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Parshat Bo

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Exodus Chapter 12

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21. Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Draw forth or buy for yourselves sheep for your families and slaughter the Passover sacrifice.

Draw forth: Whoever has sheep shall draw from his own.

or buy: Whoever has none shall buy from the market. — [from Mechilta]

for your families: A lamb for a parental house. — [from Mechilta 3]

22. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and immerse [it] in the blood that is in the basin, and you shall extend to the lintel and to the two doorposts the blood that is in the basin, and you shall not go out, any man from the entrance of his house until morning.

hyssop: Heb. אזוב. A species of herb that has thin stalks.

a bunch of hyssop: Three stalks are called a bunch. — [Sukkah 13a]

כא וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה לְכָל-יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיִאָמֶר אֱלֹהִים מֶלֶךְ וְקַחְוּ לְכֶם צָאן לְמַשְׁפְּחַתֶּיכֶם וְשִׁחְטֻוּ הַפֵּשֶׁת:

משכּוֹ: מי שיש לו צָאן ימשׁוֹך משלו:

וקחּוּ: מי שאין לו יקח מן השוק:

למשׁפְּחַתֶּיכֶם: שהה בית אבות:

כב וְלַקְחַתֶּתֶם אֶגְדַּת אֶזְזֶבֶל וְטַבְלַתֶּתֶם בְּהַמִּשְׁרָבֶסֶף וְהַגְּעַתֶּתֶם אֶל-הַמְּשֻׁקּוֹ וְאֶל-שְׂתִּי הַמְּזֻוֹת מִן-הַקְּרֵב אֲשֶׁר בְּפֶסֶף וְאֶתֶּתֶם לֹא חֲצֹאוּ אִישׁ מַפְתַּח-בֵּיתְךָ עַד-בָּקָר:

אֶזְזֶבֶל: מין ירך שיש לו גבעולין:

אֶגְדַּת אֶזְזֶבֶל: שלושה קלחין קרוין אגדה:

that is in the basin: Heb. בָּסָס, in the vessel, like "silver pitchers (בְּפִזְתָּה)" (II Kings 12:14). [from Mechilta]

the blood that is in the basin: Why does the text repeat this? So that you should not say that [Scripture means] one immersion for [all] the three sprinklings. Therefore, it says again: "that is in the basin," [to indicate] that every sprinkling shall be from the blood that is in the basin-for each touching an immersion [is necessary]. — [from Mechilta]

and you shall not go out, etc.: This tells [us] that once the destroyer is given permission to destroy, he does not discriminate between righteous and wicked. And night is the time that destroyers are given permission, as it is said: "in which every beast of the forest moves about" (Ps. 104:20). — [from Mechilta]

23. The Lord will pass to smite the Egyptians, and He will see the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, and the Lord will pass over the entrance, and He will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses to smite [you].

will pass over: Heb. וְאַפְתֵּח, and He will have pity. This may also be rendered: and He will skip over. See Rashi on verses 11 and 13.

and He will not permit the destroyer: Heb. וְלֹא יָרַקְנָה, lit., and will not give. [i.e.,] He will not grant him the ability to enter, as in "but God did not permit him (לְקַנְנָה) to harm me" (Gen. 31:7).

24. And you shall keep this matter as a statute for you and for your children forever.

25. And it shall come to pass when you enter the land that the Lord will give you, as He spoke, that you shall observe this service.

And it shall come to pass when you enter: Scripture makes this commandment contingent upon their entry into the land, but in the desert, they were obligated only to bring one Passover sacrifice, the one they performed in the second year, [which they did] by divine mandate. — [from Mechilta]

as He spoke: Now where did He speak? "And I will bring you to the land, etc." (Exod. 6:8). — [from Mechilta]

26. And it will come to pass if your children say to you, What is this service to you?

27. you shall say, It is a Passover sacrifice to the Lord, for He passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, and He saved our houses.

