

Enslavement In Galus Has Finished

Based on the Dvar Malchus of Shabbos Parshas Vayigash, 5752

Who is the strong and courageous one?

A stormy drama takes place in the Egyptian royal palace. *Yosef*, second to Pharaoh, sits on the throne. His 11 brothers, headed by *Yehudah*, stand before him, pleading for the release of their youngest brother *Binyamin*. *Yosef*, the viceroy, second to Pharaoh, decides *Binyamin's* destiny and the tribes (brothers) get down on their hands and knees. This is the subject of the *parsha*. The *haftorah* describes the exact opposite situation. The *Navi Yichezkel* says that the *Melech Hamoshiach* will come from the tribe of *Yehudah* and will rule over all the tribes, including *Yosef*.

The Rebbe *Melech Hamoshiach Shlita* asks an obvious question. The *haftorah* is similar to the *parsha* of that week, yet we see here that they are telling us two opposite situations. In this week's *parsha*, *Yosef* is the ruler and *Yehudah* is the citizen, whereas in the *haftorah* *Yehudah* is the ruler and *Yosef* is under him!

The Rebbe *Melech Hamoshiach Shlita* explains that an amazing thing

happened in *Yosef's* palace. Pharaoh ruled the entire civilized world and appointed *Yosef* as the viceroy, the second in command. The same Pharaoh gave instructions that everyone should treat *Yosef* as if he were king! *Yosef* made decisions for Egypt and the entire world. In other words, *Yosef* was stronger and more influential than America's current President! It would be easy for any one of us to describe our respect if we ever had the privilege to meet *Yosef*...

Yehudah walks into the palace and bows down as would be expected, but when *Yosef* gives instructions to keep *Binyamin* in Egypt, he becomes very angry and doesn't pay attention to the code of behavior before royalty. He starts roaring like a lion, causing everyone's teeth to fall out due to the tremendous fear that overcame them. He then approached *Yosef* unannounced and without permission and began speaking to him. He even threatened to kill him. This all occurred in *Yosef's* palace in the presence of his servants. *Yehudah* was certain that he was an Egyptian that would immediately kill him for his



chutzpa.

Who then is the brave and courageous one? Of course *Yehudah* who wasn't moved by anything. Such conduct is a proper preparation to what is about to take place, when the *Melech Hamoshiach* will rule over the Jewish nation.

He only recognizes Hashem

Hashem sent us into *galus*, each one in his country with its laws. The laws that we have to abide by aren't always suitable for a Jew. No one can decide for us when it comes to Torah and mitzvos. But when it comes to other things, such as business and the like, we might think that we have to consider the laws and ways of the land we are living in because Hashem brought things about that we are there and as such we are bound to the ways of that particular country.

The Rebbe Melech Hamoshiach Shlita says that if your business is for your own purposes, then the non-Jew has a say in what you do. But a Jew doesn't have such a business or other means of making a living, because his whole purpose is to serve Hashem. Every moment of his life and all that he does is *lishem shamayim*. He is even connected to Hashem when he eats or drinks. A Jew who achieves such a state of mind and heart refers to everything else as *avodas zara*, something that he

denies and doesn't want. Such a Jew only recognizes Hashem's existence and nothing else. Even during the *galus* such a person isn't moved by strange laws, just like *Yehudah* acted in the *Yosef's* royal palace, not for a moment considering Egypt and its ways.

Yehudah was aware of the Egyptian way of life. He was also aware that he needed *Yosef's* permission to free *Binyamin*. *Yosef* wouldn't help out. *Yehudah* will decide for them that they have to free *Binyamin*.

It's true that Hashem sent us into *galus* and placed a non-Jew as the leader of the country, but not in order to tell us what to do. We'll tell him what he should do for us and the government and police will carry out the leader's directive on their own.

The ability to do so is because every Jew is connected to Hashem, something that gives us the ability to bring about the true and complete redemption. Then will be the time when the power of the *Melech Hamoshiah* will be revealed, a time when he will lead the entire world. His power comes from *Hashem yisbarech*.

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Generations have passed, each one with its restraints and decrees against the Jews. Until now the nations of the world didn't make it possible for us to



act as full fledged Jews and to feel like the boss and ruler over the world. Such a situation is called "enslavement in galus". Our generation, however, has finished the preparations for the redemption, something that has to be brought into the world in actuality.

In our generation, the world is ready for the full fledged Jew with all that it entails, just like in the *yimos hamoshiach* – mamash, and as a result, there are no more decrees, and nations of the world now make it possible for Jews to act as they desire. Whoever decides that he's the boss succeeds with his Torah and mitzvos wherever he is, not only in his/her own home. Furthermore, we can tell the non-Jews to fulfill the *sheva mitzvos b'nai Noach* (the 7 universal laws).

They are ours, starting from *Yosef* and *Yehudah* of our generation, the Rebbe Harayatz, whose name is Yosef, and the Rebbe Melech Hamoshiach, from the tribe of *Yehudah*, who give us the strength and ability to do our *avoda* properly and to welcome *Moshiach* immediately – mamash.

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