

CHAPTER AND VERSE

- Welcome my dear friends. This is a guide for Jews and non-Jews to the simple meaning of the Torah and to living with the times.
- We must be clear as to the simple meaning of the Torah - precise and clear (Devarim 6:7) - clear in our minds and speech so it will be a clear and accurate Light Unto the Nations.
- The clarity is in knowing the verses of the Torah and their simple meaning and not letting ourselves drift away, or be distracted, from the simple meaning. Therefore, learning Chumash with Rashi daily is vital. Any additional layers of insight cannot take the Torah from its simple meaning.
- Only the Torah is the antidote to the spiraling descent of darkness which is the Enlightenment: cult of intellect, science, philosophy, history, literature, arts, psychology, medicine. The Enlightenment seeks to use these fields to disconnect a man from his Creator and from his soul. The world urgently and desperately needs an Enlightenment detox and is depending on the Jewish People to faithfully transmit the Torah without any compromise or adjustment so that it remains pure and ready for the non-Jews to increasingly turn to the Torah and its teachings for the non-Jews.
- Each one of us is responsible for the continuity of the Torah to remain pure and representing accurately G-d Al-mighty's Divine Message to every person. We cannot defer to or rely on someone else, no matter how great we imagine them to be, to preserve the Torah. Even the simplest among us, even a five year old, *ben chamesh l'Mikra, can and must*.
- 🙌 We might be tempted to think that learning Chumash with Rashi is important for merely the *simple man*, on the level of the five year old. However, the urgent need for learning Chumash with Rashi is actually for the *very learned*, who can get lost in being so well-versed in so many arguments and commentaries that in their hyper-focus they lose sight of the simple meaning. They must learn Chumash with Rashi with the same urgency and curiosity as the five-year old.
- This is not a "parsha sheet" but rather some brief bullet points to highlight the obvious. Follow along the points below inside a Chumash (Five Books of Moses) and read each verse in its entirety and context.

פרשת כי תצא

Parshas Ki Teizei (Deut. 21:10 - 25:19)

Moshe Rabbeinu continues his passionate and loving pleading with us to stay on track.

21:13 וְהִסִּירָהּ אֶת־שַׁמְלַת שְׂבָנָהּ מֵעָלֶיהָ And remove the garments of captivity from her. The behavior of the nations can be so crooked and cursed that they adorn their daughters in order to seduce the Jewish soldiers who will pay attention to the beautiful outer clothing and be distracted from their mission. Immorality and pornography is a military tactic

to distract the men particularly so that they are chasing after experiences thereby wasting their time and creative energy rendering them neutralized from being productive for their own family, community and nation. When men are taken out of service like this, they and their country is weakened. There are entire foreign military intelligence divisions dedicated to the creation of seductive material as a military tactic to weaken Americans and America and Jews in the Holy Land. Whereas in the Torah verse the distraction could still lead to an actual fruitful relationship with offspring (albeit with its own distortions), allowing the mind to take seriously the pixelated images of pornography tricks the body into a response which cannot bear fruit. It is deception on all levels. 🖱️ This trap of distraction is the intention behind much of the even seemingly “benign” click-bait - for example, “top ten baseball bloopers” - which are intended to get a man to click and be distracted from his real task at hand. It takes 20 minutes to recover from a distraction, to reach the same level of engagement in a relationship or task as before the distraction or interruption. In the American work day there are only 21 20-minute segments. If every American can be distracted for just one of those segments, productivity crashes by 5%. If a man is distracted multiple times throughout the day, the effect on individual, company and national productivity is devastating. In our daily “going out to war” to fight the war of G-d Al-mighty we are required to stay focused and on track.

