

PARSHAS NOACH

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PARSHAH OVERVIEW

G-d brings a major flood to destroy the world; Noach and his family were saved on an Ark. He remained on the Ark for 12 months. G-d commands Noach to populate the world, and vows to never destroy the world with a flood again. The Tower of Babel is built.



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PARSHAH STATS

Pesukim - 153

Words - 1861

Letters - 6,907

Mitzvos - 0



GEMATRIA



The gematria of נח נח is 116. This is interesting, because the word נוכח (which is coming in several weeks) is related to נח. The gematria of יונים (Greeks) is 116. Something to think about...

THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

The Nesivos Shalom, the Slonimer Rebbe, explains that the עיקר פגם of the דור המבול was השחתה, people acting in an abominable nature. The root of עריות, interestingly is חסד, but not a lofty חסד, rather a impure חסד, called אהבה נפולה - fallen love.



DID YOU KNOW



The Chasam Sofer reveals that according to the opinion that the Ark had a window (and not a stone), Noach was allowed to look outside and see the destruction and downfall of the window!

QUOTABLE QUOTE

“A Yid Doesn’t Fall in Love; A Yid Rises In Love”

Quick Vort, below

QUICK VORT

See “Thoughts in Chassidus” section.

In Hollywood, Western culture, and the world at large, there is a concept of “Falling in Love.” When I read the Nesivos Shalom and the words אהבה נפולה, it really struck me as perhaps an allusion to this idea.

The world uses the term “Falling in Love” to describe relationships, but in actuality, it is reflective of the negative attribute of אהבה נפולה - fallen love. Falling in love is not a stable, everlasting, or holy endeavor.

In Judaism, we don’t fall in love; rather, we **RISE IN LOVE**.

That’s why marriage is called נישואין, which means: uplift!

Our relationships are meant to be pure, holy, and uplifting.

Good Shabbos!