



Message 10-13-18
Noach-Noah (Rest)
Genesis 6:9-11:32
Isaiah 54:1-55:5
Revelation 3:7-13

Introduction

The Almighty turns to the one righteous person on the earth, Noah, and instructs him to build an ark in which to save his family and pairs of land-dwelling animals, both clean and unclean, showing us that the dietary laws did not come with only Moses but existed back in the beginning as part of the Holy One's plan.

Genesis 7:15-16

15 They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶ And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in. (ESV)

I always think when it says "*And the Lord shut him in*" that it is the perfect picture of the Holy One's protection for His people in their time of trial. It could be a form of when the Almighty takes a group of people prior to the Great tribulation, and possibly the tribulation itself, and protects them from that time of judgment of mankind. It gives us hope that maybe we can be among that group of people He chooses to protect, or we remain here during the time of testing.

The idea of the Almighty's protection is one that runs throughout Scripture where it involves His people. Prior to the calling out of Israel, we have those individuals who walked with the Holy One and were blessed by Him for their faith. Abel tried and died. Seth carried on for Abel, then Enoch who walked with the Almighty and was taken to be with Him at the young age of 365. Pre-flood they lived very long lives, but when the Holy One decided to wipe out mankind, He chose the flood to do so. It was one way to wipe out all of mankind except for eight people and the animals that were brought on board the Ark. The flood was as much a means to kill mankind as it was to wash and cleanse the earth of what mankind had done. The idea of the Almighty placing Noah's family in the Ark, that Noah and his family had built, shows us that when man follows the instructions of the Holy One, we are taken care of by Him. He closed the door on the Ark in the same way that He has kept His hand on Israel and the Patriarchs before them.

They had to work for what they received, and everything we have is because of Him. We need to be thankful for this. We are living in a time when loving our Creator has taken a back seat, as we have become full of ourselves as to how important we are in our own eyes, but what about His?

Revelation 2:8 "To the angel of the Messianic Community in Smyrna, write: 'Here is the message from the First and the Last, who died and came alive again: ⁹ "I know how you are suffering and how poor you are (though in fact you are rich!), and I know the insults of those who call themselves Jews but aren't- on the contrary, they are a synagogue of the Adversary. ¹⁰ **Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the Adversary is going to have some of you thrown in prison, in order to put you to the test; and you will face an ordeal for ten days. Remain faithful, even to the point of death; and I will give you life as your crown.** ¹¹ Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Messianic communities. He who wins the victory will not be hurt at all by the second death.'" (CJB)

The group in Smyrna can also be a picture of the Almighty's love, but that a time of testing is necessary to test them as Noah and family were tested in their faith while shut in the Ark bouncing about on the waves that covered the earth. In the end, they emerged unharmed but to face a new world that had been changed by what the Almighty had done to it to redeem it from what man had done to the earth. Can we mirror this by what we are doing to the earth today? The wheels of commerce must keep on moving at the loss of that which the Creator gave to us. We live in a valley surrounded by mountains and have watched for the last twenty-five years as homes and businesses have popped up slowly making it's way up the downslope leading to the mountains.

We are changing what the Almighty entrusted to Adam and Chavah's care and what happened in Noah's time all leading to the final redemption of not just mankind but the earth on which we live. The only difference being is the first time He cleansed mankind and the earth with water, and the next time He has said it will be by fire.

Isaiah 54:5-10

5 For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. ⁶ For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. ⁷ For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. ⁸ In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer. ⁹ "This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you and will not rebuke you. ¹⁰ For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my

covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. (Isa. 54:5 ESV)

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Meaning: to do, fashion, accomplish, make

We have been fashioned or made by the Maker who is our husband, or I should say the husband of those who are His. We are created in the image of the Creator who is the Maker. This is another description for the Almighty.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (ESV)

Notice in the Haftarah portion, we are told our Maker is our husband.

