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2019

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Ark and Saws by Rabbi Dani Locker



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“I can’t wait to have children and start a family!”

“Me too! When do you think we’ll have our first?”

“Oh, I dunno, maybe in like 500 years, or so.”

“I’m so excited!”

“So am I, let’s start painting the kids’ room on the boat!”

So... I’m not sure if that was the conversation between Naamah, and her husband, Noach. Yet it’s kinda strange that they had no children until Noach was 500 years old, not too long (relatively) before the flood. Sure, people then had uncommonly long lives, but most of Noach’s ancestors still had kids closer to 100 years old. Why the delay for Noach?

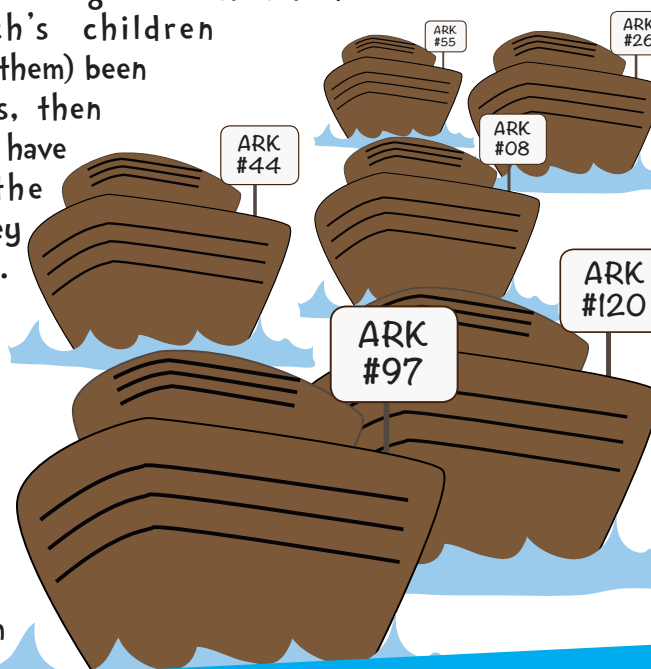
Rashi quotes a Midrash that God purposely delayed Noach’s ability to have children. Had Noach’s children been born earlier, than any wicked children would surely have been swept away in the flood. This way, even if the children would be wicked (as Cham indeed was), they would not be old enough for their evil to cause them to die.

What if they’d be good people? Imagine if Noach had hundreds of years of good children and grandchildren. There would be

SO MANY BOATS to build. Noach couldn’t be asked to be building more boats. Just the one took him 120 years!

The question is, so what? If he would have more good children, he’d probably also have more people to help with construction. And to save his children, it would certainly be worth the work!

One answer given is that had Noach’s children (more of them) been righteous, then God would have saved the cities they lived in. We will learn in a couple of weeks that ten good people could rescue an entire



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civilization of evildoers. You'd need a fleet of arks. Noach could not possibly build enough boats to sustain so many flood refugees. Can you imagine how much coffee you'd have to pack for a trip like that?

This is spectacular! A generation so evil that God needed a hard reset, yet just a few more good people would have saved so many. This doesn't mean that God would have saved completely evil people (because that would kind of destroy the hard reset idea). It means that having some good people around would have an influence on the evil people and help them become a bit less evil. The things we do have a massive influence on those around us.

When we act a bit kinder, a drop more honest, slightly less selfish... well, that can completely change the course of a family, a town, a planet.

So let's change the world, one cup of coffee at a time.

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KNOCK!

Who is
dis?

'Dis is Haman!

Haman??? You
don't belong in 'dis
Parsha!

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Sure I do! 'Dis
Parsha is about
the generation of
'dis Persian!



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Pharaoh to Moses:

"If you don't like it, the
exodus over there!"

OUCH! GROAN!

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DEEP THOUGHTS

Why didn't Noah just swat
those 2 mosquitoes?



Who knew? You Knew!

Hi Rabbi,

There are two main stories I'm familiar with where people were evil and deserved punishment, long before the Torah was given, and before the Jewish nation existed (I think). These are the generation of Noach and the generation of the dispersion. If we need the Torah as a moral guidebook, then why were the people of these generations guilty? After all, they had no proper guidance! How could God punish them without fair warning and moral instruction?

Thanks,

Warren M. Furst



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Dear Warren,

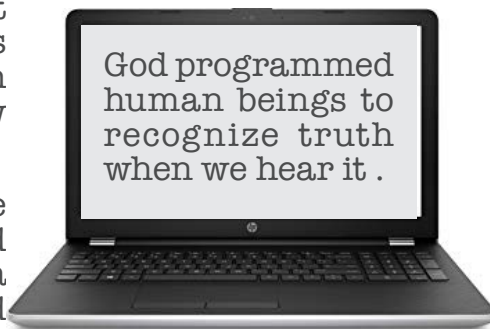
Wow! What a fantastic, thought provoking question! For our readers' sakes, here's the background: A bit over four thousand years ago, there was a major epidemic in the world. It was not a physical illness, but a plague of immorality. Theft, unfaithfulness, and murder were quite common. It kept getting worse and worse, until God decided to do what all Windows PC users do. When things aren't working, just restart. We call this the generation of the flood, or the generation of Noach, because of the great man who escaped the disastrous purge and restarted life on earth with just his children... and a few million animals.

About 300 years later, as the population of the world had increased once again, there were a bunch of leaders who had the weird idea that they could fight against God. Nervous about another flood, they built a huge tower. Or at least they started to build a huge tower. It ended like a flimsy Sukkah on a windy day. Though the purpose of this tower is unclear from the Torah itself, most commentaries understand their actions as an attempt to fight a war against God. Yeah. Good luck with that. In order to stop their unified effort, God took a big Kitchen Aid mixer and mixed up all the people and their languages (or something like that). Not being able to communicate with one another, the people dispersed all across

the land,
to every
country

that had at least one Starbucks. We call this the generation of the dispersion.

Sure these are grave mistakes. Stealing, killing, fighting God. These are right up there with leaving lego on the floor and dessert pizza as some of the world's great evils. But why, as you so wisely asked, would God hold them accountable if there was no guidance from the Torah?



**There was. There was
always Torah guidance.**

People tend to think that God never communicated His ideas to mankind until 2500 years into our existence. Fake news. Adam and Eve spoke with

God. Noach spoke with God. Many great leaders including Chanoah, Mesushelach, and possibly (but not confirmed) Yoda were extremely righteous and did what God wanted. True, God did not 'officially' publish His instructions right away, but the information was always there.

People of the flood had only to listen to Noach to know they were doing the wrong thing. Noach also tweeted (usually with a dove, but once with a raven). The generation

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of the dispersion could have sought Shem, the righteous son of Noah, Ever, his righteous great- grandson, or even a young Avraham! God preprogrammed human beings to recognize truth when we hear it or see it. People who are really, really honest with themselves can always find the right mentors and follow the correct ideas.

Yes, we need the Torah to teach us right from wrong. The Torah means any Godly insight and instruction into how to live. So the people of the flood and the dispersion did indeed have access to understand right and wrong. They should have seen the writing on the... wait, wrong story. Never mind. They should have known better.

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the Rabbi

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