



פרשת תזריע-מצרע

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ג וְאִרְבַּעַה אֲנָשִׁים הָיוּ מִצָּרְעִים פָּתַח הַשַּׁעַר וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ
 אֶל-רֵעֵהוּ מָה אֲנַחְנוּ יֹשְׁבִים פֹּה עַד-מָתָנּוּ: ד אִם-אֲמַרְנוּ
 נָבוֹא הָעִיר וְהָרַעַב בְּעִיר וּמָתָנוּ שָׁם וְאִם-יִשְׁבְּנוּ פֹה
 וּמָתָנוּ וְעַתָּה לָּכּוּ וְנִפְלֵה אֶל-מַחֲנֵה אָרֶם אִם-יַחֲיֵנוּ נַחֲיֵה
 וְאִם-יָמִיתָנוּ וּמָתָנוּ: ה וַיִּקְוֹמוּ בִּנְשֻׁף לָבוֹא אֶל-מַחֲנֵה
 אָרֶם וַיָּבֹאוּ עַד-קִצֵּה מַחֲנֵה אָרֶם וְהָיָה אֵין-שָׁם אִישׁ:
 ו וַאֲדֹנָי הַשָּׁמַיִם | אֶת-מַחֲנֵה אָרֶם קוּל רָכַב קוּל סוּס קוּל
 חֵיל גָּדוֹל וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ אֶל-אָחִיו הִנֵּה שָׂכַר-עָלֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
 יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-מַלְכֵי הַחֲתִיּוֹת וְאֶת-מַלְכֵי מִצְרַיִם לָבוֹא
 עָלֵינוּ: ז וַיִּקְוֹמוּ וַיִּנּוּסוּ בִּנְשֻׁף וַיַּעֲזְבוּ אֶת-אֱהֲלֵיהֶם
 וְאֶת-סוּסֵיהֶם וְאֶת-חֲמֹרֵיהֶם הַמַּחֲנֵה כַּאֲשֶׁר-הָיָה וַיִּנּוּסוּ
 אֶל-נַפְשָׁם: ח וַיָּבֹאוּ הַמִּצְרָעִים הָאֵלֶּה עַד-קִצֵּה הַמַּחֲנֵה
 וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל-אֱהֶל אֶחָד וַיֹּאכְלוּ וַיִּשְׁתּוּ וַיִּשְׂאוּ מִשָּׁם כֶּסֶף
 וְזָהָב וּבַגְדִים וַיִּלְכוּ וַיִּטְמְנוּ וַיָּשְׁבוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל-אֱהֶל אַחֵר
 וַיִּשְׂאוּ מִשָּׁם וַיִּלְכוּ וַיִּטְמְנוּ: ט וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ אֶל-רֵעֵהוּ
 לֹא-כֵן | אֲנַחְנוּ עֹשִׂים הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה יוֹם-בְּשֻׁרָה הוּא וְאֲנַחְנוּ

