

1 Cheshvan 5772 (29/10/31) *The Divine Superintendence of Limits In the Affairs of Men*  
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Noach Noah (rest) Matt. 13:52

Torah: Genesis 6:8-11:32

6:12 Are animals fallen creatures (sinners)?

6:14 (first of three divine boxes: Noah's Ark, The Holy Ark, and the body of our L-rd)

6:21 take of all that is eaten (every kind of food) – could have included flesh

7:11 time reference (600 LN (Life of Noah), 2:17)

7:22 terrestrial life perished, not aquatic (avian? Insect?)

8:13,14 2<sup>nd</sup> literal time reference 601 LN, 2:27  
(flood lasted 2 Noah Years, 2 [lunar] months 10 standard days)

9:3, 4 change in diet – no longer eat animals while they are alive (while soul is still in the flesh)  
and no longer eat human flesh (?)

9:5 what kind of reckoning will G-d require from the shedding of the blood of souls (animal and human)

9:22 sexual sin (not anti-nudism, anti fornication) 24, [what he did] curse on Canaan, not Canaanites,  
unless they commit the fornication of Canaan.

10:5 fourfold designation: lands, languages, families and nations.

10:32 next human populating of the earth from three (six) people, not one (two)

11:4 a horoscope, not a skyscraper.

11:31 Terach took his son and his nephew to go to Canaan. He only made it as far as Charan – how far  
will you make it?

Haftarah: Is. 54:1-55:5

54:7 Seconds of abandonment, compared to immensity of affectionate re-gathering (of Israel)

54:8 Everlasting love basis of His compassion

54:9 After Babylon, He will not longer get irritated [angry] and will no longer threaten Israel (therefore  
second diaspora, not same as first, so prophecies of the first cannot be applied to the second.

54:10 His love and covenant of peace will endure longer than the physical cosmos

54:17 No weapons or condemnations (against Israel) shall succeed (in destroying Israel)

55:3 tricky to translate: everlasting covenant with you (Israel) [in order to?] to make enduring my special favour (love) for David [Messianic reference on steroids]

55:4 David (not Israel) is a testimony to the peoples a chief and dominator [commander] of the people

Brit Chadashah: Matt. 24:36-46

24:39 They [the sinful world] suspected nothing

24:44 He will come when you [the redeemed community of Jews and Gentiles] least expect it.

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From today's Torah Portion and from what was said in the Haftarah and Brit Chadashah portions, we see that as bad and as corrupt as the ways of mankind can get, the impact of this badness is **limited** and is **superintended** by G-d.

What does this mean? Several things.

**First**, G-d is always aware of the spiritual (economic, political, social) condition of all mankind.

**Second**, He will not allow things to progress to the level of depravity which mankind reached in the days of Noah.

**Third**, He directs the affairs of mankind in response to how mankind responds to the requirements of He built into our psyche (righteousness, mercy and judgment – Rom. 2:13-15) – either to lead further into His ways, or to prevent us from straying so far that He has to annihilate mankind again.

**Fourth**, as He spared a small remnant of mankind and as He spared a small remnant of Israel, so He will spare a righteous remnant of mankind before the impact of the second days of Noah requires a second [final] intervention.

**Fifth**. He is watching and responding generationally as mankind reaps and sows, both on the individual and family level and on the community and national [international] level. While He is not the author of all that occurs, He is both aware and also in final control, as He has shown with how He has preserved the Jewish people since the second diaspora began.

**Sixth**. He is not just the G-d of Israel and He is not just concerned with Israeli's fate [destiny], He is concerned, involved and working with all the nations of the earth in all the lands, families, languages and nations of the earth.

**Seventh**. He has a plan which supersedes the plans of mankind (and the plans of individuals and families and languages, and lands and nations).

In other words, we live in a world populated by the remnants of mankind who survived the flood and we have been blessed by the remnants of Israel who survived the captivity.

This was never intended to be just a plan for Israel where the nations were to be but pawns moved around either to Israel's benefit or to judge Israel's disobedience.

***G-d's master plan for the nations and for the ages includes both Israel and the Nations and the everlasting covenant of peace which He first made with believing Israel, He is also prepared to make will all nations of mankind who are prepared to come under the kingship [domination] of David's greater Son.***

***Are you willing to come under this dominion?***

***How is G-d's superintendence working in your life?***

***Is He active to limit the impact of your sinfulness or is He working to extend the impact of your faith-filled righteousness?***

If I or any believer, Jew or Gentile were to spin out of control, ***we could never spin out of His control***, nor cause Him to lose control over the final direction of the affairs of mankind, generation by generation, family by family and individual by individual.

***He will either direct or limit our influence.***

Which one is He doing in your life? – most times it is a combination of both.

***Finally***, we are living on borrowed time.

The flood came as a warning which was not heeded and Babel came as a second warning which was also not heeded.

The next and last warning will be Israel's Messiah, whose ministry shall last until the days of Noah return to the earth, then when the world least expects it and when believers are not expecting it either, He shall return – not to give us another series of opportunities – not to initiate another chapter in the history of redemption, but to bring the history to its final close.

We will either be living for the Babel of this temporary world, or taking passage on the celestial ark of the world to come.

No matter what we do and no matter what we choose, three things are certain.

**(1)** He is and always will be in final control over all the affairs of all the people and peoples and generations of peoples, in every corner of this globe and in every breaking news story, whether or not He is acknowledged and no matter what the nations are raging about or are fascinated with.

**(2)** No one can ever escape His final control and no deed of mankind will ever escape His judgment, whether it be in this life or in the life to come.

(3) There is coming a third judgment which will exceed that which occurred in the days of Noah (the flood) and in the days of Peleg (Babel).

With Noah He wiped out the wicked ones.

With Peleg, He scattered those who were becoming wicked.

With Messiah Yeshua, He is gathering those who are seeking after His light, to draw them into the ark of faith, so that when the judgment comes (the final destruction of the cosmos and the final judgment of all who have ever lived [human and animal]), **those who are on board with His final purposes** will not see their world (their houses, the purposes their hopes and fears of all their years) destroyed.

**They will see what they have already seen far off** – they will see the kingdom which they have been seeking daily and they will see the invisible L-rd whom they have been serving, **break forth upon the cosmos, and shatter creation from end of the universe to another.**

They will also see all the affairs of all the generations of mankind receive **final eternal closure** and **they will receive life everlasting as a daily acquired reality, and no longer as a daily anticipate reality.**

**What is finally real to you?**

Whatever it is, what is finally real will one day dawn upon all of mankind, so you can either live in temporary cosmic denial, or embrace the truth which will one day embrace all of creation.

It will either be done willingly in this life, all through the twists and turning of this life, generationally, or it will be done when all the twists and turns of all the generations of life have been brought to the end.

At the end of the age you will receive only one of two surprises.

**The first** (and may it be our experience) will be the sudden dawning of the Kingdom we have been waiting for and serving all of our lives.

**The second** will be the sudden dawning of the Kingdom people have been ignoring, abusing, suppressing and rebelling against all of their lives – to the Jew first and also to the Gentile.

Will you find **noach** (rest) in this life so that it will extend to the next, or will you just be contained by the limiting superintendence of G-d while He directs the affairs of mankind and brings them and you and yours to His final conclusion?

Matt. 11:28-30

Let's pray.