

Zevachim – Simanim

פרק יד – פרות חטאת

Daf 116 – דף קעד

1. How did Noah know which animals were טהוריין?

A Baraisa taught that although בני נח could bring all types of animals as *korbanos* on a *bamah* before the *baruchat ha-bayit* was erected, they could only bring – טהוריין [animals], but not – טמאין [animals]. The Gemara asks: מי טמאן וטהוריין בההיא שעתה – *but were there nonkosher and kosher [animals] at that time?* But the Torah had not yet been given!? Rebbe Yonasan answers: – מאותן העתידין ליטהר – it means they brought *from those animals which would be kosher in the future*, when the Torah would be given. The Gemara wonders how they knew which animals were kosher, and quotes how Rav Chisda explained how Noach knew which animals were kosher (to bring seven of each into the *teivah*): *he passed them before the Teivah; whichever ones the received seven of them were thus known to be kosher, and whichever ones the did not accept seven of them were known to be nonkosher.* Rebbe Avahu quotes a *passuk*: "והבאים דבר ונקבה – כל שהטיבה קולעת בידוע שהוא טהור – *and those that came, male and female, implying מآلיהם – those animals which entered the teivah came on their own.* Seven of each kosher species came to the *teivah*, whereas only two of each nonkosher species came.

2. Machlokes if came before ייתר תורה, and what prompted him to come

Rebbe Chiya's sons and Rebbe Yehoshua ben Levi debated if ייתר קודם מתן תורה היה – *Yisro's arrival was before the giving of the Torah*, or after תורה. מתן תורה. This reflects a *machlokes* Tannaim about what event Yisro heard about that made him come and convert to Judaism. Rebbe Yehoshua says he heard about the war against עמלק. Rebbe Elazar of Modai says he heard about the sound of תורה, because when the Torah was given to Klal Yisroel, וуд – *the sound of [Hashem's] voice carried from one end of the world to the other*, and all the kings of the idolators were seized with trembling in their palaces, and recited שירה. They asked about the tremendous sound, afraid that another was coming. He said it was not, and explained: *He has a wonderful precious item in His treasure house*, which was hidden away with Him for nine hundred seventy-four generations before the world was created, *and He sought to give it to His children*, whereupon they said שירה. Rebbe Eliezer says that Yisro heard about קריית ים סוף.

3. Are still permitted to sacrifice במות במנוח nowadays

A Baraisa teaches that במות במנוח nowadays are still permitted to sacrifice on במות nowadays, because the prohibition against was only told to Jews. Therefore, any gentile may build a *bamah* nowadays and sacrifice whatever he wants on it. However, Rav Assi said: – אסור לסייע ולעשות שליחות – *it is prohibited to assist them or to perform their agency* in sacrificing on a *bamah* nowadays. Still, Rabbah said: – ולאורינהו [להו] שרי – *it is permitted to instruct them* how to bring *korbanos* themselves. This is illustrated by the story of איפרא הורמיז, King Shapur's mother, who sent a *korban* to Rava and asked that it be sacrificed *l'shem shemim*. Rava instructed Rav Safra and Rav Acha bar Huna to find two gentile youths of similar age, and find a place where the sea threw up sediment with which to build a מזבח (which was never used), and take new (unused) wood, and make a fire with new steel, and thus sacrifice the *korban*. This follows Rebbe Elazar ben Shamua, who says that both the *mezabchin* and its wood must never have been used for mundane purposes, which Rava applies to במות as well.

Siman – Barber (Haircuts)

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3 things to remember

1. How did **Noach** know which animals were **kosher**
2. **Machlokes** if **Yisro** came before **Matan Torah**, and what prompted him to come
3. **Bein Noh** are still permitted to sacrifice on **bamot nowadays**

