Through Your Blood Shall You Live (2024)

(Shabbat Pesach)

One of the recurring themes in Pesach is the passage from Yechezkel *'Through your blood shall you live.'* We read this passage in the Haggadah and in the prayer services during this week-long holiday. On a basic level it reminds us that we were at a very low level and we almost disappeared into the darkness of Egypt. We needed something to save us. Something unique from the soul of the Jew to save us from the assimilation of Egypt. That something was two mitzvot that involved blood. One involved humiliating the Egyptian lamb god by slaughtering them and roasting them publicly. The other mitzvah was circumcision, which reminds us of the partnership in Creation between the Jewish people and Hashem. There is an interesting Gematria within this passage.

עֲבֹר עָלַיִךְ וָאֶרְאֵךְ, מִתְבּוֹסֶסֶת בְּדָמָיִךְ; וָאֹמַר לָךְ **בְּדָמַיִךְ** חֲיִי, וָאֹמַר לָךְ **בְּדָמַיִךְ** חֲיִי	And I said to you, **through your blood** shall you live; and I said to you, **through your blood** shall you live.

(Yecheskel 16:6)

בְּדָמַיִךְ = (through your blood) = Gematria 76

Kahane = Gematria 76

One can therefore read this passage **'Kahane Chai, Kahane Chai.**' How do we understand this idea that through the blood of Kahane we live? How does understanding what Rav Kahane represents, bring the traditional concept of the Pesach story to life in our times? Let me explain.

We read in the Haftorah of Shabbat from Yechezkel. Hashem tells Yechezkel that the dry bones he sees represent the Jewish people, who have been reduced to a hopeless and lifeless skeleton of their former glory. Hashem tells the prophet that he will breathe new life into them, and they will once again flourish. The prophet sees the body come back to life but it is a body without a spirit. Then Hashem infuses the body with His spirit. It appears there are two stages. In the first stage the body comes to life and in the next stage that body is infused with a spirit.

We have witnessed the miraculous rebirth of the Nation of Israel today. We have seen how with divine assistance we have transformed a desert into a garden and Jews from every corner of the world have contributed in making Israel a great world power. I suggest that in the same way that we saw the skeleton of a people transform into a great political force in the world, we will soon see something similar with the spirit of our Nation. The exile spirit that grovels before America and Western alliances with concession after concession to the degree that our sovereignty is

questionable and our loyalties challenged, must change. These changes are being forced upon us as we have become more and more isolated in this current war.

Who is wise is he who sees the future.

> The Talmud (*Tamid* 32a) says that a *chacham* is somebody who can foresee future consequences that had not yet come to fruition.

Much of the suffering we are going through today could have been prevented many years ago if our ears and hearts had been open. Rav Kahane came as a messenger to try and save us from the Arab storm on the horizon. Instead of heeding his advice we chose to kill the messenger. The blood of Kahane is on our hands. However, it is this blood that will give us life. Through this blood we will live if we understand what he tried to convey to us before we had ears to listen. Today it is a matter of survival. Through this blood we will live if we take it to heart and follow the directives he outlined, which are the Torah directives.

As nations of the world conspire against Israel the method of their attacks are twofold. There are violent physical attacks by our Arab enemies and lawfare attacks by our supposed friends. With each action we do in order to defend ourselves and destroy our enemies there are increasing threats of sanctions, legal actions and warrants of arrest. Just like Rav Kahane was beaten and persecuted by kangaroo courts, accused of racism and incitement simply for defending the Jewish people, so too is our leadership today facing such threats. Did these threats and beatings and imprisonment's stop the Rabbi from marching to defend the Jewish people and even paying the ultimate sacrifice? No. Measure for Measure, what we did to the Rabbi, the world is doing to us, and there is only one way out. We must become Rabbi Kahane.

We must march forward and destroy our enemies despite the lambs that we will be publicly roasting. If we haven't realized it yet, we have no allies, only one. That is the Almighty above, who can destroy all the missiles of Iran and more if we follow his directives. The more we act like the Rav that we had persecuted the more our great Ally above will come to our defense. The more we give in to Amalek and friends of Amalek in Washington and Europe by agreeing to sanction Lehava, and Rav Kahane's grandson of the Hilltop Youth, and the Netzach Yehuda Battalion, and others, the more we will suffer. Pay attention. The world understands what I am writing here. Precisely those with a 'different spirit' are being targeted. They understand that this 'different spirit' holds the key to our success or their conquest. The longer we prolong the operation in Rafiach and barter with the devil, the weaker we become.

Through the blood of the prophets that we spilled we will live. But only if we become even a little bit more like them. The more that we do, the more we will live. The more that we do, the more awareness we will have of our previous sins, and become contrite and by doing so speedily endear Hashem to come to our rescue with greater and greater miracles. Through the actions of our reluctant conquest which will force us to roast the lambs of our enemies and infuriate them, for we have no choice, the brit milah between our Father in heaven will also be strengthened.

Only in this way, by going against our nature and our exile mentality will the second stage of the dry bones materialize. Imagine where the Jewish people were 76 years ago, and where they are today. Imagine what a new soul infused into this body would be? Despite the protests and the Erev Rav within, Hashem has promised us that He will infuse this body with a new soul. This year our Nation celebrates its seventy sixth year. This is the Gematria of Kahane. Let us be born again with a new spirit. Through the tragic blood we shed in our negligence and apathy let us change and grow so that through the blood of a new heart and soul we will truly live. Kahane Chai.

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