

Notes: July 11, 2020

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
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5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Summer of Faith Tour - Noach

I shared this perspective when talking about trust / faith last Shabbat...

“Our faith is revealed through the framework of culture. We do not truly know what we can endure unless it is tested. It is tested by the time and the culture we reside in. Faith is not required in a vacuum, absent of trials and tribulation. Faith flourishes when tested. You don't know what the true capacity of your faith is until it is tested to its limits.

I did not do this last Shabbat but am going to do it today and that is look at two of the words in Hebrews 11:1 and their definitions.

This is from the Complete Jewish Study Bible translation...

Heb 11:1 Trusting is **being confident** of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see.

Confident (translated as substance in KJV) is defined as...

state of feeling certain about the truth of something.

feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust.

G5287

ὑπόστασις

hupostasis

hoop-os'-tas-is

From a compound of [G5259](#) and [G2476](#); a *setting under* (*support*), that is, (figuratively) concretely *essence*, or abstractly *assurance* (objectively or subjectively): - confidence, confident, person, substance.

G5259

ὑπό

hupo

hoop-o'

A primary preposition; **under**, that is, (with the genitive) of place (*beneath*), or with verbs (the agency or means, *through*); (with the accusative) of place (whither [*underneath*] or where [*below*]) or time (when [*at*]): - among, by, from, in, of, under, with. In compounds it retains the same genitive applications, especially of *inferior* position or condition, and specifically *covertly* or *moderately*.

G2476

ἵστημι

histēmi

his'-tay-mee

A prolonged form of a primary word [στάω](#) staō (of the same meaning, and used for it in certain tenses); **to stand** (transitively or intransitively), used in various applications (literally or figuratively): - abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set (up), stanch, stand (by, forth, still, up). Compare [G5087](#).

The Greek implies that to be confident, one must understand, that is to comprehend and therefore acknowledge. Therefore, Trust requires understanding in order to be confident. You can't be confident if you lack knowledge or understanding. We will see this play out with Noah.

[Heb 11:1](#) Trusting is being confident of what we hope for, **convinced** about things we do not see.

Convinced (adjective) Not the verb to convince. (Translated as evidence in the KJV)

completely certain about something

firm in one's belief with regard to a particular cause or issue.

G1650

ἔλεγχος

elegchos

el'-eng-khos

From [G1651](#); *proof, conviction*: - evidence, reproof.

We are first introduced to Noah in B'midbar (Genesis) 5...

[Gen 5:28](#) Lemekh lived 182 years and fathered a son,

[Gen 5:29](#) whom he called Noah [*restful*]; for he said, "This one will comfort us in our labor, in the hard work we do with our hands [*to get what comes*] from the ground that Adonai cursed."

[Gen 5:30](#) After Noah was born, Lemekh lived 595 years and had sons and daughters.

[Gen 5:31](#) In all, Lemekh lived 777 years; then he died.

[Gen 5:32](#) Noah was 500 years old; and Noah fathered Shem, Ham and Yefet.

He is the son of Lemekh and the grandson of Metushelach. He was born to Lemekh when he was 182 years old.

By the time Noah is 500, he may have already fathered his sons Shem, Ham and Yefet. If so, at this point, we don't know the ages of his sons, if they have wives yet, but that they have been born.

I say this with reservation because the same statement is made in B'midbar (Genesis) 6:10 regarding the history of Noah.

Gen 6:10 Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham and Yefet.

Both verses are stating in the past tense Noah fathered three sons. The only other point of reference we have regarding time is found in B'midbar (Genesis) 7:6...

Gen 7:6 Noah was 600 years old when the water flooded the earth.

From the time we are first introduced to Noah until the flood is 100 years. What we do know is that by the time of the flood Noah's sons have wives

Gen 7:7 Noah went into the ark with his sons, his wife and his sons' wives, because of the floodwaters.

And they would be the only remaining humans created in the image and likeness of Adonai that would survive the flood.