Colossians 1:16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things were created through him and for him. (ESV)

Now look and see what the Apostle Paul writes that all things were created through Him and for Him. This is Messiah Yeshua and takes us back to the creation story in the opening verses of Genesis. We see this throughout the books of the Bible being tied together very neatly by all the writers, and it is not by coincidence this happened. The Father had a hand in all of this as He went about the business of creation through His Son Messiah Yeshua bringing forth His Word and watching it all unfold.

Psalms 89:33 "But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him, nor deal falsely in My faithfulness. ³⁴ "My covenant I will not violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips. (NAU)

He will not break His covenant with His people, those who accept Yeshua as Messiah and live according to that covenant known as Torah. In the beginning after the fall, man lived by the sweat of his brow and what he accomplished losing sight of his Creator or Maker. There has always been a remnant who believed and did their best to keep His covenant knowing it was what the Almighty wanted. In return, He gave us blessings, but there were always curses as well. To walk with Him would open the door to eternity. To deny Him would close that door forever.

Ezekiel 39:28 Then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations and then assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations anymore. ²⁹ And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD." (ESV)

Who is the house of Israel? Many have speculated over it and fought a war of words in voice and on paper only to deny His truth. Israel is His people defined not just by the twelve tribes or trying to close the door on those who the Holy One wants to graft into Israel and give them adoption because they passed His test. Israel is who the Almighty says it is, not who we say it is. The Torah is a covenant for all to follow. The Messiah is means through which the covenant was brought forth. Believe in Him, walk with Him as others have done, hold on to that walk, and the door will open wide to let you in to Israel, and that includes Jews who fell away from the covenant and those of the nations who God has invited. What does bloodline mean when you turn your back on Messiah and throw the covenant out the window? We all have to have faith in Yeshua and try to live Torah in our lives.

Revelation 3:7-13

7 "To the angel of the Messianic Community in Philadelphia, write: 'Here is the message of *HaKadosh*, the True One, the one who has the key of David, who, if he opens something, no one else can shut it, and if he closes something, no one else can open it. ⁸ "I know what you are doing. Look, I have put in front of you an open door, and no one can shut it. I know that you have but little power, yet you have obeyed my message and have not disowned me. ⁹ Here, I will give you some from the synagogue of the Adversary, those who call themselves Jews but aren't- on the contrary, they are lying- see, I will cause them to come and prostrate themselves at your feet, and they will know that I have loved you. ¹⁰ **Because you did obey my message about persevering, I will keep you from the time of trial coming upon the whole world to put the people living on earth to the test.** ¹¹

I am coming soon; hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. ¹² I will make him who wins the victory a pillar in the Temple of my God, and he will never leave it. Also, I will write on him the name of my God and the name of my God's city, the new Yerushalayim coming down out of heaven from my God, and my own new name. ¹³ Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Messianic communities.'" (CJB)

Will you choose to be part of Israel, follow the Messiah, and live by His teachings found in the Torah as given to Moses, or will you turn your back on Him and His teachings and be left out in the dark where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth? Pray to persevere in the days we are living in and our husband, our Maker, will keep us from the time of trial coming upon the whole world to put mankind to the test.

2 Peter 3:5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. ⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to

fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (ESV)

In Noah's day, mankind received a warning that only one man was righteous, and by his righteousness seven others were saved with him. The Almighty stored up the water to accomplish that judgment the same as He is storing fire to purify what the water could not cleanse completely. When we enter the mikvah to immerse ourselves, it is a connection to what the Almighty did in the days of Noah. Noah was kept from destruction by the hand of the Almighty, Yeshua. We have the same promise, and plenty of warnings have been given. In this age of technology and self-reliance, we are falling into the same trap that man has always done that we do not need the one who created us. Without the Godhead, what do we have? Ask yourself that question, and where you would like to spend eternity. For me, I cannot accept that the number of years we live this life are all we get. I look forward to eternity walking with my Messiah, His Father, and talking to them as well as those have gone before us. The hall of fame of old – the men and women who kept faith with the Almighty and lived out the Torah, the covenant in their lives.

Torah Man says, "It is important to speak to men about God, but it is more important to speak to God about men."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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