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CHUMASH :: Parshas Noach - Revi'i with Rashi

In today's *Chumash*, we start to learn about what happened right after the *Mabul*.

Hashem told Noach that his family and all of the animals should go out of the *Teivah* now. On the *Teivah*, they weren't allowed to have children, but now all of them will be allowed to again.

So Noach and his family, and all of the animals and birds left the *Teivah*. From now on, the animals would only marry the same kind.

Since Hashem asked Noach to bring 7 pairs of the kosher animals, Noach realized that Hashem wanted him to bring *korbanos*. Noach brought from each kind of kosher animal and bird as a *Korban Olah* — a *korban* that is all burned on the *Mizbeiach*.

When Hashem smelled these special *korbanos*, it brought Hashem a *Nachas Ruach*. Hashem now promised

never to destroy the world again, “**Ki Yetzer Leiv Ha’adam Ra MeiNe’urav**” — because people are not perfect, they are born with a *Yetzer Hara*, and they deserve *Rachmanus*.

During the *Mabul*, aside for everything in the world being destroyed, the *Mazalos* in *Shomayim* stopped moving. The sun didn’t move, the moon didn’t move, the stars didn’t move. There was no day and night, and of course there could be no seasons!

Now Hashem said that from now on, the world will have *seder*. The *Mazalos* would start to move again, and continue forever! Every day would have a day and a night, and the seasons of the year would never stop — “**Lo Yishbosu.**”

Hashem tells Noach about SIX seasons! You probably only know four. The seasons Hashem says are (in order of how they happen, starting in the middle of Tishrei): Planting time (Zera), cold (Kor), winter (Choref), harvest (Katzir), summer (Kayitz), and hot (Chom).

Hashem gave a *bracha* to Noach and his family, and told them, “*Pru Urevu*” — to have many children and fill up the earth again! They don’t need to worry that Hashem will destroy the world, because Hashem promised not to. They also don’t have to worry about the animals. During the time when people started acting in a not nice way before the *Mabul*, the animals stopped being afraid of people. But now they don’t have to worry about it being dangerous to live in the world, because the animals will be afraid of them again.

Before the *Mabul*, people weren’t allowed to eat meat. Now Hashem is allowing them to eat meat, but with certain rules:

- A person isn’t allowed to eat *Eiver Min Hachai*, a part of an animal or its blood while it is alive.
- A person is only allowed to kill animals, not people. A person isn’t even allowed to make himself bleed for no reason! So if an animal kills a person, it will get punished, and if a person kills another person, Hashem will make sure he is punished. A person is made *Betzelem Elokim*, to look like Hashem. If a person is killed, it takes away part of the *Tzelem Elokim* from the world, and the world looks less like Hashem. Someone who does this doesn’t deserve to live.

Hashem now gave Noach and his sons a *mitzvah* — “**Pru Urevu!**” Go have children!

TEHILLIM :: 18 - 22

In today’s *Tehillim*, we have a very important *kapitel*: *Kapitel Chof*! This *kapitel* has special *kochos* to help someone. The Frierdiker Rebbe said we should say this every day.

Usually, we say it in *davening* — but not on a day when we don’t say *Tachanun*!

The Frierdiker Rebbe said that this *kapitel* is so important that if we don’t say it IN *davening*, we should say it AFTER *davening*!

TANYA :: Igeres Hakodesh Siman Chof-Hey

Now that the Alter Rebbe finished explaining the *vort* of the Baal Shem Tov (about a goy bothering a Yid in the middle of *davening*), he explains why some people didn’t want to accept this *vort*.

Like we learned, if you are in the middle of *davening*, and a *Goy* tries to confuse you and there’s nothing you can do about it, you need to think about how the *Shechinah* is in *Golus* in the words of that person, and Hashem is sending you a message to *daven* harder and with more *kavana*.

Even though some people learned *Kabbalah*, they didn't think it made sense to say that the holy *Shechinah* can be in the words of a *goy* that is bothering a Yid. So they laughed at *Chassidus*. But every one of us knows that Hashem is everywhere, all the time. This is an *emunah* that every Yid has!

Together with the *emunah*, the Alter Rebbe also explains that Hashem CHOSE to put himself in *Golus* there, even in a *goy* who is bothering a Yid. Of course, we don't understand why, but it is not surprising that a person is not able to understand the ways of Hashem.

This was only one example to understand things the Baal Shem Tov taught. If anyone has any other questions, the Alter Rebbe says not to laugh, but to send somebody and he will try to explain it to them so there will be no more questions on the Baal Shem Tov's teachings.

HAYOM YOM :: Gimmel Mar-Cheshvan

Today's Hayom Yom is a continuation from yesterday. We learned that the Alter Rebbe said to Chassidim that we need to live with the parsha of the week. We should think about it during that week, and find lessons in the way we should live.

If we "live with the time," then during the week we will feel like the mood of what's happening in the *Chumash*. That's why the first two weeks in the *Chumash* aren't the most completely happy weeks.