Once we have been introduced to Noah, the narrative is directed to the state of the culture during the time of Noah...

Gen 6:5 Adonai saw that the people on earth were very wicked, that all the imaginings of their hearts were always of evil only.

Gen 6:6 Adonai regretted that he had made humankind on the earth; it grieved his heart.

Gen 6:7 Adonai said, "I will wipe out humankind, whom I have created, from the whole earth; and not only human beings, but animals, creeping things and birds in the air; for I regret that I ever made them."

Now, if you are looking for what a pandemic looks like, that of being prevalent over a whole country or the world. and if you are looking for something that is systemic, it would be the description Adonai provides of the culture at this time.

The wickedness of the people is widespread. The Hebrew word used here is "ra'ah"

This one root word demonstrates the totality of the condition of the people...

H7451

רעה רע

ra' râ'âh

rah, raw-aw'

From [H7489](#); *bad* or (as noun) *evil* (naturally or morally). This includes the second (feminine) form; as adjective or noun: - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displeasure (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + **exceedingly**, X great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief, (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st) wretchedness, wrong. [Including feminine ra'ah; as adjective or noun.]

You need to understand the climate of the culture Noah was living in, because he appeared to be the only one who found favor, grace with Adonai.

Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the sight of Adonai.

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

Noach walked with Adonai.

H1980

הלך

hâlak

haw-lak'

Akin to [H3212](#); a primitive root; to *walk* (in a great variety of applications, **literally and figuratively**): - (all) along, apace, behave (self), come, (on) continually, **be conversant**, depart, + be eased, enter, exercise (self), + follow, forth, forward, get, go (about, abroad, along, away, forward, on, out, up and down), + greater, grow, be wont to haunt, lead, march, X more and more, move (self), needs, on, pass (away), be at the point, quite, run (along), + send, speedily, spread, still, surely, + tale-bearer, + travel (-ler), walk (abroad, on, to and fro, up and down, to places), wander, wax, [way-] faring man, X be weak, whirl.

He walked with Him and was conversant...in other words, they talked. They had a relationship. Adonai communed with Noach.

He was wholehearted and righteous.

I will get to that in a few minutes, because these verses are meant to establish a point by which Adonai would proceed after He again states the condition of His creation.

[Gen 6:11](#) The earth was **corrupt** before God, the earth was filled with violence.

[Gen 6:12](#) God saw the earth, and, yes, it was **corrupt**; for all living beings had corrupted their ways on the earth.

H7843

חש

shâchath

shaw-khath'

A primitive root; to *decay*, that is, (causatively) **ruin** (literally or figuratively): - batter, cast off, corrupt (-er, thing), destroy (-er, -uction), lose, mar, perish, spill, spoiler, X utterly, waste (-r).

Noach found favor with Adonai within a pandemic of corruption. He was in essence surrounded by the mob.

Adonai would need someone whom He could trust, whom was faithful, and that was Noach.

Adonai would confide in Noach His plan for which Noach would be the one to

[Gen 6:13](#) God said to Noach, "The end of all living beings has come before me, for because of them the earth is filled with violence. I will destroy them along with the earth.

Adonai confided in him His intent on destroying the world because of its systemic corruption, its mass pandemic that could not be eradicated.

Adonai instructed Noach...

[Gen 6:14](#) Make yourself an ark of gofer-wood; you are to make the ark with rooms and cover it with pitch both outside and inside.

[Gen 6:15](#) Here is how you are to build it: the length of the ark is to be 450 feet, its width seventy-five feet and its height forty-five feet.

[Gen 6:16](#) You are to make an opening for daylight in the ark eighteen inches below its roof. Put a door in its side; and build it with lower, second and third decks.

[Gen 6:17](#) "Then I myself will bring the flood of water over the earth to destroy from under heaven every living thing that breathes; everything on earth will be destroyed.

Everything will be destroyed but...

Gen 6:18 But I will establish my covenant with you; you will come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife and your sons' wives with you.

