



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

Chagigah Daf Yud Daled

- **Shmuel** told **Chiya bar Rav**, a statement that his father (**Rav**) made. He said that every day Malachim are created from the river of fire, they say shira, and then cease to exist. This argues on **R' Shmuel bar Nachmeini in the name of R' Yonason**, who says that Malachim are created with each word of Hashem.
- **Q:** One pasuk speaks of Hashem in terms of having white hair, and another pasuk speaks of Hashem in terms of having black hair!? **A:** When speaking in terms of learning Torah, that is symbolized with white hair. When speaking in terms of war, this is symbolized with black hair.
 - **Q:** One pasuk says there is only one Heavenly Throne, while another pasuk seems to say that there are multiple thrones!? **A:** One is for Hashem and one is for Dovid. **R' Akiva** says this in a Braisa as well. **R' Yose Haglili** argues and says that one is for justice and one is for charity. We find in another Braisa that **R' Akiva** ultimately held like **R' Yose Haglili**. **R' Elazar ben Azarya** said, one is used for Hashem to sit on, and one is used as His footstool.
- **R' Dimi** said, Yeshaya cursed Klal Yisrael with 18 curses, and only calmed down after adding that the young should rule over the elders and the low people should rule over the respectable people.
 - The 18 curses (as darshened from a pasuk) are, that Hashem should remove from Yerushalayim all people who learn mikrah, people who learn Mishna (like **R' Yehuda ben Teima** and his friends, who knew 600 or 700 Sidrei Mishna), people who learn gemara, people who learn aggadah, people who learn Halacha, people who know how to fight in the battle of Torah, judges who judge properly, prophets, kings, people who are fit to teach Torah, people who are experts in the 5 chumashim, people who cause favor to be brought on their generation from Above (i.e. Hashem) and below (the governments), people who know how to calculate the months and leap years, students who make their teaches smarter, talmidei chachomim who can silence all with their wisdom, people who can derive one thing from another, people who are fit for Torah to be given over to them, and the leaders will be people who are empty of any mitzvos. He didn't calm down until he said that the people empty of mitzvos will rule over the people who are full of mitzvos, and the people who treat aveiros lightly will rule over the people who treat aveiros seriously.
 - **R' Katina** said, even at the time of Yerushalayim's downfall, there never ceased to exist people of truth. We see this from the pesukim which tell that when the people tried to make other people who possessed a little Torah knowledge to be their leaders, they refused, because they did not have sufficient knowledge. We see that they were truthful.
 - **Q:** Maybe they were truthful in that case only because they would eventually be exposed as lacking true knowledge!? **A:** They could have said that they used to know a lot of Torah and had forgotten it. Instead, they said that they never knew it. This shows that they were honest people.
 - **Q:** We find that **Rava** said that Yerushalayim was not destroyed until all the people of truth ceased to exist!? **A:** **Rava** was referring to people honest in business. **R' Katina** was referring to people honest in Torah learning.

- A Braisa says, **R' Yochanan ben Zakkai** was once riding on a donkey and **R' Elazar ben Arach** walked along behind him. **R' Elazar** asked to be taught the Merkava. **R' Yochanan** said, I have taught you that one may not teach Merkava to one unless he could understand things on his own. **R' Elazar** said, I will repeat to you a bit of Merkava that you once taught me, to show that I am fit to be taught more. **R' Yochanan** got off his donkey and wrapped himself in a talis and sat under an olive tree. When asked why he did so, he said, you will darshen the Merkava causing the Shechina to come to us, and the Malachim to accompany us, and I should sit on a donkey? **R' Elazar** began to darshen, and a fire came down from Heaven and surrounded all the trees. All the trees began to say shira. A Malach then called out from the fire "This is the Merkava". **R' Yochanan** got up and kissed **R' Elazar**. He said, "Blessed is Hashem who gave such a son to Avrohom Avinu, who knows how to darshen the Merkava in this way. There are those who darshen well but don't do things well, there are those who do things well but don't darshen well, but you darshen well and do well. Lucky are you Avrohom to have such a son!" When **R' Yehoshua** heard this, he and **R' Yose** the Kohen were walking. He said, we too can darshen the Merkava. **R' Yehoshua** began to darshen. It was summer time, but the sky became cloudy and something like a rainbow appeared. The Malachim then crowded around to listen in. **R' Yose** told **R' Yochanan** what happened. **R' Yochanan** said, lucky are you and those who gave birth to you. A bas kol came forth and said, come up here, there is much prepared for you here.
 - **Q:** A Braisa lists only 3 people who darshed the Merkava, and **R' Elazar ben Arach** is not part of that list!? **A:** The Braisa only mentions people who darshened and then had others darshen the Merkava in front of them as well.
- A Braisa says, there were 4 people who entered into Gan Eden alive by using a Name of Hashem: **Ben Azzai** (who looked toward the Shechina and died), **Ben Zoma** (who looked toward the Shechina and lost his mind), **Acher** (chopped down trees), and **R' Akiva** (who was the only one of the group to leave in peace).
 - They asked **Ben Zoma**, may one neuter a dog? He darshened a pasuk to teach that it is assur.
 - They asked **Ben Zoma**, if a besula was found to be pregnant, may she marry a Kohen Gadol? Do we say that we are concerned for **Shmuel** who said that it is possible for a woman to have tashmish while leaving her besulim intact, and it is therefore possible that this besula already had tashmish and is therefore assur to a Kohen Gadol? He said that we are not concerned for that unlikely case, and instead we say that she became pregnant from bathing in a bath that had semen in it from a man who had used the same bath before her.
 - **Q: Shmuel** said, only semen that shoots forth like an arrow has the ability to make a woman pregnant? **A:** The semen in the bath was originally omitted like an arrow as well, and therefore had the ability to make a woman pregnant.