In *Bereishis*, even though it's happy and exciting when we think about how Hashem makes the world and is with us every moment, it's a little sad to think about how people can act in a way that will make a *Mabul* happen.

And in *Parshas Noach*, even though the end is so exciting when we think about Avraham *Avinu* being born, still it is sad when we think about the world being destroyed through a *Mabul*.

But *Parshas Lech Lecha* is the first week that we are thinking only happy and exciting things from the WHOLE *parsha*! We are thinking about Avraham *Avinu* and his *Mesiras Nefesh*. We know that because of him, each Yid has that *koach* inside of his *Neshama*! We learn from the example that Avraham *Avinu* showed us — every day of the week!

SEFER HAMITZVOS :: Shiur #179 - Mitzvas Lo Saasei #114, Asei #55, Lo Saasei #115, #116

Today we review the *mitzvah* of yesterday:

1) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #114*) We are not allowed to cut the hair of a sheep that is meant for a *Korban*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Reeh*: וְלֹא תִגַּד בְּכֹרֶךָ צֹאֵן
The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Mesechta Bechoros*.

We also learn 3 mitzvos about the Korban Pesach, since we are starting those halachos today!

1) (*Mitzvas Asei #55*) It is a *mitzvah* for every Yid to bring (or be part of a group that brings) a *Korban Pesach* on *Erev Pesach*.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Bo*: וְשִׁחֲטוּ אֹתוֹ כָּל קְהַל עֲדַת יִשְׂרָאֵל בֵּין הָעֲרֵבִים
The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Mesechta Pesachim*.

2) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #115*) We can't bring the *Korban Pesach* if we have *chometz* in our house!

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Mishpatim*: לֹא תִזְבַּח עַל הַזֶּמֶן דָּם זָבָחִי

The details of this *mitzvah* are explained in *Perek Hey of Mesechta Pesachim*.

3) (*Mitzvas Lo Saasei #116*) The fat of the *korban* needs to be burned on the *Mizbeiach* before the next day. We are not allowed to leave it overnight. If it is left, it becomes *nosar* and is not allowed to be burned on the *Mizbeiach* anymore.

We learn this *mitzvah* from a *posuk* in *Parshas Mishpatim*: וְלֹא יִלְיִן חֶלֶב חֲגִי עַד בִּקְרָא

RAMBAM :: Hilchos Me'ilah - Korban Pesach

In today's Rambam, we learn the last *Perek* of *Me'ilah* — which is also the last *perek* of the entire *Sefer Avodah*!

Perek Ches: We learn about people who are working using *Hekdesh*, like farmers, builders, or *Kohanim*. We learn that even these people also need to be careful with *Me'ilah*!

The Rambam finishes by reminding us that we need to do *mitzvos* carefully, even if they are *chukim* — *mitzvos* we don't understand!

Mazel Tov! With that *halacha*, we finished the eighth *Sefer* in Rambam! Now we are going to start the NINTH *sefer*, called *Sefer Korbanos*. This *sefer* will talk about specific *Korbanos*.

The first set of *halachos* is about the *Korban Pesach*. In 10 *perakim*, the Rambam will teach us about the 16 *mitzvos* connected to the *Korban Pesach*! Only four of them are *Mitzvos Asei*, things we need to do. All the rest are *Lo Saasei* — things we have to be careful NOT to do. We will IY”H learn them all in *Sefer Hamitzvos*.

Perek Alef: In this *perek*, we learn the answers to the questions “What? Where? When? How?” about the *Korban Pesach*. (The Rambam usually doesn't teach us the details of the WHY, which is explained in other places in Torah.)

Perek Beis: Now we learn WHO — who brings the *Korban Pesach*, and about eating it together as a group.

RAMBAM– PEREK ECHAD :: Hilchos Kiddush Hachodesh - Perek Alef

Today we start to learn the *halachos* of *Kiddush Hachodesh*. We learn how the *Beis Din* decides when the new month starts. Because a month can be 29 days or 30 days, depending on if we see the new moon. If someone sees the moon, they come tell the *Beis Din*! The *Beis Din* asks them lots of questions to make sure that they are telling the truth.

How do they know?

There are ways to figure out how the moon should look at different times of the year.

The *Beis Din* knows which part of the sky the moon should be in, and which way it should be pointing. They know how wide the moon should be, and when you should be able to see it.

After we learn about the witnesses in the next few *perakim*, we will be learning about how the *Beis Din* figures all of these things out! This way they will be able to be sure that the *eidim* are telling the truth.

INYANA D'YOMA :: Lebn Mit Der Tzeit

When Hashem was about to send the *Mabul*, he told Noach to come into the *Teivah* so he would be safe from the water.

Did you know that the whole world is a little bit like a *Mabul*? The world is full of things that can be dangerous to our *Neshama* or to our body. Every morning we wake up and we have to go out into the *Mabul* again!

