



Parshah Questions: Behaalotcha 5783: Yitro's Eyes

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1. Bamidbar 10:31-32

And [Moshe] said: Please, do not leave us, for therefore [or: because] you knew our camp in the wilderness, and you were [or: could be] our eyes. And when you travel with us, it will be, that benefit which Hashem will provide for us, and we will provide benefit for you.

2. Questions

- Who needs Yitro's eyes?
- How does this relate to knowing where/how the Jews have camped?

3. Answer 1: Practical benefits of Yitro's knowledge and presence

- Sifri Bamidbar 80 When anything is invisible to our eyes, you will open our eyes
- Ramban Guide us in choosing our approach to conquering Canaan
- Rabbeinu Bechaye Your presence will encourage those who appreciate a human guide

4. Answer 2: The value of what Yitro saw in the past

- Ibn Ezra You helped us with advice in the past, regarding courts, so stay and benefit
- Daat Zekeinim Your presence shows that you saw miracles, and that will draw others

5. Answer 3: Noam Elimelech

- You know what Hashem has done for us in the wilderness
- Your joy over Hashem's deeds will cause Hashem's eyes to look upon us and help us