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τ"ο Intro

Today we will בע"ה learn מסכת יבמות מסכת. The topics we will learn about include:

We generally say יוצא מידי פטוט that a אין מקרא will always follow its simple and literal meaning. Even if there is a דרשה on this פסוק, we will also follow its simple meaning.

אילונית

is a woman who is unable to bear children, and סריס

is a man who is unable to have children



בכור אינו נוטל בראוי כבמוחזק

A firstborn only receives a double portion of the inheritance from the possessions that are already in the deceased father's possessions at the time of death, but not from what will potentially come into the estate of the father. If a married woman commits adultery both the husband and the adulterer are not allowed to be married to her. Therefore the husband must divorce her, and the adulterer may not marry her, and if he does he must then divorce her.









So let's review

זאקט די משנה

מצוה בגדול לייבם

It's a מצוה for the oldest brother to do the יבום ואם קדם הקטן זכה

and if the younger brother went ahead and did it himself then he receives the מצוה

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The גמרא begins by presenting a ברייתא that teaches the source for this דין that it's a מצוה for the oldest brother to do the יבום

The פסוק says

והיה הבכור אשר תלד יקום על שם אחיו ולא ימחה שמו מישראל Simply understood the פסוק is telling us that the 1st born son of the יבמה and יבמה should receive the name of the deceased brother, and thereby, the deceased brother's name won't be erased.

However, the ברייתא interprets this פסוק as a continuation of the previous פסוק that says;

יבמה יבא עליה ולקחה לו לאשה ויבמה

That the יבם should marry the יבמה, and in reference to this the תורה says;

והיה הבכור

מיכן שמצוה בגדול לייבם

That the oldest brother should do the יבום of מצוה The ברייתא continues to explain the פסוק, and derives various דינים from it:

אשר תלד

He shall marry the יבמה if she is able to give birth - this comes to exclude an אילונית that cannot have children

יקום על שם אחיו לנחלה

The יבם will inherit the estate of his deceased brother. ולא ימחה שמו

פרט לסריס ששמו מחוי

That the יבם only marries the יבמה if deceased husband was able to have children; this excludes a סריס who is unable to have children

The ברייתם also teaches us that the reason we do not interpret the Posuk יקום על שם hiterally, to name the child after the deceased brother, but rather לנחלה, is based on a גוירה שוה

Since here, regarding Yibum, it says;

יקום על שם אחיו

And regarding children that יוסף might have after אפרים, the Posuk says;

על שם אחיהם יקראו בנחלתם

That they will inherit Eretz Yisroel as part of אפרים ומנשה מה שם האמור להלן נחלה

אף שם האמור כאן לנחלה

Just as there it refers to inheritance, so too here it refers to inheritance

רבא explains

אף על גב דבכל התורה כולה

אין מקרא יוצא מידי פשוטו

הכא אתאי גזרה שוה

אפיקתיה מפשטיה לגמרי

Even though generally the פסוק never departs from its simple meaning, here a גוירה שוה comes and completely removes the פסוק from its simple meaning











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The גמרא then moves on to pose a series of questions on the ברייתא. All of these questions center on the fact that the פסוק uses the term בכור which means the firstborn and not the oldest brother.

פרעגט די גמרא

אימא בכור לייבם פשוט לא לייבם

Let us say that a בכור has the מצוה of Yibum but all other brothers do not?

The גמרא answers that this cannot be the case, since the תורה teaches us אשת אחיו שלא היה בעולמו אשת, that a brother that was born after his older brother died without children does not do Yibum – Now, that brother is certainly not a בכור needs to exclude him. This clearly shows us that the יבום 6ס מצוה so to only for the בכור

A series of questions that center around the fact that the בכור שומים uses the term בכור which means the firstborn and not the oldest brother.

אימא בכור לייבם - פשום לא לייבם אימא בכור לייבם has the מצוה of Yibum but all other brothers do not?

Clearly he is not a מעלא היה שלא היה שלא היה בעולמו בעולמו והפפל to exclude him

The גמרא then presents a number of other possible explanations:

That the מצוה of יבום only applies if there is a בכור in the family, but otherwise there's no מצוה of מצוה.

That if there's a בכור and a younger brother went ahead and did the יבום without permission then it's not valid, but if there's no יבום then the בכור of a younger brother is valid When there is a בכור, we first go to the oldest brother, but if there's no יבום, any brother may do the יבום.

