

Hamikdash. The Navi assures the people that Hashem will forever share his kindness and love with His people and He will continue to protect and sustain the people.

The special connection to *parshat Noach* is contained in pasuk 59:9 which refers to the destruction of Yerushalayim as "...this is like the waters of Noach to me..."

The Navi concludes with the reassurance that Hashem remembers His covenant with the world and His Chosen People. The degree to which we reveal Hashem's presence in our lives is the degree to which Hashem's protection and close concern is realized. It is our responsibility to reveal Hashem. We achieve this by observing His commandments and learning His Torah. ■



STATS

2nd of 54 sedras, 2nd of 12 in B'reishit
Written on 230 lines in a Torah, rank: 15
18 Parshiyot; 5 open, 13 closed; rank: 12
153 p'sukim - ranks 4th Largest in B'reishit
- tied w/Vayishlach
1861 words - ranks 11 (6th in B'reishit)
6907 letters - ranks 13 (6th in B'reishit)
Drop in ranking for words and letters is due to Noach's very short p'sukim. Noach ranks 49th in words/pasuk and 51st in letters/pasuk in the Torah.



MITZVOT

None of the TARYAG mitzvot are from No'ach, yet there are mitzvot in the sedra, specifically (but not only) references to the Noahide laws. So too is P'RU URVU repeated to No'ach - it is counted as a mitzva from B'reishit, when it was commanded to Adam.



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A SHORT VORT

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ואתה קח לך מכל מאכל אשר יאכל...והיה לך ולהם לאכלה (ו:כא)

"And you, take for yourself from all the foods that are eaten ...and it will be for you and for them to eat" (6:21)

Why the need for the pasuk to add the words "that are eaten"? Is it not sufficient for the verse to simply write "take for yourself from all the foods"?

In addition, how can Noach collect enough food for all those animals that were to be housed in the Ark?

The Kli Yakar (Rabbi Shlomo Luntschitz 1550-1619) emphasizes the word "take for yourself" implies that Noach should take only what "he" needs, and with G-d's blessing and miracle, it will provide the needs for all.

The Vilna Goan (Rabbi Eliyahu ben Shlomo Zalman 1720-1797) based on the Talmud Yoma (80a) which notes that the words "from all the foods that are eaten" (Vayikra 11:34) instruct us how much is normally eaten at one time. G-d commanded Noach to prepare that one unit of food, the size of an egg, and that would satisfy each creature in the Ark, based on G-d's blessing. Even if you only eat the amount of food "that is eaten" you will still be satisfied. This is the meaning of the verse "and it will be for you and for them to eat."

Shabbat Shalom