

<i>Book</i> {one of five}	סֵפֶר
<i>In the beginning</i> {name of book one}	בְּרֵאשִׁית
<i>Noach (Noah)</i> {chapter title}	נֹחַ
<i>Chapter</i> {number:}	פָּרָק
8	ח
<i>Verse</i> {number:}	פְּסוּק
20	כ
{Now that G-d had enabled Noach (Noah) and all the other living creatures to reclaim and live upon the surface of the earth, Noach had time to figure out why G-d had commanded him to take more than one pair of some certain types of species aboard the ark with him. When Noach came to the realization that G-d wanted him to take some of these living creatures and offer them up as a sacrifice unto G-d, he collected some of these living creatures and with the creatures in tow, he and his three sons proceeded to journey toward a place, that would one day come to be called 'Jerusalem' and seek out the altar that Adam, the first man, had built and used to sacrifice various things unto G-d. When Noach arrived in Jerusalem, he saw that the altar Adam had built 1657 years ago had fallen into disrepair.} <i>And he built</i> {; that is, it was }	וַיִּבֶן
<i>Noach</i> (Noah) {who rebuilt the}	נֹחַ
<i>altar</i> {that Adam, the first man, had built and used to sacrifice things}	מִזְבֵּחַ
<i>{un}to AdoShem</i> (Ruler of the Universe) {.}	לַיהוָה
<i>And he took</i> {; that is,}	וַיִּקַּח
<i>from all</i> {the species of}	מִכָּל
<i>the beast{s}</i> {that he had brought with him, Noach chose only to bring with him}	הַבְּהֵמָה
<i>the clean</i> {ones to be sacrificed. And Noach knew which species of living creatures were 'the clean' ones because there were seven pair of 'the clean ones' to every one pair of the 'unclean' ones. 'The clean' ones were the animals that would come to be known as the 'kosher' animals. Noach was not only going to prepare for sacrifice the aforementioned 'clean beasts,' but he was also going to prepare for sacrifice the species of animal known as the 'fowl.'}	הַטְּהוֹרָה
<i>And of all</i>	וּמִכָּל

<p><i>the fowl</i> {that Noah had brought with him, which were also defined as ‘the clean’ ones, he chose only }</p>	<p>הָעוֹף</p>
<p><i>the purest</i> {ones. That is, Noah chose only the fowl with no scars, blemishes or other defects to be sacrificed. But, in the eyes of G-d, Noah, while he was inside the ark, had been bitten by a lion while tending to it, was unfit to render sacrificial offerings unto G-d. Just as animals that were to be sacrificed had to be free of blemish or defect, so too did the one rendering the sacrifices unto G-d (See Leviticus 21:17). That is why Noah brought his three sons along with him; any one of them, by virtue of not being physically defective, would be fit to render the sacrificial offerings unto G-d. It was Sheim (Shem), who was probably the one who rendered the sacrificial offerings unto G-d; for Sheim would become the foremost spiritual leader of his time; that is, until Avraham, the father of Judaism, would become his successor. }</p>	<p>הַטָּהוֹר</p>
<p><i>And he brought</i> {them} <i>up</i> {before the altar. Noah, having prepared the animals in a manner acceptable in the eyes of G-d, then proceeded to have his son, Sheim, render them as }</p>	<p>וַיַּעַל</p>
<p><i>burnt offerings</i> {; sacrifices unto G-d; letting G-d know that Noah was thankful to G-d for sparing him and his family and giving humankind and all other living creatures the chance to start anew. So, Noah and Sheim continued repeating the process of placing an animal in front of the altar, slaughtering the animal, cutting it into pieces, placing the pieces of the animal onto the alter, and then burning the pieces }</p>	<p>עֹלֹת</p>
<p><i>on the altar</i> {to serve as a means of expressing gratefulness unto G-d for sparing Noah and all the other living creatures from the destruction of the flood. }</p>	<p>בַּמִּזְבֵּחַ:</p>