



**Hi, my name is Noah and I am an alcoholic
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Breishit 9:20-21

Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. He drank some of the wine, making himself drunk, and uncovered himself in the tent.	וַיַּחַל נֹחַ, אִישׁ הָאֲדָמָה; וַיִּטַּע, כָּרֶם. וַיִּשְׁתַּ מִן-הַיַּיִן, וַיִּשְׁכָּר; וַיִּתְגַּל, בְּתוֹךְ אֹהֶלֶה.
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Sanhedrin 70a

The Holy One, blessed be He, said to Noah: 'Noah, should you not have taken a warning from Adam, whose transgression was caused by wine?' This agrees with the view that the forbidden tree from which Adam ate was a vine.	א"ל הקב"ה לנח נח לא היה לך ללמד מאדם הראשון שלא גרם לו אלא יין כמאן דאמר אותו אילן שאכל ממנו אדם הראשון גפן היה
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Rashi Breishit 9:20

Vayachel means Noah made himself profane, degraded himself. He should have planted something else first.	ויחל - עשה עצמו חולין, שהיה לו לעסוק תחלה בנטיעה אחרת:
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R. Menachem Leibtag's theory of ויחל

- Breishit 4:26
- Breishit 6:1
- Breishit 9:20
- Breishit 10:8
- Breishit 11:6

Luzzato Breishit 9:20

As Noah was the first to cultivate the vine, he was ignorant of the intoxicating effect of its fruit.

Etz Chaim Breishit 9:20

Overwhelmed by the task of rebuilding a destroyed world, finding himself virtually alone and friendless in a nearly empty world, or perhaps burdened by a sense of guilt at having survived when so many others perished, Noah turns to drink.