

PARSHAH INSIGHTS

And the children ran within her... (25, 22)

When she (Rivka) would pass the entrances of Torah study, Yakov would toss about in her womb, in order to leave. When she would pass by the entrances of idol worship, Esav would attempt to leave. (Rashi)

Reason dictates that Yakov was unsuccessful in leaving his mother's womb when she passed Halls of Torah Study because Esav was blocking him from emerging. (Since Esav was born first, obviously he was lower in Rivka's womb). However, what stopped Esav from emerging when Rivka passed places of idol worship?

Rav Yechezkal M'Kozmir zt'l answered that Esav wanted to remain inside in order to block Yakov from going to the Bais Medrash. Esav was willing to forgo his own desire to worship idols in order to inhibit Yakov's study of Torah. The Satan will even relinquish what he cherishes, as long as he can prevent Torah study.

The above thought explains the following Chazal as well. "Yitzchok trembled a great trembling" (27, 32). Chazal (Breishis Raba 67, 2) say, "Yitzchok trembled twice - 1) During the Akeida 2) When Esav came to him after Yakov took the brochos. Which was greater? The expression 'great trembling' expressed by Esav when he came to Yitzchok to be blessed implies that this episode of fear was greater." Shouldn't the Akeida, when Yitzchok was facing death, cause a greater panic by Yitzchok?

Although facing death was very frightening for Yitzchok, nonetheless Esav's interest in brochos was scarier. A desire on the part of Esav in brochos / ruchniyos would lead to a relationship between Esav and Klal Yisroel. Since a relationship also entails 'downs,' Esav's willingness to forgo his own desires would prevent Klal Yisroel from engaging in their lifeline - limud haTorah. This brought a far greater fright upon Yitzchok because of the spiritual danger involved.

Because Avrohom obeyed My voice, and observed My safeguards... (26, 5)

From here we learn that Avrohom fulfilled the entire Torah before it was given on Sinai. (Yoma 28b)

An orle (one who is not circumcised) is prohibited to eat the korban Pesach. (Bo 12, 49)

Since Avrohom was not circumcised until he was ninety-nine years old, how did he fulfill the mitzva of eating the korban Pesach during those years?

Based on a premise from the Brisker Rov, it is possible to answer as follows. Many commentaries ask - since Avrohom fulfilled all the mitzvas, why did he wait to circumcise himself until Hashem commanded him?

The Brisker Rov explained that to fulfill the mitzva of mila, one must remove the orlo from one's body. Orlo is not a physical item; it is a halachic status regarding a specific area of the body. Prior to the command from Hashem that all men must be circumcised, this area did not have the status of orlo. Therefore, its removal by Avrohom would not have been an act of mila.

With this principle, we can answer the above question. Avrohom was able to sacrifice a korban Pesach even though he was not circumcised because he was not considered an *orel* (one who has not removed his orlo) until Hashem commanded him to perform the mitzva of circumcision, when at that time the concept of orlo was established.

TABLE TALK

PARSHA DILEMMA

Yitzchok was forty years old when he married Rivka... (25, 20)

When Avrohom returned from the Akeida, he was informed that Rivka was born. Yitzchok was thirty-seven years old at that time... he waited for her for three years and married her. (Rashi)

Since Rashi says that "he (Yitzchok) waited for her (Rivka) for three years, obviously he knew her identity. If Yitzchok already knew that Rivka existed, why did Eliezer need to daven and set up all types of signs to identify the right girl for Yitzchok's shidduch?

WHO AM I?

- 1 Dovid's resemblance
- 2 Made
- 3 Grippped heel
- 4 My tears caused destruction

Last week's clues: I am very Ogly, Don't confuse me with Damascus, Hashem helper, I meant 318 soldiers.

Answer: Eliezer

Congratulations to: Ehrlich family, Shauli Farkas, Chaim Tzvi Freedman, Zevi Klein, Ronen Lowenthal, Neil Parks, Shraga Feivel Scheinbaum

WHO AM I ?

- 1 I win Esav
- 2 I am not the name of a band
- 3 I sound
- 4 Davening and learning

Last week's clues: I was the mother's, I was the wife's, Cloud and light, I was doughy.

Answer: The miracles that occurred in Sorah's tent, and later in Rivka's.

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TORAH RIDDLE

How old was Yitzchok when Og died?

Last week's riddle and answer:

Did Eliezer have another name and identity?

Answer: Og.

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The answers will IY" H appear in next week's issue.

A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

"...they named him Esav, so he called him Yakov..." (27, 25)

Even though Rav Ephraim M'Sadlikov was a very righteous person, he did not have many followers. An enlightened Jew once met Rav Ephraim while he was staying at an inn in Levov. Attempting to upset Rav Ephraim, the Jew declared, "I have more followers than you."

Rav Ephraim responded as follows. "Why does the Torah use the word 'they' (plural) when referring to those who named Esav and 'he' (singular) when speaking about those who named Yakov?"

The answer is that the common folk identifies easily with the Esav type and his characteristics. However, only individuals endowed with an appreciation for spiritual greatness can recognize the outstanding virtues of a Yakov personality. An Esav brand of person will therefore have many followers, while a Yakov style person is only recognized by a few people and therefore will only have a minimal following.

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CONDOLANCES

Taub family on the passing of their mother

SHABBOS EVENING SHIUR

Daf Yomi (R' Sender Stoll).....Kollet
8:45 2480 S. Green Rd.

Pirchei

1-2 Grade: 3:25 at Yavne (Downstairs)

3-8 Grade: No Pirchei

Bnos

No Bnos

Motsai Shabbos Learning

Alexander Shteible: 7:45-8:45

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Cholent will be served.

Learning: 8:00 Cholent: 9:15