🖱️ So too, this tactic is advanced when a man dresses like a woman. 22:5. The outer female garment is intended to distract another man and divert him from his true mission. It throws the targeted men into even greater chaos. Men dressing like women is really a military tactic. See Sun Tzu, the Art of War, regarding using immorality as a military tactic to destroy a nation and leave it incapable of sufficient focus or interest to mount a defense, let alone offense. (See Aderes Eliyahu from the Vilna Goan for this explanation of the enemy tactics and connecting the cross-dressing.)

🖱️ The **solution to this warfare** is to remove the outer attractive garment and see what is really behind it. The captured woman is really mourning her idolatry. She is an enemy agent devoted to an enemy agenda. Once this is exposed, she is repulsive. When the targeted man will realize that what is being presented to attract his eyes is really the invention of an enemy military intelligence team seeking to destroy him physically and spiritually, he will instantaneously be repulsed. The truth destroys the illusion that what is being presented is a sweet fruit that he can indulge his time and energy in. On the contrary, it is no fruit at all but rather a staged act of attack on his existence by his enemy. The solution to the warfare against us is to expose it for what it is - warfare intended to maim and kill. With merely that exposure, the victim of the act leaves his impotence and restores his potency, while the enemy is immediately rendered impotent.

Please take the time to pass on this message to every man you know so that the insight can eliminate once and for all the appeal of this enemy tactic.

(This shows us an example of how important it is to understand the simple meaning of the verses. It becomes obvious that these verses which we might have thought are telling us merely about something that has not happened for thousands of years, but now we realize that is actually relevant to us at this very moment, exposing both the problem and providing the solution. Similarly, if we only engage with the verse on the level of the abstract application for example to the journey of the soul, as in the Ohr HaChaim HaKodesh, we will overlook and lose the practical Divine message as explained here.)

21:14 לֹא־תִעַבְדֶּנָּהּ Do not enslave her. Even though she was an enemy agent sent to destroy this very man, and he has now seen through her disguise, he must treat her with respect as she is still created in G-d Al-mighty’s Divine Image.

21:18 כִּי־יִהְיֶה לְאִישׁ בֶּן־סוֹרֵר וּמְנַרְתָּהּ אֵינֶנּוּ שֹׁמְעֵי בְקוֹל אָבִיו וּבְקוֹל אִמּוֹ When a man will have a son who is wayward and rebellious and does not listen to the voice of his father and the voice of his mother. This person developing into a man is unable to develop delayed gratitude. As a result he puts the entire civilization at risk.

21:23 כִּי־קָלְלַת אֱלֹהִים תִּלְוֶיהָ Because the displayed executed person is a disgrace to G-d. Since every man is created in G-d Al-mighty’s Divine Image, it reflects poorly on G-d Al-mighty that this “look alike” descended to such a low level that he had to be executed. We who care about G-d Al-mighty’s honor should take this to heart in recognizing that a human being whose behavior descends and is not fitting for the gift of the Divine Image should prompt us to vigorous action to redirect and re-moralize that human being by teaching him the Torah that applies to him to live as befitting the Divine Image.

22:5 לא־יִהְיֶה כְּלִי־גִבּוֹר עַל־אִשָּׁה וְלֹא־יִלְבַּשׁ גִּבּוֹר שְׂמֵלַת אִשָּׁה כִּי תוֹעֵבַת ה' אֶל־ל' כְּלִי־עֵשָׂה אֶלֶּה There should not be garments and items of a man on a woman, and a man should not clothe himself in the dress of a woman, because it is reprehensible for the L-rd Your G-d all who do that. The same prohibition applies to a man removing his body hair. The ultimate intent of this confusion of dressing is sexual immorality. The inner intent of idolatry is to permit immorality and the inner driver of immorality is idolatry. The misdirection of the procreative energy away from bringing new Divine Image into the world is an act of attack on G-d Al-mighty. Even where there will be offspring but the lineage is confused, that too is an attack on G-d Al-mighty. As we see through history and now, this is a military tactic against the Jewish People and distraction and immorality is a central tactic in the Art of War.

