



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

Sanhedrin Daf Tzaddik Vuv

- **R' Yochanan** darshened a pasuk to teach that when Avrohom had the war with the 4 kings there was a Malach named "layla" who helped him win the war. **R' Yitzchak Nafcha** darshened the pasuk to teach that the stars in the sky fought the war for Avrohom. **Reish Lakish** liked this second drasha better than the first.
 - The pasuk says that Avrohom chased them until Dan. **R' Yochanan** said, when he reached the land of Dan he became weak, because he foresaw his children serving avoda zara there. In fact, that is also the place where Nevuchadnetzar became powerful.
 - The pasuk tells us how Yirmiya asked Hashem why the resha'im (Nevuchadnetzar) are successful. The pasuk gives an answer, which is explained by the Gemara to mean, if you see Nevuchadnetzar being rewarded in this way, and he is only being rewarded for the four steps he ran in the honor of Hashem, then you can only imagine how great the reward will be for Avrohom, Yitzchak, and Yaakov.
 - **Q:** What were these 4 steps that he took? **A:** We learn from the pesukim that on the day that Chizkiyahu recovered from his illness, the sun shined for an additional 10 hours (to compensate for the day on which his father Achaz died, where the sun set after only 2 hours). When Mero'ach Baladan the son of Baladan, king of Bavel, heard about this, he insisted on sending a letter and present to Chizkiyahu. The scribes wrote, "Shalom to King Chizkiya, Shalom to the city of Yerushalayim, and Shalom to the great God". When Nevuchadnetzar heard how it was written, he said the "Shalom to the great God" should have been written first! He ran after the messenger for 4 steps to take back the letter and change it. In truth, the messenger was further from him, but Gavriel made it that he should only have to take 4 steps, to limit the zechusim that he would get from running after the messenger.
 - **Q:** Did Baladan have the same name as his father? **A:** His father was king, but his face then changed to the face of a dog. His son therefore had to take over the throne for him. However, as a sign of respect, he would always write his own name and the name of his father as king.
 - We find that Nevuzradan had tremendous respect for his master, Nevuchadnetzar. The pasuk says that he stood before Nevuchadnetzar in Yerushalayim, even though Nevuchadnetzar was not in Yerushalayim at the time. **R' Chisda and R' Yitzchak bar Avudimi** explained – one said that he had a picture of Nevuchadnetzar on his chariot, in front of which he would always stand, and the other says that he had such a respect for Nevuchadnetzar, that he would stand as if he was there with him.
 - **Rava** said, Nevuchadnetzar sent Nevuzadradan 300 axes of metal that could cut through other metal (to be used in his attack on Yerushalayim). He used all of them on one gate of Yerushalayim and they all broke. He thought to retreat, afraid that a miracle would happen and he would be killed. A Bas Kol said, go ahead and attack, it is time for the Beis Hamikdash to be destroyed, and for the Heichal to be burned. He had one ax left and hit the gate with the handle. The gate opened. He killed all the way to the Heichal and lit it on fire. He began to be haughty with what he had done. A Bas Kol said, you have killed a nation that was dead, burned a Heichal that was already burned, and ground flour that was already ground. Nevuzadradan saw the boiling blood on the floor in the Beis

Hamikdash and was told that it was from a korban. He compared the blood to 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 over 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 then the young Kohanim, until he killed 940,000 people, 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 Sisra taught children in Yerushalayim, and the descendants of Sancheirev taught Torah in public – and this refers to Shmaya and Avtalyon. The descendants of Haman taught Torah in Bnei Brak. Hashem also wanted to give some descendants of Nevuchadnetzar the opportunity to convert. The Malachim said to Hashem, how can you allow the descendants of the one who destroyed the Beis Hamikdash and burned the Heichal to convert!?
- Amon and Moav were evil neighbors of EY. When they heard the Navi say that Yerushalayim would be destroyed, they sent a message to Nevuchadnetzar to come and attack. When he said he was afraid, they told him, Hashem is no longer there, and is far away. When he said he was afraid that the tzaddikim would daven and bring Him back, they told him that Hashem had already taken the souls of the tzaddikim. He said, maybe the resha'im will do teshuva and daven for Hashem to return. They said, Hashem has already set a time before which He will not return. He said, it is now winter and I can't come because of the snow and rain. They told him to come under the mountain cliffs, and be shielded from the elements. He said, I have nowhere to camp around Yerushalayim. They said, there are many caves used for burials which you can use to house your army.