

It Is All In The Torah



The Gra (Safra Ditzniusa, chapter 5. Brought in the Nefesh Hachaim, 4:10, footnote.) tells us: 'The rule is that all that was, is and will be until the end of time is included in the Torah from Breishis (first Pasuk in Breishis) until Leinei Kol Yisrael (last Pasuk in V'Zos Habracha). Not in a general sense rather the details of every species, each person individually and the most minute details of all that will happen to him from his birth until his death. Similarly, each species of animal, every living creature, every plant and mineral including its smallest details and each species and member of that species forever and everything that will happen to them and their roots.' The Ramban (Hakdama to Chumash, Pesichas Haramban) writes all that was transmitted to Moshe was written in the Torah explicitly or in hints within the words or by Gematria, in the forms or crowns of the letters. This is how Shlomo Hamelech knew everything (see Melachim I 5:13).

Additionally, the Torah is explained on four levels, known as Pardes- Pshat, Remez, Drush, and Sod. In a similar fashion, the Ramak (1522-1570) writes (Pardes Rimonim) the secrets of our holy Torah are revealed through knowledge of combinations, Gematria, switching letters, first and last letters of words, beginning or end of Pesukim, skipping of letters and letter combinations. We need to live with

Hafoch Ba Hafoch Ba D'Kula Ba; delve in it and continue to delve in it for everything is in it (Avos 5:26). In a similar vein, the Gemoro says Mi Ikah Midi... D'Lo Remizi B'Oraysa; is there anything...not alluded to in the Torah (Taanis 9a).

We are taught that we can only eat fish that have fins and scales (Vayikra 11:9). The Mishna (Nida 51b) teaches any fish that has scales has fins, but there can be a fish that has fins without scales. Therefore, if we find a fish with scales, even if it doesn't have fins at the moment, it may be eaten. This is because it had fins that fell off or it will grow fins (Rambam, Maachalos Asuros 1:24). How could the Sages be so sure of this? Maybe on a different continent there would be a fish without fins but has scales? Today, there are 30,000 species of fish and not one has only scales without fins!

This is nothing to be amazed by because since the Torah said it, it must be that way as the Midrash (Breishis Raba 1:1) tells us that Hashem looked into the Torah and created the world. Consequently, anything in the world is the way it is because it is sourced in the Torah. It should be shocking to us if it wouldn't be that way. And if something the Torah says doesn't fit with science or the like, the problem is that science has it wrong, not the Torah. It will just take some time until that is revealed.

The Gemoro (Rosh Hashana 25a) records that Rabban Gamliel said that he

had a tradition that the renewal of the moon took place not before 29 days, 12 hours, 2/3 of an hour and 73 parts of an hour (which equals 793 parts) from the previous one (An hour is divided into 1,080 parts- Rambam, Kidush Hachodesh 6:2. So, 2/3 of an hour with adding 73 is 793 parts.). As a result, the new moon occurs every 29 days, 12 hours and 793 parts. That is, every 29.530594 days. Recently, NASA came up with their calculation of the time between one moon and the next: 29.530588 (Ridpath, Dictionary of Astronomy, Oxford Press, 1997). That is nearly identical. Yet our Sages told this to us thousands of years ago, without the technology that is available nowadays to help us with this.

In another astounding revelation, the Midrash foretells that the Kosel Maaravi will never be destroyed (Shir Hashirim Rabba 2:4. Also see Eicha Rabba 1:31. In a similar vein, R' Acha said that the Shechina didn't depart from the Kosel-Shemos Rabba 2:2, See also Shu"t Chassam Sofer, Yoreh Deah, 233). This is astonishing since in the past 2,000 years, Yerusholayim has been conquered 18 times. This prophecy is reinforced by the fact that Yerusholayim and the Beis Hamikdash with its walls was completely destroyed by the enemies and as it says Tziyon Sadeh...Yaor; Tzion will be ploughed over like a field, Yerusholayim will become heaps of rubble and the Temple Mount will become like stone heaps in the forest (Micha 3:12).

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