👉 Why would a man dress like a woman? To mix in with the women which leads to immorality. Those who warn of this are mocked by those who seek to distract men from the Torah's warning.

👉 Why would a woman dress like a man? So she can co-mingle with the men which will lead to immorality. We see that with the mixing of men and women in the military services. The women dress and carry the tools of men. Immorality explodes and is rampant. Many will protest in 'shock' at the conduct of men in such situations. But by definition, the purpose of allowing and promoting the mixing in the first place was to foster immorality. This creates confusion, animosity and a dissipation of the energy of the fighting men which weakens the armed forces greatly in Western countries and Israel. Nations and groups that are not compromising on their ability to fight their best, such as Russia, China, Iran, the PLO, do not mix their forces. But they are delighted when their opponents do mix their forces. For the well-being of the people in each nation, the forces must be segregated at a minimum and women should not be encouraged to imitate the dress and tools of men. 👉 Also, observe that in the disintegration of the distinction between the sexes, mixing the armed forces occurred before the step of people mixing up what sex they are. In other words, when a nation fails to be able to distinguish between a man and a woman, that lack of distinction becomes even more prevalent and pervasive. Once people are no longer clear that the creation of a man is to conquer and a woman is to keep the generations of humanity enduring by creating and raising children, immorality and confusion is rampant. Once women are shamed and pushed economically, through brainwashing and peer pressure out of the home into the battlefield, immorality spreads, the war effort is crippled, the children are left to be tended to by strangers and the population growth rate plummets. 👉 We see that the Torah has the Divine Wisdom that is essential for the existence and continuation of civilization. Deviation from it is not a mere eccentricity. It brings chaos and collapse. Therefore it is the obligation of the Jew and student of the Torah to call out to show others what is G-d Al-mighty's Will. And the earlier the better. If Torah observant Jews excuse silence by reasoning that being that they and their children are not in the United States Armed Forces or not in the Israeli Armed Forces, and therefore, what goes on there is not relevant to them, they are gravely mistaken. It is directly relevant because the deterioration affects everyone, even when for the moment it seems to be limited to one segment. And, this is the role of the Jew in the world, and everyone who learns the Torah, to make clear the correct course of action in every place and time. It's never too late to speak out. The world is waiting and depending on us.

23:5 עַל־דִּבְרֵי Because of the behavior. The verse refers to a multi-stage conspiracy. The ultimate goal was to trap the Jews spiritually by leading them to sin. As a preparation, they sought to exhaust and wear down the Jews because a person who is exhausted and drained no longer distinguishes between forbidden and permitted and will in desperation grasp at anything. This was the conspiratorial intention in making access to food and water difficult.

👉 The Torah is full of conspiracies. A conspiracy is an attempt to get to an undisclosed outcome, known only to the conspirators, through manipulating people to participate in the steps leading to the desired outcome without the participant knowing where the current step is leading. Often that participation is through an intended reaction that the conspirators aim to use to get the desired behavior. The wise man presumes the likelihood of a conspiracy and whenever presented with a situation or information that provokes a reaction, he asks where is this leading? Who is this serving? Who benefits when I react this way and take this course of action? When he considers an action, he thinks where is this leading? He may not be able to figure out all the details or what the conspirators intend as the outcome. But by making decisions based on Torah and ignoring the stimuli being presented to him, he has an excellent chance of making a decision that will exit him from the plan of the conspirators. Of course, conspirators have many techniques to cajole or demand participation that can frighten a person into doing what they want. Exhaustion and being 'worn out' are intermediate steps the conspirators design so that the victim's ability to make

openly making war on the G-d Al-mighty, the Torah and the Jewish People and the rest of the nations either stand by or join in. Thus the Torah instructs us to make sure that all the nations fear G-d Al-mighty and then Amalek will have no impact and will wither away until there is no trace of it remaining in the world.

