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Noach

Genesis 6:9-11: end: From Noach to Avraham, the flood; the nations; the tower of Babel

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5

Here is the history of Noach נח. In his generation, Noach was a man righteous and wholehearted; Noach walked with God. Genesis 6:9

This *Sidra* (from the word *Seder* in Hebrew, which means *order*, here, a synonym for *Parasha*) begins with the building of the Ark and ends with the departure of *Terach* for *Canaan*. He will take his son *Avram* with him but will stop half way at *Charan*.

Different events are related, each one of them carrying a revelation and a message for Mankind. G-d's plan is revealed in the words used in the text:

❖ The earth was filled with violence, in Hebrew *chamas*, חַמָּס, nothing new under the sun...

❖ Man, because of his bad deeds, causes the destruction of the Creation.

❖ The divine solution provided with *Noach* and the Ark of salvation.

❖ *Shem*, *Cham* and *Yaphet* three men completely different who will repopulate the earth through their descendants who represent the 70 founder nations.

❖ The dove, messenger of good news and symbol of Israel.

❖ The rebellion of *Nimrod*, first attempt to create a worldly government.

❖ Then, the divine solution with *Avraham's* calling, his consecration will open the door to all the worshippers of G-d.

Depravity was widely spread, as we have seen in our first *Parasha Bereshit*. We know sexual depravity is always the physical sign of a spiritual depravity and idolatry. The word *chamas* חַמָּס means violence,

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and is used for spoil, false testimony, cruelty, hypocrisy, rape, robbery, lie, depravity, adultery... Today, in Israel and in the world, the same spirit operates, a spirit who wants to dominate through fear and brutality and corrupt G-d's testimony.

Because you plundered many nations, all the rest of the peoples will plunder you; because of the bloodshed and violence *chamas* חַמָּס done to the land, the city and all who live there. Habakkuk 2:8

One lesson of the Torah portion is that man, who was responsible for the Creation, can through his behavior either preserve it or destroy it.

The creation waits eagerly for the sons of God to be revealed; for the creation was made subject to frustration—not willingly, but because of the one who subjected it. But it was given a reliable hope that it too would be set free from its bondage to decay **and would enjoy the freedom accompanying the glory that God's children will have.**

We know that until now, the whole creation has been groaning as with the pains of childbirth; and not only it, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we continue waiting eagerly to be made sons – that is, to have our whole bodies redeemed and set free.

Romans 8:19-23

There is a spiritual link between men and Creation because *Adam* was the guardian of the Creation as we can see it in the first chapters of Genesis when G-d gives him the responsibility of the naming of the animals. This means that *Adam* had a prophetic discernment to give the appropriate name to the different animals up to their own features. He had also the responsibility to “work” the *Gan Eden* (Garden of Eden) and to keep it. In Hebrew, the word used for “work” is *le'avda* לְעַבְדָּה, which is the same than for serving G-d and the word “keep” לְשַׁמְרָה *leshamra* is used for keeping the Shabbat.

In the same way, we are responsible for keeping the Word of G-d in its fullness and its full meaning:

Keep safe the great treasure that has been entrusted to you, with the help of the *Ruach HaKodesh*, who lives in us. 2 Timothy 1:14

The word *Teva* תֵּבָה (ark) is employed here for the ark. This word is employed only twice in the Scripture: for *Noach* (Gen 6:14) and for *Moshe* (Moses). (Ex. 2:3)

In both case it is for the salvation of a people. *Noach*, the founder of the new generation and *Moshe*, the savior of the nation of Israel who will be the keeper of this G-d's Covenant Ark.

This Ark, which disappeared with the destruction of the Temple by *Nebucadnetzar*, we see it reappearing in the last book of the Bible, as a symbol of salvation for both the nations and Israel. This Ark contained the Tree of life, the Torah and was located, as we have seen in our previous *Parasha*, at the center of the *Gan Eden* as well as at the center of the Tabernacle in the desert: everyone could have access to it and still today, both Jews and Gentiles in a same spirit.

Then the Temple of God in heaven was opened, and the **Ark of the Covenant** was seen in his Temple; and there were flashes of lightning, voices, peals of thunder, an earthquake and violent hail. Revelation 11:19

The three sons of *Noach* represent three types of men:

- *Shem* (means "name"), the righteous. Tradition says he was born circumcised. From him will descend the Semites and *Avraham*, *Yitzchak*, *Yaakov*, *David* ...*Yeshua*. He represents the spiritual world.

