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7b (משנה ב) → 9a (ובלי להו ואזיל)

1. ויאמר ה' אלהים! אלהנחש כי עשית זאת ארור אתה מכל הבהמה ומכל חית השדה על גחנה תלך ועפר תאכל כל ימי חיך. בראשית ג:12

- I 2a **משנה ב**: if a **טמא** דג swallows a **טהור** דג, the **טהור** דג is permitted; if the inverse – the swallowed **טמא** דג is prohibited
- a *Reason*: the fish inside was not grown by the host – just housed in it
- b *Observation*: we only allow it since we saw the **טהור** דג swallowed; otherwise, we'd assume it to have grown inside
- i *Per*: **ברייתא** – **טמא** דם reproduces internally, **טהור** דג lays eggs
- ii *Challenge*: if so, even if we saw it swallowed, why not assume that it ate the **טהור** דג and what we find is גידוליו?
- iii *Answers*: context indicates that it is the swallowed fish (found in rectum or throat or found whole)
- 1 *Or* (**רבי אשי**): most **דגים** grow own kind – this is a different genus; if we find it, as is we saw it swallowed
- II Revisiting **ברייתא**: regarding reproduction and related topics in the animal world
- a *Fish*: **טמא** דג reproduces internally; **טהור** דג lays eggs
- b *Nursing*: if it reproduces internally, it gives milk; if it lays eggs, it collects food for the young (besides the bat – nurses)
- i *Note*: dolphins reproduce like people (i.e. are mammals)
- c *Testes*: on the outside, reproduce; on inside – lay eggs
- i *Challenge*: **שמואל** - geese and wild geese are **כלאים** -since one has tests on inside – but both lay eggs
- ii *Rather*: if male organ is on outside – reproduces; if on inside, lays eggs
- d *Time of mating*: if mates during day, births during day (e.g. chicken); if night → night (e.g. bat); if both → either (e.g. man)
- i *Application*: if he finds new eggs at dawn of **י"ט**, they are permitted, as they were laid on **ע"ט** (i.e. not at night)
- e *Matching*: if they mate the same way and have the same gestation period – are able to reproduce and raise young
- i *Most*: mate face to back – 3 exceptions (face to face) are fish, humans and snakes
- 1 *Reason*: **שכינה** spoke with them
- ii *Camels*: mate back to back.
- III detailing gestation periods and parallels in world of botany
- a *Chicken*: 21 days::almonds (from bud to nut)
- b *Dog*: 50 days::figs
- c *Cat*: 52 days::berries
- d *Pig*: 60 days::apple
- e *Fox (and שרצים)*: 6 months::grain
- f *Ovines (בהמה דקה טהורה)*: 5 months::vine
- g *Equines (בהמה גסה טמאה)*: 12 months::palm tree
- h *Bovines (בהמה גסה טהורה)*: 9 months::olive
- i *Assorted (wolf, lion, bear, panther, cheeta, elephant, monkey, orangutan)*: 3 years:: **בנות שוח** (type of fig tree)
- j *Viper*: 70 years::carob (from planting until carobs are ready; gestation is 3 years)
- k *Snake*: 7 years – no botanic match (maybe **מוכססין**) – source: v1
- IV Tangential aggadic excursus – **ר' יהושע בן חנניא** and the Athenian sages -per the dare of the **קיסר**
- a *He outwits the guards*: by making "backwards" footprints and having all the guards killed for "negligence"
- b *Once he gets in*: they swap riddles, gets them to agree to come on his boat
- i *Boat*: had 60 cabins (one for each sage) – with 60 chairs in each (thinking they'd all be together)
- ii *Upon arrival*: he revived them with Athenian loam, offered to let them leave if they would fill a vessel with water
- 1 *But*: he had taken an eddy from the ocean, put into the vessel -so all the water kept disappearing
- 2 *Whereupon*: their shoulders became disjointed from all the pouring – and they were beaten.