



## Parshat No'ach

**GM** At the sedra's end, we are introduced to the future Avraham Avinu and Sara Imeinu. Look at B'reishit 11:30 -

וְהָיָה שָׂרַי עֲקָרָה אֵין לָהּ וְלֹד:

*And Sarai was barren; she had no child.*

That pasuk's gimatriya is 1442. So too, for T'hilim 19:15 -

יְהִי לְרָצוֹן אֶמְרֵי־פִי וְהַגִּידוֹן לִבִּי לְפָנֶיךָ  
יְהִי צִוְּרִי וְגֹאֲלִי:

*May the sayings of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable  
before You, HaShem, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

We are taught that one of the reasons our Matriarchs were barren at the beginning, is that God 'desires' their prayers. (A difficult concept to understand, to say the least.)

Is there another pasuk that so beautifully expresses our prayer that our prayers should be pleasing to God?

Speaking of 1442... in that year from Creation, the Flood was still 214 years to come. No'ach was 386 years old. His father Lemech was 568, and his grandfather Metushelach was 755. Adam, Sheit, Enosh, Keinan, M'halaleil, Yered, and Chanoch were all gone.

L'havdil, in 1442ce, King Alfonso V of Aragon officially captured Naples, cementing Spanish influence in Italy and becoming the King of Naples. Edward IV, who later became the King of England was born. Elisabeth of Luxembourg, Queen consort of Hungary and Bohemia and Duchess consort of Austria died.

Numerically,  $1442 = 2 \times 7 \times 103$ , making it a sphenic number because it has three distinct prime factors.

1442 is a modest number since 1442 divided by 42 leaves a remainder of 14.