FIRST FOUNDATION MINISTRIES

Noach "When the World Was Drowning, One Man Walked with Yahweh.

Genesis 6:9–11:32 , Isaiah 54:1–55:5, Matt 24:36–44; Heb11:7; 1 Pet 3:18–22; 2 Pet 2:5

Genesis 6:5 tells us that Yahweh saw the wickedness of humanity and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was continually evil. The world had not simply become sinful; corruption had become normal.

Violence filled the earth. Humanity had turned away from the Creator, and people lived as though there would never be accountability.

Yet in the middle of that darkness, Scripture introduces one extraordinary man.

Genesis 6:8 — "But Noah found favour in the eyes of Yahweh."

When an entire generation moves away from Yahweh, one person can still choose to walk with Him. Noah did not need the approval of his generation to remain faithful. And neither do we.

FOUNDING REST IN A RESTLESS WORLD

The Hebrew name Noach (נֹחַ) is associated with rest.

His father Lamech had declared: Gen 5:29: "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands."

Noah lived in a world filled with unrest, yet his name spoke of rest. The contrast is remarkable.

True rest does not begin when the storm disappears. True rest begins when we walk with Yahweh in the middle of the storm.

Yeshua extends this invitation in Matthew 11:28–29, promising rest to those who come to Him.

Application: Are we allowing the corruption and confusion of the world to determine our peace, or are we resting in the faithfulness of Yahweh?

SALVATION IS A DOOR

The Hebrew word for ark is tevah (תֵּבָה).

Interestingly, the same Hebrew word is used for the basket in which baby Moses was placed upon the Nile (Exodus 2:3).

Both were vessels of preservation surrounded by waters of danger.

Yahweh provides a way of preservation before judgment arrives.

Yahweh provided its instructions, dimensions and purpose. Noah's responsibility was to obey.

Humanity cannot create its own way of salvation. Salvation begins with Yahweh's gracious provision.

Genesis 6:16 mentions a door in the side of the ark. In John 10:9, Yeshua declares: "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved."

The ark was not merely a place to escape judgment. It was a place of preservation for a new beginning. And this is what Yeshua does for those who belong to Him.

THE MOST IMPORTANT MOMENT — YAHWEH SHUT THE DOOR

Genesis 7:16 "And Yahweh shut him in."

Noah built the ark, entered ut Yahweh Himself closed the door.

Noah was responsible for obedience, but Yahweh was responsible for securing him inside.

The safety of the ark depended not on Noah's ability to control the storm, but on Yahweh's provision.

John 10:28 speaks of the security of those who belong to Him. You do not have to control the storm when your life is surrendered to the One who holds your future.

Yeshua Himself connected Noah's generation with the unexpected arrival of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:37–39).

The message is not to speculate about dates, but to live faithfully and remain prepared.

THE FLOOD — THE UNCREATION AND RECREATION OF THE WORLD

The ordered world of creation appears to return to the watery chaos described at the beginning of Genesis.

But Yahweh does not abandon His purpose.

It is a picture of a new beginning.

2 Corinthians 5:17 states that anyone in Messiah is a new creation.

Judgment is followed by preservation, and preservation opens the way to renewal.

Yahweh is not only the Elohim who brings us out of destruction. He is the Elohim who brings us into newness of life.

"AND ELOHIM REMEMBERED NOAH" — WHEN HEAVEN SEEMS SILENT

Genesis 8:1 says: "And Elohim remembered Noah."

The Hebrew word zakar (זָכַר), meaning "to remember," often carries the sense of bringing someone to mind with a view toward action.

When Scripture says Yahweh remembered Noah, it introduces His decisive action to bring the flood toward its end.

Yet Yahweh had not abandoned him.

Perhaps this speaks to someone in our congregation.

You may be in a season where the heavens seem silent. You have obeyed Yahweh, but the circumstances around you have not changed.

