

## Believe It—And Not

וַיָּבֹא נֹחַ וּבָנָיו וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וּנְשֵׁי בָנָיו אִתּוֹ אֶל הַתֵּיבָה מִפְּנֵי מַי הַמַּבּוּל.

Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives went into the ark because of the flood water.

(Genesis 7:7)



אָמַר רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן : נֹחַ מִחֲסָר אֶמְנָה הָיָה. אֶלּוּלֵי שֶׁהִגִּיעוּ הַמַּיִם עַד קַרְסָלָיו לֹא נִכְנַס לַתֵּיבָה.

Rabbi Yohanan said: Noah was lacking in faith. If not for the water reaching his ankles, he would not have entered the ark.

(Genesis Rabbah 32:6)



אֲףִי נֹחַ מִקְטַנֵּי אֶמְנָה הָיָה מֵאֲמִין וְאֵינוֹ מֵאֲמִין שֶׁיָּבֹא הַמַּבּוּל וְלֹא נִכְנַס לַתֵּיבָה עַד שֶׁדַּחְקוּהוּ הַמַּיִם.

Even Noah was among those lacking in faith. He believed, and he did not believe, that the flood would come, so he did not enter the ark until the water forced him.

(Rashi on Genesis 7:7)