**Questions for Understanding and Reflection**

1. From all the readings for this Shabbat which verse or verses impressed your heart and fired your imagination?

I was fired by the Ramban’s comments concerning “blotted out”, that the ‘blotted out’ ones were completely removed from this world and had no portion in the olam haba.

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 6:9?

**These are the generations of Noah-Noah was a righteous man** – Why was Noach mentioned?

**in his generations** – How is this to be understood?

**Noah walked with God** – What do we learn from this word order?

**Walked** – In what tense is this word?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 6;13?

**The end of all flesh** – What caused the end of all flesh?

**for the earth has become full of robbery** – Why is this sin singled out?

**from the earth** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew words: אֶת הָאָרֶץ ?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 6:14?

**Make for yourself an ark** - Many ways to bring relief and rescue are available to Him; why, then, did He burden him with this construction?

**gopher wood** - That is its name. Now why from this species (גֽפֶר) ?

**compartments** – What are these used for?

**with pitch** What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: כּֽפֶר?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Gen. 7:11?

**in the second month** – To which month does this refer?

**were split** – Why were they split?

**the great deep** – Why was this form of punishment chosen?

1. How do we know that Noah regularly studied Torah?

Rashi understood this from the fact that Noach retrieved six pairs of “clean” animals to be used for sacrifices. (page 17 of 43)

Noach walked with G-d – halacha.

Toldot Noach alludes to Noach’s ancester called Adam. Now Adam walked with HaShem and learned much Torah. Adam taught this to his generations.

1. According to the Ramban who gathered the animals and Noah and his family into the ark?

The Ramban indicates that the “breath” (the Mesorah- the oral Torah) of G-d gathered them.

1. According to many Christian commentators Noah spent many years proclaiming the coming of a flood and offering repentance to his generation. Is this implied somewhere in the Scripture or in the Nazarean Codicil?

***1 Tsefet (Peter) 3:20*** *Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*

1. What is the Ramban hinting at in Genesis 6:13 with regards to the particle “ET”?

ET always implies a doubling of something. In the flood, the world was destroyed by water. The ET suggests that the earth will be destroyed a second time with fire.

That the earth and everything on it will be blotted out ‘from’ the earth – twice.

1. Specifically what kind of violence condemned the generation of the flood?

Rashi, on 6:11 and 6:13, indicates that it was robbery (stealing people – kidnapping). Ramban, on 6:13, also indicates that it was robbery, a rational command.

1. What is the significance of the use of the number “forty” in our readings of the Nazarean Codicil?

The Maharal of Prague, Rabbi Yehuda Loewe, explains that the number forty (40) always means *cataclysmic change* and *new creation*. Thus we understand that Yeshua was changed by the wilderness experience.

I say that forty means that Yeshua’s mission was changed. Where before He was with His family attending to family matters, now he was out in the world doing messianic things.

1. Why **immediately** after Yeshua’s ordination does G-d put him to the “test”? And what do passing these critical tests imply? Should any person receiving ordination expect similar tests?

Elevating a person oftem changes him and brings out negative traits that were hidden. Thus we see that Yeshua had control over His emotions and passions, despite His elevation. Yes, ordination brings tests.

1. When were the 11 Talmidim of Yeshua ordained, and why does the choosing of another one to replace Yehudah require that the Talmidim had received ordination prior to this choosing?

They were ordained on Lag B’Omer. The only way that they had obtained authority to ordain a replacement Hakham was to have already been ordained themselves.

1. Taking into consideration all the readings for this Shabbat what is the prophetic statement for this week?

It is important to care for others, while we study and teach Torah, in order to please HaShem.