So what's OUR "*Teivah*"? How can WE stay safe from the things in the world that want to stop us from doing what Hashem wants?

The word "*Teivah*" also means "word." We can come into our *Teivah*, the words of *davening* and learning. Right away in the morning, we *daven*, and remember that everything is from Hashem! When we think about how Hashem made the world and is ALWAYS making it, and the reason for it is for a Yid to do what it says in the Torah, then we won't be scared to do the right thing! We will know that Hashem is with us, helping us to fulfill our *shlichus*, and we will do it with *simcha*!

LEARNING FROM THE REBBE :: Getting Things Done

Shlomo Hamelech built the first *Beis Hamikdash*. His father, Dovid Hamelech, had wanted to do it, but it was only built in the time of Shlomo Hamelech.

The *Beis Hamikdash* was a huge project! Tens of thousands of people worked on it, with over 3,000 people just in charge of making sure that the workers were doing it right! It took seven years to build it. When it was finally finished, Hashem had a permanent home in the world.

Do you know what month the *Beis Hamikdash* was finished in? It was in *Cheshvan*!

The Rebbe tells us that this is a special *bracha* for the month of *Cheshvan* — it has in it a *segulah* to get things of *kedusha* done! Just like the *Beis Hamikdash*, a house of *kedusha*, was completed in this month, this month has the *segulah* to help finish ALL kinds of Torah and *mitzvah* projects which spread *kedusha* in the world!

So if you have a project you want to do, this is the month to work on it. If you are studying for the Chidon, doing a private learning project, or trying to make a new *Gemach*, the *koach* of *Cheshvan* will help you get it done! We should make sure to use this *koach* as much as possible to accomplish great things in *Cheshvan*.

See rally *Beis Cheshvan Tof-Shin-Mem-Gimmel*

TEFILLAH :: Shema Yisroel

The second *posuk* of the Twelve *Pesukim* starts with the words *Shema Yisroel*.

This is a *posuk* we all know, and we say it in *davening* and before we go to sleep!

The *posuk Shema Yisroel* has a very important message for us:

When the Yidden were in the *Midbar*, Hashem took care of everything for them. They had *mahn* to eat, their clothes grew with them, and the clouds washed their clothes! It was easy for them to see that Hashem is in charge!

When they came close to Eretz Yisroel, Moshe Rabbeinu spoke to the Yidden to get them ready for the new *Avodah* in Eretz Yisroel.

In Eretz Yisroel, there would be no more *mahn*. The clouds would not wash their clothes or smooth the way for them. They would see many new things — fields, wheat to grow, and animals to work with. It would be harder to remember who is in charge of the whole world!

So Moshe Rabbeinu reminded them:

Shema Yisroel! Listen, Yidden!

Hashem Elokeinu, Hashem Echod — Hashem, Who took care of us in the *Midbar*, is the same ONE Hashem Who takes care of every thing that happens in Eretz Yisroel!

We are not in the *Midbar* now, but the same message is still important!

Shema Yisroel — listen, Yidden!

Hashem Elokeinu, Hashem Echod — there is only One Hashem, and the whole world belongs to Hashem! Everything we see, and everything that happens, is all from Hashem.

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS :: Buying from Yidden

In *Parshas Behar*, the Torah teaches us about doing business like a Yid should. One of the *pesukim* has the words, “*Konoi Miyad Amisecha*,” “when you buy from your fellow.”

The *Chachomim* learn from this *posuk* that if a person has a choice, he should buy from a Yid.

Many years ago, there was a terrible terrorist attack in Kfar Chabad. After this attack, the Rebbe sent a group of *bochurim* to raise the spirits of the *Chassidim* and Yidden of Eretz Yisroel. The Rebbe made sure that the tickets for these *bochurim* were bought from a Jewish airline, based on this *halacha*.

The Rebbe writes about these airline tickets in this letter of 5716

GEULAH U'MOSHIACH :: The Yonah and Geulah

In this week's *Chumash*, *Parshas Noach*, we learn the story of the *Yonah*, the dove that Noach sent away three times.

The main way we learn *Chumash* is *pshat*, understanding the meaning of the story the way the Torah teaches it. There are also other ways to understand the stories of the Torah. One of these is called *remez*, hinting.

We learn a very interesting *remez* from the story of the *Yonah*:

Yidden are compared to a dove. We are like the *yonah* that was sent away. We were sent into *Golus*. The first time, we did *teshuvah* and came back, rebuilding the *Beis Hamikdash*. Again we were sent away into *Golus*, again coming back ourselves to the *Beis Hamikdash*.

Then the *yonah* was sent away for the third time, and it didn't come back. This is like us in this last *Golus*. We were sent away into this long and painful *Golus*, but we won't come back on our own. Instead, Hashem will BRING us back, so that we can enjoy the *Geulah* forever and never again be sent away!

See Yalkut Moshiah U'Geulah Al HaTorah, Parshas Noach

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