Remember Noah. The silence of Yahweh does not mean the absence of Yahweh.

THE RAVEN AND THE DOVE — DISCERNING THE SEASON

The raven went back and forth, while the dove initially returned because it found no resting place.

Later, the dove returned carrying a freshly plucked olive leaf. Finally, the dove did not return.

There are seasons when Yahweh calls us to wait, observe and discern rather than act impulsively.

He waited until Yahweh instructed him to come out (Genesis 8:15–16).

An open opportunity is not always the same as a divine instruction.

Faithfulness involves both obedience to enter and patience to remain until Yahweh directs our next step.

NOAH'S FIRST ACTION — AN ALTAR BEFORE A HOUSE

Genesis 8:20 says Noah built an altar to Yahweh.

The first priority of a new beginning must be Yahweh.

Noah did not begin by establishing his own kingdom. He began with thanksgiving and sacrifice.

When Yahweh brings us through a difficult season, we must not become so occupied with rebuilding our lives that we forget the One who preserved us.

Romans 12:1 calls us to present our bodies as living sacrifices.

Before building your future, establish your altar.

THE RAINBOW — A COVENANT THAT SPEAKS TO GENERATIONS

Genesis 9:12–17 records Yahweh establishing the rainbow as the sign of His covenant with Noah and every living creature.

It included his descendants and all living creatures, never again to destroy all flesh by a flood.

The rainbow reminds us that Yahweh's mercy and faithfulness continue through generations.

In Isaiah 54:9–10, Yahweh refers directly to the waters of Noah while declaring His enduring covenant of peace.

NOAH AND YESHUA — THE DAYS BEFORE THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

Yeshua Matt 24:37: "As the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."

The emphasis is on their lack of preparedness. Life continued as normal, while the warning was ignored.

The greatest danger is that people become so comfortable with ordinary life that they no longer recognise their need to turn toward Yahweh.

Hebrews 11:7 tells us that by faith Noah prepared the ark, demonstrating reverent obedience.

Faith required endurance. The question is not whether we know about the coming of Yeshua. The question is whether we are living in readiness for His coming.

THE TOWER OF BABEL — WHEN HUMANITY BUILDS WITHOUT YAHWEH

The contrast between Noah and Babel is striking.

Noah built according to Yahweh's instruction. At Babel, humanity sought to establish a city and tower to make a name for themselves. "Let us make a name for ourselves."

People can be united in ambition while being separated from the purposes of their Creator.

A ministry can build impressive structures, attract large numbers and develop successful programmes, yet lose sight of its true calling.

The question is not merely: What are we building?

The question is: For whose glory are we building it? Psalm 127:1 reminds us that unless Yahweh builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

THE ARK PRESERVED EIGHT PEOPLE WHO EMERGED INTO A RENEWED WORLD.

Associated with new beginnings.

Eight people emerged into a renewed world.

Peter goes on to connect the floodwaters with immersion, clarifying that salvation is not merely an outward washing, but is connected to the resurrection of Yeshua HaMashiach (1 Peter 3:21).

Therefore, Noach provides a powerful opportunity to teach about repentance, immersion and new life in Messiah.

WILL YOU BUILD AN ARK OR A TOWER?

Noah built an ark because he trusted Yahweh.

The people of Babel built a tower because they trusted their own strength.

obedience verses human pride.

Are we building according to the instructions of Yahweh, or are we building according to the desires of our own hearts?

May we become a generation that walks with Yahweh when others walk away, obeys Him when others refuse, and remains faithful when the world becomes increasingly corrupt.

Declare with me:

As for me and my household, we will walk with Yahweh.

We will build according to His Word, stand firm in His covenant, and remain faithful to Yeshua HaMashiach.

When the storms come, our confidence will not be in the strength of our own hands, but in the faithfulness of our Elohim.

May our homes become places of righteousness, our hearts altars of worship, and our lives testimonies of His grace.

Amen!