

The following is an excerpt from *'Beloved Name, Mother of The Middle East'**. The one telling the story is Shem's wife 'Yedidah' as an 'old' lady. As the story is being told, I use the meanings of their Hebrew Names because that is how they would have understood them.

This description of Noah's Flood is based on the Hydroplate Theory (by Dr Walt Brown, Ph.D.) because that is the one that best fits the Hebrew Text and the geological evidence. (His book titled 'In The Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation & The Flood' can be read on line at www.creationscience.com) Additional copies of 'The First 24 Hours of The Flood' can be downloaded from www.w-rocs.org in the 'How the story goes...' section, along with 'What Happened After The Flood'.

Hebrew word or meaning = English form

Yedidah = Beloved

Name = Shem

Chest = Ark (Also called Treasure Chest)

YAHVEH = LORD

Elohim = God

Heat = Ham

Vast [from horizon to horizon!] = Japheth

Mama = Noah's wife

Rest = Noah

Sister-in-law = Japheth's wife

Sister = Ham's wife

Grandpa He-dies-and-it-shall-be-sent = Methuselah

mahshkeh = morning beverage

* [hasn't been published yet]

The First 24 Hours of The Flood

Old Yedidah: It was just before sunset on the last day, at the beginning of the day of rest. This was the month of Nisan or March, the same time of the year that later, the Passover happened, and the same time of the year that The Seed of the woman was later nailed to the wood. We were all inside the Chest, and Heat had just finished bringing the two elephants up the ramp. He and my Father-in-law had just barely gotten inside the door, when it began to close. We all turned around and looked. The door came down and sealed against the Chest. Then the bolts began to move, and lock the door securely into its place. The ropes that were meant to pull the door shut, neatly tied themselves to their hooks! YAHVEH Himself had shut the door! We all stood there in shocked silence. Even the animals didn't make any noise. Finally Noah began to pray, committing us all to YAHVEH'S safe keeping. He finished by thanking Him for His grace that He had extended towards us. After that, Heat took the elephants back to where they were supposed to be, and bedded them down, and the rest of us did a final inspection to make sure nothing was left unfinished. Then we all went up stairs to eat. At the end of the meal, my Father-in-law told us all to go get some sleep while we could.

Old Yedidah: Name and I both got up before dawn and went downstairs to check on the animals. In the process we came to the realization that all of them were very young. Many of them had just been barely weaned from their mothers! Those were the ones that YAHVEH had sent into His Treasure Chest to keep seed alive upon the face of the ground. Because they were so young, they wouldn't be eating as much, and they would be a lot easier to handle. The animals were mostly settled down, but their ears were perked up. They were listening to

something in the distance that we were unable to hear. About an hour later the ground began to vibrate. We had never experienced such a thing! The vibrations began coming towards us from the North-East, but the source was travelling towards the North-West, and as it travelled, the vibrations intensified, beginning from the North-East. Then the air outside began to move towards the direction from where the vibrations were coming from! As it blew, it picked up dirt and dust from the road, along with leaves and sawdust, so we scrambled up stairs to shut all the openings of the window (the sky-light) on the side of the Ark that the wind was entering. It was barely daylight.

Vast: (looking out the openings on the other side of the sky-light) "Look!"

Old Yedidah: On the edge of the horizon, above the tree line, in the far distance we could see huge clouds in the shape of pillars! They were continually bursting upwards violently!! They formed a massive wall beginning from the North-East and continuing clear across the distance horizon towards the North-West.

By now all of us were watching out the window.

Mama: "What is that?"

Rest: "It's the fountains of the great deep breaking open!!"

Old Yedidah: The pillars were rapidly increasing in height up into the very heavens! They were consuming the whole horizon as far as the eye could see!!



Sister-in-law: "How far away do you think the wall is?"

Rest: "Way beyond Elam's village!"

Old Yedidah: We all stood there transfixed by what we saw! The wall of water was massive! It was exceedingly violent, and it was continually shooting straight up into the sky! It ascended up into the 2 heavens as high as the eye could see!

Heat: "Do you hear that distant rumbling?"

Sister: (nods her head)

Name: (his arm securely around Yedidah) "YAHVEH shut the door! He will keep us safe!"

Old Yedidah: And at first there were no clouds above the Chest, but suddenly, down came the rain in all its intensity! And all the air outside was filled with rain! And at the same time, the mirrors became fogged over! And

soon, it was raining so hard, you couldn't see outside the window very far. And the ground was continually shaking from the vibrations of the Great Deep breaking open. And the noise from the pounding rain itself was also deafening! And the wind was still blowing! And at first we were so frightened, we shut all the openings to the other side of the sky-light too!! And we shut every single air vent!

Rest: (going after each one as they are shutting all the air vents) "Everybody go into the kitchen and sit down at the table, now!!"

