

Use these words to fill in the blanks:

*** leave * peaceful * told * world ***

IN THE PARSHA:

After the מבול, when the land was completely dry, Hashem _____ נח that he should leave the תיבה. He and his wife, and his sons and their wives.

Hashem also told נח to get all the animals to leave the תיבה – forcibly, if need be.

QUESTION:

After being confined to the תיבה for more than a year, why did נח have to be *told* to _____? And why would he possibly have to *force* the animals out?

ANSWER:

Throughout the time that they were in the תיבה, all the animals were tame, and did not fight with each other. This is because the environment in the תיבה was totally _____, similar to what the world will be like when משיח comes.

This explains why נח and the animals would want to stay in the תיבה. It was a wonderful place to be! Yet, Hashem said they had to leave, to populate and rebuild the world.

LIFE LESSON:

We cannot suffice to be in our own holy environment. Rather, we must reach out beyond our space, to impact and transform the entire _____.

Further discussion:

Besides what is brought in חסידות, how do we know even according to מקרא פשוטו של מקרא that the environment in the תיבה was a miraculous one? (See אות ב in the שיחה)

