

# פרשת אחרי מות

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כ"ט ניסן תשפ"ב

## מדרגת אהרן

After the tragic passing of the two sons of וידם אהרן, the תורה writes (י', ג') "וידם אהרן". Why did the תורה use this word and not simply "ושחק אהרן" like translation of the תרגום?

The מאיר עיני חכמים explains that this word is מלשון דומם ואדמה, which means an object or matter without any life, such as a rock or a piece of earth. Had the תורה used the term "ושחק", it would mean he kept quiet but nevertheless inside he was changed, he was broken, he wasn't the same as before.

The תורה is telling us "וידם אהרן", he was like דומם, just like when you smash a rock and break it, nothing has really changed, so too by nothing אהרן had changed, he was the same as before unaffected due to his great מדרגה. Smashing a rock is different than when you break a tree or a plant or something with real life in it, when smashing something with real life, it is completely different afterwards, the life has gone away.

The תורה is מרמז תחיית המתים in the first word of the שירה, as חז"ל teach us why the תורה uses "אז ישיר משה" – *Then משה will sing*, in future tense, this is coming to teach us that not only did משה and כלל ישראל sing at that

time שירה, but they "will sing" again after תחיית המתים. Why is this the place where the תורה is מרמז this important message?

## after WW2 נחמה

After the Second World War many broken people approached the Belzer Rov זצ"ל, exclaiming, "How can we continue to live?! We have lost all our family!! Please give us some חיזוק..."

The Belzer Rov asked the above question and then said to them the following: "How could the שירה just after they had lost most of their family, as חז"ל tell us only one fifth left מצרים, the rest died in מכת חשך?!"

"And the answer is," he continued, "because they focused on תחיית המתים when they will be reunited with their close family that had died, this removed the pain and enabled them to carry on and sing שירה after ים סוף."

We say in תחיית המתים a ברכה שמונה עשרה three times a day. This ברכה should always be a חיזוק for us when we suffer a loss or hear about someone else's loss or hear about a terrorist attack, the present physical life that we know is only a small fraction of our existence, our existence is eternal and we will be reunited again in the future.