

Noach and the Mabul

Class 1-2:

Rashi:

- Please learn the Ibn Ezra on ו:ט from the words "וטעם בדורותיו" (p.1)

Ibn Ezra

והסימן=והס'

How does he explain the plural of the word בדורותיו?

- Please learn the Ramban on ו:ט from the words "איש צדיק...הפך הרשע" (p.1)

Ramban

זכאי-worthy

להנצל-to be saved

What is the result of Noach's tzidkus?

- Please learn the Abarbanel (p.34)

Abarbanel

תמידיית-continuous

מעול-from sin

שיבה-old age

What does the word בדורותיו come to teach us?

- Please learn the Netziv and Rav Hirsch (p.46, p.66)

Netziv

המזג-temperament

מ=שמכל מקום-nevertheless

להגן-to protect

ונפיש ריתחא-burning souls

ומש"ה=ומשום הכי

השטף-the deluge

Why was Noach zoche to be saved during the mabul?

Rav Hirsch

What are the two ways to understand the word בדורותיו?

Why is בדורותיו stressed with the word תמים and not צדיק?

- If you have time, please learn the Sforno on ח:ו

Sforno (p.44)

חנינה-compassion
המקלקלים-crooked
המשלים-who fixes
זולתו-another person
שימלט-that he will be saved
שסרח-that sinned

Who did Noach have the zechus to save? Why?
Why did Hashem save his family?

Understanding Rashi:

Levush:

Torah Temima:

Yalkut Yehuda

שבח

גנאי

Emes L'Yaakov: (p.73)

Rabbeinu Bechaye: (p.43)

Ohr HaChaim: (p. 57)

Class 3:

- Please learn the Rashi יא :ו, (p.2) Sforno on (p.3) יב פס', Ramban (p.4) "חמס" Rav Hirsch (p.67) and Netziv (p. 47)

Rashi

What are the three sins that they are guilty of according to Rashi?

Sforno

בזולת-without

התולדה-the offspring

Why was the earth נשחתה on its own?

Ramban

והמפרסם-famous

מושכלת-logical

הצפירה-the siren

Why was their decree sealed because of theft?

Rav Hirsch

How does Rav Hirsch explain how the two sins together of immorality and theft sealed the fate of דור המבול?

Netziv

השחתה-destruction

ושוד-pillage

כליון-destruction

תבואת-produce

מחמת-because

להעיר-to arouse

ה"פ=הכי פירוש

שהטבעה-מטבעה from its nature inherent in it

אבדה-lost

הרכבות-cross breeding

How did the זנות lead to חמס?

Why did the earth become נשחתה?

What was the reason the גזר דין was sealed?

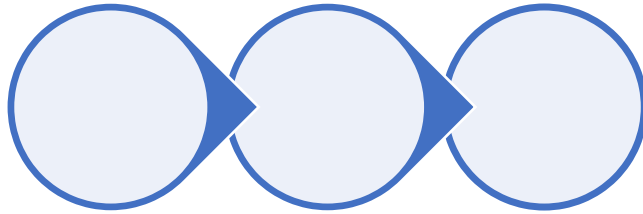
Maharsha:

רא"ם:

Yalkut Yehuda: (Abarbanel)

Ramban:

Emes L'Yaakov (p.74)



Class 4:

ויג-ז: Read pesukim

What topic is being discussed here?

Ask 3-4 general questions on the story:

- Please learn the Rashi on "שלישים, שניים, צהר", "תחתים, שניים, שלישים", Gemara Sanhedrin (p. 56), Abarbanel (p 35 bracket 1), Rashi on לך תיבת (p.5) and the Ramban פס' יט from the words "ומכל בשר...בידי שמים" (p 8)

Rashi

גב-back

מדור-living quarters

תחתים-bottom

זבל-garbage

What are the two opinions of the צהר?

What were the three levels of the תיבה?

Gemara Sanhedrin

נתגאו-became haughty

מסתפקין-were satisfied

Why did Hashem specifically choose to bring a mabul?