Old Yedidah: And so everyone went into the kitchen and sat down at the table. And Mama had everything laid out & ready to eat, but she had set nine places at the table instead of eight (And I was thinking that maybe she had absentmindedly included Grandpa He-dies-and-it-shall-be-sent, because he had only been gone a short period of time)... And the mahshkeh was even vibrating in our cups!!

Rest: (picks up the loaf of bread, but before he raises it upwards, he begins to talk to the frightened bunch) "Everybody needs to stay calm! Poor decisions will be made if you are in a panic. Keep your mind on YAHVEH's great faithfulness, and not on what you see, feel, or hear. YAHVEH shut the door for us! We are in this chest here with Him! Mama has set a place here for Him at this table too, even though He is invisible. He is with us!"

Old Yedidah: And at that very moment an unexplainable peace and calm settled over us, in spite of the vibrating and the continual noise. (It settled over all the critters in the Chest too!)

Rest: (with eyes wide open, begins to speak towards the empty chair) "Thank You YAHVEH Elohim, Sir for extending Your grace towards us...."

Old Yedidah: After we had eaten, we went throughout the Chest to check on the animals. They were all very still. The lambs were bedded down, all huddled together. The pair of young behemoths (long necked dinosaurs) were chewing on some hay, & listening intently. The monkeys clung to each other. The kolas were asleep in the fork of a branch. Most of the birds clung to their perches, some of them with their heads tucked under their wings. The two young lion cubs were curled up in a corner of their cage. They were all huddled together, but nobody was violently trembling from fear. The peace of Elohim had settled over them too!"

Vast cut a notch in one of the beams to mark our first day. It was now 47 days after my Father-in-law's 600th birthday. My Husband was 97 years old. He and his two brothers were barely considered to be adults! Yup! The Creator had brought 3 pairs of young people into His treasured Chest too!

Old Yedidah: After this, we found ourselves back upstairs peeking out of one of the vents of the skylight to see what was going on. By now it was raining so hard, we couldn't see anything in the distance. But what we could see was that our fields were already flooded!

And the vibrations! Just like an eraser! That's how they went! The Creator was erasing His creation off of the face of the ground! It seemed like the further the day got, the harder He erased, because the vibrations steadily increased!! What we didn't know at that time was that the ground had split open all the way around the earth at the center of what is now The Mid Ocean Ridge, and the waters beneath the land were continually rushing up violently out of that split, eroding everything in their path! That was what was making the ground vibrate! The water shot miles and miles up into the two heavens, taking the dirt with it. And the people and animals who were near the split were overcome by a flood of rocks and debris being hurtled at them by the continual

onslaught of water moving upwards under violent pressure. It was a wall of rushing water and hurtling rocks and debris from one end of the horizon to the other, overcoming violently everything in its wake! At the same time, the crack continually grew wider dissolving and breaking apart, and then shooting up into the heavens whatever was along its edges...buildings, trees, roads, the sons of the Nephilim, people, critters...anything you can think of... The water itself was extremely hot! Anything near the split was also cooked at the same time! The water also flowed sideways when it reached the surface of the ground, also pushing along with it some of the rocks it was spewing up! That sideways flow of hot water, vibrating rocks, and mud began to erase all that was in its path! Well, 'what goes up, must come down!' and so the floodgates of the two heavens were open! And the water came out of the sky all over the earth at the same time. And in some places the water became very cold as the Fountains of the Great Deep shot up into the higher atmospheres and beyond. And in those places, when the water came back down, it sucked the deep cold of outer space along with it, which turned it into very fine, super cold, muddy ice hail, freezing and burying everything it touched, and suffocating them at the same time because the water was saturated with the chemicals that were dissolved in the super critical hot waters from beneath the earth! The animals and people who were living in those places were suddenly overcome by a deluge of super cold dry ice! The mammoths were buried alive in this dry ice hail while still standing on their feet. They died so fast, some of them didn't even swallow the food in their mouths! They were frozen solid, & then afterwards, the waters from the Flood flowed over them! YAHVEH kept the Ark away from those areas! And because we lived in the land of Eden, where the presence of YAHVEH was located, we were fenced in by the Fountains of the Great Deep, which almost completely surrounded what is now the continent of Africa! But on that first terrifying day of the Flood, we were unaware of all that was going on!

Old Yedidah: Throughout the rest of that day we checked on the animals several more times until it was well into the night. Then suddenly we couldn't feel the ground shaking anymore. The Chest was floating! We were surprised at how fast it happened! But by this time we were so exhausted, we all crawled into our beds and went to sleep. Even my Father-in-law went to bed saying,

Rest: "YAHVEH, Sir, this is Your wooden box, and we are utterly helpless! Thank You, thank You for Your grace!"

Old Yedidah: He slept soundly for several hours.

Old Yedidah: When I woke up, the gushing rain was still pounding with all its might on the roof of this wooden box that we were in. It was still very frightening, but the peace of YAHVEH was stronger! I got up and went to the kitchen. Mama had just stirred up the coals and was putting the water on.

