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SHABBAT KI TISA/SHABBAT PURIM KATAN 5774/FEBRUARY 14-15, 2014

TZADDIK KATAMAR YIFRAKH

Gleanings from the Ohr HaChayim and the Ben Ish Hai

We see in this Parsha that Moshe Rabbeinu went up Har Sinai for forty days after receiving the instructions for how to build the Mishkan. Moshe went up the mountain and into Shamayim for forty days, but Am Yisrael made a miscalculation about the time Moshe Rabbeinu would come down. Masechet Shabbat says that Am Yisrael made the miscalculation because the Satan came and showed Am Yisrael darkness and that Moshe Rabbeinu had passed away, and so they felt they needed an object to lead them and direct them. They made a big mistake in comparing this thing to Moshe Rabbeinu because Moshe was the representative of Hashem. HaKadosh Barukh Hu also told Moshe that He will make him like a god in the eyes of Pharaoh.

After they saw what happened to Moshe, they wanted a representative to be their new elokim like Moshe. They knew there was a G-d above in Shamayim, so they wanted god on earth like Moshe Rabbeinu. And from the creation of the Egel, they created a lot of damage and chaos. HaKadosh Barukh Hu created a great punishment for Am Yisrael.

This incident took place on Shiva Asar B'Tammuz. To this day it is a very bad day. The walls of Yerushalayim collapsed on Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, many pogroms happened on this day. Our friend Shimon told us that the gas chambers started in Auschwitz on Shiva Asar B'Tammuz (and we have his story recorded on video; go to maordavid.org). The Chachamim say that all the misfortunes of Am Yisrael are directly connect to the Egel.

When anyone gives power to any object in his life besides Hashem, that is the same concept of the Egel. He's creating an intermediary between himself and Hashem. After HaKadosh Barukh Hu told Moshe "Lekh Reid" to "go and descend" to the people, Moshe's spirit also went down with him. He never again gained the high spirituality he had before the sin of the Egel. And Hashem told Moshe, "V'Atah Hanikha Li," "now desist from Me" so that Hashem could destroy Am Yisrael for their terrible sin.

SHABBAT TIMES FOR BOCA RATON

Candle Lighting: 5:54PM

Shabbat starts: 6:12PM

Dinner: 7:45PM

Shachrit: 9AM

Z'man Shema: 9:45AM

Hatzot: 12:34PM

Lunch: 12:15PM

Mincha: After Lunch

Various Shiurim with

Dessert: Following Mincha

(Parsha, Zohar, Yalkut

Yosef, and more)

Kids Tehillim: 5:00PM

Seudah Shlishit: 6:00PM

Shkiya: 6:13PM

Motzei Shabbat: 6:44PM

Rabbeinu Tam: 7:26PM

Arvit/Havdala: 6:50PM

Parshat Ki Tisa:

Shemot 30:11-34:35

Haftarah:

Melakhim I 18:20-39

But Moshe Rabbeinu challenged Hashem. One of defenses Moshe used was that he realized that Hashem was going to destroy Am Yisrael and start over with Moshe. Moshe asked HaKadosh Barukh Hu, “Lama Yicheira Apekha?” “Why should You show your anger?” The Ohr Hachayim says there are two options when someone is greatly embarrassed by his fellow: 1) to take revenge on the attacker; or 2) the one who embarrassed his friend has to apologize enough to assuage the anger. Moshe realized that the sin of the Egel was the most embarrassing thing that Am Yisrael could do to Hashem. Moshe Rabbeinu saw that one of the two choices mentioned above has to happen no matter what defense Moshe himself offers.

We know the Chachamim say that HaKadosh Barukh Hu cannot stand when someone embarrasses the Tzaddik, Hashem’s friend and ally. We already heard in the Zohar that HaKadosh Barukh Hu did not bring the Mabul until after Metushelach and the other Tzaddikim passed away. Also Yeshaya said because of the bad that came into the world, Hashem took the Tzadik out of the world. It’s very clear that Hashem created the world and can forgive affronts to Himself, but when people attack the Tzadik and Hashem’s friends and allies, Hashem does not let that go unpunished. That’s why HaKadosh Barukh Hu asked permission from Moshe to go and leave Him alone so He could destroy Am Yisrael. Hashem was embarrassed for Moshe Rabbeinu. Hashem didn’t want Moshe to suffer from the destruction of Am Yisrael and promised Moshe that he would return to his former stature and Hashem would make a big nation out of him.

Moshe Rabbeinu rejected this option and told HaKadosh Barukh Hu that if He was going to destroy Am Yisrael, Moshe wanted to be written out of the Torah. Moshe called upon the merits of Avraham, Yitzhak, and Yaakov to defend Am Yisrael. Hashem decided to spare Am Yisrael and spread out the punishment for the Egel over time, even until today. And we know that all the suffering of Am Yisrael today is still directly related to the Egel. We have to learn that everything in our lives (money, possessions, etc) comes directly from HaKadosh Barukh Hu. Ben Ish Hai says that all the mitzvot we do strictly for Hashem defend us from all the aveirot that try to prosecute us before Hashem. One might do a lot, and another a little, but the main thing is to connect with Hashem.

Halakhot of the Week (Halakhot of Purim)

The Gemara says (Megillah Daf 7): “Chayav Adam Libesumei Ad Delo Yada Ben Arur Haman L’Baruch Mordechai.” The Halacha is that every man is required to drink up until the point he can no longer tell the difference between Cursed is Haman and Blessed is Mordechai.

“Libesumei” doesn’t connote drunkenness; it connotes happiness and joy. It means one has to be joyful and in high spirits in a positive manner. One must hear the Megillah at night and during the day, make sure one prays all the tefillot, and gives his matanot le’evyonim and mishloakh manot.

All of these things are included in “Chayav Adam Libesumei.”

NEWS

- Monday and Thursday Minyan this week at 7:30AM. Bagel breakfast to follow.
- Chag Purim Katan Sameach!!
- We’re only missing \$1500 to complete the oven. Please contact Rabbi Korkos about sponsorship opportunities after Shabbat. Hurry before time runs out.