☞ The “אָרָה” is the same letters that means cooling off. While this teaching has many important lessons, and Amalek does seek to cool us off from our enthusiasm for G-d Al-mighty and His Vision and His Will, the actual simple meaning of the verse is referring to the diversion of procreative energy into non-creative diversions. Once a person realizes this he will realize that all the sex education and teaching, entertainment, etc., is designed and promoted by Amalek to divert men and women from procreation.

☞ From this we can see that by losing sight of the plain meaning of the verse, a person can be guided into being hyper focused on but one additional level, hint (remez), of understanding. Such a person is very focussed on his *own* service of G-d Al-mighty and making sure he is not cooled off, all the while Amalek is gaining ground around him, even into his own community and home, may G-d Al-mighty save us. As a matter of fact, that is Amalek’s very intent - focus on understandings that limit your impact on the world. The person may even be a Chasid all focussed on his own service but then fails to follow G-d Al-mighty’s command to change the world around him. Even as his neighbors are recruited into the behaviors promoted by Amalek, he barely raises an eyebrow - because he lost sight of the simple meaning of the verse, he cannot even see what is going on around him as having to do with Amalek. He can even become so distracted that when presented with a clear sicha of the Rebbe emphasizing Amalek’s campaign according to the simple meaning of the verse, he finds it difficult to understand and fails to take action on it. This person who is all heated up in his own thinking about his own service in Judaism, but ignores the world around him and denies the non-Jews his spiritual influence, actually exhibits the greatest coldness of all to G-d Al-mighty and Moses Our Teacher and his extension in every generation. ☞ Thus this publication, to answer the call of the hour to get the Jewish People and the world back on track to the simple meaning of the verses, thus defeating Amalek’s scheme to keep us focussed elsewhere. Once we know the simple meaning of the verse, the action is obvious - we must immediately and unceasingly inform everyone that they are being recruited by Amalek into thinking about and acting on thoughts that cannot lead to procreation. We must inspire everyone that the highest form of human occupation is procreating and creating and building a family to serve G-d Al-mighty. As noted at the beginning of this parsha, even merely exposing the enemy’s conspiracy is enough to weaken its hold on people. Then teaching the Torah that applies to each individual completes uncoupling from Amalek’s agenda and re-connecting to G-d Al-mighty and His plan for the individual, his family and the world.

☞ Amalek also has the same numerical equivalent (Gematria) as Sofek, doubt. Amalek promotes doubt so as to distract us from staying true to the Divine Drive to increase the great human enterprise.

25:19 אֶרְאֵה אֶת-זִכְרוֹ עִמְלִיק מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם לֹא תִשְׁכַּח Eradicate the memory of Amalek from under the Heavens, do not forget. When one by one, each man, woman and child, uncouples themselves from the Amalek thinking and agenda and connects to G-d Al-mighty, there will be no one left interested in or affected by Amalek’s message. The libraries full of books advocating for and developing Amalek’s agenda will be left unused and the books will disintegrate from disuse. The few actual die-hard members of Amalek will be left with no one to listen to them, no one to manipulate and no one to control. They too will disappear. There will be no memory of Amalek left. At the same time, even then we are cautioned to remember how allowing and tolerating even the slightest disconnect from G-d Al-mighty has the potential to spiral down into the thinking and then behavior of Amalek. Aware of this, men will strengthen each other to stay on track with G-d Al-mighty permanently.

SEEING WHAT THEY SEE – OUR PROPHETS SHOW THE WAY

Haftara (Isaiah 54:1-10) - רַחֵם יְיָ עַמְּךָ Comfort that G-d Al-mighty treasures the Jewish People and will bring the world to completion. Key highlights of the coming of Redemption and how the entire world will know G-d Al-mighty:

This week’s Haftara is the source for a number of the phrases in Le chaDodi.

