

מסכת סוּפָה דף נה

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Inside the Daf

When the המקדש (Holy Temple) stood, the Levites recited special

תהלים (Psalms) with the קרבן מוסף, the extra sacrifice offered on special days such as the סופות holiday.

The גמרא describes the Psalms that were recited during חול המועד, the intermediate days, of סופות:



Day One

הָבוּ לַה' בְּנֵי אֱלֹהִים הָבוּ
לַה' כְּבוֹד וְעֹז

"Prepare for Hashem, you sons of the powerful, prepare for Hashem, honor and might."

This was the first day of the Celebration of Water-Drawing which honored Hashem with "honor and might."



Day Two

לָרָשָׁע אָמַר אֱלֹקִים מַה לָּךְ
לְסַפֵּר חֻקֵי וְתִשָּׂא בְרִיתִי עָלַי פִּיד
"And to the wicked G-d said, Why do you talk about My laws and bring my Covenant upon your mouth?"

This was a warning to those celebrating the holiday, as if to say, Why do you come to celebrate with the rest of My nation if you do not repent?



Day Three

מִי יָקוּם לִי עִם
מְרִעִים

"Who will rise up for Me with evil ones?"

Even when evil ones are oppressing the Jewish people, we still serve Hashem. This was especially important during the Second Temple era when foreign nations dominated the Jewish people.



Day Four

בִּינוּ בְעַרְמֵי בָעַם

"Understand, you fools among the nations."

We warn the Jewish people not to be foolish and think no one is watching them. They should remember that Hashem is watching them and they should take care to give from their harvest to the poor as commanded.

Day Five

הִסִּירוֹתַי מִסָּבֵל שְׁכֻמוֹ
"I removed his shoulder from burden."

Hashem promises comfort, that He will shower His people with blessing if they merit it.

Day Six

יִמוּטוּ כָּל מוֹסְדֵי אֶרֶץ
"All the foundations of the earth will stagger."

Another warning about gifts to the poor; if they are not given, a curse comes to the land so that its foundations totter.



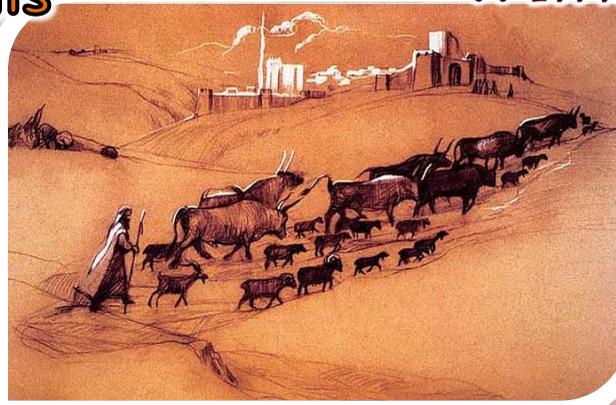
The 70 Bulls

The **סוכות** holiday was unique in that 70 bulls were offered in the **בית המקדש** (Holy Temple) over the course of the seven day holiday.

רבי אֶלְעָזָר explains that the 70 bulls are for the 70 nations of the world. On **סוכות**, Hashem judges the world about rainfall. The 70 bulls atone for the 70 nations so that rain may fall upon the entire world, over all the nations of earth.

רבי יוחנן exclaims, "Woe to the idolaters of the world! They have lost something and they don't even know what they lost! As long as the Temple stood, the bulls of **סוכות** would atone for them. Now that the Temple has been destroyed, what will atone for them?"

On the **סוכות** holiday that follows a single bull is offered. This is for the Jewish people, a singular nation. The **גמרא** compares this to a king who commands his servants to prepare a special banquet for him. On the last day of the banquet the king says to his favorite guest, "prepare a small meal for me, so I can enjoy your company, alone." The favorite guest is the Jewish people whose presence Hashem seeks for one more day after the **סוכות** holiday – on the festival of **עֲצֵרֶת**.



A מְדוּת Moment

The day before the **סוכות** vacation, Rabbi Zimmerman invited his class for a special meal in his **סוכה** during the intermediate days of the holiday.

"Alright! I can't wait!" said one student, "There's gonna be all kinds of good food and candy there."

"I know, there's always a ton of good food at Rabbi Zimmerman's **סוכה**!" said another boy.

"Remember how the **גמרא** says Hashem wants the Jewish people to join Him for one more meal after the **סוכות** holiday because He loves us so much?" asked Rabbi Zimmerman. The class nodded.

"That's why He asks us to offer just one special sacrifice on the day after **סוכות**. Some explain that by having a small amount of food at His 'meal', Hashem shows He isn't interested in the food, but really wants the company of His people. Sometimes having too much food distracts us from enjoying the company we're with."

(פניני אגדות חז"ל)



Did You Know...

The Rabbis of Caesarea said (in the name of **רבי אֶתָא**) that on days when more than one **קָרְבָּן מוֹסֵף** (extra offering) is sacrificed, for example on the first of the month that falls out on the Sabbath, we do not increase the number of trumpet blasts but we do increase the number of trumpets.

WORD OF THE DAY:

תְּיִוְבָתָא

"A REFUTATION"

Games

What do these pictures have to do with today's *daf*?



Review Questions – סוכה דף נ"ה

1. What did the Levites recite along with the **קָרְבָּן מוֹסֵף** (special sacrifice)?

2. Why are 70 bulls offered over the course of the **סוכות** holiday?

3. On days when we offer more than one **קָרְבָּן מוֹסֵף** what do we increase according to the Rabbis of Caesarea?