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For those who do not know, the Portion name comes from the first word or words of the portion in Torah. This week the Torah Portion name is Noach and is translated as “Noah”

Torah – Noach:	–	Genesis 6:9– 11:32
Haftarah:	–	Isaiah 54:1–55:5; 66:1–24
Brit Chadashah:	–	1 Peter 3:18–22; Matthew 24:36–44
Psalm:	–	2, 56, 110
Extra Reading:	–	John 3, 4

#### The Torah Commentary:

*The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them from the earth. Make you an ark of gopher wood; rooms/nests shall you make in the ark, and shall pitch it within and without with pitch. But with you will I establish My covenant; and you shall come into the ark, you, and your sons, and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. (Gen. 6:11-14,18) And YHVH said to Noah, Come you and all your house into the ark; for you have I seen righteous before Me in this generation. In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; they, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein the breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and YHVH shut him in. And the flood was forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. And every living substance was destroyed which was on the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained, and they that with him in the ark. (Gen. 7:1,13-17,23) And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took a daughter of Levi. And the woman conceived, and bare a son; and when she saw him that he goodly, she hid him three months. And*

*when she could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said Because I drew him out of the water. And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. (Ex.2:1-*

*3,5,10)* Ark. Strong's # 8392. What is it? The description of it is a large box or chest. The Hebrew letters for "ark" are: tav, beit, hei. Tav is the last letter of the aleph-bet, and looks like a "t" (cross) on an angle, and its meaning in the Paleo-Hebrew is of a sign; to seal or covenant. Beit (bet) is the second letter of the aleph-bet, and in the Paleo-Hebrew is represented as a tent or house; a household or family, to come into. The number two means "division" or "separation". God separated Noah, his family, and the other living creatures for life, instead of death. The hei (hey) is the fifth letter and has a sound of a breath. It means to behold, or to reveal. The number five means grace. Noah found grace in the eyes of YHVH. What God told Noah to build was a sign, the pattern given by God of what is was to look like, and a sign for what God would do to all who had the breath of life in them, because of the wickedness that had filled the earth. It was a visible reminder to all who saw it, who beheld it, that it would hold something, it was to contain all that had the breath of the spirit of life in them, those that YHVH would spare from the coming destruction of the flood; the family of man, beast, cattle, creeping things, and fowl. YHVH made His covenant with them, His promise was given, and He would bring about what He had said He would do. He gave the sign of His covenant, the rainbow, as a reminder that never again would He flood the earth as He had done in the generation of Noah. The ark was a life-preserver. The ark that Moses mother made for him was also a life preserver. Moses found grace in the eyes of Pharaoh's daughter, and in the eyes of YHVH. There is another life-preserver: the Ark of the Covenant. That Ark is spelled: aleph, reish, vav, nun. Strong's # 727, a box, chest, coffin, from #717, as a sense of gathering. Aleph is the first letter, "echad", one, the beginning, the strength, the leader, represented by an ox or bull. It is also a "silent" letter, a breath sound. Reish is represented as a head; the highest, a person. Vav is the sixth letter, and six is the number of man. Vav is seen as a nail or peg, and it is what adds to and secures something. Nun is the activity, the life, as represented by a fish – how quickly they move in water. This Ark is used to hold the Covenant given by YHVH, His Torah to Moses and the Children of Israel, and to those who would call on the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Ark would go before and lead the Children of Israel. It was where YHVH had His Mercy Seat, where He would dwell, and where once a year man (the High Priest) could come before Him and receive atonement for his sins and the sins of the people on Yom Kippur. The Ark contained life – the living words of YHVH, and how man was to live and have life. The Ark was also made of wood, but covered with gold inside and out for holiness. The Ark was also lifted up above the earth on the shoulders of the Levites. In the Greek,

the Strong's # 2787 represents both Ark and ark as a box, the sacred Ark, and the ark of Noah. The ark was a refuge from the storms and floods of life. The Ark was a refuge for God's Children, their connection to the Living God, from where He would speak to them. Messiah Yeshua is our refuge from the storms of life, and the things that come in as a flood. *And He saw that no man, and wondered that no intercessor: therefore His arm brought salvation unto Him, and His righteousness, it sustained Him. For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon His head; and He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. According to deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; to the islands He will repay recompense. So shall they fear the Name of YHVH from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When he/the enemy shall come in[,] like a flood, the Spirit of YHVH shall lift up a standard against him. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and to them that turn from transgression in Jacob, says YHVH. As for Me, this My covenant with them, says YHVH; My spirit that is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed, says YHVH, from henceforth and forever. (Isa. 59:16-21)* Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house on a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. (Matt. 7:24,25) Yeshua is that Rock upon which we build. He is our Refuge, He is our strength, a very present help in time of trouble. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is our Preserver of Life, now and eternally. Selah!