

ONE POINT from
לקוטי שיחות חלק טו, שיחה א לפרשת נח

Use these words to fill in the blanks:

*** 120 * מבול * נח * תשובה * תיבה * himself * save ***

IN THE PARSHA:

Hashem was going to bring a _____ to the world, and He commanded ____ to build a _____, in which he would be safe.

It took נח _____ years to build the תיבה.

QUESTION:

Why did it take נח so long to build the תיבה? Why didn't he finish it sooner?

ANSWER:

Hashem did not only tell נח to build the תיבה in order to _____ him from the מבול. He could have saved נח from the מבול in other ways.

Rather, Hashem told נח to build the תיבה, so that people would be curious about what he was doing, and when they asked, he would warn them about the מבול, in the hope that they would do _____.

In fact, Hashem told נח to build the תיבה by _____, so it would take more time, and give people more of a chance to do תשובה.

(When we consider that he built the תיבה all by himself, it's amazing that he completed it in only 120 years!)

Further discussion:

- Hashem said *עשה לך תיבת גוי*, so נח had to build the תיבה by **himself**, from material belonging to **him**.
Hashem said *חג הסוכות תעשה לך*, and yet, we can have someone **else** build our Sukkah for us, and fulfill the Mitzvah in someone **else's** Sukkah.
Why the difference?
(See שיחה אותיות ח-ט)