



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

Sanhedrin Daf Tzaddik Hey

- **R' Huna** darshened a pasuk to teach that the astrologers told Sancheirev, that if he would attack Yerushalayim on that day he would be successful, because that day was the last day that the Yidden were subject to punishment for the aveira of the killing of the people of Nov. Based on that, he traveled in one day what would normally take 10 days to travel. When he reached Yerushalayim, he went atop a pile of rugs until he was higher than the walls and could see the entire city. When he saw it, it appeared small to him and he said, this is the city that I brought my whole army for and for which I conquered all these other lands? It is smaller and weaker than any other place I have conquered! He then shook his head and waved dismissively at the city. His soldiers pushed him to go and attack. He told them, we are all tired from travelling and will attack tomorrow. That night, the Malach went and killed 185,000 of the soldiers.
 - Hashem said to Dovid, you must be punished for your involvement in the killing of the Kohanim of Nov (Shaul killed them for their helping Dovid and his men). Would you rather be punished by having all your descendants wiped out or by you being given over into the hands of your enemies. Dovid said that he rather be given over into the hands of his enemies. One day Dovid was hunting and wandered into the land of the Plishtim. He was recognized by Yishbi B'Nov, who was the brother of Gali'as. Yishbi B'Nov grabbed him and put him under an olive press, to try and crush him to death (for his having killed his brother). Hashem made a miracle and softened the ground so that Dovid was not crushed. It was Friday afternoon and Avishai ben Tzeruya was bathing for Shabbos. He noticed some blood in the water, which he took to mean that there was danger. Some say that a dove came and flew wildly in front of him. He understood this as a sign that Dovid was in danger. He checked and saw that Dovid was not in the palace. He asked in the Beis Medrash whether he could use Dovid's mule, given that there was danger and he needed a quick mode of transport, and was told that he could. He had "kfitzas haderech" and met Urpah (the mother of Yishai B'Nov) who was spinning thread. She took her spindle and threw it at him, trying to kill him. He threw it back at her and killed her. When Yishbi saw Avishai he said, the two of them together will be able to kill me, so I will kill Dovid before Avishai gets here. He threw Dovid in the air, and placed his spear on the ground so that Dovid would fall onto the spear and be killed. Avishai said a Name of Hashem and Dovid remained suspended in mid-air. Dovid could not have done that for himself, because a "prisoner cannot free himself from prison". Dovid explained that he was captured because of his choice of punishment when asked by Hashem. Avishai told him to daven that he would rather have the other form of punishment, and worry about the future later. Dovid did so. Avishai said a Name of Hashem and Dovid came down to the ground. They ran away from Yishbi and realized that they were no match for him. As he gave chase, they told him that they had killed his mother. When he heard that he became weak, and they then killed him.
 - A Braisa says, there are 3 people who had "kfitzas haderech" – Eliezer the servant of Avrohom, Yaakov Avinu, and Avishai ben Tzeruya.
 - Avishai, we see his "kfitzas haderech" in the Gemara above. With regard to Eliezer, the pasuk suggests that he arrived in Aram the same day that he left Eretz Kinaan. With regard to Yaakov, the pasuk says he reached Charan and then says that he slept in Beis Eil. What happened was that he reached Charan and then realized that he had passed Beis Eil without davening there, and Beis Eil was a place where Avrohom and Yitzchak had davened. He decided to go back there, but Hashem made kfitzas haderech and Beis Eil came to him. After he davened he wanted to go

back to Charan. Hashem said, this tzaddik has come to My place and will not spend the night? Hashem made the sun set early so that he will stay the night. Later on (after his fight with the Malach) the pasuk says that the “sun shone for him”. This refers to the making up of the lost hours of daylight from that time.

- We are told by the pasuk that Dovid’s punishment came about when Asalya went and killed out the remaining descendants of Dovid.
 - **Q:** Yo’ash remained alive, so all his descendants were not wiped out!?
A: There was also one remaining person of Nov – Evyasar, so Dovid was allowed to have one remaining descendant as well.
 - **R’ Yehuda in the name of Rav** said, if Evyasar would not have remained alive, there would have not remained a single descendant from Dovid.
- **R’ Yehuda in the name of Rav** said, Sancheirev’s army included 45,000 princes who came sitting in golden chariots, along with princesses and zonos, it also included 80,000 mighty warriors wearing coats of armor, and 60,000 men with swords running before them. The remaining troops were the cavalry. In the war where the kings fought Avrohom there was also such a massive army, and it will be the same with the war of Gog U’magog.
 - A Braisa says that his army took up an area of 400 parsas in length, the width of all the necks of his horses took up an area of 40 parsas. The entire number in his army was 2,600,000,000, less one.
 - **Q:** Less one group of 10,000, of 1,000, of 100, or of literally one? **A: TEIKU.**
 - A Braisa says, the first group of the army crossed the Yarden by swimming. They removed so much water that the next group walked through standing upright. They took out so much water that the next group kicked up dust as they walked and had to look elsewhere for water to drink.
 - **Q:** The pasuk says that 185,000 were killed, and that that was “all of them”, so how can we say there were over 2 billion? **A: R’ Avahu** said, the 185,000 were the leaders.
 - **Q:** With what did the Malach hit them? **A: R’ Eliezer** said, with his hand. **R’ Yehoshua** said, with his finger.
 - **R’ Eliezer the son of R’ Yose Haglili** said, Hashem asked Gavriel if his sword was ready and sharpened to kill the army. Gavriel said, it has been ready since the days of Creation. **R’ Shimon ben Yochai** said, it was in the ripening season, and Hashem told Gavriel that as he is going to ripen the produce he should go and kill the army.
 - Some say that Gavriel blew into their noses and that killed them. **R’ Yirmiya bar Abba** said, that Gavriel clapped and that killed them. **R’ Yitzchak Nafcha** said, that he opened their ears and they heard the singing of the Chayos and died from hearing that.
 - **Rav** said, that 10 soldiers remained alive. **Shmuel** said, it was nine. **R’ Yehoshua ben Levi** said, it was 14. **R’ Yochanan** said, the survivors were Sancheirev, his 2 sons, Neuchadnetzar, and Nevuzradan. He learns this from pesukim and from a tradition.
 - **R’ Avahu** darshened a pasuk to say as follows. After the killing of the army, Hashem appeared to Sancheirev as an old man and asked him how he would report back to the people that he lost the war and had all their relatives killed? Sancheirev said, I am very afraid of this and don’t know what to do. Hashem told him to bring him scissors and he will shave him to disguise him. He did so and then went to get fire for light. His hair and beard caught fire and burned off. He was humiliated and found a board from Noach’s teiva. He said, the God who saved Noach is great. I promise that if I win a war I will sacrifice my two sons to this God. His sons heard this and killed him.