Gen 6:19 "From everything living, from each kind of living being, you are to bring two into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they are to be male and female.

Gen 6:20 Of each kind of bird, each kind of livestock, and each kind of animal creeping on the ground, two are to come to you, so that they can be kept alive.

Gen 6:21 Also take from all the kinds of food that are eaten, and collect it for yourself; it is to be food for you and for them."

Gen 6:22 This is what Noah did; he did all that God ordered him to do.

Adonai established a covenant with Noah that would require his family, the ones closest to him. Thus there was likely reassurance he would not be alone.

You will also notice that absent from these verses is any dialog between Adonai and Noah similar to that of Avraham interceding on behalf of the righteous residing in S'dom and Amora B'midbar (Genesis) 18:20 - 33

Could it be that Noah saw no need to intercede because there was no one to intercede for? Could it be that He took Adonai at His Word.

Gen 7:1 Adonai said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household; for I have seen that you alone in this generation are righteous before me.

Noah lived within this culture and saw everything that transpired within his community. For Adonai to state that the corruption was throughout the entire population and he alone was righteous, was likely affirmed within Noah's small sampling. Adonai didn't even say that His family was righteous.

We read in chapter 7 that again Noah did everything Adonai had ordered him to do...

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Gen 7:6 Noah was 600 years old when the water flooded the earth.

Gen 7:7 Noah went into the ark with his sons, his wife and his sons' wives, because of the floodwaters.

Noah was faithful to the Words Adonai had conveyed to him. He did what he was commanded to do. It wasn't in a book or scroll, but through the one whom he walked with.

The word translated from Hebrew to English for righteous is...

H6662

צַדִּיק

tsaddîyq

tsad-deek'

From [H6663](#); *just*: - just, lawful, righteous (man).

Noah was lawful and therefore was righteous.

The law of Adonai is anything He commands. Thus Noah was following the laws Adonai had set before him in being a type of savior for humankind. It would be through Noah that Adonai...

Consider the following...

1Pe 3:18 For the Messiah himself died for sins, once and for all, a righteous person on behalf of unrighteous people, so that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but brought to life by the Spirit;

1Pe 3:19 and in this form he went and made a proclamation to the imprisoned spirits,

1Pe 3:20 to those who were disobedient long ago, in the days of Noah, when God waited patiently during the

building of the ark, in which a few people — to be specific, eight — were delivered by means of water.

1Pe 3:21 This also prefigures what delivers us now, the water of immersion, which is not the removal of dirt from the body, but one's pledge to keep a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah.

Noah would not save or redeem his generation, but would bring forth the next generation in that the command given to Adam was reiterated to Noah...

Gen 8:16 "Go out from the ark, you, your wife, your sons and your son's wives with you.

Gen 8:17 Bring out with you every living thing you have with you — birds, livestock and every animal that creeps on the earth — so that they can swarm on the earth, be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

Now, how does the writer of Hebrews capture the life of Noah...

Heb 11:7 By trusting, Noah, after receiving divine warning about things as yet unseen, was filled with holy fear and built an ark to save his household. Through this trusting, he put the world under condemnation and received the righteousness that comes from trusting.

What can we glean from this assessment of Noah's life in one verse?

The fear of Adonai was greater than that of the world.

Remember, Noah was severely outnumbered, in fact, Noah was the only one of his kind — righteous. We have seen throughout scripture that unrighteousness corrupts righteousness. We see it in this week's Parsha Pinchas and will talk more about the intent of Moav and Midyan and their intent to destroy Isra'el, not by the sword, but by bringing unrighteousness into the camp and causing Adonai to impose judgment upon His people.

Num 25:6 Just then, in the sight of Moshe and the whole community of Isra'el, as they were weeping at the entrance to the tent of meeting, a man from Isra'el came by, bringing to his family a woman from Midyan.

