

7. Noach went in, and his sons, his wife,
and his son's wives, with him, into the ark,
because of the waters of the Flood.
8. Of the [ritually] clean animals,
and the animals that are not [ritually] clean,
of the birds,
and of every thing that creeps on the earth.
9. Two by two they came to Noach into the ark,
male and female,
as Elohim had commanded Noach.
10. Seven days had passed,
and the flood waters were on the earth.
11. In the six hundredth year of Noach's life,
in the second month,

ז ויבא נח וּבָנָיו וְאִשְׁתּוֹ
וּנְשֵׁי-בָנָיו אִתּוֹ אֶל-הַתֵּבָה
מִפְּנֵי מֵי הַמָּבּוּל:
ח מִן-הַבְּהֵמָה הַטְּהוֹרָה
וּמִן-הַבְּהֵמָה אֲשֶׁר אֵינָנָה טְהוֹרָה
וּמִן-הָעוֹף
וְכָל אֲשֶׁר-רָמַשׁ עַל-הָאָדָמָה:
ט שְׁנַיִם שְׁנַיִם בָּאוּ אֶל-נֹחַ אֶל-הַתֵּבָה
זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה
כָּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה אֱלֹהִים אֶת-נֹחַ:
י וַיְהִי לְשִׁבְעַת הַיָּמִים
וּמֵי הַמָּבּוּל הָיוּ עַל-הָאָרֶץ:
יא בַּשָּׁנָה שֶׁשׁ-מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה לְחַיֵּי-נֹחַ
בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשֵּׁנִי

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77 Noach and his sons.

The men separately and the women separately,
because they were forbidden marital relations
since the world was in a state of grief.¹⁴

Because of the waters of the Flood.¹⁵

Noach was also of those whose faith was weak;
he believed and did not believe
that the Flood will come
and did not enter the ark
until he was forced by the waters.¹⁶

99 Two by two.¹⁷

They were all equal in this number,
[i.e.,] the *minimum* number was two.

They came to Noach.

Of their own accord.¹⁸

111 In the second month.

R. Eliezer says: this refers to Cheshvan¹⁹

77 נח וּבָנָיו.
הָאֲנָשִׁים לְבַד וְהַנְּשִׁים לְבַד,
לְפִי שְׁנֵאָסְרוּ בְּחֻשְׁמֵי שְׁמֵי הַמָּטָה
מִפְּנֵי שֶׁהָעוֹלָם שָׁרוּי בְּצָעַר:
מִפְּנֵי מֵי הַמָּבּוּל.
אִם נֹחַ מִקְטָנִי אִמָּנָה הָיָה,
מֵאֲמִין וְאֵינוֹ מֵאֲמִין
שֶׁיָּבֹא הַמָּבּוּל,
וְלֹא נִכְנס לַתֵּבָה
עַד שֶׁדַּחְקוּהוּ הַמַּיִם:
99 שְׁנַיִם שְׁנַיִם.
כָּלֶם הוֹשְׁווּ בְּמִנְיָן זֶה,
מִן הַפָּחוֹת הָיוּ שְׁנַיִם:
כָּאוּ אֶל נֹחַ.
מֵאֲלִיָּהֶן:
111 בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשֵּׁנִי.
רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר אוֹמֵר זֶה מְרַחֵשְׁוֹן.

¹⁴ Tanchuma, 11. ¹⁵ The implication is that Noach came into the ark only after being driven by the flood waters. ¹⁶ Ber. Rab. 32, 6. ¹⁷ Weren't there some that came seven of each? ¹⁸ Otherwise it should have read נח הובאו אל נח—"were brought to Noach." (S.C.) ¹⁹ Cheshvan is second to Tishri.

Order of Priority for Giving Tzedakah

The poor of one's city take precedence over the poor of another city. The needy of Israel receive priority over the poor of the Diaspora. Obligations to local resident poor precede those owed to transient poor who have just come into the city. One's impoverished family members come before another poor person. Parents have priority over children [who can support themselves]. One's self comes before anyone else [all things being equal].

-- Shulhan Arukh, Yoreh De'ah, 251:3

