

1 Our אכזרא began with more proofs about which day of the month the תורה was given. One of them is from a בר"ת, which says that

The גמרא wonders... מאי לאו משום חורה - is it not because he couldn't go up that day - because that's when ה' gave the פרכי ווא ' This shows that the תורה was given on the sixth day like the בבי יוסי says, not the seventh as רבי יוסי says! - he couldn't go up on the sixth of the month because it was Friday, and he was preparing for שבת However the תורה wasn't given until the seventh day - Shabbos.

The גמרא continues to discuss the events surrounding קבלת

The יותיצבו תחתית ההר - which literally means that the Jews stood UNDER the mountain!?

רב אבדימי בר חמא בר חסא בר חמא ברוך הוא עליהם את ההר כגיכית - that ה' held the mountain over their heads, like a barrel, and said, אם אתם אתם אתם אתם (תורה good, תורה מוטב 'If you accept the התורה, good. ואם לאו שם - but if not, I will bury you with this mountain."

בר יעקב adds - that מכאן מודעא רבה לאורייתא - according to the above we really have an excuse not to keep the תורה, since we can always say that we only accepted the תורה because we were forced to!

However בימי answers, that בימי אחשורוש – the Jewish people voluntarily re-accepted the תורה after the miracle of פורים. In other words there is no longer any excuse not to keep the Torah.











The משמים השמעת דין ארץ יראה ושקטה - You, ה', made the תורה heard, and the earth became afraid and calm. חיקה explains: up to that time in history the world lived in fear - so to speak, because when ה' created the world, He did it on condition that the Jews would accept the עורה. אם ישראל התורה אתם מתקיימין ואם לאו אני מחזיר אתכם לתוהו ובוהו fhowever they won't accept the תורה, the world would be destroyed. Therefore when finally we accepted it, the world so to speak - calmed down.

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The גמרא then goes on to discuss the words בני ישראל used when they were offered the חורה:

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אנעשה ונשמע twe will do and we will listen - which in essence means that the Jews accepted that responsibility of keeping the חורה even before they heard what it says.

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However, says רבי חמא ברבי חנינא - laster when we sinned with the אנגל הזהב - laster when we sinned with the ברבי הנינא, the Golden Calf, we lost the crowns.

And אנגל הזהב said that

in the future, ה' will return them to us.









The גמרא continues... בשעה שהקדימו ישראל נעשה לנשמע - when the Jews said נעשה before נשמע,

said, מי said, מי השרת משתמשין - who revealed to My children this secret that the מלאכים use? Because that is what מלאכים do! They are ready to do 'will even before He'll tells it to them.

The גמרא then relates the following story. רבא saw צדוקי – ההוא צדוקי דחזייה לרבא דקא מעיין בשמעתא learning with such concentration that he didn't notice that his finger had gotten stuck under his foot and was being crushed. The צדוקי laughed at רבא and said צדוקי פומייכו you people are so impulsive that you put your – לאודנייכו mouth before your ears, just as you told 'r' that you would commit to doing His will before you even knew what it was.

And obviously you're still so committed to it, that you don't

רבא answered that we weren't being impulsive when we committed to ה'.

even realize what you're doing!

אנן דסגינן בשלימותא – We go along with Him in complete faith, knowing that He would never give us anything we couldn't handle.

The גמרא then points out that sin of the עגל was committed while we were still at הר סיני. And עולא compared us to a bride who is unfaithful while still in – כלה מזנה בתוך חופתה the bridal chamber.

The גמרא continues...

רבי יוחנן says that when הר סיני, His words understood by all 70 languages, so everyone in the world could understand them.

A ברייתא says that the source for this is the פסוק וכפטיש יפצץ סלע – like a hammer, it shatters a rock, which means 7"s words were shattered - so to speak - into many different languages.

The גמרא than says another metaphor about the words of תורה. The פסוק says שמעו כי נגידים שמעו - listen, for I will speak princely things.

רב חנגאל בר פפא says the תורה is compared to a prince because יש בו להמית ולהחיות – just like a prince has the power to kill or grant life, so does the תורה. If you learn it sincerely it grants life, but if you learn it to use your knowledge against others, it gives death.

בשעה שהקדימו ישראל נעשה לנשמע Hashem said מי גילה לבני רז זה שמלאכי השרת משתמשין ההוא צדוקי דחזייה לרבא דקא מעיין בשמעתא He didn't notice that his fi had gotten stuck under his The צדוקי laughed at רבא and said עמא פזיזא דקדמיתו פומייכו לאודנייכו







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- אמר רבי יהושע בן לוי, רבי יהושע בן לוי then goes on to list many things about הר סיני.
 - When ה' gave the תורה מורה מיצא מפי הקדוש ברוך הוא נתבלא כל העולם כולו בשמים כל דיבור ודיבור שיצא מפי הקדוש ברוך הוא נתבלא כל העולם כולו בשמים - every word that He said filled the world with the smell of good spices.
 - When ה' spoke, some of the Jews died and had to be revived, and others were thrown back up to 12 טיל by the force of His words!

אמר רבי יהושע בן לוי

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9 - And, when משה went up to receive the תורה,

the מלאכים asked ה'.

בינינו – why is there someone who was born to a woman here in heaven?

משה answered that משה was there to receive the תורה,

And the מלאכים said בשר ודם ליתנה לבשר – How could You give the precious תורה to flesh and blood!?

ה' told משה to answer them, and משה said "There are so many things in the תורה which can only be applied to people."

It says אנכים מארץ מאריך אשר אלקיך אלקיך אנכי - I am אנכי - I am אנכי אלקיך אשר אנכים - I am אנכים מצרים אנכים שואל were never in מצרים!

It says; honor your father and mother, but you don't have a father or mother!

And it says; don't kill or steal of commit adultery, but you don't have the motivation to do any of those things!

Obviously, the תורה was not ment for you.

ברוך הוא ברוך הוא - Upon hearing Moshe Rabbienu's replies the מלאכים admitted to ה' that that the תורה should indeed be given to people.



מיד הודו לו להקדוש ברוך הוא



