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SHABBAT NOAH

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Friday
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Service 6:15PM.

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Shabbat
Service 9:00 A.M.



SHABBAT NOAH

In this week's parashah, Noah was a righteous man who walked with G-d. He had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

G-d saw that the earth had become corrupt and lawless and decided to bring a flood to destroy all the living. He directed Noah to make an ark for which he gave exact dimensions.

Seven days before the Flood, G-d told Noah to go into the Ark with his household, and to take seven pairs of every clean (kosher) animal and every bird, and one pair of every other animal. When the Flood came, that same day, Noah, his family and the animals went into the Ark. The rains fell 40 days and 40 nights. The waters rose to great heights and covered even the highest mountains, killing all humans and animals; everything died except for Noah and the other occupants of the Ark. After 150 days, G-d caused the waters to subside. The Ark eventually rested on the Ararat Mountains. Noah opened the window of the Ark and dispatched birds to see whether it was time to leave the Ark. First he sent a raven, which just circled the ark. He then sent out a dove. On its second attempt the dove went out and did not return, signaling that the earth was once again habitable. When Noah removed the covering of the Ark, he saw that the ground was drying. G-d told Noah to come out of the Ark with his family and to free the animals.

Then Noah built an altar to G-d and offered burnt offerings of every clean animal and of every clean bird. G-d "smelled" the pleasing odor and vowed never again to doom the earth by flood because of man.

G-d then blessed Noah and his sons: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." G-d allowed mankind to eat meat, but prohibited murder, suicide, and the eating of a limb taken from a living animal. G-d made a covenant with Noah, his sons, and every living thing that never again would a flood destroy the earth. G-d set the rainbow in the clouds as the sign of G-d's covenant with earth, so that when it appeared, G-d would remember this covenant.

Noah planted a vineyard, made wine, became drunk and fell into a deep drunken slumber and uncovered himself within his tent. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers. Shem and Japheth, approached their father and covered him. When Noah awakened, he cursed Ham's son, Canaan, and blessed Shem and Japheth. The names of Noah's descendants, from whom the nations branched out over the earth after the Flood, are given.

At this time, everyone spoke the same language. They gathered in a valley and started building a city and a tower with its top in the sky. G-d looked at the city and tower, and observed that as one people with one language, nothing that they sought would be out of their reach. G-d confounded their speech, so that they could not understand each another, and scattered them over the face of the earth, and they stopped building the city. The city was called Babel.

The ten generations of Shem's descendants are then listed. The tenth generation is Abram (later to be known as Abraham), who is married to Sarai (later to be known as Sarah).

Parashat Noah has 153 verses

Haftarah Noah has 10 Verses

Sefer HaHinukh: Parashat Noah has no Mitzvot

The Haftarah will be read by **Parnas, Eli Gabay, Esq.**

From Rabbi Albert E. Gabbai



We are told that "Noah was a righteous man *in his generation*" in the Torah. Our Rabbis question: why did the Torah have to add the phrase "in his generation"? Why not simply state that he was a righteous man?

We know that Noah was behaving properly as far as he was concerned since G-d chose him and saved him and his family from the flood and destroyed all the others.

Our Sages give us the answer: Had he lived in Abraham's generation, he would not be such a righteous person. The reason for that is, unlike Abraham, Noah did not try to enlist people to be righteous, even though he himself was. Abraham,

according to the Midrash, did advocate for righteous people and tried to bring them to worship One G-d.

It is a powerful lesson for us to try to live up to the ideal of Abraham by helping others, even if we may think of ourselves as righteous people.

Rabbi Gabbai

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