



Today's Daf In Review is being sent l'zecher nishmas Habachur Yechezkel Shraga A"H ben R' Avrohom Yehuda

Chagigah Daf Yud Beis

- **R' Yehuda in the name of Rav** said based on pesukim, that 10 things were created on the first day of Creation: Heaven, Earth, "tohu", "vohu", light, darkness, wind, water, the length of the day, and the length of the night.
 - A Braisa says, "tohu" is a green murkiness that surrounds the world, and from which darkness comes. "Vohu" are the stones deep in the earth from which water comes.
 - **Q:** How can we say that light was created on the first day when we find that the sun and the moon weren't put into place until the 4th day? **A:** Like **R' Elazar** said, the light created on the first day was a special light which enabled a person to see from one end of the world to the other. When Hashem saw that there would be resha'im in the world, he took this special light and hid it, to be available for the tzaddikim in the Time To Come.
 - This is actually a matter of machlokes. **R' Yaakov** says that the light created on the first day was this special light referred to above. The **Chachomim** say that it was the regular light. Although it was created on the first day, it was not put into place until the 4th day.
- **R' Zutra bar Tuvia in the name of Rav** said based on pesukim, that the world was created with 10 things: chachma (wisdom), tevunah (insight), daas (understanding), koach (strength), ge'ara (rebuke), gevurah (might), tzedek (righteousness), mishpat (justice), chessed (kindness), and rachamim (compassion).
 - **R' Yehuda in the name of Rav** said based on a pasuk, when Hashem created the world, it continued to expand until He "shouted" at it to stop.
 - **Reish Lakish** said, this is what is meant when Hashem said "Ani Kel Shakai" – I am Hashem who told the world "enough".
 - **Reish Lakish** said based on a pasuk, when Hashem created the sea, it continued to expand until Hashem shouted at it and caused it to dry up.
- A Braisa says, **B"S** say based on a pasuk that Heaven was created before Earth. **B"H** say based on a pasuk that Earth was created before Heaven. **B"H** said to **B"S**, does it make sense that an upper story was built before the lower story? **B"S** said to **B"H**, does it make sense that a footstool (as Earth is referred to in a pasuk) should be created before the chair (as Heaven is referred to)? The **Chachomim** say based on a pasuk, that Heaven and Earth were created simultaneously (as the pasuk says "yachdav").
 - **Q:** How do the others darshen yachdav? **A:** They say that it means that Heaven and Earth never separate from each other.
 - **Q:** We have contradictory pesukim (some suggest that Heaven was created first, and others suggest that Earth was created first)!? **A:** **Reish Lakish** said, Heaven was created first, but Earth was set into place first.
 - **Q:** What does the word "shamayim" mean? **A:** **R' Yose bar Chanina** said it means "sham mayim" (water is there). A Braisa says it is a contraction of "aish and mayim", fire and water, which is what Heaven is made of.
 - **Q:** **R' Yishmael** asked **R' Akiva**, what is the drasha on the words "es" in the pasuk of "es hashamayim v'es ha'aretz"? **A:** He answered, if it wouldn't say "es" we would think that shamayim and aretz are Names of Hashem. The word "es" teaches that they refer to the physical Heaven and Earth.
 - **Q:** He asked, why is the second "es" needed? **A:** He answered, to teach that Heaven was created before Earth.

- After stating that Heaven and Earth were created, the pausk then begins to discuss Earth (“V’haaretz huysa...”). Why do we begin with the details of Earth first? **R’ Yishmael** taught a Braisa, it is like a king who asked all subjects to get up early and come to the palace. He is more impressed with the people who typically don’t get up early. Here too, Earth (which represents materialism, and as such is thought of as being slower to respond to Hashem) reacted at the same time as Heaven, which was more impressive than Heaven having done so.
- A Braisa says, **R’ Yose** says, woe to people who see and don’t know what they are seeing, and who stand and don’t know what they are standing on. He explained the following, based on pesukim. The Earth stands on pillars. The pillars stand on water. The water stands on mountains. The mountains stand on wind. The wind stands on the se’arah (the storm). The se’arah is held in the Hand of Hashem. The **Chachomim** say based on a pasuk that there are 12 pillars. **Others** say that there are 7 pillars. **R’ Elazar ben Shamua** says that there is only one pillar.
- **R’ Yehuda** said based on a pasuk that there are 2 Heavens. **Reish Lakish** said based on pesukim that there are 7 Heavens: vilon, rakia, shechakim, zevul, maon, machon, aravos. “Vilon” has nothing in it, other than a curtain which opens by day and closes by night. “Rakia” has the sun, moon and stars. “Shechakim” has a mill that grinds mahn for the tzaddikim. “Zevul” has a Heavenly Yerushalayim, Beis Hamikdash and Mizbe’ach, where the Malach Michoel stands and brings korbanos. “Maon” is where there are groups of Malachim who sing praise to Hashem at night, and are quiet during the day out of respect for the Yidden (who sing praise to Hashem during the day).
 - On the pasuk used to prove this last point, **Reish Lakish** has another drasha that teaches that one who learns Torah at night has a special “chein” that is placed on him by Hashem during the day. Others said that he darshened that one who learns Torah on this world merits a special “chein” from Hashem in the Next World.
 - **R’ Levi** said based on a pasuk, one who stops learning to schmooze is given to eat burning coals.

“Machon” is where the snow and hail is stored, and where the destructive dew and water is housed. It also stores the storms and a cave of vapor. The doors of all these rooms are made of fire.

- **Q:** We find in pesukim that these items are stored on Earth!? **A: R’ Yehuda in the name of Rav** said, we find in pesukim that Dovid davened to have those items removed from Heaven and brought down to Earth.

“Aravos” is where, based on pesukim, we find that the following are kept: righteousness, justice, charity, the treasuries of life, the treasuries of peace, the treasuring of bracha, the neshamos of tzaddikim, the spirits and neshamos that are destined to be created, and the dew that Hashem will eventually use for techiyas hameisim. In this Heaven are also the Ofanim, the Serafim, the Chayos Hakodesh, and the Malachei Hashareis. It is also where the Kisei Hakavod is, and where Hashem rests His Shechina. Based on pesukim we find that darkness, clouds, and thick clouds surround Him.

- **Q:** A pausk seems to say that there is no darkness by Hashem!? **A:** In Hashem’s “inner chambers” there is only light, but in His “outer chambers” there is darkness.
- **R’ Acha bar Yaakov** said based on a pasuk that there is one more Heaven on top of this last one.
- The Gemara says, up to this point, one may discuss these esoteric topics. Beyond this, one has no business discussing.