PARASHAH 2 – NOACH – נֹחַ NOAH'

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Torah: Bereshit (Genesis) 6:9-11:32

Aliyah 1 - 6:9 -22	These are the generations of Noach
Aliyah 2 - 7:1 -16	Noach was seen as righteous before Adonai in his generation
Aliyah 3 - 7:17 -8:14	And the flood was forty days upon the earth
Aliyah 4 - 8:15 -9:7	Go out from the ark, you, your wife, your sons and their wives
Aliyah 5 - 9:8 -17	Adonai establishes his covenant with Noach and his seed
Aliyah 6 - 9:18 -10:32	Three sons of Noach from whom the whole world is dispersed
Aliyah 7 - 11:1 -32	All the earth was of one tongue

Haftarah: Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 54:1-55:5 (A); 54:1-10 (S)

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1. Have you heard of any historical (non-biblical) accounts of the flood? How does this affect your view of the account in Genesis?

2. Noach was "righteous in his generation." What does it mean to be "righteous?" (ttzadik/tzedeka) Why the inclusion of the reference to "his generation?" How does the statement, "Noach walked with God" relate to righteousness

3. How did Noach know the difference between clean (tahor) an unclean (temei) animals? What is the difference? What is significant about the Raven and the Dove? (8:7-12)

4. What laws were given to Noach in Genesis 9? How are the seven "Noachide" laws connected or derived from these?

5. What is the difference between a covenant and a contract? What elements are typically present in a covenant ceremony? How did these elements appear in the account of Noach?

6. Why were the people building the Tower of Babel? In what ways do we continue the mistakes of Babel?

Questions for reflection and application:

7. (6:9) Noach is remembered as "righteous" in his day. How do you want to be remembered?

8. (7:1) What can you do to engage, to stand in the gap, and fulfill your role in the world today?

9. (7:17) Are you in "waiting" mode, feeling set aside? Foster the cleansing and reforming work of God and prepare for what lies ahead.

10. (8:16) Is God calling you to move ahead, to step out and follow Him? What are you doing to move forward?

11. (9:9) God's covenants show his plan for all mankind. How are you at doing at covenant keeping with God? With others? Are you reflecting God's character as a trustworthy Jew?

12. (9:19) God desires to advance His Kingdom through our lives in ways we can't imagine. How are you cooperating with Him to accomplish the best in your life?

13. (11:1) Ask Adonai how you can participate to build unity in the Jewish Community today.