What G-d Thought.

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A lesson from my daughter's kindergarten class:

They were exploring Parshat Noach and the teacher sent us this email letting us know what was going on in class: "We asked each student to draw a picture using a red crayon. We asked them to put effort into the picture. When they finished we handed them a orange crayon and asked them to add to the red picture...then a yellow crayon, followed by green, blue, and purple crayons. Half way through the students realized these colors created the order of the colors of the rainbow. After they finished, we asked them to share their picture with their classmates. Then we asked them to raise their hand if they liked their picture... and if they felt they put a lot of effort into it. **All of them raised their hand**. We told them the pictures were not good and they needed to crumple them up and throw them away and start over again. **They were not happy.** And so we began our discussion on Noach...."

"Through this short activity students were able to understand from first hand experience how God felt when He decided to destroy the world....God's own creation."

After explaining about the rainbow, they went on to explain that "When we get angry with things that don't turn out the way we want them to.... be it a block structure, the letter S, a drawing, or a game, we do not have to destroy it; we need to fix it (Tikkun Olam). Although God promises us God will not flood the world again, there are many things that are wrong with the world. God gave the Jewish people the charge of fixing the world, being a light unto others... through TiKKun Olam."

Thank G-d for wonderful teachers!

And thank G-d for giving us the opportunity to fix things. Through trial and error, he could have incrementally improved us; He could have wiped us out another 4 times already, yet He gave us the 4 exiles instead within which to work on ourselves. As explained in previous blogs, He gave us a total of

2448 years to learn to appreciate His Creation and to respect it, but after 2440 of those **2448** years, I wouldn't want to have to bring home *our* report card.

And this I don't expect my daughter's class to understand: Those **2448** years divided by the **4** exiles work out to an average of **2448/4 = 612** and **612** is the *gematria* value of the word *Brit*, Covenant, as in G-d first Covenant with earth, the rainbow. At the end of the 4th exile, in the year **5778 HC**, **(2018 CE)** as advised to us by the *tzaddikim* of blessed memory, G-d will fulfill with us his Covenant with Abraham, made in **2018 HC**.

So, after the first **1658** years of our creation, at the time of the flood, how devastating was it for G-d? How hard was it for him to crumple up the beautiful earth that it seemed only He appreciated? In out terminology it must have been very painful, so painful he vowed not to do it again. It was so painful that he gave us another **4120** years, or **4120/1658 = 2.485** times as long as He had given the generation of Noach.

Sure $4120 = 10 \times 412$ (the numerical value of the letter *bet*(*B*) the first letter in the Torah and of the word *Beit* as in the *Beit Hamikdash*, or Holy Temple, but frequent readers of this blog should recognize 248 as Abraham and as *racham* (mercy) and also 2485. Especially since 5778 K is the surface temperature of the Sun and 248.5 is the surface temperature of the Earth, so it

appears the destruction of the Flood was planned and known at the moment of Creation when the surface temperatures (radiances) of the Earth and Sun where set.

But just because it was planned, doesn't mean it didn't pain him. G-d, the Light if you will is in all creation and thus at the level that we can understand G-d loves all things and it pains him at the willful destruction even of a blade of grass, let alone all of civilization. Yet with the intensity that he must have felt our suffering, like a parent who suffers at punishing and thus depriving a child from something that he really enjoys in order to help him understand right from wrong, G-d did it for us.

I guess you could say that all that water came from His tears, which is why it's so salty. And what about the destruction of the First Temple in **3338 HC**, since its ratio with the Flood date **1658/3338** is **.49670** or nearly exactly **2 x 248.5**. Readers of *The Divine Calendar* know that *all* the significant Biblical dates line up in a beautiful awe-inspiring well-planned time-line, including Israel's statehood in **1948 CE** echoing Abraham's birth in **1948 HC** and the midpoint of King David's life in **2889** HC being the midpoint between Adam and *Moshiach* in **5778 HC**, but beyond the awe that this should inspire in us, what it should tell us is how much G-d loves us. He could have ended it all in **1658**, or **3338**, but that wasn't His plan. He had planned on the year **5778 HC (2018 CE)** all along, and He meant for our generation to be the one to receive *H'Mashiach* from day 1, so knowing we we're so loved, that we *are* the chosen people, how are we showing our appreciation? More than any generation before us, we should be showing it today.

Even more than those kindergarten students respect their wonderful teacher, and even more than they love their parents, we should be respecting and loving G-d and all his creations. So I repeat, I wouldn't want to see *our* report cards. When **5778** comes around, G-d willing (B'H), none of us will be in detention.