



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

Gittin Daf Nun Zayin

- The story (referenced by **R' Yochanan**) of the rooster and the hen that caused the destruction of Tur Malka, is as follows. The custom in Tur Malka was that when the bride and groom were brought to their wedding they would bring a rooster and a hen in front of them, to symbolize the bracha that they should be fruitful and multiply. One time a group of passing Romans went and took the rooster and hen. The people went and beat them up. These Romans went to the Caesar and told him that the Jews are rebelling against him. This caused him to go and attack Tur Malka. There was a mighty warrior among the Jews there who was able to jump a mil and kill the enemy. The Caesar davened to Hashem that he should not fall into the hands of this warrior. The warrior stated a pasuk suggesting that he could win this battle on his own, without the help of Hashem. When this warrior went to the bathroom, a snake came and bit him, killing him. The Caesar said, since this miracle happened for me, I will not continue to attack the city. The Jews began to eat, drink, and rejoice, and this party was noticeable from a far distance away. The Caesar said, the Jews are rejoicing as if they have defeated me in battle, and he therefore went and attacked them again. **R' Assi** said, he sent 300,000 sword bearing soldiers against the city and they killed people there for 3 days and nights, without the other side of the mountain even realizing what was taking place.
 - **R' Yehuda in the name of R' Assi** said, King Yannai had 600,000 cities in the region of Tur Malka, and each city had 600,000 people in it, except for 3 cities that had 1,200,000 people each. **Ulla** said, although if one sees the area today it clearly cannot hold anywhere near that amount of people, **R' Chanina** has taught that the pasuk refers to EY as "the land of the deer", to teach that just as a deer's skin seems too small to hold all the meat of the deer, but somehow it stretches and is able to do so, the same is with EY.
 - **R' Menyumei bar Chilkiya, R' Chilkiya bar Tuvia, and R' Huna bar Chiya** were sitting and they said that everyone should say something they have heard about the people of Sechanya of Mitzrayim.
 - One said the story of an arus with his arusa who were captured and the captives had them married. The arusah told her husband, "Please do not touch me, because I do not have a kesubah from you". He did not touch her and never did, up to and including the time of his death. When he died, his wife said, "My husband conquered his Yetzer Harah in a greater way than Yosef Hatzadik. Yosef had to fight his desire one time, while my husband was faced with this every single day. Yosef didn't sleep with her in the same bed, while my husband slept with me in the same bed. Yosef did not have to fight the temptation to be with his wife, while my husband did."
 - Another said the story of how there was once inflation in the city, and suspecting it was because of an aveirah that was done, they researched and found that a father and son had been mezaneh with a naara hamurasa on Yom Kippur. They took them to Beis Din and had them killed, and the inflation immediately disappeared, and prices went back to the way they were.
 - Another said the story of a man who wanted to divorce his wife, but didn't want to pay her kesubah. He invited some friends and intoxicated them and had them lie down in the bed along with his wife. He then took the white of the egg (which looks like zerah) and put it between them on the bed, and claimed that his wife was mezaneh with them. **Bava ben Buta** was there and said I have a test to see whether that is zerah or the white of an egg, because the egg shrivels when heated and the zerah expands. They checked and realized this man set

this plan in motion. They gave him malkus and made him pay the kesubah to his wife.

