
Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Gen. 6:9-22	Yahweh tells Noah to build an ark
Tuesday:	Gen. 7	The story of the flood
Wednesday:	Gen. 8:1-19	The flood is over
Thursday:	Gen. 8:20 - 10:32	The covenant of the rainbow; Noah's drunkenness; Genealogy of Noah's sons
Friday:	Gen. 11	The Tower of Babel; The genealogy of Shem to Abram

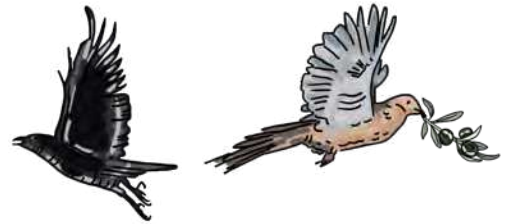
In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be covering the story of the flood. Now, let's read Gen. 6:5 - 9:17.

PARSHA POINTS

- In a very short period of time man became wicked and did evil in the eyes of Yahweh - 6:5
- Yahweh was sorry He had made man and He grieved in His heart - 6:6
- Yahweh decided to wipe the earth clean of all sin and disobedience - 6:7
- Noah found merited favor in Yahweh's eyes - 6:8
- Noah walked with Elohim and was called righteous (**tsaddiq**) and perfect (**tamim**) - 6:9; 7:1
- Yahweh told Noah to make an ark of gopher wood to save himself and his family - 6:14, 18
- Yahweh gave exact measurements for how He wanted the ark to be made - 6:15-16
- Yahweh tells Noah that He is making a covenant (**brit**) with him (like a marriage) - 6:18
- Clean animals are distinguished when Yahweh tells Noah to bring 7 (**sheva**) pairs of them - 7:2
- Unclean animals are distinguished when Yahweh tells Noah to bring 2 (**shtayim**) of them - 7:2
- Yahweh tells Noah that it will rain for 40 (**arba'im**) days and 40 nights - 7:4
- Noah was 600 (**shesh me'ot**) years old when the flood came - 7:6
- All flesh - man, birds, mammals, amphibians and tiny bugs died in the flood - 7:21-23
- The waters rose for 150 (**me'ah chamishim**) days, and then Elohim made a wind to pass over the earth so the waters could subside - 7:24; 8:3
- The ark rested on Mt. Ararat - 8:4



- Noah sent out (8:7-12):
 - a raven to see if it could find a place to rest
 - a dove to see if it could find a place to rest
 - the dove again after 7 days and it came back with a fresh olive leaf in its mouth
 - the dove again after 7 days and it did NOT return



- After Noah and his family and all living flesh left the ark, Noah built an altar to Yahweh and gave an offering of every clean beast and clean bird to Yahweh - 8:20
- Yahweh tells Noah (8:21-22; 9:4-17):
 - that as long as the earth remains, He would never smite the whole earth again for man's evil
 - that the blood of an animal should NOT be consumed
 - that man should NOT shed another man's blood
 - and his children to have more children so that the earth can replenish
 - that He establishes His covenant to never cut off all flesh with a flood
 - that the sign of this covenant is a rainbow (**keshet**) in the cloud



DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- What is wickedness? (6:5) Find and discuss verses to support your answer.
- What is favor? Is it merited or unmerited? (6:8) Find and discuss verses to support your answer.
- What does it mean to be righteous and perfect? Is it walking without a mistake or is it being full of integrity? (6:9)
- Were the commands about clean and unclean animals already in place before Exodus? (7:2-3)
- Discuss the time period of the flood. (7:6, 10-11, 17, 24; 8:3-6, 13-14)
- How do you think Noah knew to give an offering to Yahweh and what kind? (8:20-21)
- In Genesis 9:3, Elohim tells Noah that 'every moving creature that lives is food for you.' However, Yahweh tells him to take 7 pairs of clean animals onto the ark (7:2-3). Even though the clean foods instruction isn't mentioned until Leviticus 11, how do you think Noah knew about clean foods? (7:2-3; 9:3)
- Discuss the importance of draining blood from meats we eat. (9:4)
- Discuss the difference between murder and kill as defined in Scripture. (9:6)
- Explain what a covenant is. (9:9-11, 15-17)