

PARSHAH INSIGHTS

The rabble that was among them cultivated a craving; Bnai Yisroel wept and said, "Who will feed us meat?"

Hashem said to Moshe, "Gather seventy men from the elders of the people..."

"To the people you shall say, "Prepare yourselves for tomorrow and you shall eat meat." (11 - 4, 16, and 17)

The command to appoint the Sanhedrin is recorded in middle of Bnai Yisroel's complaint about their desire to eat meat. What is the significance?

Rav Shmshon Refoel Hirsch zt'l answers that when people complain about a lack in their physical world, the truth is that they are lacking spiritually. One who is spiritually whole doesn't feel a void if his physical situation is not up to par.

With the above premise, Hashem told Moshe that since Bnai Yisroel are complaining about their need to eat meat, there must be a void in their spiritual health. Therefore, Hashem commanded Moshe to convene the Sanhedrin for the purpose of upgrading the ruchniyos of Bnai Yisroel. When a Jew is on the proper spiritual level, his physical situation not being at its optimum is not much of a concern for him.

An observation from the Meshech Chochmo allows us to answer the above question in another manner. After Shevet Levi was designated to serve Hashem, some people from the other Tribes complained about the lack of meat. In essence the complaint had a deeper meaning to it. They claimed that since it was impossible for them to achieve total attachment to Hashem, like Shevet Levi had accomplished, there was no purpose in minimizing their connection to the pleasures of the world.

To answer their point, Hashem commanded Moshe to convene seventy elders to show Bnai Yisroel that high levels of spirituality are reachable by all. As the Rambam writes, "Shevet Levi are separated to serve Hashem. Others who wish to attain that level can separate themselves from the pleasures of the world and be like those who stand in front of Hashem to serve Him." (Shemita v'Yovel 13, 13)

The command to appoint seventy elders is inserted in middle of Bnai Yisroel's complaint about a lack of meat to teach Bnai Yisroel that lofty levels are within everyone's reach.

This is what you shall do to them to purify them: Sprinkle upon them water of purification and let them pass a razor over their entire flesh... (8, 7)

Even though the Torah commanded the Leviim to shave their entire body, this only referred to areas that may be shaved. However, areas which

are forbidden to shave, such as the payos (Kedoshim 19, 27), the Leviim did not shave. (Yosef Ometz 45)

When a positive command is in contradiction with a negative prohibition, one must fulfill the positive command (Yevomos 3b). Why couldn't the Leviim shave their payos - Why didn't the positive command to shave their bodies override the negative command of shaving one's payos?

A mitzva written clearly and explicitly in the Torah, remains for eternity. (Rambam Yesodei HaTorah 9, 1)

A mitzva that is not commanded for all generations is not counted as one of the 248 positive mitzvas. (Rambam Shores 3)

We see from the Rambam that there are two types of commandments. 1) Eternal, commanded by Hashem through Moshe. 2) Non eternal, commanded by a prophet - nevertheless, they must be heeded because the Torah commands us to follow the words of the prophets. Those that are eternal are called Torah. Those commanded by a prophet, which are not for eternity, are not referred to as Torah.

Only a positive command by Hashem can override a prohibition (because a command by a prophet is not similar to the source which teaches that a positive command overrides a prohibition). The command to the Leviim to shave their bodies was not an eternal command since it only applied to the Leviim at this particular time. Therefore, it does not have the ability to override a prohibition and cannot permit a Levi to cut his payos. (Chavatzes HaSharon)

TABLE TALK

PARSHA DILEMMA

Moshe cried out to Hashem, saying "Please G-d, heal her now." (12, 13)

When one beseeches Hashem to heal a sick person, we use their mother's name. Isn't lineage of a person through his father, as the posuk says, "...their families, to their father's household" (Naso 4, 38)?

In addition, why do we refer to a baby boy in the Mi Shebeirach L'cholim after a bris by his mother's name?

WHO AM I ?

1. I am one of six
2. I caused delay
3. Don't confuse me with the Yom Kippur string
4. I was snowy, but not cold

Last week's clues: I am not a soft drink, "Sin" or a "Samach", I bring animal food, Become wineless.

Answer: Sotah

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WHO AM I ?

- 1 What's this?
- 2 Don't confuse me with a Shevet
- 3 I am not "claiming"
- 4 Portioned for you

Last week's clues: I was a dozen of one, We were identical, yet unique, Princely gifts, We make the parsha long.

Answer: The korbanos of the Nesiiim.

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TORAH RIDDLE

Who was given Manna to eat (besides the generation in the desert)?

Last week's riddle and answer:

This week's parsha has 176 pesukim. What other 'holy work' has the same amount of pesukim? What other 'holy work' has the same amount of.....?

Answer: Perek 119 in Tehilim has 176 pesukim. The number of blatt in Bava Basra is 176.

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A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

A young bochur in the Baranovich Yeshiva was having issues with his throat, which necessitated surgery. The doctor who had the ability to perform the procedure was in Vilna, which required that he travel to Vilna.

Wanting advice and a brocho from Rav Chaim Ozer Grodzenski before the surgery, the bochur asked his Rebbi, Rav Dovid Rapaport, to write a letter on his behalf to Rav Chaim Ozer.

After arriving in Vilna, the bochur made his way to the home of Rav Chaim Ozer. After discussing with Rav Chaim Ozer the different options of surgery, Rav Chaim Ozer suggested the easier route, hoping that it would be sufficient. Rav Chaim Ozer gave the bochur the address of the doctor and money to pay for room and board while in Vilna.

After a week, the bochur was ready to return to Baranovitch, with the surgery having been a success. Before leaving, the bochur went to say good bye to Rav Chaim Ozer. Upon arriving at Rav Chaim Ozer's home, he found the door closed. (Rav Chaim Ozer's home was known to be open to the public.)

Even when Rav Chaim Ozer's doors were closed, the local dayanim were permitted to knock and were let in. Luckily, a dayan arrived at that moment and knocked at the door. Rav Chaim Ozer opened the door for the dayan. When he saw the bochur, he immediately invited him in and asked him when he was traveling etc. In awe of the Godol, the bochur merely shook his head and motioned that he was alright.

Rav Chaim Ozer began to chuckle, and told the bochur, "I want to hear how your voice sounds now. Please speak, so that I can hear your voice." The bochur was shocked because Rav Chaim Ozer had surely seen thousands of people during the past week. Yet he cared enough to remember how the bochur's voice had sounded before the surgery and wanted to compare it to how it sounded now.

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