

# NOACH: UNDERSTANDING EMUNAH

## Background

Noach was a *tzaddik* and a *navi*. He was clearly on a very high level of *avodas* HASHEM and certainly had a very strong belief system. HASHEM directly spoke to Noach and told him that there would be a flood. Noach clearly understood that this was to happen because he himself built the *tayvah*.

### ספר בראשית פרק ז

וַיבֹּא נֹחַ וּבָנָיו וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וְנָשֵׁי  
בָנָיו אִתּוֹ אֶל הַתֵּבָה מִפְּנֵי  
מֵי הַמַּבּוּל

*And Noach, his sons, and his wife came into the tayvah because of the waters of the flood.*

### רש"י על בראשית פרק ז פסוק ז

מפני מי המבול - אף נח  
מקטני אמנה היה מאמין  
ואינו מאמין שיבא המבול  
ולא נכנס לתיבה עד  
שדחקהו המים

**Rashi- Because of the water of the flood** – Even Noach was from those who are small in belief. He believed and he didn't believe that HASHEM would bring the flood. Therefore, he didn't go into the *tayvah* until the water forced him in.

## Questions

How is it possible that such a man could believe and yet not believe that which was clearly told to him and that which he acted upon?