

NOAH'S ARK..NOAH, A TYPE OF YESHUA

NOAH'S GENERATION

Noah lived in the first generation of what?

Gen. 6:5 *"Yah saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time."* Noah lived in a very wicked generation.

How wicked was it? Gen. 6:6 *"Yah was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and His heart was filled with pain."* Yah actually regretted the fact that He made man. Because Yah was so grieved with man, He was planning to wipeout, destroy man from the earth (Gen. 6:7). **Gen. 6:3** *"Then Yah said, 'My Spirit will not remain with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."* Yahveh decides at this point to shorten the life-span of mankind to 120 years. Prior to the flood people lived much longer than they did after the flood. Some believe that this 120 years is referring to the amount of time it took Noah to complete the building of the ark.

Why did man's lifespan change from almost a thousand years (one day), to 120? Because when people have too much time on their hands, they seem to become wicked, and fall away from Yah's word.

NOAH'S CHARACTER

When Noah was born, his father Lamekh prophesied, **Gen. 5:29** *"Noah will comfort us in our labor, in the hard work we do with our hand from the ground that Yah cursed."* Jewish tradition believed that the effects of Adam's curse would cease when he died. Noah was the first generation to be born after the death of Adam. The root word behind Noah's name means "rest," and it was believed that Noah would bring the cursed earth rest.

Gen. 6:8 *"But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yah."* The word "but" contrasts the life of Noah with that wicked generation. The Hebrew word for "favor" is chen (Strong's # 2580) and means, "kindness, grace, well favored, to be acceptable." This is the first time the word "grace" appears in the Bible. Noah was a recipient of Yah's unmerited grace.

Gen. 6:9 *"This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with Yahveh."* Noah was a righteous man. The Hebrew word for righteous means to be justified. The Hebrew word for "righteous" or "perfect" is tamiym (08549). Tamiym means to be complete, whole and without blemish or defect. So in this verse Yah could be talking also about Noah's DNA rather than the fact that he was a righteous or perfect man in the sense of not being a bad sinner. As you will recall, at this time the DNA of humankind was corrupted by the fallen angels (sons of God). The demon angels had cohabited with the women of the earth, creating hybrids called Nephilim (giants). Noah and his family were the only human's left who's DNA was still intact and pure because of their righteous deeds.

How was Noah justified?

Noah's righteousness came by faith and trust. Noah was a man of faith and his righteousness, like Abram, was credited to his account on the grounds of trust. **Hebr. 11:7b** *"By his (Noah's) faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith."* Noah is one of the founding fathers of our faith. Noah was blameless before Yah and his fellow man.

Gen. 6:9 also says that *"Noah walked with Yahveh."* Noah was not the first person to walk with Yahveh, however, Noah's great grandfather, Enoch, walked with Yahveh, and then Yahveh took Enoch from the earth.

Where did Noah learn to walk with Yahveh?

Where does anybody learn to walk with Yahveh?

Noah had an intimate relationship with the Master of the universe. Noah could have learned how to walk with Yah by example, but most likely Noah knew about Yah, then discovered Yahveh for himself. Walking with Yah is a process, and is best learned from personal experience. Noah's life stands in contrast to the wicked generation with which he lived. That's why he stood out so much. He was peculiar, set apart.

NOAH'S TASK OF BUILDING AN ARK

Yahveh announces to Noah that the end is near for mankind. Then Yahveh tells Noah to build an ark with rooms and cover it with pitch outside and inside **Gen. 6:13-14** *Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. 14 "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch."*

Do you see the analogy of the pitch covering the ark?

The ark covered in pitch is a picture of the Believer in Messiah. We are protected from the wrath of Yah when we are abiding in Messiah by faith, and are covered in His blood (pitch). Noah was in charge of hotel accommodations for his family, as well as the pairs of creatures that Yah would bring into the ark (Gen. 6:18-21). The Hebrew word for "ark" is tebah (Strong's # 8392) and it is used only in reference to Noah's ark, and for the container in which Moses was placed (Exod. 2:3 and 2:5). Yah also gives Noah the dimensions for the ark, 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet tall (Gen. 6:15). The ark had the same cargo capacity of a

modern cargo ship. The ark had a volume of 1.4 million cubic feet and a gross tonnage of 14,000 tons. To put it another way, this is the equivalent of 522 stacked railroad box cars.

This was no small task Yahveh commissioned Noah. When a man is walking with Yah, he doesn't object to the impossible, and he tries not to complain. A man who is walking with Yah simply trusts and obeys (Gen. 6:22, 7:22). Again Noah serves as our example of someone who walked obediently by faith.

What main part of the ark is not mentioned in the bible?

The rudder. Notice that Yah did not tell Noah to put a rudder on the ark. When a man is walking with Yah, he doesn't need a rudder, because Yah is the rudder. Yah steers us in the appropriate direction regardless of the wind and current.

Yah instructs Noah to bring seven pairs of clean animals into the ark. **Gen. 7:2** *"You shall take with you of every clean animal by sevens, a male and his female; and of the animals that are not clean two, a male and his female;"*

Why seven pairs of clean animals, why not ten or perhaps five?