- *Cham* (means "hot"), represents sensuality, the fleshly passions. *Canaan*, his descendant will give his name to the population the more depraved at this time.

- *Yaphet* (means "beauty"), the father of the esthetic, culture and fine arts. His son *Yavan*, (Greece) will become the ancestor of the Greeks. It is interesting to note concerning the blessings given by *Noach*, that the gifting of *Yavan* must be used for the glory of G-d:

May God enlarge Yefet; he will live in the tents of Shem, but Kena'an will be their servant. Genesis 9:27

It is from this ark of salvation, that the dove, messenger of peace, brings the good news and comes back to the ark with an olive leave: the olive tree is the symbol of Israel and the Good news is Salvation in *Yeshua* and the gift of the *Ruach Hakodesh*! This message came through Israel on earth. We are waiting for the time when Israel will come back

fully to the Covenant Ark to be chosen again by G-d in order to shine again in the Messianic times:

“Sing, daughter of *Tziyon*; rejoice! For, here, I am coming; and I will live among you,” says Adonai. When that time comes, many nations will join themselves to Adonai. “They will be my people, and I will live among you.” Then you will know that it was Adonai-*Tzva’ot* who sent me to you. Adonai will take possession of Yehuda as his portion in the holy land, **and he will again make Yerushalayim his choice.**

Zechariah 2:10 (14)-12 (16)

Nimrod: the root of this name means «rebellion», the one who initiated massive rebellion against G-d, the first great sorcery and deceiver of men. He will transgress the divine commandment of filling the earth and will centralize and control the new generation under his reign until G-d mixes up (*Babel*) the languages. Jewish tradition tells us that the descendants of Shem only kept the holy first language, which was Hebrew.

Today the same spirit operates in the sons of rebellion. The European Parliament was designed from the model of the Tower of Babel and is seeking to unify the different languages spoken in Europe in “one voice”; A Worldly Government is currently set up and will bring another *Nimrod*...

Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For the Day will not come until after the Apostasy has come and **the man who separates himself from Torah** (*hamartia*) has been revealed, the one destined for doom. He will oppose himself to everything that people call a god or make an object of worship; he will put himself above them all, so that he will sit in the Temple of God and proclaim that he himself is God. {#Eze 28:2}

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

The word *hamartia* in Greek means “to wander from the law of God, violate God’s law, sin - that which is done wrong, sin, an offence, a violation of the divine law in thought or in act”. This man wanting to take G-d’s place will violate His very Word, the Torah.

Fortunately, glory to G-d who always gives the solution to a crisis, a message of hope is brought to this pagan world through a man chosen by G-d to be the first great “evangelist” on earth: *Avraham*. His life will

be devoted to the proclamation of the Unique G-d, the initiator of monotheism. His father, *Terach*, maker of idols decides to leave for *Canaan*, probably after the conquest of the old city Ur by Hammurabi. At this time more than 5000 divinities were worshipped, the most famous was the god moon whom symbol, the crescent is still used by Islam today.

Avraham's calling marks a turn in history. Up to the Talmud, the two first thousands years are a chaotic period, due to the consequences of sin. Murder and idolatry were ruling on earth.

Then with the coming of *Avraham*, light is back on earth, the name of G-d is proclaimed again and the teaching of the Torah breathes on men through Israel. These second thousand years will end with the exile of Israel and the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.C.

We can discern today that the last two thousands years, the Torah, manifested in *Yeshua* has been spread to the nations in the whole world. With the rebirth of the state of Israel in 1948, a new prophetic step is announced; the restoration of *Sukkat David*, David's tabernacle is in process. We are in the birth pangs of the end time messianic era, the Jubilee.

May He come quickly!

I, *Yeshua*, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the Messianic communities. I am the Root and Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star. The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Let anyone who hears say, 'Come!' And let anyone who is thirsty come—let anyone who wishes, take the water of life free of charge. I warn everyone hearing the words of the prophecy in this book that if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues written in this book. And if anyone takes anything away from the words in the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the **Tree of Life** and the holy city, as described in this book. The one who is testifying to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon!' Amen! Come, Lord *Yeshua*!

May the grace of the Lord *Yeshua* be with all!

Revelation 22:16-21

In the *Haftarah*, the prophet *Isaiah* speaks of the calling of Israel as the light of the world and her return in G-d's given land. All along of our

studies we will notice that some verses that apply to Israel or *Yeshua* are tightly linked together in the Bible.

However, the real light of Israel will only be revealed when it will be reflected in the source of the One Who is the light of the world.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing made had being. In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind John 1:1-4



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