

מסכת מגילה דף

DAF YOMI4 Kids

Inside the Daf

The 7 Prophetesses

Wife of אברהם (Abraham). She was also called from the word "סָכַתָּה," meaning to gaze or see, because she saw with holy inspiration.

שָׂרָה (Sarah)

One of the שופטים, Judges, of the Jewish people. She is called "Deborah, a prophetess," (שופטים ד, ד, Jud. 4,4).

דְּבוֹרָה (Deborah)

Sister of מֹשֶׁה (Moses). The Torah calls her, "Miriam the prophetess" (שמות טו, כ, Ex. 15,20). She foretold that her mother would have a son who would save the Jewish people.

מִרְיָם (Miriam)

Mother of the prophet שְׁמוּאֵל (Samuel). She foretold that Jewish kings would rule for a long time if anointed with oil from a horn.

חַנָּה (Hannah)

King David's wife. She foretold that דָּוִד would stumble in the episode with שֶׁבַע, Bathsheba (see שמואל ב, יא, II Sam. 11).

אַבִּיגַיִל (Abigail)

Wife of אֲחַשְׁוֶרֶשׁ (Ahasuerus). She was clothed in the Divine spirit (see אסתר ה, א, Es. 5,1).

אֶסְתֵּר (Esther)

A prophetess who lived in the time of the First Temple. When a Torah scroll was discovered rolled to a frightful verse, she was consulted about its meaning. She is called a prophetess in מלכים ב, כב, יד, II Kings 22,14).

חִילְדָּה (Huldah)

הַלֵּל on Purim

We usually recite the festive הַלֵּל (Praise) prayer on holidays. It is also recited at times when the Jewish people were rescued from danger. So why do we not recite הַלֵּל on Purim? After all, the Jewish people sang a song of praise at the sea when they were rescued from Egyptian *slavery*. Surely then we should recite the song of praise of הַלֵּל to remember when the Jewish people were rescued from *destruction*!

The גמרא answers that we do not recite הַלֵּל for miracles that happened outside the Land of Israel. Since the Purim miracle happened in Persia, we do not say הַלֵּל in its memory.

רַב נְחֶמָן answers that the very reading of the מְגִלָּה (Scroll of Esther) on Purim is equal to הַלֵּל. Like הַלֵּל, reading the מְגִילָה publicizes the Purim miracle and causes everyone to praise Hashem.



Did You Know...

In Jewish history there have been many prophets. In fact, there have been double the amount of prophets as the number of Jews who left Egypt at the Exodus! Only prophecy that was needed to future generations was written down in the תנ"ך (Bible).



A מְדוּתָּה Moment

"Did you hear that Manny Merkonovitz just became a rabbi?" asked Mr. Shainderson.

"Manny Meronovitz?" exclaimed Mrs. Shainderson. "I'm surprised at that...given who his parents are."

"You can still be a righteous person, regardless of who your ancestors are," said Mr. Shainderson. "In today's *daf yomi* we learn that the prophetess חולדָּה (Huldah) was a descendant of רָחָב, a woman who at one time was known for her immoral character."

Games

Review Questions – מגילה דף י"ד

- How many women prophets were there? Name 3.

- Which festive prayer do we not recite on Purim?

- How many prophets were there in Jewish history?

MATCH UP

Match the prophetess to her description

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| Foretold about Jewish kings | • | שָׂרָה (Sarah) | • |
| Clothed in the Divine spirit | • | מִרְיָם (Miriam) | • |
| Lived in the First Temple era | • | דְּבוֹרָה (Deborah) | • |
| Her brother saved the Israelites | • | חַנָּה (Hannah) | • |
| Also called יִסְכָּה | • | אַבְיגַיִל (Abigail) | • |
| Foretold David would stumble | • | אֶסְתֵּר (Esther) | • |
| One of the שופטִים | • | חולדָּה (Huldah) | • |