- **Abaye** asked **R' Yosef**, since these people were such righteous people, why were they punished and destroyed? **R' Yosef** answered, because they did not mourn over Yerushalayim.
- The story (referenced by **R' Yochanan**) of the side of the carriage that caused the destruction of Beitar, is as follows. It was the custom there that a cedar tree was planted when a boy was born and a pine tree was planted when a girl was born. When they got married they would take their trees and use the wood to build their chuppah. One day the daughter of the Caesar was riding in her carriage and the side broke. Her people chopped down a cedar tree (that had been planted for a boy) and used it to fix the carriage. The Jews attacked these people for doing so. They went and told the Caesar that the Jews are rebelling against him, and he went and attacked the city of Beitar.
 - In the name of **R' Yochanan** it was said that 80,000 troop leaders went and killed men, women, and children in Beitar, until the blood from these killings flowed into the Mediterranean Sea, which was a mil away. A Braisa says that **R' Eliezer** said there were two rivers became 2/3 water and 1/3 blood from all these killings. Another Braisa says that for 7 years the goyim planted their vineyards without needing any fertilization, because of all the blood that was there.
- **R' Chiya bar Avin in the name of R' Yehoshua ben Karcha** said, an old man from Yerushalayim told me that in this valley Nevuzaradan of Bavel killed 2,110,000 people, and in Yerushalayim he killed another 940,000 people, until their blood flowed and touched the blood of Zecharya, that lay bubbling on the floor of the Beis Hamikdash complex.
 - Nevuzaradan saw the boiling blood on the floor in the Beis Hamikdash and was told that it was from a korbon. He compared the blood to the blood of many different animals and saw it was different. He asked about it and no one would answer him. He then threatened to comb the flesh off the people he was asking unless they told him what it was. They explained it was from Zecharya, who was killed when giving mussar to the Yidden. Nevuzaradan took the Great Sanhedrin and the smaller Sanhedrin and killed them all on top of this blood, yet it continued to boil. He killed many young men and women over the blood, and the blood continued to boil. He then killed many children over the blood, and yet it continued to boil. He called out "Zecharya, Zecharya! I have killed all the good ones. Do you want me to kill every Jew!?" The blood then stopped boiling. When Nevuzaradan realized what had taken place, he ran away and became a ger.
 - A Braisa says, Naaman became a ger toshav. Nevuzradan became a full ger. The descendants of Haman taught Torah in Bnei Brak, the descendants of Sisra taught children in Yerushalayim, and the descendants of Sancheirev taught Torah in public – and this refers to Shmaya and Avtalyon.
- The pasuk says "hakol kol Yaakov, v'hayadayim yidei Esav". "Hakol" – refers to Adrayanus Caesar, who killed 1,200,000 Jews in Alexandria of Mitzrayim. "Kol Yaakov" – refers to Aspasyanus Caesar, who killed 4 million people in Beitar, and some say he killed 40 million. "V'hayadayim yidei Esav" – refers to the Romans, who destroyed the Beis Hamikdash, burned the Heichal, and sent us to galus.
 - Another explanation is - "hakol kol Yaakov" teaches that a tefilla is only answered when a descendant of Yaakov is involved, and, "v'hayadayim yidei Esav" teaches that a victory at war only happens when there is a descendent of Esav involved.
- **R' Yehuda in the name of Rav** darshens the pasuk in Tehillim of "Ahl naharos Bavel..." to teach that Hashem showed Dovid what will happen at Churban Bayis Rishon (by Bavel) and at Churban Bayis Sheini ("Zechor Hashem livnei Edom...").
- A pasuk states that "We are killed for Your sake". **R' Yehuda in the name of Shmuel** (others say it was **R' Ami** and still others say it was a Braisa) said it refers to the following. It happened that 400 Jewish boys and girls were captured and put on a ship to Rome to be involved in zenus. They asked each other, if we drown ourselves (to prevent us being used for zenus), will we go to Olam Habbah? The oldest one there darshened a pasuk to teach that they would go to Olam

Habbah. Upon hearing that, the girls jumped off the boat and drowned themselves. The boys said, if they did so, for sure we should do so, and they went ahead and did the same.

- **R' Yehuda** said, it refers to the following. It happened that a woman and her 7 sons were brought to the Caesar and were instructed to bow to avodah zarah. Each one quoted a pasuk explaining why he would refuse to do so, and was killed. Their mother told the last son, go and tell Avrohom Avinu, you brought one child as a korban, I brought seven! She went to the roof and threw herself off. A Bas Kol called out the pasuk "Eim habanim semeicha".
- **R' Yehoshua ben Levi** said it refers to bris milah on an 8 day old baby, who goes through this dangerous procedure for the sake of Hashem.
- **Reish Lakish** said it refers to the talmidei chachomim who demonstrate the halachos of shechita on themselves, and thereby put themselves in danger.
- **R' Nachman bar Yitzchak** said it refers to talmidei chachomim who "kill themselves" to learn Torah.
- **Rabbah bar bar Chana in the name of R' Yochanan** said, there were 40 se'ah of tefillin boxes from the heads of all the people killed in Beitar. **R' Yanai the son of R' Yishmael** and a Braisa said that there were 120 se'ah. They do not argue, because **R' Yochanan** was referring to the shel rosh, and **R' Yannai** was referring to the shel yad along with the shel rosh.
- **R' Assi** said there were 4 kav of brains on one stone alone (at the killings during the Churban). **Ulla** said there were 9 kav.