



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

Avodah Zarah Daf Gimmel

- The Gemara continues with its discussion of the future conversation between the nations of the world and Hashem, when the nations are arguing that they deserve reward.
 - The nations will say to Hashem, how do we know that the Yidden actually kept the Torah? Hashem will tell them, "I can testify that they have kept the Torah". They will say to Hashem, "The pasuk says that the Yidden are like Your firstborn, so You are not a valid witness to say testimony!" Hashem will answer them, that Heaven and Earth will come and testify. The nations will say, "Heaven and Earth are not impartial witnesses, because there are many drashos of pesukim that say that Heaven and Earth will not exist if the Yidden do not keep the Torah"! Hashem will respond to them, "From among you yourselves I will bring witnesses to testify that the Yidden kept the Torah: let Nimrod come and testify that Avrohom did not worship avoda zara, let Lavan come and testify that Yaakov is not even suspected of gezel, let the wife of Potifar come and testify that Yosef is not even suspected of zenus, let Nevuchadnetzar come and testify that Chananya, Mishael, and Azarya did not bow down to the avoda zara, let Daryavesh come and testify that Daniel did not stop his tefila, let Bildad Hashuchi and Tzofar Hanaamasi and Elifaz Hateimani come and testify about all of Klal Yisrael that they kept the entire Torah", as the pasuk says "yitnu eideihem v'yitzdaku". The nations will then say to Hashem, "Give us the Torah now and we will keep it". Hashem will say to them, "Whoever busied himself on Erev Shabbos has what to eat on Shabbos, but one who didn't busy himself on Erev Shabbos, from where will he eat on Shabbos? Still, I will test you now. I have an easy mitzvah called Succah. Go and perform that mitzvah."
 - **Q: R' Yehoshua ben Levi** darshened a pasuk to teach that mitzvos can only be performed in this world, not the next, so how could they be given a mitzvah to perform there!? **A:** Hashem wanted to give them this chance, because He looks for ways to give His creations the opportunities to do good and be rewarded.
 - **Q:** Why is Succah referred to as an "easy mitzvah"? **A:** It is because it does not involve a significant financial cost.
 - The Gemara continues, that every goy will immediately go and build a succah on his roof. Hashem will go and pierce them with the heat of the summer sun. Every goy will then go and kick the succah and leave.
 - **Q:** We said that Hashem looks for ways to give His creations the opportunities to do good and be rewarded, so why will He bring out the hottest sun!? **A:** This was not an unfair test, because Yidden are also faced with extreme heat in the succah at times.
 - **Q: Rava** has said that one who is in pain is patur from succah, so they are allowed to leave the succah under such circumstances!? **A:** It is true that they are patur, but the fact that they kick the succah on the way out is inexcusable.
 - The Gemara concludes, that when this happens, Hashem sits and laughs, as the pasuk says "Yosheiv bashamayim v'yischak". **R' Yitzchak** said, this is the only time that there is ever laughter by Hashem.
 - **Others** say that **R' Yitzchak's** teaching was on a different place, on **R' Yose** in a Braisa who says that in future times the goyim will come and convert to Judaism.
 - **Q:** A Braisa says that we will not accept geirim in the times of Moshiach!? **A:** The Braisa means that the goyim will try and act as geirim, by wearing tefillin on their heads and arms, tzitzis on their clothing, and putting mezuzos on their houses. When they see Gog and

Magog coming, they will ask them why they are coming and Gog and Magog will answer, we are coming to fight against Hashem and Moshiach. When they hear this, each goy will rip off the mitzvos and join Gog and Magog. When this happens, Hashem sits and laughs, as the pasuk says “Yosheiv bashamayim v’yischak”. **R’ Yitzchak** said, this is the only time that there is ever laughter by Hashem.

- **Q: R’ Yehuda in the name of Rav** said that there are 12 hours to the day – during the first 3 hours Hashem sits and learns Torah, during the second 3 hours He sits and judges the entire world, during the third 3 hours He provides sustenance for the entire world, and during the last 3 hours of every day Hashem sits and laughs with the Levyason!? **A: R’ Nachman bar Yitzchak** said, **R’ Yitzchak** was talking about laughing about His creations. That is something that only takes place on that one day.
 - **Q: R’ Acha** asked **R’ Nachman bar Yitzchak**, we learn from a pasuk that after the Churban there is no laughter by Hashem at all. If so, what does Hashem do for that 3 hour period in which He would laugh with the Levyason? **A:** Hashem spends those hours teaching Torah to children (who died when they were young).
 - **Q:** Before Hashem used these 3 hours for this, who would teach Torah to these children? **A:** Some say that He had a Malach do it, and others say that Hashem did this during those 3 hours even then as well.
 - **Q:** What does Hashem do during the 12 hours of nighttime? **A:** He does the same thing that He does during the daytime hours. **A2:** Hashem rides on His fast Keruv and flies among the 18,000 worlds. **A3:** Hashem sits and listens to the songs of the Chayos Malachim.
- **R’ Levi** said, whoever stops his learning and engages in idle chatter is fed burning coals.
 - **Reish Lakish** said, whoever learns Torah at night is given a special “chein” from Hashem on the next day. **Others** say that **Reish Lakish** said, whoever learns Torah in this world, which is dark like night, is given a special chein from Hashem in Olam Habbah.
 - **R’ Yehuda in the name of Shmuel** said, the pasuk compares people to fish to teach that just as a fish dies when he comes out of the water, so too a person would die if he were to leave from Torah and mitzvos. **Another** understanding is, just as fish die as soon as the sun shines on them, so too people die as soon as the sun shines on them. This can be said to be referring to this world, based on the teaching of **R’ Chanina**, that sicknesses due to cold and heat come from a person’s own negligence, not from Heaven. This can also be said to be referring to Olam Habbah, based on the teaching of **Reish Lakish**, who says that there is no actual Gehenom. Rather, Hashem will take out the sun from its sheath, and the excessive heat will punish the resha’im at the same time that it heals the tzaddikim and will be a source of enjoyment for the taddikim. **Another** understanding is, just as a larger fish swallows a smaller fish, people are the same way, and if not for the fear of the king, every stronger man would destroy a man who is weaker than him. This is what is meant by **R’ Chanina Sgan Hakohanim** in a Mishna where he says to always daven for the peace of the government, because without government each person would look to destroy the next.