## Midrash *Noach* (Noah) "Rest" Genesis 6:9 – 11:32

Noach means "Rest" .... Rest from what ....or whom?? Matthew 24:37-39 **Noah Pleases God Genesis 6:9-13** "perfect in his generations" - no defective DNA Noah walked with God. Who else walked with God? Adam (3:8) & Enoch (5:24) 3 Sons: Yephet (Firstborn) "Enlargement" - Settled in Europe Shem (Spiritual Firstborn) "Name" - Settled in Asia & Middle East Cham "Hot" -- Settled in Africa "...corrupt before God..." Lif'nei HaElohim Literally, "in the face of God" Same said of Nimrod Genesis 10:9 Violence (chamas) – "..destroy them with the earth." **Preparation of the Ark** Genesis 6:14-22 Ark –  $\Pi \supseteq \Pi$  tevah - an empty box - Both Containers Used for Deliverance! Same word used for Moses' ark of bulrushes Pitch = kaphar ("covering") also described Moses' ark Gopher wood = Water-resistant wood - probably Cyprus Cubit: finger-tip to elbow. Approximately 18". Size of the ark: 450' X 75' X 45' high. This 6:1 ratio was perfect for stability, not maneuverability Genesis 7:1-3 The Animals on the Ark "Come unto Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you Noach." Matthew 11:28 Clean animals; by 7's & Unclean by 2's. God Expected Noah to know the Difference! The Flood Genesis 7:4- 8:22 Shut up in the ark for 7 days before the "rain" started Start of Flood Year 600; Month 2 Day 17 Rain Ends Year 600; Month 3 Day 28 40 Days 40 Days Day 17 109 Days Ark rested Year 600; Month 7 149 Days Mountain tops visible Year 600; Month 10 Day 1 74 Davs 223 Days Raven Sent Out Year 600; Month 11 Day 10 40 Days 263 Days Year 600; Month 11 Day 17 7 Days Dove Sent Out 1st Time 270 Days Dove Sent Out 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Year 600; Month 11 Day 24 7 Days 277 Days Dove Sent Out 3rd Time Year 600: Month 12 Day 1 7 Days 284 Days Waters dried from Earth's surface Year 601; Month 1 314 Days Day 1 30 Days Earth Dry & Noah Emerges from Ark Year 601; Month 2 Day 27 56 Days 370 Days God's Covenant with Noah **Genesis 9:1-17** Noachid Laws: Establish Courts of Justice Jerusalem Council No Blasphemy No Idolatry No Bloodshed No Robbery Acts 15:19-21 No Eating Flesh from Living Animal No Incest Sign was a rainbow – connects Heaven and Earth Other Covenant Signs: Shabbat **Exodus 31:13** Circumcision Genesis 17:10

II Peter 3:10-12

God promised not to destroy the Earth with rain again, but ...... Fire next time!

## Canaan Cursed & Shem Blessed

Ham & Noah: Not clear from the text exactly what happened, but the rabbis speculate:

- 1) Homosexual act
- 2) Castration

The 3 sons decided to limit the dilution of their inheritance with more siblings Ham denied Noah his 4<sup>th</sup> son, so he cursed Ham's 4<sup>th</sup> son

Noah should be a lesson to us in faithfulness and waiting.

This is the last event recorded in Noah's life; his last 350 years are absent from Scripture

The Curse of Canaan: Servitude to his brothers

Genesis 9:25-27

Genesis 9:18-29

Canaan does not exist today, the other three do:

Ethiopia, Egypt, & Libya

## The Table of Nations

Genesis 10:1-32 & 11:10-32

70 Nations from the descendants of *Noach*, starting with his grandsons:

Sons of Yaphet: Gomer, Magog, Madal, Yavan, Tubal, Meschech, & Tiras

....and all their descendants

Sons of Cham: Cush, Mitzraim, Put & Canaan....and all their descendants

Sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud & Aram....and all their descendants

The Tower of Babel Genesis 11:1-9

Nimrod – "a mighty hunter before the LORD"

Genesis 10:8-10

"..Haran died before his father Terah ... in Ur of the Chaldees"

Genesis 11:28

Nimrod ("I Will Rebel"):

"...began to be mighty" = started something new – Life without God

Hunter ... of men! Not killing them, but rather enslaving them

Kingdom was Shinar - County of Shinar, city of Babylon

"And the whole earth was of one <u>language</u> and of one speech." Genesis 11:1

"... divided in their lands; everyone after his tongue..."

Genesis 10:5

Lashon = dialect; shapes the nuances

"...the people is one and they all have one <u>language</u>..."

Saphah = lips = major language

Genesis 11:6

All 70 nations spoke "one language" but with 70 different dialects

"...they journeyed from the <u>east</u>, they found a <u>valley</u> in the land of Shinar and dwelt there Not a geographical direction, but a spiritual condition

Genesis 11:2

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CERN is built atop ancient temple to Apollyon

"...go to, let us make brick...... Go to, let us build a city and a tower.."

Genesis 11:3&4

Emphasis should be on building the city ... not the bricks

Only uncut stones are used to make altars to God

Exodus 20:25

Nimrod's goal was to take away individuality

Pharaoh forced the Children of Israel to make bricks – turning them into slaves

Brick & mortar = emphasis on "material"

Exodus 1:14

To make slaves, appeal to the "material" .... take away the spiritual

God created each of us to be unique; the Tyrant's goal is to make us uniform ("bricks")

**Haftarah:** Isaiah 54:1-10 A Reminder of God's Promised to *Noach* 

**Brit Chadashah:** Matthew 24:37-39 Yeshua's reference to "The Days of *Noach*"