Abarbanel

מהגלות-from being revealed

אסלק-I will remove

According to the Abarbanel, why did Hashem send a mabul?

Daas Z'keinim:

Rashi

ריוח והצלה
הטריחו-bother him

Why did Hashem want to save the world with a תיבה specifically?

Ramban

וכראמים וכפילים
תכיל-contain

ויתמהו-and they will wonder

(bracket 1) What is the Ramban's question?

(bracket 2) How does the Ramban explain why Noach had to build a teivah?

Class 5:

- Please learn the Rashi on (p.9) "שבעה שבעה" (p.9), Kli Yakar (p54), Abarbanel (p. 35-36) brackets 2, 3 and 4), Ramban on ו:כ from the words "לקחם נח" (p.8), Radak (ז:ד , ו:ט , ז:ז), (p.10-11) and the Netziv

Rashi

Why did Noach have to take 7 of the pure species?

Kli Yakar

מספיק-enough
להרבות-to reproduce

What does the Kli Yakar add to Rashi's explanation of the reason for the 7 of the pure species?

Abarbanel

והתבונן-pay attention

היעוד-the promise

מחוברות-together

הזווג-during mating

דורסים-carnivorous

שלו בטנם-calm stomach

נגרש-stormy

What is one of the miracles that happened with the gathering of the animals to the teivah?

Why did Noach take more pure species?

Ramban

יצטרך-he will need

ללכוד-to trap

in-islands-ובאיים

What is the difference in the gathering of the non-kosher species and the kosher species?

Radak

שיעיר-He will arouse

הדמיון-imagination

How will the animals come on their own?

להכין-to prepare

בקנו-its nest

מעיד-testified

Why did Noach have to enter the teivah seven days before the mabul?

Netziv

רוחו-his spirit

קבצן-gathered them

Why does the Torah emphasize that Noach entered the teivah מפני מי המבול?

Summary:

Why were there 7 Tahor animals?

Rashi:

Abarbanel:

Kli Yakar

Miracles in gathering the animals

Radak:

Abarbanel:

Ramban:

Chidush of Netziv and Malbim:

Netziv:

Malbim:

מפני מי המבול

פשוט

דרש

Class 6:

Please learn the Rashi on הארץ על הגשם ויהי הגשם על הארץ (p. 13) Abarbanel (37) , Sforno on ז:יח and ז:כד, (p.15-16) Rashi בחרבה אשר ז:כב ד"ה אשר בחרבה (p.15)

Rashi

ז:יח-later on

Why does the Torah use the word גשם to refer to the מבול in פס' יב?

Abarbanel

ז:כד-that destroyed

ז:כד-מספיק

ז:כד-means

ז:כד-that prevent

ז:כד-from spreading

ז:כד-בבטן הארץ

ז:כד-and they boiled

ז:כד-ברותחים

ז:כד-they were judged

ז:כד-joined

ז:כד-it refers to

ז:כד-that lifted

ז:כד-closed up

How does the Abarbanel explain the natural causes of the Mabul?

Why does he do this and not just say it was a miracle?

Sforno

ז:כד-with the pushing

ז:כד-strength of the water

ז:כד-end

ז:כד-rested

ז:כד-a strong upsurge to propel it

ז:כד-however

What were the two stages in the תיבה's journey during the Mabul?

Rashi

Which animal did not die in the mabul?

Ramban:

Radak:

Summary:

נבקעו...ארובות השמים

וירבו...ותרם מעל הארץ

ויגברו המים וירבו מאד

ויגברו חמישים ומאת יום

Class 7:

Please learn the Malbim and the Netziv (p.61 p. 50))

Malbim- (bracket 1)

שחוקרים-researchers

ייחסו-attributed

למערכת הכוכבים-to the constellations

במערכה-in the stars

באצטגנינות-astrology

שהרהר וילד-that it produced

אדים-clouds

רעש-earthquake

שטף-torrents

נבדל-separate

יתנגדו-oppose

נחסרו-lacking

How is it impossible for the mabul to have come via natural causes?