מַחֲשִׁים וְחַכִּינוּ עַד-אֹר הַבֶּקֶר וּמִצָּאֵנוּ עֹוֹן וְעַתָּה לָכֵן
וְנִבְאָה וְנִגִּידָה בַּיַּת הַמֶּלֶךְ: י וַיִּבְאוּ וַיִּקְרְאוּ אֶל-שַׁעַר
הָעִיר וַיִּגִּידוּ לָהֶם לֵאמֹר בָּאנוּ אֶל-מַחֲנֵה אָרֶם וְהִנֵּה
אֵין-שָׁם אִישׁ וְקוֹל אָדָם כִּי אִם-הַסּוֹס אֲסוּר וְהַחֲמוֹר
אֲסוּר וְאֵהָלִים כַּאֲשֶׁר-הָמָה: יא וַיִּקְרָא הַשְּׁעָרִים וַיִּגִּידוּ
בַּיַּת הַמֶּלֶךְ פְּנִימָה: יב וַיִּקָּם הַמֶּלֶךְ לַיְלָה וַיֹּאמֶר
אֶל-עַבְדָּיו אֲגִידָה-נָא לָכֶם אֶת אֲשֶׁר-עָשׂוּ לָנוּ אָרֶם יִדְעוּ
כִּי-רַעֲבִים אֲנַחְנוּ וַיֵּצְאוּ מִן-הַמַּחֲנֶה לְהַחֲבֶה בַשָּׂדֶה
לֵאמֹר כִּי-יֵצְאוּ מִן-הָעִיר וְנִתְּפָשׂוּ חַיִּים וְאֶל-הָעִיר נִבְאָ:
יג וַיַּעַן אֶחָד מֵעַבְדָּיו וַיֹּאמֶר וַיִּקְחוּ-נָא חֲמֹשֶׁה
מִן-הַסּוֹסִים הַנִּשְׂאָרִים אֲשֶׁר נִשְׂאָרוּ-בָהּ הַנֶּמֶס כְּכֹל-הַמוֹן
יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר נִשְׂאָרוּ-בָהּ הַנֶּמֶס כְּכֹל-הַמוֹן יִשְׂרָאֵל
אֲשֶׁר-תָּמוּ וְנִשְׁלַחַה וְנִרְאָה: יד וַיִּקְחוּ שְׁנַי רֶכֶב סוֹסִים
וַיִּשְׁלַח הַמֶּלֶךְ אַחֲרַי מַחֲנֵה-אָרֶם לֵאמֹר לָכֵן וַרְאוּ:
טו וַיֵּלְכוּ אַחֲרֵיהֶם עַד-הַיַּרְדֵּן וְהִנֵּה כָל-הַיַּרְדֵּן מְלֵאָה
בְּגָדִים וְכֵלִים אֲשֶׁר-הִשְׁלִיכוּ אָרֶם בַּחֲפָזִם וַיֵּשְׁבוּ
הַמְּלָאכִים וַיִּגְדּוּ לַמֶּלֶךְ: טז וַיֵּצֵא הָעָם וַיִּבְזּוּ אֶת מַחֲנֵה
אָרֶם וַיְהִי סָאָה סִלָּת בְּשָׂקָל וְסָאָתִים שְׁעָרִים בְּשָׂקָל
כַּדְּבַר יְהוָה:

3. And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said one to another, Why should we sit here until we die? 4. If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we die also. And therefore come, and let us go over to the camp of the Arameans; if they save us

alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die. 5. And they rose up in the twilight, to go to the camp of the Arameans; and when they came to the outer edge of the camp of Aram, behold, there was no man there. 6. For Hashem had made the camp of the Arameans hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, the noise of a great army; and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. 7. Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. 8. And when these lepers came to the outer edge of the camp, they went into one tent, and ate and drank, and carried from there silver, and gold, and garments, and went and hid it; and returned, and entered into another tent, and carried there also, and went and hid it. 9. Then they said one to another, We do not well; this day is a day of good news, and we hold our peace; if we remain till the morning light, punishment will come upon us; now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household. 10. And they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city; and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Arameans, and, behold, there was no man there, nor voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were. 11. And he called the gatekeepers; and they told it to the king's house inside. 12. And the king arose in the night, and said to his servants, I will now tell you what the Arameans have done to us. They know that we are hungry; therefore they are gone from the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come from the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city. 13. And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I beg you, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it; behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that have perished; and let us send and see. 14. They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the camp of the Arameans, saying, Go and see. 15. And they went after them to the Jordan; and, lo, all the way was full of garments and utensils, which the Arameans had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king. 16. And the people went out, and plundered the tents of the Arameans. And a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of Hashem. 17. And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to be in charge of the gate; and the people trampled upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of Elohim had said, who spoke when the king came down to him. 18. And it came to pass as the man of Elohim had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria; 19. And that lord answered the man of Elohim, and said, And, behold, if Hashem should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it. 20. And so it happened to him; for the people trampled upon him in the gate, and he died.