אשר בסוף: בכללי, כמו (מלכים ב' יב יד) ספות כסוף:

מן הדם אשר בסוף: למה חזר ושנאו, שלא תאמר טבילה אחת לשולש המתנות, לכך נאמר עוד אשר בסוף, ושתהא כל נתינה ונתינה מן הדם אשר בסוף, על כל הגעה טבילה:

אתם לא תצאו גוי: מnid שמאחר שננתנה רשות למשחית לחבל אינו מבחין בין צדיק לרשע, ולילה רשות למחבלים הוא, שנאמר (תהלים קד ב') בו תרמוש כל חיתו יער:

כג ועַבְרֵי יִהּוָה לְנֶגֶף אֶת-מִצְרָיִם וַיַּרְאֶה אֱתֹה-דָם עַל-הַמְשָׁלָךְ וַיַּעַל שְׁתִי הַמְזֹוֹת וַיַּפְסֵחַ יִהּוָה עַל-הַפְּתַח וְלֹא יִתְןֵהַ מִשְׁתָּחֹת לְבָא אֶל-בְּתִיכָם לְנֶגֶף:

ופסח: ווחמל, ויש לומר ודלא:

ולא יתַן המשחית: ולא יתַן לו יכולת לבא, כמו (בראשית לא ז) ולא נתנו אלהים להרעד עמיד:

כד וְשִׁמְרַתְּם אֶת-הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה לְחַקְיָלְךָ וְלִבְנֵיךְ עַד-עוֹלָם:

כה וְהִיא בַּיְתָבָאוֹ אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יִתְן יִהּוָה לְכֶם בְּאָשֶׁר דָבָר וְשִׁמְרַתְּם אֶת-הַעֲבָדָה הַזֹּאת:

והיה כי תבוא אל הארץ: תלה הכתוב מצוה זו בבייתם לארץ, ולא נתחיבנו בדבר אל לא בפסח אחד שעשו בשנה השנית ועל פי הדבר:

כasher דבר: והיכן דבר, והבאתי אתכם אל הארץ גוי (שמות ו ח):

כו וְהִיא בַּיְתָבָאוֹ אֶל-כֶּם בְּנֵיכֶם מִהָּעֲבָדָה הַזֹּאת לְכֶם:

כו וְאֶמְרַתְּם זְבַח-פָּסַח הוּא לְיִהּוָה אֲשֶׁר פָּסַח עַל-בָּתִי בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמִצְרָיִם בְּנֶגֶף אֶת-מִצְרָיִם וְאֶת-בְּתִינָה הָאֵל וַיָּקֹד הָעָם וַיְשַׁתְּחֹווּ:

And the people kneeled and prostrated themselves.

And the people kneeled and prostrated themselves: [in thanksgiving] for the tidings of the redemption, the entry into the land [of Israel], and the tidings of the children that they would have. — [from Mechilta]

28. So the children of Israel went and did; as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

So the children of Israel went and did: Now did they already do [it]? Wasn't this said to them on Rosh Chodesh? But since they accepted upon themselves [to do it], Scripture credits them for it as if they had [already] done [it]. — [from Mechilta]

went and did: Scripture counts also the going, to give reward for the going and reward for the deed. — [from Mechilta]

as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron: [This comes] to tell Israel's praise, that they did not omit anything of all the commandments of Moses and Aaron. And what is the meaning of "so they did" ? Moses and Aaron also did so. — [from Mechilta]

ויקד העם: על בשורת הגאולה וביתת הארץ ובشورת הבנים שייהו להם:

כח וילכו ויעשו בני ישראל באשר צוה יהוה את-משה ואהרן בן עשו:

וילכו ויעשו בני ישראל: וכי כבר עשו, והלא מראש חדש נאמר להם, אלא מכיוון שקיבלו עליהם, מעלה עליהם כאלו עשו:

וילכו ויעשו: אף ההליכהמנה הכתוב, ליתן שכר להליכה ושכר לעשייה:

כאשר צוה ה' את משה ואהרן: להגיד שבחן של ישראל, שלא ה필ו דבר מכל מצות משה ואהרן. ומהו בן עשו, אף משה ואהרן בן עשו:

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