



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

Bava Basra Daf Ayin Daled

- **Rabbah bar bar Chana** continued his story about his travels with an Arab merchant in the desert. He said, the merchant told me that he would show me Har Sinai. I went there and saw it surrounded with scorpions that looked like white donkeys. I heard a Bas Kol say, "Woe is to Me that I have sworn to put My Nation into galus, and now that I have, who can annul the neder for Me?" When I told this to the **Rabanan** they scorned me for not saying "It is hereby annulled for You!"
 - The reason **Rabbah** did not say that was because he thought the Bas Kol was referring to the Mabul.
- **Rabbah bar bar Chana** said, the merchant told me, I will show you where Korach and his people are swallowed up in the ground. I went and saw two cracks in the ground which were emitting smoke. The merchant took soaked wool and stuck it into the crack on top of a spear, and when he removed them they were burned. He told me to listen, and I heard the people saying "Moshe and his Torah are true, and we are the liars". The merchant said, this happens every 30 days as they get stirred in Gehenom and rise to the surface.
- **Rabbah bar bar Chana** said, the merchant told me, I will show you where Heaven meets Earth. I went there and saw a place of many windows into Heaven. I put my breadbasket into a window. I then davened and went back for the basket, but it was gone. I asked whether there are robbers here. The merchant said, it is gone because the Heaven has rotated, and if you come back at the same time tomorrow, the basket will be there.
- **R' Yochanan** said, we were once going on a ship and saw a fish with its head sticking out of the water, and it had eyes that were like two moons. It had water pouring from its two nostrils like the two rivers of Sura.
- **R' Safra** said, we were once going on a ship and saw a fish with its head sticking out of the water, and it had horns that were engraved with the following: I am a small creature in the sea, and I am 300 parsas long, and I am now going to the mouth of the Livyasan. **R' Ashi** said, this fish is the sea-goat, which uses its horns to dig for food.
- **R' Yochanan** said, we were once going on a ship and saw a box with precious stones and diamonds, and the box was surrounded by the karsha fish. A diver went to get the box, but one of the fish went to attack him. He threw a bottle of vinegar at it, and the fish retreated. A Bas Kol said, "What business do you have with the box of the wife of **R' Chanina ben Dosa**, in which will be kept the techeiles for the tzadikim in Olam Habbah!"
- **R' Yehuda Hindu'ah** said, we were once going on a ship and saw a precious stone that was surrounded by a sea serpent. A diver went to get the stone, and the serpent came up and wanted to swallow the ship. A female raven went and cut off the serpent's head. There was so much blood that the water turned red. Another sea serpent came, took the stone, put it on the dead serpent, and the dead serpent came back to life. It again wanted to swallow the boat, and a bird came and again chopped off its head. The diver took the stone and threw it into the ship. The diver put the stone onto birds that were dead and salted for food on the ship. The birds returned to life, took the stone, and flew off.
- A Braisa says, it once happened that **R' Eliezer** and **R' Yehoshua** were going on a ship. **R' Eliezer** was sleeping. **R' Yehoshua** began to tremble and it woke up **R' Eliezer**. He asked **R' Yehoshua** why he trembled. He said it was because he saw a great light in the sea. **R' Eliezer** said, it may be that you saw the eye of the Livyasan.
- **R' Ashi** said, **Huna bar Nosson** told me, we were once going in the desert and had thigh meat with us. We took out the pieces that may not be eaten and put it onto some herbs to prepare for cooking. When we came back from collecting wood for a fire, the thigh was complete again (as if we had never taken out the assur pieces), and we roasted it whole. When we returned to

this spot a year later, we saw that the coals were still burning. When we told this to **Ameimar**, he told us that the herbs were “samteri” (which heals cut flesh) and the coals were of “risma” wood (which burns for a very long time).

- The pasuk says, “Vayivra Elokim es hatanim hagedolim”. In Bavel they said this refers to the re’eim of the sea. **R’ Yochanan** said this refers to the Levyasan the straight snake, and the Levyasan the curved snake.
 - **R’ Yehuda in the name of Rav** said, everything that Hashem created in this world was created in a male and a female version, including these two Levyasans. However, if Hashem would allow them to mate they would destroy the world. Therefore, Hashem made the male sterile and killed the female and salted it to preserve it for the tzaddikim to eat when Moshiach comes.
 - The “beheimos” (referring to an animal comparable in size to the Levyasan) was created male and female. However, if Hashem would allow them to mate they would destroy the world. Therefore, Hashem made the male sterile and chilled the female to preserve it for the tzaddikim to eat when Moshiach comes.
 - **Q:** Why couldn’t this approach be taken for the Levyasans as well (why did the female have to be killed)? **A:** Fish are more stooped in mating, and therefore, the only prevention to stop production of offspring was to kill the female.
 - **Q:** Why didn’t Hashem do the reverse – kill the male and sterilize the female? **A:** Either because female fish meat is better, or because the pasuk says that Hashem plays with the Levyasan, and it would not be proper for that to be said with a female.
 - **Q:** Why didn’t Hashem also kill and salt the female beheimos? **A:** Salted fish is good, but salted meat is not good.
 - **R’ Yehuda in the name of Rav** said, when Hashem wanted to create the world, He said to the Malach of the sea, “open your mouth and swallow all the water of the world”. The Malach said, “It is enough to ask me to hold my own water”. Hashem killed the Malach. **R’ Yitzchak** darshens pesukim to teach that the dead Malach smells very bad, and it takes all the water of the sea to cover over the smell.
 - **R’ Yehuda in the name of Rav** said, the Yarden comes out from the Pamyas cave. A Braisa says this as well and says the waters continue to the Sivchi river, the Kineret River, into the Mediterranean, and finally into the mouth of the Levyasan.
 - **R’ Dimi in the name of R’ Yochanan** darshens a pasuk to teach that there are seven seas and four rivers around EY. The 7 seas are: the Kineret, Sedom, Cheilas, Chilsa, Sivchi, Aspamya, and the Mediterranean. The 4 rivers are the Yarden, Yarmuch, Kiromyon, and the Pigah.
 - **R’ Dimi in the name of R’ Yonason** darshens a pasuk to teach that when Moshiach comes, the Malach Gavriel will hunt down the Levyasan, and will only be successful in doing so with the help of Hashem.