – 24	10:15 – 20	11:22 – 25
	7	8:1 – 14	10:21 – 32	11:26 – 32

these are the family records of Noah / Noah was a righteous man, perfect in his generation / Noah walked with God	<i>Éle toldot Noakh</i> <i>Noakh ish tzadiyk tamiym hayah b'dorotav</i> <i>et-ha'Elohiym hit'halekh Noakh</i>	אֵלֶּה תּוֹלְדֹת נֹחַ נֹחַ אִישׁ צַדִּיק תָּמִים הָיָה בְּדֹרֹתָיו אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים הִתְהַלָּךְ־נֹחַ׃
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The second Torah portion covers a large section of early history, from Noakh and the Flood to the arrival of Abraham and his family in Kena'an.

The haftarah begins with, "Sing, O barren one," which reminds us of Sarah's barrenness in the Torah portion. It also mentions the waters of Noakh.

Aliyah Summaries

- Gen. 6:9-16** This is the “story” (תּוֹלְדוֹת – *to-le-dot*: what defines someone and what is birthed through them) of Noakh. All the living has become corrupt (שָׁחַת – *sha-khat*: to corrupt, destroy; used 7 times in 6:11-9:15) and violent (חָמָס – *khamas*: do sinful violence) both words parallel injustice. But Noakh is found righteous (צַדִּיק – *tza-deek*; beyond reproach; Ex. 23:7, De. 25:1, Pr. 17:15) and perfect (תָּמִים – *ta-meem*: blameless, without defect; Ps. 15, 101:6). God speaks directly to him 7 times and reveals his plan to destroy the earth with water, which is associated with both chaos (Ge. 1:2), and perfection (Is. 11:9). Noakh instructed on how to build (עָשָׂה – *aseh*: to make, used 7 times here) the ark.
- Gen. 6:17-19** After Noakh completes the ark, God will act. The word for “flood” (מַבּוּל – *mabul*) is only used in this narrative and once in Ps. 29:10. The first use of the term “covenant” (בְּרִית – *b-reet*) occurs here, anticipating the rainbow covenant (Ge. 9:8-17).
- Gen. 6:20-22** The non-human life to be saved are specified. Food (vegetarian) for all life to be collected. Noakh did all that God ordered him to do.
- Gen. 7:1-9** The ark is completed. Noakh and his family embark, along with 7 pairs of clean animals and birds (for sacrifice), one pair of the unclean. Seven is a prevalent number (Ge. 8:10,12). The number 40 is symbolic of purification, purging sin (vs. 12, 17). Noakh's obedience noted again.
- Gen. 7:10-16** It is God who seals the ark. The flood is cataclysmically brief. “Fountains of the great deep” and “windows of the heavens” indicate that creation is being undone (reversing Ge. 1:6), returning to chaos.
- Gen. 7:17-24** Water floods the earth for 40 days, lifting the ark and covering the mountains. All living beings on the earth perish, except those in the ark. Water holds power for 150 days.
- Gen. 8:1-14** God “remembers” Noakh and the living. By God's breath (רוּחַ – *ruakh*) order is restored as the waters of chaos begin to abate (Ge. 1:2). On the 17th of the seventh month the ark rests. On the 1st of the 10th month, mountain tops reappear. The land is dry one year after the flood began.

Thought Focus

God of Renewal: It is the 10th generation after Adam. Man has breached the tolerance level of creation with a totality of evil. Water and the breath (רוּחַ – *ruakh*) of God cleanse the earth with equal catastrophic totality. Just as

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God's spirit was over the waters of creation (Ge. 1:2), so his spirit is over the waters of re-creation (Ge. 8:1). Here are more parallels between the two creation events:

Creation	Re-Creation	Event
Ge. 1:2	Ge. 8:1	Spirit/Breath of God over the waters
Ge. 1:7	Ge. 7:11	Waters above and below divided/re-united
Ge.1:21, 24-25	Ge. 6:20, 7:14	Classifications of animal life described
Ge. 1:29-30	Ge. 6:21	Source of food provisioned
Ge. 1:14	Ge. 8:22	Calendar set in motion
Ge. 1:28	Ge. 9:7	God's blessing of multiplication/fruitfulness given
Ge. 5:5	Ge. 5:28-29	Noakh like a second Adam
Ge. 5:3	Ge. 6:10	Adam/Noakh fathered three sons
Ge. 4:17-26, 5:1-32	Ge. 10	Genealogies to one common ancestor (Adam / Noakh)

Thought Focus

Left Behind? Yeshua compares the generation of Noakh to the generation of his return (Mat. 24:37-42, Luke 17:26-27, 33-37). Those who will be left behind are *the righteous*, like Noakh and his family (2Pe. 2:5, 9). It is the wicked who will be "swept away" in the flood of judgment.

