

Menachos 110

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109b

Gemara (continuing from the two versions of the **הוֹנִי** story): Looking at Yeshayah 19:18-19

- R' Meir – The Egyptian temple of Yeshayah 19:19 refers to five cities (as hinted in Yeshayah 19:18) who followed Chizkiyah's instruction to halt their idolatry, after the fall of Sancherev.
- (110a) Yeshayah 19:18 concludes "And one of them will be called הרס ['Destruction']" – This is meant to include the city of the Sun [הרס]¹, Heliopolis, in the five cities

Gemara – Tangent from Egyptian exile: Jews in their exiles

- Yeshayah 43: Bringing HaShem's sons and daughters, meaning different types of exile, home
- We are scattered far and wide, but we are known and HaShem is known only from Tyre to Carthage
 - Rav Simi bar Chiyya - But Malachi 1 says HaShem is known from east to west!
 - Rav² - they include Gd in their idolatry³

Gemara - Tangent from Malachi 1: Talmud Torah as Avodah

- מוגש לשמי – Refers to talmud torah
- ומנחה טהורה – One who marries and then learns, so that he learns in purity⁴

Gemara – Tangent from the link between Korbanos and Talmud Torah⁵

- העומדים בבית ד' בלילות – This refers to Torah study at night
- In Divrei haYamim II 2:3 Shlomo declares that the avodah will always be with us
 - Rav – The angel Michael bringing korbanos⁶
 - R' Yochanan – Talmidei chachamim learning laws of avodah
- Vayyikra 7 says זאת התורה לעולה ולמנחה וכו' זאת התורה לעולה ולמנחה וכו'
 - Reish Lakish – One who learns its Torah is as though he had brought the korban
 - Rava – לעולה ולמנחה – One who learns will have no need of these korbanos⁷

Mishnah: **אשה ריח ניחוח** is stated by all levels of korban, because key is not quantity, but **שיכוין לבו לשמים**

Gemara: All contributions work; adding more does not increase what Gd receives

Gemara: Three major questions of theology tied into korbanos

- All of our korbanot are directed to one Gd
- The problem of having multiple Names for Gd
- Gd does not need the korbanot

¹ Note Rashi to Yehoshua 24:30 and Shoftim 2:9

² Regarding Rav's "שימי את" – See Rashi Bechoros 43b and Rashi Niddah 24a

³ Which is why we have a mitzvah of אלקיך (Rav Isser Zalman Meltzer)

⁴ Kiddushin 29b says Bavel and Eretz Yisrael had different orders for marriage and learning. See Rashi, Tosafot and Ritva there.

⁵ This link explains why one recites new ברכות התורה in the morning, not at night (R' Yechiel Michel Stern)

⁶ What are these korbanos? (Tosafot, Shem miShemuel Lech Lecha 5674)

⁷ Like Sotah 21a, regarding Torah and Mitzvot protecting from sin?