**2023 Parashah Reading: #2 Name: NOACH Torah Reading: Genesis 6:9 – 11:32**

 **Haftarah Reading: Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5 Gospel: Luke 17:20 - 27**

**This Week’s Torah Portions and Outlines**

**Chapter 6:9 – 7:24** “**Noah and the Flood” Chapter 8:1 – 19 “The Flood Subsides”**

**Chapter 8:20 – 9:17 “YHWH's Covenant with Noah” Chapter 9:18 – 29 “Noah's Descendants”**

**Chapter 10:1 – 32 “Nations Descended from Noah” Chapter 11:1 – 9 “The Tower of Babel”**

**Chapter 11:10 – 26 “Shem’s Descendants” Chapter 11:27 – 32 “Terah's Descendants”**

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**Torah Parashah Questions for Discussion**

**Treasure Hunt Alert!** Noah’s flood is referenced many times in Scripture. The purpose of some of these questions is for you to find the references and see how those authors used Noah’s flood in their writings. Have fun!

1. For decades there has been a relentless attack by YHWH’s enemy to destroy the validity of Noah’s Flood and its aftermath, making it a subject seemingly trivial to many believers today. Can you explain why the enemy is doing this?
2. Do you believe the flood historically happened or is it just a nice moral story, like when Yeshua told a parable? Be ready to defend your answer! 😊
3. I was taught the animals went into the ark two by two, male and female. Then why do some Bibles say fourteen of them in 7:3?
4. Skeptics say … “Well, we know the flood couldn’t have happened because all the animal types we see today couldn’t have fit into such a little boat.” What is your rebuttal to this argument?
5. Regarding the controversy concerning whether the flood event occurred or not, explain this controversy’s relevance to YHWH’s coming judgement of the world by fire. (Hint-Read 1 Peter 2 and 3.)
6. In chapter eight we read the flood subsides. If the flood happened, where did all the water go?
7. What is YHWH’s covenant with Noah, and how does that affect us?
8. The Tower of Babel story certainly explains why so many languages on earth exist today. Why did YHWH confound their language and are there efforts today to reverse this?

**Haftarah and Gospel Parashah, Outlines and Questions**

 **Haftarah Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5**

**Chapter 54:1 – 17 “The Eternal Covenant of Peace” Chapter 55:1 – 5 “The Compassion of the Lord”**

It is often noted by scholars and readers alike the Prophet Isaiah’s message first explains why Israel’s tragedies are occurring, then states the changes people need to make. A rebuke followed by hope and consolation, of a brighter future of return and redemption for Israel.

1. Identify the words of rebuke and hope in this parashah’s Isaiah reading.
2. What is the covenant of peace in verse ten and why does YHWH call it that?
3. What does this covenant have to do with Noah’s flood?
4. Name all the roles of YHWH towards His people in this reading, such as redeemer in verse eight.
5. What gives YHWH the right to claim at the end of verse five, “For thy Maker *is* thine husband; YHWH of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel;***The Elohim [God] of the whole earth shall he be called”?***

**Gospel Luke 17:20 – 27**

**Chapter 17:20 – 27 “The Coming of the Kingdom”**

1. What kingdom is being discussed in this Gospel reading? Please share Scriptural answers to this question.
2. Does this talk of a kingdom occur a little or a lot with Yeshua and His disciples? If a lot, why is that?
3. What does this parashah reading have to do with Noah’s flood?

**Defender of the Faith Time** - Many skeptics claim the account of Noah’s flood is made up or a plagiarized version of the Epic of Gilgamesh. If made up, what does this do to Yeshua’s credibility in verses 26-27? Could He claim the title Son of Man, as He does three times in this reading? Could He then die for our sins, a blameless, sinless sacrifice?

**Bonus Sharing Time**-In this worksheet I have mentioned skeptics, people who are always with us, like bad weather. Explain Yeshua’s many examples of dealing with skeptics, such as in this reading, and how this equips us to deal with them today.

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