

Torah Reading for Bo

Parshat Bo

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3rd Portion: (Exodus 10:24 - 11:3)

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HIDE RASHI'S COMMENTARY

Exodus Chapter 10

24. Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, "Go! Worship the Lord, but your flocks and your cattle shall be left. Your young children may also go with you."

shall be left: Heb. יָצַג, lit., shall be placed. Shall be left in its place.

25. But Moses said, "You too shall give sacrifices and burnt offerings into our hands, and we will make them for the Lord our God."

You too shall give: Not only will our livestock go with us, but you too shall give [of your livestock or something else to sacrifice].

26. And also our cattle will go with us; not a [single] hoof will remain, for we will take from it to worship the Lord our God, and we do not know how [much] we will worship the Lord until we arrive there."

hoof: Heb. פָּרְסָה, the sole of a foot, plante in French. — [from Targum Yerushalmi, Rome ms. cited by The Pentateuch with Rashi Hashalem]

do not know how [much] we will worship:- How intense the worship will be. Perhaps He will ask for more than we have in our possession. — [from Exod. Rabbah 18:1]

בד ויקרא פרעה אל־מֹשֶׁה ויאמר לכו עבדוּ אֶת־יְהוָה רק צאנְכֶם
ובקרְכֶם יצֵג גַּם־טַפְכֶם ילְךְ עִמָּכֶם:

יצג: יהא מוצג במקומו:

כה ויאמר מֹשֶׁה גַם־אַתָּה תִתֶּן בְּיָדֵנוּ זִבְחִים וְעֹלֹת וְעֹשִׂינוּ לַיהוָה
אֱלֹהֵינוּ:

גם אתה תתן: לא דיך שמקננו ילך עמנו, אלא גם משלך תתן:

כו וגַּם־מִקְנֵנוּ ילְךְ עִמָּנוּ לֹא תשאַר פָּרְסָה כִּי מִמֶּנּוּ נִקַּח לְעֹבֵד אֶת־יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֶנְחֵנוּ לֹא־נֵדַע מִה־נַּעֲבֹד אֶת־יְהוָה עַד־בֹּאֵנוּ שָׁמָּה:

פרסה: פרסת רגל פלנט"א בלעז [כף רגל]:

לא נדע מה נעבד: כמה תכבד העבודה שמא ישאל ממנו יותר ממה שיש

27. The Lord strengthened Pharaoh's heart, and he was unwilling to let them out.

כז וַיַּחֲזֶק יְהוָה אֶת־לֵב פַּרְעֹה וְלֹא אָבָה לְשַׁלַּחם:

28. Pharaoh said to him, "Go away from me! Beware! You shall no longer see my face, for on the day that you see my face, you shall die!"

כח וַיֹּאמֶר־לּוֹ פַּרְעֹה לְךָ מַעַלִּי הִשְׁמַר לְךָ אֶל־תִּסָּף רְאוֹת פָּנַי כִּי בַיּוֹם רִאֲתֶךָ פָּנַי תָּמוּת:

29. [Thereupon,] Moses said, "You have spoken correctly; I shall no longer see your face."

כט וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה בֵּן דְּבָרְתָּ לֹא־אֶסָּף עוֹד רְאוֹת פְּנִיךָ:

You have spoken correctly: You have spoken appropriately, and you have spoken at the right time. It is true that I shall no longer see your face. — [from Mechilta on [Exod. 12:31](#)]

מן דברת: יפה דברת ובזמנו דברת, אמת שלא אוסיף עוד ראות פניך:

Exodus Chapter 11

1. The Lord said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go from here. When he lets you out, he will completely drive you out of here.

א וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה עוֹד נִגַּע אֶחָד אָבִיא עַל־פַּרְעֹה וְעַל־מִצְרַיִם אַחֲרֵי־כֵן יִשְׁלַח אֶתְכֶם מִזֶּה כְּשִׁלְחוֹ כָּלָה גֵּרֶשׁ יִגְרֶשׁ אֶתְכֶם מִזֶּה:

completely: Heb. קָלִיל [Onkelos renders: קָלָה. גְּמִירָא. קָלָה is therefore the equivalent of] קָלִיל, complete. [I.e.,] He will let all of you out.

כלה: גמירא, (כלה) כליל, כולכם ישלח:

2. Please, speak into the ears of the people, and let them borrow, each man from his friend and each woman from her friend, silver vessels and golden vessels."

ב וַדְּבַר־נָא בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם וַיִּשְׁאַלּוּ אִישׁ | מֵאֵת רֵעֵהוּ וְאִשָּׁה מֵאֵת רֵעוּתָהּ כְּלֵי־כֶסֶף וְכָלִי זָהָב:

Please, speak-: Heb. דְּבַר־נָא is only an expression of request. [The verse is saying] I ask you to warn them about this, [i.e., to ask their neighbors for vessels] so that the righteous man, Abraham, will not say He fulfilled with them [His promise] "and they will enslave them and oppress them" ([Gen. 15:13](#)), but He did not fulfill with them "afterwards they will go forth with great possessions" ([Gen. 15:14](#)). — [from Ber. 9a]

דבר נא: אין נא אלא לשון בקשה, בבקשה ממך הזהירם על כך שלא יאמר אותו צדיק אברהם (בראשית טו יג) ועבדום וענו אותם קיים בהם, (שם יד) ואחרי כן יצאו ברכוש גדול לא קיים בהם:

3. So the Lord gave the people favor in the Egyptians' eyes; also the man Moses was highly esteemed in the land of Egypt in the eyes of Pharaoh's servants and in the eyes of the people.

ג וַיִּתֵּן יְהוָה אֶת־חֶן הָעָם בְּעֵינֵי מִצְרַיִם גַּם | הָאִישׁ מֹשֶׁה גָּדוֹל מְאֹד בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּעֵינֵי עַבְדֵי־פַרְעֹה וּבְעֵינֵי הָעָם:

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