The Olive Leaf: Noakh sends out a dove to see if the flood was over. She returns with a torn olive leaf in her beak. The olive tree is an evergreen. It is very sturdy and can live for a thousand years. It has become a symbol of God's blessing of peace, reconciliation, regeneration, abundance, and strength. It is one of the seven species of the land of Israel (De. 8:8), and part of the official emblem of the State of Israel.

God "Remembers" Noakh: God did not "forget" about Noakh. When God's purpose and God's timing intersect, boom! Something special happens and the trajectory of the world moves forward. This is what it means when God "remembers."

Daily Devotional questions for reflection and application

- (6:9) Noach is remembered as "righteous" in his day. How do you want to be remembered?
- (7:1) What can you do to engage, to stand in the gap, and fulfill your role in the world today?
- (7:17) Are you in "waiting" mode, feeling set aside? Foster the cleansing and reforming work of God and prepare for what lies ahead.
- (8:16) Is God calling you to move ahead, to step out and follow Him? What are you doing to move forward?
- (9:9) God's covenants show his plan for all mankind. How are you at doing at covenant keeping with God? With others? Are you reflecting God's character as a trustworthy follower?
- (9:19) God desires to advance His Kingdom through our lives in ways we can't imagine. How are you cooperating with Him to accomplish the best in your life?
- (11:1) Ask Adonai how you can participate to build unity in the body of Messiah today.

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Chiasm in Parashah Noakh:

A - 6:13 Elohim pledges to Noah to destroy all flesh
B - 6:17 Flood to destroy all flesh
C - 6:18-20 Covenant to sustain Noah and the animals
D - 6:21 Command to gather food while world is destroyed
E - 7:1-5 Command to enter Ark + fulfillment
F - 7:6 Year 600 - Beginning of flood
G - 7:8 Birds enter Ark
H - 7:10 7 days waiting for flood
I - 7:12 Rain on the earth
J - 7:14 Birds enter Ark
K - 7:16 ADONAI shuts Noah in
L - 7:17a 40 Days flood
M - 7:17b - 18 Waters increase
N - 7:19-20 Mountains covered
O - 7:24 150 days waters prevail
P - 8:1 God remembers Noah
O' - 8:3 150 days waters subside
N' - 8:4-5 Mountains uncovered
M' - 8:5 Waters subside
L' - 8:6a 40 days water recedes
K' - 8:6b Noah opens Ark window
J' - 8:7-8 Raven and dove leave ar
I' - 8:9 Water on the earth
H' - 8:10 7 days waiting for water to subside
G' - 8:10b-12 Dove leaves the Ark
F' - 8:13 Year 601 - the earth dries
E' - 8:15-19 Command to leave the Ark + fulfillment
D' 9:1-5 Commands regarding food in the new order
C' - 9:8-10 Covenant to sustain all flesh
B' - 9:15 No flood will destroy all flesh
A' - 9:17 Elohim pledges to Noah to preserve all flesh

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The most important point of the story is not the end. It is at the center! There are 77 verses, and the 39th verse, the center, is 8:1. The middle point is the most important: it is the hinge - the focal point. Until here, the news is all bad. From here, the news is all good. God desired to recreate the world, to put it back together again for human beings.

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Comparison of Creation Story and Noakh Story:

- Day 1 – Ge. 1:2 and Ge. 8:1 Ruach passes over chaos
- Day 2 – Ge. 1:6-8 and Ge. 8:2 Separation of waters above and below; blocking of the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky
- Day 3a – Ge. 1:9-10 Appearance of dry land and Ge. 8:5 Appearance of mountain peaks (passive voice)
- Day 3b – Creation of Vegetation and Ge. 8:11 Dove returns with olive branch (sign of the return of vegetation)
- Day 4 – Ge. 1:14-19 Creation of sun and moon to distinguish day and night and Ge. 8:11 Dove returns at “evening time” (the connection time of day and night)
- Day 5 – Ge. 1:20-22 Creation of birds and Ge. 8:12 Dove leaves Ark and takes place in the natural order (recreation of birds)
- Day 6a – Ge. 1:24-27 Creation of animals and man and Ge. 8:15-19 Command to Noah and animals to disembark the Ark
- Day 6b – Ge. 1:22-27 command to be fruitful and multiply + sustenance and Ge. 8:17, Ge. 9:1 Command to be fruitful and multiply + sustenance