



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

### Avodah Zarah Daf Tes

- **Q:** The Gemara quoted **R' Yishmael the son of R' Yose** who said that the Romans began to rule over EY 180 years before the Churban of the Second Beis Hamikdash. The Gemara now asks, was it only 180 years before the Churban? **R' Yose b'Rebbi** taught a Braisa that suggests that Roman rule was for 206 years!? **A:** As was said earlier, for 26 years they kept their deal to allow the Yidden to rule over themselves. Therefore, it was only 180 years that they subjected the Yidden to their rule, and that is what **R' Yishmael** was referring to.
  - **R' Pappa** said, if a Tanna is uncertain as to exactly how many years it is since the Churban (they would certainly know how many hundreds of years, but may be uncertain as to the number after the hundreds), he should take the number used in contracts (which was based on years beginning 380 years before the Churban) and add 20 to the number, and he will then get how many years (again, for the number after the hundreds) it has been since the Churban (e.g. if the contract date used this year is 415, we can add 20 to the 15 to get 35, and we can know that after the hundreds, the number of years since the Churban will be 35). The reverse is true as well – if a scribe does not remember the years of the date to be used in the document (the years after the hundreds), he can ask how many years it has been since the Churban, and can then subtract 20 from that.
  - The **Yeshiva of Eliyahu** taught a Braisa that says, the world will exist for 6,000 years. The first 2,000 years there was nothing (no Torah), the next 2,000 were of Torah, the third 2,000 years should have been the days of Moshiach, but because of our aveiros we have already lost many of those years.
    - **Q:** When were these 2,000 years of Torah? It could not have begun at Matan Torah, because that happened in the year 2448, which would mean these 2,000 years go well beyond the start of the third set of 2,000 years!? **A:** They began from the time referred to in the pasuk of “v'es hanefesh asher asu b'Charan”. We have a tradition that Avrohom was 52 years old at that time. This was 448 years before Matan Torah.
  - **R' Pappa** said, if a Tanna is uncertain as to exactly how many years it is since the beginning of the third set of 2,000 years, i.e. since the Year 4,000, (they would certainly know how many hundreds of years, but may be uncertain as to the number after the hundreds), he should take the number used in contracts and add 48 to the number, and he will then get how many years (again, for the number after the hundreds) it has been since the start of this time period (e.g. if the contract date used this year is 600, we can add 48 to the 00 to get 48, and we can know that after the hundreds, the number of years since this time period has begun is 48). The reverse is true as well – if a scribe does not remember the years of the date to be used in the document (the years after the hundreds), he can ask how many years it has been since the beginning of this time period, and can then subtract 48 from that.
  - **R' Huna the son of R' Yehoshua** said, if someone does not know what year in the shmitta cycle it is, but knows how many years it is since the Churban, he should add one year to the number of years since the Churban and divide that number by 7. The remainder left after the division is the number of years into the shmitta cycle. (The Gemara gives a longer way of dividing by 7. It says to take 2 years for every hundred and add that onto the number after the hundreds, and to then divide that sum by 7. It is essentially the same as simply dividing by 7, but is easier to do that math in one's head).
  - **R' Chanina** said, if after 400 years from the Churban someone offers to sell you a piece of land in EY, even if it is worth 1,000 dinar and he is offering to sell it to you for a dinar,

do not buy it (because Moshiach will be coming then and the land will return to the heirs based on the Shevatim, so the buyer would be wasting a dinar).

- A Braisa says, if after the Year 4,231 (from Creation) someone offers to sell you a piece of land in EY, even if it is worth 1,000 dinar and he is offering to sell it to you for a dinar, do not buy it.
- The difference between the Braisa and **R' Chanina** is 3 years – the Braisa's time is 3 years later than that of **R' Chanina**.