Num 25:7 When Pinchas the son of El`azar, the son of Aharon the cohen, saw it, he got up from the middle of the crowd, took a spear in his hand,

Num 25:8 and pursued the man from Isra'el right into the inner part of the tent, where he thrust his spear through both of them — the man from Isra'el and the woman through her stomach. Thus was the plague among the people of Isra'el stopped;

This action of Pinchas caused a plague, a pandemic from devouring the nation, that of unrighteousness spreading through the camp. This is not the first time we see such a response when unrighteousness is brought in. Korach, Datan and Avirm come to mind from two weeks ago.

So, Noah trusted Adonai and feared / revered Him greater than anyone else.

He was not swayed by the culture he resided in. We don't have a day by day journal accounting everything that Noah experienced but what we do know is that he started and finished what Adonai had instructed him to do.

Through his obedient action, Noah would condemn the world...

Consider these verses in the time of Noah.

Rom 1:17 For in it is revealed how God makes people righteous in his sight; and from beginning to end it is through trust — as the Tanakh puts it, "But the person who is righteous will live his life by trust."

Rom 1:18 What is revealed is God's anger from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people who in their wickedness keep suppressing the truth;

Rom 1:19 because what is known about God is plain to them, since God has made it plain to them.

Rom 1:20 For ever since the creation of the universe his invisible qualities — both his eternal power and his divine nature — have been clearly seen, because they can be understood from what he has made. Therefore, they have no excuse;

Rom 1:21 because, although they know who God is, they do not glorify him as God or thank him. On the contrary, they have become futile in their thinking; and their undiscerning hearts have become darkened.

Noah trusted Adonai.

He built an ark trusting that what Adonai had told him would indeed happen. Low and behold a flood came.

The trust that Noah demonstrated in Adonai whereby He identified him as tsadeek righteous can be directed towards our trust in Yeshua...

Rom 3:20 For in his sight no one alive will be considered righteous on the ground of legalistic observance of Torah commands, because what Torah really does is show people how sinful they are.

Rom 3:21 But now, quite apart from Torah, God's way of making people righteous in his sight has been made clear — although the Torah and the Prophets give their witness to it as well —

Rom 3:22 and it is a righteousness that comes from God, through the faithfulness of Yeshua the Messiah, to all who continue trusting. For it makes no difference whether one is a Jew or a Gentile,

Rom 3:23 since all have sinned and come short of earning God's praise.

Rom 3:24 By God's grace, without earning it, all are granted the status of being considered righteous before him, through the act redeeming us from our enslavement to sin that was accomplished by the Messiah Yeshua.

Rom 3:25 God put Yeshua forward as the kapparrah for sin through his faithfulness in respect to his bloody sacrificial death. This vindicated God's righteousness; because, in his forbearance, he had passed over *[with neither punishment nor remission]* the sins people had committed in the past;

Rom 3:26 and it vindicates his righteousness in the present age by showing that he is righteous himself and is also the one who makes people righteous on the ground of Yeshua's faithfulness.

All that He has said, He did and will do.

We are not expecting a flood, but the return of Messiah. What can we do in the meantime as we are seeing a rise in unrighteousness according to what Adonai says where the lines of morality and legality have been blurred? It is not just this nation, but a movement throughout the world.

Isa 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who change darkness into light and light into darkness, who change bitter into sweet and sweet into bitter!

Isa 5:21 Woe to those seeing themselves as wise, esteeming themselves as clever.

Rom 12:20 On the contrary, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For by doing this, you will heap fiery coals *[of shame]* on his head."

Rom 12:21 Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

From Adonai's perspective - Righteous behavior condemns sin

Remain righteous in following Adonai. Fear and revere Adonai as Noah did. Do all this in spite of the culture you reside in. Do not let the world undermine your trust. Ultimately, Noah was alone as the only one deemed righteous by Adonai, you are not.

Noah had Adonai beside him, you have Ruach ha Kodesh within you.

You are in a congregation of like minded people...you are not alone.

How challenged was Noah's trust when he was likely confronted by his entire community. Adonai was with him.

Adonai is with you. He is with us, this congregation, the body of Messiah.

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