

Righteous Deeds

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In this weeks Parsha, Parshat Noach, we are introduced to Noach who is known as a Tzaddik, a righteous person. The first pasuk states that “these are the offspring of Noach” and then the Torah describes Noach as a Tzaddik before introducing his children. Why doesn’t the Torah first describe Noach’s children and then mention that he was a Tzaddik? Rashi quotes the Medrash that his offspring were his Maasim Tovim, his good actions. Rabbi Frand explains that one would think that Noach’s legacy would have been his children since we are children of Noach. Noach and his family were the only ones remaining and because of them, humanity survived and were able to populate. Without Noach, man would have never existed anymore. The Torah is teaching a lesson specifically by Noach that even though he is responsible for populating mankind, his legacy was still his righteous deeds.

Parsha Questions

- 1) What did Noach build? (A Teva)
- 2) What did Hashem send on earth? (Mabul-flood)
- 3) How long did it rain for? (40 days and 40 nights)
- 4) Who went into the Teva? (Noach and his family and animals)
- 5) How many floors were on the Teva? (3)

- 6) What were on each of the floors? (Top floor-people; middle floor-animals and bottom floor-garbage)
- 7) How many pairs of Kosher and non Kosher animals did Noach bring into the Teva? (7 Kosher and 2 non Kosher)
- 8) Why did Hashem bring a flood? (People were stealing)
- 9) What two animals did Noach send out to see if the land was dry? (Raven and dove)
- 10) What did the people build to rebel against Hashem? (Tower)