54:3 Right and left you will massively expand outwards, and your offspring will inherit the lands of nations and cities, their souls will settle. Those who follow the Torah and G-d Al-mighty's Command to be Fruitful and Multiply will increase without measure. Nations who follow the idolatry of the Cult of Scarcity will intentionally limit their own reproduction leading to their collapse and disappearance. Those vacant lands will be inherited by those who remained connected to the G-d of Abundance and brought children into the world without any calculations.

PITRKEI AVOS – ETHICS OF OUR FATHERS

1:1 משה קבל תורה מסיני, ומסרה ליהושע, ויהושע לזקנים, וזקנים לנביאים, ונביאים למסרונה לאנשי כנסת הגדולה. הם אמרו שלשה דברים, והוא מתווננים בדיו, והעמידו תלמידים הרבה, ועשו סגל לתורה. Moses receive the Torah from G-d Al-mighty on Mount Sinai, and gave responsibility to teach it to Joshua, and Joshua to the Elders, the Elders to the Prophets, the Prophets to the Men of the Great Assembly. They said three things: be immersed in Din, establish many students and make a fence for the Torah. The Lubavitcher Rebbe teaches that the instruction to establish many students includes the obligation of a Jew to establish many non-Jewish students who he will teach the Torah as it applies to the non-Jews. How does the remainder of the Mishna relate to this? 👉 To be immersed in Din - Din is often translated as merely judgment but it actually includes teaching and guiding. The first of the Sheva Mitzvos Bnai Noach is Din (Sanhedrin 56a) because it is the fundamental obligation to dedicate the world into the service of G-d Almighty. Therefore, the Mishna tells us be immersed in Din, bringing every person to know G-d Al-mighty. 👉 Make a fence for the Torah - The Ohr HaChaim HaKadosh explains in relation to the seduction conspiracy of Midian against the Jewish People, that even those who did not physically partake of the immorality had thoughts about it which brought them satisfaction and pleasure and were thus entrapped in conspiracy. How so? Once a person has pleasure from the imagination of something, even though he has no plans to do it himself, it becomes difficult for him to confront it and speak out against it in the world. His impact on the world is therefore muted. Since this Mishna is highlighting the job of the Jew to influence the world, the Jew must make a fence for himself to keep himself completely away from the seductive imagery and enticements of those that seek to derail him. So that he can speak clearly to men and women to change their behavior, he must uproot the good feeling he had in contemplating the forbidden. How? When he realizes that what he thought about was actually something designed to prevent procreation and the proper building of civilization, when its true context is revealed he is repulsed. Kept clear of these enticements, his voice can remain strong and clear and powerful in providing true guidance to the world. 👉 This brings us back to the beginning of the Mishna. The foundation of G-d Al-mighty's message to the world is that it was delivered by G-d Al-mighty on Mount Sinai through Moshe Rabbeinu (Our Teacher). This is the fundamental requirement of belief of the Chassidei Umos HaOlam (pious of the nations of the world). Thus, the Mishneh is telling us that this is fundamental to the entire world and that this teaching, both the Written and the Oral Torah, was authentically transmitted from generation to generation by the disciples of Moshe Rabbeinu so that every human being may come to know and serve G-d Al-mighty.

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

We are approaching Rosh Hashana. How many human beings have you made aware that G-d Al-mighty is the King of every person, that they are created in G-d Al-mighty's Divine Image, that Rosh Hashana is the New Year for every human being and that the King is Himself close to all of us, in the field, right now? Well action is the main thing, so get to work! With a smile!

THE ORAL TORAH

While it is essential to understand the simple meaning of the Torah verses, we cannot understand the simple meaning without the Oral Torah. As a matter of fact, the Torah is written without vowelization and the words could have a myriad of meanings. It is only because of the Oral Torah, the transmission of the Jewish Sages from generation to generation that we have an authentic vowelization to know the words of the Torah. All translations of

the Torah, both Jewish and non-Jewish, accept the authenticity of the Oral Torah and translate based on the tradition of the meaning of the Torah words safeguarded by the Jewish sages in all generations.

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