We know that seven is the number of completion/rest. Seven pairs was all that was required for Yah to fill the earth with clean wildlife.

What was the purpose for bringing the seven pairs of clean animals, as compared to single pairs of the unclean animals?

Lets have a look at **Gen. 8:20** *"Then Noah built an altar to Yahveh, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar."* It says that some of the clean animals were used as an offering to Yahveh. It also shows how much more value Yah has for clean animals compared to unclean.

How did Noah know which animals were clean and unclean since the Torah had not yet been given?

This one hits the mark of every human being. **Rom. 2:14-15a** *"For whenever Gentiles, who have no Torah, do naturally what the Torah requires, then these, even though they don't have Torah, for themselves are Torah. For their lives show that the conduct the Torah dictates is written in their hearts..."* As per Romans, Yah says that the Torah is automatically written on the heart of every human being, saved or not. If people would just follow their natural instincts (use logic and common sense), they would keep kosher and the natural laws of the land. I believe Noah knew what was "clean and unclean" because he was a righteous man, and he had the oral Torah written on his heart. Having the Torah naturally implanted on your heart, and following it, are two different things.

NOAH'S FLOOD

Noah and his family enter the ark and Yah brings the animals to Noah (Gen. 7:7-9). **Gen. 7:16b** *"...Yahveh shut him inside."* It was Yahveh who was responsible for closing Noah in the ark.

Symbolically, what sealed the door of the ark?

The door of the ark was sealed by Noah's faith, pitch.

How long did it rain?

Gen. 7:17 says that it rained forty days and forty nights. The water flooded the earth for 150 days (Gen. 7:24).

Do you see a "type" here? How long did Yeshua spend in the desert after He was baptized by John?

Forty days and forty nights.

Now let's look at **Gen. 8:1** *"But Yahveh remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock*



that were with him in the ark, and He sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded." This verse does not

imply that Yahveh forgot about Noah. Yah is sovereign and is the Master of time, remember that Noah was in Yah's hands.

How could all these animals live, eat, etc., for 150 days on a boat that was sealed but for one small window?

This question has baffled many people since time began. Analyzation paralyzation, analysis paralysis is how I describe it. Sometimes people analyze so much they don't think logically or even use plain old "common sense", wisdom. Any ideas? Yah put all the animals into hibernation. As a hen covers her chicks, Yah protects His creation. **Ps. 61:4** "Let me dwell in Your tent forever; Let me take refuge in the shelter of Your wings. Selah."

When did the ark come to rest?

Gen. 8:4 "And on the **seventeenth day of the seventh month** the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat."

What is the significance of this date?

This would be the same day (not month), that Messiah would be resurrected from the dead, Nissan 17. The flood waters continued to recede and on the first day, on the first month, the waters dried up from off the ground (Gen. 8:13). What is the significance of this date? Rosh HaShanah ("Head of civil year," also known as the Feast of Trumpets) is celebrated on this date, Tishri 1. Finally on the 27th day of the second month Yah tells Noah to "go out from the ark" (Gen. 8:14-16).

Did you know Noah spent 100 years building the ark, not 120 as most claim.

It seems most people are led to believe that Noah spent 120 years building the ark. This is simply not true as per the following verses which verify that he spent about 100 years building the ark.

Gen. 5:32 "Noach was **500** years old; and Noach fathered Shem, Ham and Yefet."

Gen. 7:6 "Noach was **600** years old when the water flooded the earth".

Consider the Jubilee years (one Jubilee = 50 yrs). Adonai said in Genesis that He would not strive with man forever because He is yet flesh, saying that man's days shall be 120 years. (One Jubilee X 120 Jubilees = 6000 years). From Adam (around 4000BC) to the present day (2000 AD) also equals 6000 years. Adonai told us in Psalms and in Peter that one day is as 1000-yrs. Adonai creating everything in six days and resting on the seventh day, it is the same as to say, after six-1000 year days (or 6000yrs), He will also rest on the 7th-1000 year day (1000yrs), called the Millennium Rest.

Many believe that when Yah spoke to Noah about the 120 years in Genesis 7-9, He was hinting at 120 Jubilee years for all of mankind from creation on to exist before the earth is destroyed again (Gen. 5:32, 7:6). One hundred and twenty Jubilee years is 6000 years, which corresponds to the 6000 years of creation. If man is to exist 6000 years on planet earth and 1967 is the actual last year of Jubilee, it means that the world will be judged or very significant things will begin to take place at the latest, in the year 2017. It is also noted that the year 1967 was supposedly the seventieth Jubilee of Israel. Is this all coincidence, only time will tell. No one wants to put dates on end times, but sometimes one must consider how these numbers work out. It is most certainly food for thought.

LIFE AFTER THE FLOOD, YAH'S COVENANT WITH NOAH

Gen. 8:20 "Then Noah built an altar to Yahveh and taking some of all the **clean animals and clean birds**, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it." The first thing Noah did when he gets off the ark is to build an altar and offer up sacrifices to Yah. **Gen. 8:21** "Yahveh smelled the pleasing aroma and said in His heart: '**Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.**'" Yah responds to Noah's offerings by promising to never curse the ground or to destroy all living creatures again in such a manner.

