

# Revealing the Future

The miraculous ten plagues that Hashem unleashed upon Mitzrayim surpass our comprehension. If this is what transpired long ago when we were redeemed from Mitzrayim, what miracles will happen during the future redemption?

Rabbeinu Yonah (Rabbeinu Yonah, Avos 1:15) citing Rav Saadya Gaon explains that from the two letters of *דן אנכי* (Breishis 15:14) - I, Hashem, will judge [the Egyptians] - many miracles and wonders occurred including the ten plagues and the parting of the sea. If all of that was encapsulated in just two letters, imagine what the future redemption will bring, as there are many pages in the Torah about it...

The ten plagues were implemented by the *etzba Elokim*, the finger of Hashem (Shemos 8:15) while the splitting of the *yam suf* was achieved by the *yad Hashem*, the hand of Hashem, as it says *b'yad chazaka*, with a strong hand (Devarim 5:15, 9:26,29, 26:8. Tehillim 136:12-13). How will Hashem perform the miracles in the future redemption? It will be Hashem Himself as the gemara (Taanis 31a) states that in the future Hashem will make a circle of *tzadikim* in which He will sit in the middle, and each of them will point with his finger towards Hashem, as it says, *v'amar bayom hahu...bi'shuaso*, He shall say on that day, behold, this is our G-d, we hoped to Him and He

saved us, this is Hashem to whom we hoped, let us exult and be glad in His salvation (Yeshaya 25:9).

This sheds light on the *pasuk*, *kimei tzai'ascha mai'erezt Mitzrayim erenu niflaos* (Micha 7:15), **like** the days when you left Mitzrayim, I will show wonders. *Kimei*, like the days, implies that the future miracles will be even greater than the wonders of Yetzias Mitzrayim.

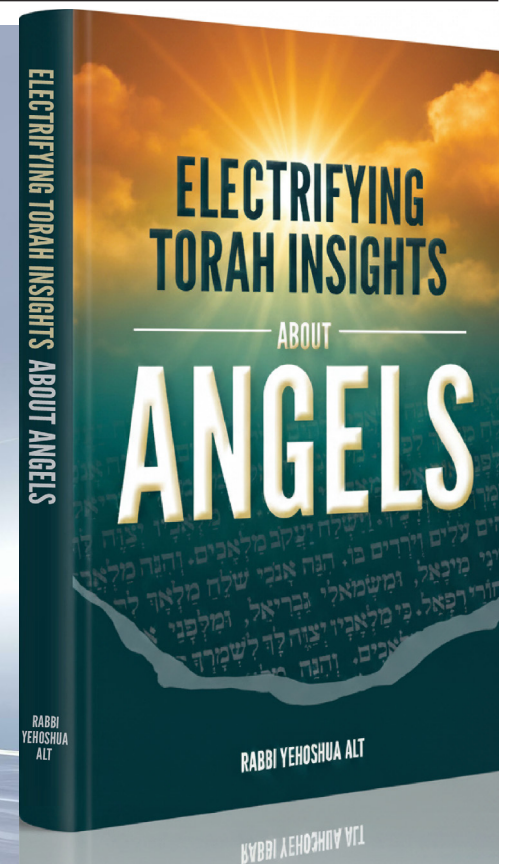
The three matzos at the seder line up with the three *avos*. As a result, the middle matza corresponds to Yitzchak. Yitzchak is our advocate for the redemption (Shabbos 89b). His matza is the one we break where the bigger piece is the *afikoman*. This bigger piece represents the future redemption which will be greater than that of the redemption from Mitzrayim.

The Vilna Gaon explains that Parshas Bo begins with *bo el Paroh*, come to *Paroh*. Let's see what we get when we literally "enter" inside the letters of *Paroh*. Since *pey* is spelled *pey-hey*, the inner letter is a *hey*. *Reish* is spelled *reish-yud-shin*, so the inner letters are *shin* and *yud*. *Ayin* is spelled *ayin-yud-nun*, so the inner letters are *yud* and *nun*. *Hey* is spelled *hey-alef*, so the inner letter is an *alef*. These internal letters (ה,י,ש,י,נ,א) have a sum total gematria of 376. This is the same gematria as Esav. Additionally, these letters of *hey*, *yud*, *shin*, *yud*, *nun*, *alef* form the

word *השיאני*, which it says concerning the snake, *ha'nachash hishiani va'ochail*, the snake deceived me and I ate (Breishis 3:13). This is where Esav is rooted. Edom, Esav, is the last *galus*. This is an allusion to the redemption from *Galus Edom* with these *makkos*.

Incidentally, this is hinted to in the word *וארא* (the title of the parsha that begins to speak of the *makkos*), as it is an abbreviation for *אני ראשון* and *ואני אחרון*, I am the first and I am the last (Yeshaya 44:6). Just as Hashem redeemed us through the *makkos* which commence in Parshas Va'eira (*ani rishon*), similarly, in the future Hashem will redeem us with the wonders being magnified much more than in Mitzrayim (*va'ani acharon*). Indeed, the beginning of the *pasuk* is *Hashem melech Yisrael v'goaloo*, Hashem, King of Israel and its **Redeemer**. In this way we can grasp the fourth *ani maamin*, *ani maamin be'emunah shleima she'ha'Borei Yisbarach Shmo hu rishon v'hu acharon*, I believe with complete faith that the Creator is the first and the last.

To top off our discussion, if we again take the phrase *בא אל פרעה* literally and combine the sum of the word *בא*, which is 3, to (אל) the sum of the word *פרעה*, which is 355, we reach the number 358. This is exactly the same as the gematria of *משיח* (See R' Leibla Eiger in his *sefer*, *Toras Emes*)!



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