(bracket 2)

עצמותיהם-their bones

כמטילי ברזל-like a lead arrow

נמחו-were erased

הובלו-were brought

הפגרים-the corpses

נבלעו-were swallowed

פתחה את פיה-opened its mouth

שאל-the depths

הגעאלאגיא-geologists

שחופרים-that dig
קדמות העולם-the age of the earth
איכות-quality
שטחי-levels/layers
לועה-its mouth

How do the words כל היקום וימחו come to disprove geologists' claims about the age of the earth?
Netziv (bracket 1)
מירי-referring to

What was the highest mountain pre-mabul?
Was that still true after the mabul?

(bracket 2)
נשתיירו-remained
חופרי-archeologists
באקלים-climate
משונות-unusual
שהרכיבו-that they cross bred
הפרד-donkey
וישתדלו-and they tried
מאוחרין-later

How can we explain the appearance of fossils of unusual creatures found in the earth?
Why were these fossils only discovered now?
Why are there fossils of animals that don't exist any longer today?

Class 8:

Please learn the Rashi on "עד יבשת המים" ד"ה (p. 20) , Sforno ז' פס' (p.20) Radak (p.20) ,
Abarbanel (38) , Malbim, (p. 63) Rav Hirsch (p. 68) and Netziv (if time). (p. 51)

Questions:

Rashi
מוכן-prepared
בעצירת-the stopping of

When was the עורב's purpose going to be realized?

Sforno
באופן-in a way

לסבול-to tolerate it

What was the purpose of sending out the raven?

Radak

נבלות-carcasses

מושלכות-strewn about

קנו-its nest

הדמיון-imagination

בכנפיה-in its wings

זרע-גר גיר-a seed

Why did Noah send the raven?

Why did he then choose to send the dove?

Abarbanel

הקלו-it had receded

התכלית-this purpose

וארמונות-palaces

יקנן-make its nest

חרובה-desolate

Why did Noah send out the raven?

Malbim

קדם-ancient

מיחדים-put aside

קסמו-made magic

מעופו-its flight

בדממה-in silence

וכהנה-and the like

מצב-the status

Why did Noah send specifically the raven?

Did it succeed in its mission?

Rav Hirsch

What did the fact that the raven return show to Noah?

Netziv

להתבונן-to contemplate

שפורחים-that fly

לשאת-to carry

Where were these birds from?
 Why did Noach pick specifically these two?

Why עורב?	Degree of Success	Why not successful
Radak:		
Abarbanel:		
Malbim:		
Rav Hirsch:		
(Netziv)		

Class 9:

Please learn the Gemara Sanhedrin (p.55) , Rashi on "יצוא ושוב" (p.20), Rashi on "טרף" (p.22), Chizkuni, (p. 22) Ramban (p.22) and Abarbanel(p.39)

Gemara Sanhedrin

נצחת-winning

רבך-your Rebbe (Hashem)

מניח-allow

יפגע-harm

שר חמה-the angel over heat

שר צנה-the angel over cold

What was the raven's proof that Hashem hates it?

What was the raven's proof that Noach hates it?

Rashi

ומקיף-around

חושדו-suspect him

Why didn't the עורב do its job?

Rashi

מרורין-bitter

What was the dove trying to say when it picked the olive leaf?

Ramban

נעקרו-uprooted

נמחו-wiped out

שוטף-strong current

המשחה-the anointed mountain (Har Hamoriah)

ארעא דישראל במיא דמבולא-Eretz Yisroel was not affected by the mabul

נתפשטו-spread

גדר-fence

לעכב-to prevent

שנתגלגלו-that they rolled

ארובות-windows

עזו-ומטרות-strong rains

(bracket 1) What is the Ramban's answer according to the p'shat of how the dove got the olive branch?

(brackets 2 and 3)What two opinions in Chazal does the Ramban quote?

(bracket 4 and 6)What is the problem with each one?

(bracket 5 and 7)How does the Ramban attempt to solve the problem?

Chizkuni

העלה-the leaf

לספק-to have a doubt

צף-floating

ניכר-recognizable

חטיפה-plucked

מעידה-testifies

שנושרין-that fall from

How was Noach able to tell from the leaf that it was not from Eretz Yisroel?