Mama: "It must be dawn because you are awake too. I can't really tell because there is no light outside. Is your Yedid still asleep?"

Yedidah: "Soundly!"

Mama: "So is mine! It's good for them. They haven't really slept in over a week. I hope they don't get sick."

Yedidah: (takes out the grinding stones and begins to make some flour)

Mama: "I thought there was some flour already made."

Yedidah: "Oh! I forgot about that. I am so used to doing things a certain way."

Mama: "It will be well! Keep that routine going. It will help keep your sanity! This rain is going to continue like

this for the next 39 days.”

Yedidah: “Mom, do you really think there is going to be evil after The Flood? My sister is convinced that there will be.”

Mama: (begins trimming the wicks for the lamps) “When you start having children, you will know the answer to your own question. A child has to be taught to do what’s right. The natural inclination of a child’s heart is to be self-centered. That’s where the evil begins. A child has to be taught that YAHVEH is the only One who should be God, and not the child or anyone else, because only YAHVEH never sins or does what is evil. YAHVEH is the only One Who is worthy of being served. There is none other in the Heavens above or in the earth or beneath the earth who is worthy of being served. Only YAHVEH is Holy and Righteous. All others fail the test! A child starts off wanting to be the god of all those around him. When he is not pleased, he pours out his wrath! That’s where the battle against evil will begin after The Flood! You will find yourself ‘at war’ with your own child when you set out to teach him that he is not the god that we should all worship. Children have a way of convincing their parents that those parents aren’t as gracious and loving, and patient as those parents thought they were! Children will push you to your limits before you realize what’s going on. You mustn’t let them win the battle. You must win the battle and take their hearts captive for YAHVEH!”

Old Yedidah: While we were waiting for the bread to bake, we went back up to the window to see what was going on because it was beginning to turn light outside. We could barely see beyond the roof of the Chest!

Yedidah: “How is it that it is so dark?”

Mama: “The rain is full of mud. Stick your hand out the window and catch some.”

Old Yedidah: So I did. I held out a cup, and then brought it back into the Ark to examine it. The rainwater was very dirty! After a while the dirt sank to the bottom of the cup. As it began to get a little bit lighter, we realized that the roof of the Ark was covered in mud, and it was splashing up onto the windows!

Mama: (starts to laugh) “How are we going to get our laundry clean if the rain is full of mud? Will it continue to be dirty like this?”

Yedidah: “When I was a child, I always imagined YAHVEH crying lots and lots of tears, and that’s how it would be. That stuff out there doesn’t look like tears to me!”

Mama: “Maybe it’s our tears! They’ve been sitting in YAHVEH’S bottle for so long, the bottle has corroded and turned them muddy! YAHVEH has turned them into His wrath being poured out upon the wicked ones!” (her eyes fill with tears) “YAHVEH is avenging the blood of our loved ones. He is raining down His justice upon the evil ones!” (cries out almost in a whisper) “Thank You YAHVEH, Sir!” (By now she can barely speak) “O YAHVEH, You are avenging their blood! Thank You!”

Old Yedidah: I put my arm around her shoulders and cried too. Finally the smell of the baking bread brought us both back to our senses. The smell began to fill the upper level of the Ark.

Old Yedidah: When I took breakfast to Shem (that’s how you say ‘Name’ in Hebrew), he was still sound asleep. I sat the tray down, and went to let my kittens out of their cage. They were delighted! I took them with me back into our bedroom, and closed the door. (I didn’t dare let them run loose in the Chest because they would make a nice meal for one of the other meat eating creatures if they found a way to capture them. On the other hand,

they also might capture one of the smaller critters if those critters somehow gnawed their way out of a cage.) Shem(Name) was still asleep, so I climbed back in bed and promptly fell asleep too.

Now I don't know exactly how long I was asleep for, but suddenly I was startled out of my sleep by the motion of the Chest (Ark) rocking. Shem was awake now too. The Ark seemed to turn as well as rock. He reached over and put his arm around me, and held me tight.

Name: (in a whisper) "It will be well! We are in YAHVEH'S box of treasures and He is here too!"

Old Yedidah: After a while he started snoring again!

Old Yedidah: Later that day we stood together looking out of part of the skylight. I say 'part' because the window extended the length of the entire Ark. It was in the center of the roof, and it was used both as a ventilation system, and as a way of providing light. It was fixed in such a way so that nothing could crawl or fly out of it, and fall into the waters below. It's openings were even too small for us to crawl through. It was the peep holes of YAHVEH'S treasure box! As we peered out, we still couldn't see much because of the muddy rain.

Name: "It's YAHVEH'S mercy that we can't see out there! If we could see what was drowning, it would break our hearts!"

Old Yedidah: "Maybe YAHVEH doesn't want to see them either," I thought.



The Ark was safe in God's hand.