Notice anything about the animals used for sacrifices here and everywhere else in our bible?

All animals used for sacrifices in our bible were clean. Clean is more than just a word. The word "clean" is mentioned in the bible 121 times. Clean can be, and is a verb, an action. Being clean and tidy is very important to Yah in everything we do and are associated with. Whether it be our clothing (when we are in public), our house, vehicle, yard, garage, or what have you. We represent Yah in all that we are, and all that we do. If ever in doubt, simply look around you in regards to any of these things, and ask yourself: if Yeshua came to your house, what would He think? If Yeshua came to your house, what would He say?

Being peculiar does not mean peculiar because we live like swine. Why do you think we have the common cliché: "he/she is a pig"? The pig is the ultimate unclean example of Satan's counterfeit. The pig appears clean at first glance because it has cloven hooves, but it doesn't chew its cud does it? It is Satan's counterfeit that most Christians proudly eat on a regular basis. It is even raised up as special (in the name of ham), for many occasions, as pig roasts, etc.. There are many churches out there that, believe it or not, put on pig roasts for their congregation, to raise money. Proof that Satan can fool even those proclaiming to love Yahveh and serve Him with all their heart.

Gen. 9:11 "I establish my covenant with you: **Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.**" Gen. 9:13 Yahveh gives Noah the rainbow in the clouds as a

sign of the covenant. The rainbow serves as a visible reminder of Yah's everlasting faithfulness to His promises. Yah instructed Noah in **Gen. 9:7** to *"be fruitful, increase in number, multiply on the earth and increase upon it."* It was Noah and his son's responsibility to re-populate the earth.

What other major event symbolically happened to the earth at this time?

The earth received its first mikveh...baptism. This baptism is the exact opposite of what Christian type baptism represents as part of the "born again" experience. The earth went from perfect in the Garden Of Eden, at the time of Adam, to accursed after the fall.

READ Gen. 9:20-27

It records the event in Noah's life when he plants a vineyard, gets drunk, and lays exposed in his tent. Ham first discovers his father's nakedness and went and told his two brothers. Then Shem and Japheth went in backwards and covered up their father's nakedness. Noah wakes up and realizes what Ham had done and curses Ham's son, Canaan. Then Noah blesses his two sons, Shem and Japheth.

I thought Noah was a blameless man who walked with Yahveh? Why isn't Noah's action condemned by Yahveh, and why does Noah curse Ham's son?

Yes, Noah is a righteous man. And just as we sin sometimes, so too Noah slipped in his walk with Yahveh. I am sure this was a humiliating experience for both Noah and his family. This does not excuse Noah's actions, and the Bible warns against getting drunk with wine and other intoxicating liquor.

Why did Noah curse Ham's sons instead of Ham?

Jer. 31:29a *"The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge."* We learn from Gen. 9:1 that Yah had already blessed Noah and his sons, therefore, Noah could not curse Ham, so he cursed Ham's son, Canaan, with servitude. On a comical note; Could it have been simply because his name was Ham?

LESSONS FROM NOAH

What lessons can we learn from the life of Noah? How does Noah challenge your walk with Yah? I am inspired by Noah and how he refused to be transformed by the patterns of this world. The "of the world" demon that is far too common place, did not disrupt Noah. Noah was a man who was in tune with Father. I like how Noah patiently persevered during the construction of the ark; how he followed Yah's instructions without deviating from the task at hand. Even though Noah is one of our founding faith fathers, he still made mistakes and we can all learn from his shortcomings.

Can you even begin to imagine how rejected Noah and his family must have been for 120 years as they built the ark in the middle of a desert? Can you imagine how the people teased them, and laughed at them? One hundred and twenty years is a long time. Next time you feel rejected by the wicked people of the world, think about Noah, that is bound to help get you through.

TYPES AND ANALOGIES WE HAVE SEEN IN THIS LOOK AT NOAH

- 1 Noah had to walk among the wicked men, so too, Yeshua walked among the wicked and tried to set them free.
- 2 The ark covered in pitch is a picture of the Believer in Messiah. We are protected from the wrath of Yah when we abide in Messiah by faith, and are covered in His blood (pitch).
- 3 Noah's ark didn't have a rudder. When a man is walking with Yah, Yah is the rudder. Yah steers us in the appropriate direction regardless of the wind and current, if we are obedient.
- 4 During the flood it rained for 40 days and 40 nights, so too Yeshua was 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness after His baptism.
- 5 Just as Yah sealed the ark from the outside, Yah seals/covers us with His blood from the outside.
- 6 For many years while Noah and his family were building the ark, the wicked, lawless people all laughed at Noah and called him peculiar. True Believers too are marked, ridiculed, laughed at, mocked, and called peculiar when we trust in the written word, rather than in mankind.
- 7 Noah was rejected by most as he built his ark, just as Yeshua was and is rejected by most.
- 8 Noah survived over water, whereas, Yeshua walked upon water.
- 9 Yeshua was/is the water of life, Noah received life because of the water that held up his boat.
- 10 As Noah stayed on top of the water by faith, so too, Peter walked on water by faith.

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