

Va'era: Torah Thoughts

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Yerusha and Morasha, Torah and Israel, understanding the nuances

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A. VENATATI OTA LACHEM MORASHA. VENATATI expresses a gift. MORASHA expresses an inheritance. Which is it?

Two interpretations.

1. You have a right of inheritance in Israel. But so does Yishmael? No, because I have given this particular part of the inheritance of the world to you. YERUSHA is never interrupted. It is entailed to you. MATANA may be lost.

2. Yerusha is mentioned twice in the Torah. Once for Israel, the second time for the Torah itself, TORAH TZIVA LANU MOSHE, MORASHA KEHILAT YAAKOV. What is the difference between Yerusha and Morasha? Yerusha, accepting a bequest. For this you must be worthy. Morasha, making the bequest. For this you must strive and work and toil and suffer. For Israel as well as Torah, the word is MORASHA rather than Yerusha. Three great gifts..... Also, the Morasha continues without interruption. And for this we are required to be a Torah Shebeal Pe, be a Sefer Torah....

B. How is Eretz Yisrael ours without interruption? The Igra DeKala explains that this is because no one else ever succeeded in building Israel. MIZMOR LEDAVID, KINA MIBAYA LEI? TZEDAKA.... SHESHAFCHU HAMATAM AL... NETZIV: AFILU BAGALUT ERETZ YISRAEL SHELACHEM ...

B. There is a link between the two, KI MITZIYON TETZE TORAH....

C. YIHUS MOSHE VEAHARON; SR"H explains it is to prevent the people from making them into an idolatry. Moshe veaharon... Aharon umoshe... To show that they are equal. But why is that? Did Aharon do the makot or Moshe? Who brought the message? Who was chosen to be mehanech the mishkan.... Yet Aharon is equally important?

Answer is that Aharon is no more important for exodus than Kevad Pe Moshe, MI SAM PE LEADAM....

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