

WHEN DOES A
MARRIAGE
NOT WORK?**Inside the Daf**

Have you ever heard of marrying a donkey?
Probably not because the idea is so silly. There is no such thing as marrying an animal.

Well, just like there's no such thing as marrying an animal, there is no such thing in Jewish law as marrying a slave. If someone would marry a slave, it is like no marriage took place just like if someone married a donkey it is like no marriage took place.

Likewise, it is forbidden to marry a member of the seven ancient Canaanite nations who ruled the land of Israel at the time **הושיע** (Joshua) entered the land. If one would marry such a person, the marriage doesn't count.

Not only does marriage with one of the Canaanite nations not count, but marriage to any non-Jew is not valid.

**SLAVE**

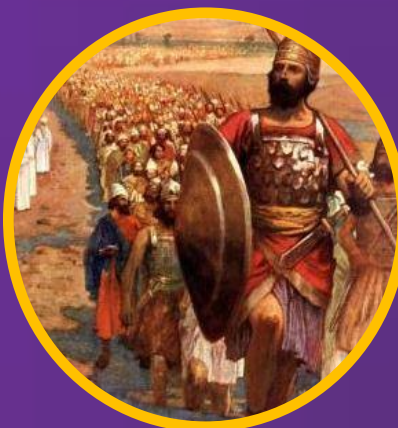
Slaves are compared to donkeys. Just like there is no such thing as a donkey getting married, there is no such thing as a slave getting married

NON-JEW

Marriage to a non-Jew is not considered marriage

**CANAANITE NATIONS**

A Jew may not marry a member of one of the seven Canaanite nations. Such a marriage is not valid



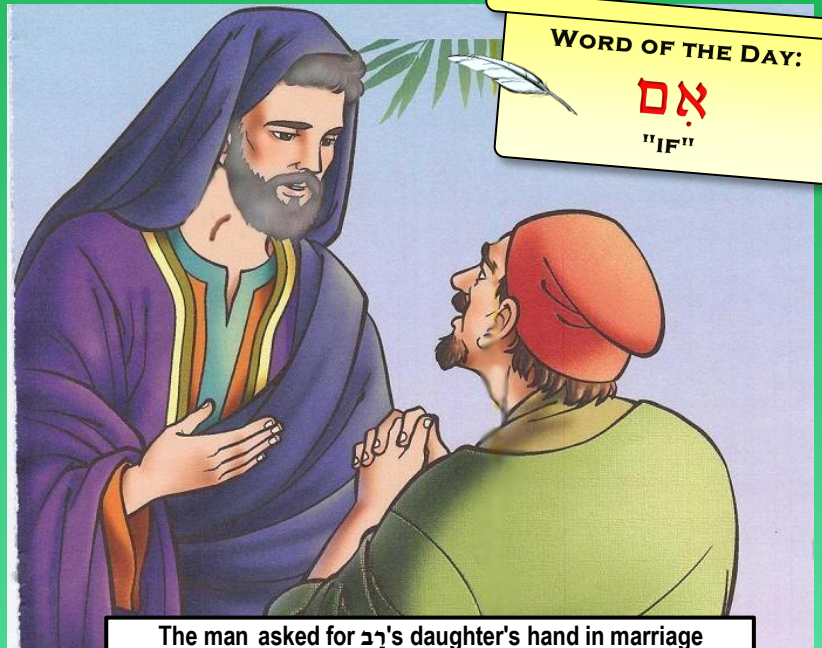
"Can I Marry Your Daughter?"

We have learned that a **ממזר** is not allowed to marry into the Jewish community (pg. 34). Most opinions hold that a child born from a non-Jewish father and a Jewish mother is *not* a **ממזר**. Still, there are some Talmudic sages who disagree.

A man once came to the sage **רב** and asked if a child of a non-Jewish father and a Jewish mother is a **ממזר**. When **רב** told him that such a child is not a **ממזר** and may marry into the Jewish community, the man revealed that he was a child of such a union and asked for **רב**'s daughter's hand in marriage!

"I will not let you marry my daughter," said **רב**, shocked.

Another sage, **שימי בר חייא**, told **רב** that he should let the man marry his daughter. If he wouldn't, people would not believe him that such a child could marry into the Jewish community.



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A Moment - מְדוּת

"What did you learn in school today, Timmy?" asked the rabbi.

"We learned how lucky we are to live in this country where everyone has the same opportunity no matter where we come from."

"That's a great lesson," said the rabbi, "and very similar to something in today's *daf yomi*. When a man of poor lineage asked to marry the daughter of **רב**, the sage said that if he has the qualities of **יהושע בן נון** (Joshua the son of Nun), then he will have no problem finding a wife even if he suffers from poor lineage. We see from this that no matter where we come from, we can become great and overcome our origins. It's all up to us!"



Did You Know...

רבא says to be appointed in a position of authority, one may not be a convert, but rather must have been born from a Jewish mother.

יבמות דף מ"ה - Review Questions

1. Give an example of a marriage that doesn't count as a marriage.

2. According to **רב** may one marry someone born to a non-Jewish father?

3. If someone is appointed to a position of authority, what may he not be?

Games

WORDMAZE

Follow the phrase "יהושע בן נון" to find your way out!