Abarbanel

שמעת-from the time

ענפי-branches

צפים-floating

וכשיבשו-when it dried
ורעננה לחה-moist and fresh
ויציצו ציץ-and it flowered

From where did the dove find the olive branch?

Class 10:

Please learn the Netziv,(p. 52) Sforno (p.26) , Abarbanel (p. 40) and Rav Hirsch (p.69)

Netziv

המשך-continuation
משחית-destroy
תבואת-produce
כליה-destruction
מבטלה-boredom
משפע-from an abundance

What is the purpose of פס' כב according to the Netziv?

	יצר לב האדם רע מנעוריו	לא אסיף לקלל את האדמה
Netziv		
Abarbanel		

Abarbanel

והסכמתו-his agreement
שנמחה-that it was wiped out
ונחרבה-and destroyed
מפאת-because of
חמרו-its physicality
אפקוד-I will punish
על הצד-in the way

קימעא - a little

חלקה - a portion of land

התקופות - seasons

סרה - hardships

קדחות - fevers

היהלך באופל - the plague that walks in the dark, or the destroyer who lays wait at noon

According to the Abarbanel, what is the purpose of פס' כב?

Sforno

מלהתמיד - from continuing

האפן - fashion

שהגבלתי - set

היום - the sun shall revolve spherically tilted from the equator

תקון - betterment

According to the Sforno, what changed after the mabul?

Rav Hirsch

What are two changes in the condition of mankind after the flood?

Class 11:

Abarbanel (p41-42)

4 things Noach was worried about after the mabul:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Please learn Rashi on ט:ג (p.27) and the Malbim (p. 64) and Rav Hirsch (p.70)

Rashi

הרשיתי - allowed

עשב - like grass

שהפקרתי - that I have relinquished

What is allowed to Noach and his sons post-mabul?

Malbim

מכלכלים - nourished

שנתקללו - that were of a lesser quality

שיתפשט - that he will spread

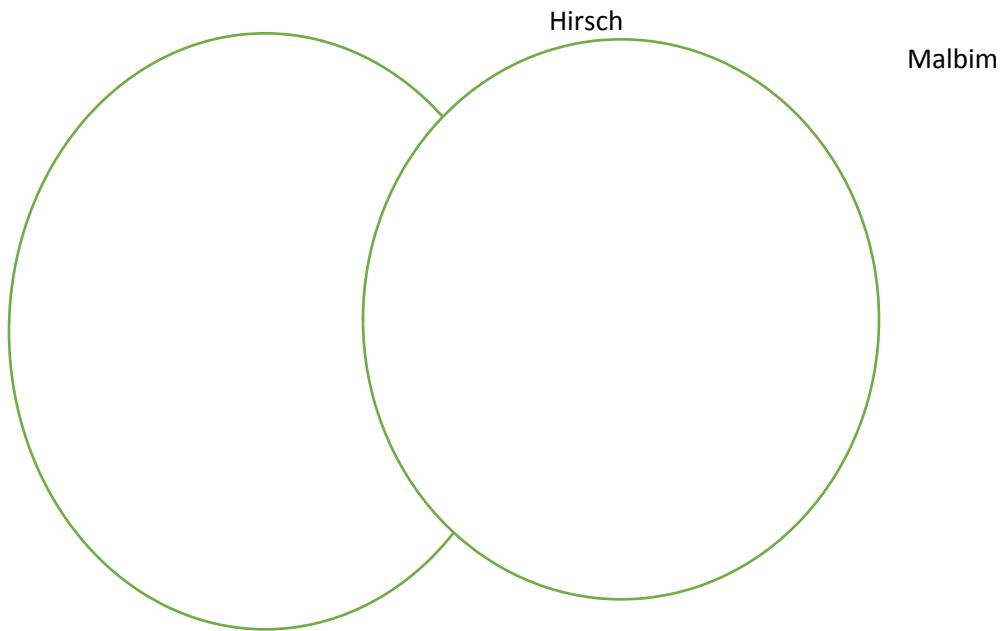
בקצוי - at the ends of

ואיים-islands
להעמדת-for upkeep
שפרנסם-that he supported them
וברשותו-under his domain

What are the two reasons that the Malbim gives for why man is allowed to eat meat after the mabul?