That only a בכור who is Meyabem inherits the brother's estate, but a younger brother who is Meyaben does not inherit.

The גמרא rejects each of these explanations based on Psukim, and concludes that the פסוק teaches us that לחתחילה there's a מצוה for the oldest brother to do the עבום if a younger brother went ahead and performed the יבום it is valid.









5 The גמרא concludes by asking
ואלא בכור דקרייה רחמנא למאי הלכתא
So why does the תורה refer to him as a בכור answers
מה בכור אינו נוטל בראוי כבמוחזק
אף האי אינו נוטל בראוי כבמוחזק

As a ביסור, who only inherits פי שנים, a double portion, from that which already was in the father's possession at the time of his death, but not from that which will potentially come in to the estate after the death of the father - so too, the יבם only inherits that which already was in his deceased brother's possession, but not from potential income.

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The גמרא now moves on to the next משנה זאקט די משנה זאקט די משנה הנטען על השפחה ונשתחררה

הנטען על השפחה ונשתחררה או על העובדת כוכבים ונתגיירה

If there were rumors about a man and a שפחה, and she was subsequently freed, or about a man with a גויה, and she subsequently converted;

הרי זה לא יכנוס

ואם כנס אין מוציאין מידו

He's not permitted to marry this woman, so that people don't say that the rumor is true. Nevertheless, if he did marry her, he does not have to divorce her, since this is merely an איסור דרבנן.

However,

If there were rumors about a man and an אשת, and her husband was compelled to divorce her, the suspected adulterere may not marry her, and if he did, he must divorce her, since it is an איסור דאורייתא.

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The גמרא asks הא גיורת מיהא הויא

> We see from our משנה that the woman is considered a גיורת ורמינהו

But we have a contradiction from a ברייתא which declares the גירות invalid if one converts for one of the following reasons:

In order to marry a איד

To benefit from the prosperity of the Jews, for example, as in the time of ימות המשיח or in דוד המלך ושלמה המלך

In order to avoid a plague

Because he was told to in a dream













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The גמרא answers

הם גרים כולם איתמר כדברי האומר רבי יצחק האמר רבי יצחק הא איתמר עלה איתמר עלה וא ייצחק וא ייצחק is valid ----

הא איתמר עלה אמר רבי יצחק הלכה כדברי האומר כולם גרים הם

9 The גמרא proceeds to present a discussion regarding the second Halachah of our Mishnah:

ידו מתחת ידו הוציאוה מתחת ידו

אף על פי שכנס יוציא

If a husband was compelled to divorce his wife because of rumors of adultery, the suspected adulterer may never marry her, and if he did, he must divorce her.

We learned in a בר"תא

במה דברים אמורים כשאין לה בנים

אבל יש לה בנים לא תצא

In a case of קלא, rumors -

We only say יוציא, if the woman does not have children from her first marriage.

However, if she has children from her first marriage, she does not have to be divorced by the suspected adulterer, in a case of קלא

The reason for this is that by forcing them to divorce, we are confirming the rumors, and we are מוציא לעז, casting doubt on the legitimacy of those children.

The ברייתא continues;

ואם באו עדי טומאה

אפילו יש לה כמה בנים תצא

However in a case where there were עדים that she did an עבירה, then even if she has many children עבירה.

According to one explanation in the gemora, Rav agrees with the Braisa להלכה. They merely disagree in the פשט of the Mishnah.

Based on the word הנטען, the Braisa understands the Mishnah's ruling of יוציא to be speaking of בקלא, rumors – and therefore, only כשאין לה בנים.

Based on the word הוציאוה, Rav understands the Mishnah's ruling of בעדים to be speaking of בעדים, witnesses – and therefore, even כשיש לה בנים.









The גמרא also presented an alternative explanation of ד, where he actually disagrees with the Braisa להלכה, and he holds that even in a case of אין לה בנים

We only say יוציא when there were עדים -

And the Braisa follows the opinion of רבי, that in a case of פלא we say יציא even based on קלא.



12 The אמרא concludes; הלכתא כוותיה דרב הלכתא כוותיה דרבי והלכתא כוותיה דרבי Sometimes we follow רבי, and sometimes we follow רבי הא בקלא דלא פסיק והא בקלא דלא פסיק If the rumor continued for more than a day and a half, then we follow ארבי, and the husband must divorce his wife even

If the rumor did not continue for more than a day and a half, then we follow ב, and he must divorce her only if

there were עדים

This discussion continues on the next Daf.