Hirsch

What is his reason for why meat is allowed after the mabul?



Abarbanel

אמנם-however
אודיעכם-I will inform you
יקרה-precious
תעבור-pass
הב"ח-animal
פתחים-ways
למקום-Hashem
הנרצח-the murdered one
אדרשנו-I will seek out
הטורפת-that eats

According to the Abarbanel, how will Hashem punish a murderer?

Two points from Emes L'Yaakov: (p 75)

- 1.
- 2.

Class 12:

Questions:

Please learn the רס"ג, Ibn Ezra (both on יג פס' (p.32) , Ramban (p.32) "את קשתי נתתי בענן" (p.32) , Ramban (p.32) , Malbim (p. 65)

רס"ג

Is the rainbow a new sign?

Ibn Ezra

הגאון=ר' סעדיה גאון

Is the rainbow a new sign according to the Ibn Ezra?

Ramban

מורה-shows

מהלכה-from now on

אראה-that I will see it

אזכיר-I will remember

Does the Ramban hold like the Ibn Ezra or Rav Saadiah Gaon?

What is his proof from the pasuk?

Malbim

(Bracket 1)

טבעי-natural

יפלו-spread

רשימי-rays

דק-thin

הזולף-dripping

התחקה-the image will be imprinted

המימי-ziluf-the water drippings

What is the natural cause of the rainbow?

(bracket 2)

תנאים-conditions

התפשט-spread

האופק-the horizon

יוחק-will be imprinted

עבים-thick

What are the two conditions necessary for a rainbow to appear?

(bracket 3)

התקבצו-gathered

עורים עכורים-thick and ugly

ויכסו-and they covered

הארץ-the earth

שוטף-flowing

ועפרורים-grey

Why was there no rainbow pre-mabul?

(bracket 4)

נשתנה-changed

ונחלש-was weakened

וחמריותה וגסותה-thickness and physicality

יריקוהו-they will drop it

תיכף-immediately

הזדככו-became purified

קלים-light

וזכים-clear

אדים-clouds

What changed after the mabul?

(bracket5)

הוראה-shows

שהוסר-that it was removed

ועכירותה-its ugliness

יגבר-will be strengthened

המין-species

ומגואלים ומתועבים-disgusting and abominable

חלף-passed

What is the deeper meaning of these meteorological changes after the mabul?

New sign

Not new

In class:

פס' יב ד"ה לדרת Rashi

What do we learn about a rainbow from the word לדרת?

Kli Yakar (p.58)

How does the Kli Yakar explain the deeper meaning behind Rashi?

Emes L'Yaakov (p.76)

Class 13:

Please learn the Sforno (p. 32) and Ramban on (p 31) יג' פס', Rav Hirsch (p. 71-72) and the Netziv

Sforno

כפולה-double

אמנם-in truth

נלאו-have exhausted

המחקר-researchers

צבעי-colors

המורגלת-usual

וייכוחו-and they will rebuke

What can researchers not explain?

What is the purpose of the rainbow?

Ramban

רגליו-the feet of the rainbow

מורים-shoot at

חיצו-arrows

ויפיצם-scattered them

הנלחמים-fighters

What is the symbolism behind the shape of the rainbow?

Rav Hirsch

What is the symbolism behind the shape of the rainbow and its colors?

	Sign	Related	Purpose
Sforno			
Ramban			
Rav Hirsch			

Netziv

בפ"ע=בפני עצמו

ספק-doubt

בהתראות-when its seen

שוטף-flowing

חשש-danger

כליון-destruction

הלל-this

להתראות-to be seen

מאמרי-My word

According to the Netziv, what is the Hashem coming to add to Noach in פס' יז?

What is the meaning of the bracha we make on a rainbow?