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Moshiach and Three Women

Three exceptional women are noted for their contribution in bringing forth Moshiach. These three are Tamar,¹ Miriam² and Rus.³ Each of these women played a pivotal role in their respective eras. A fascinating hint can be found within the name. If we examine the letters of her name, תמר, we see that it serves as an acronym for תמר, מרים, רות.⁴

Extravagant Entrance

The gemara says אמר הקב"ה למשה משה מתנה טובה⁵ Hashem יש לי בבית גנזי ושבת שמה ואני מבקש ליתנה לישראל

told Moshe, "I have a wonderful gift in my treasure house and Shabbos is its name and I want to give it to the Jewish people." Simply looking at this, we understand these words that Hashem was telling Moshe about giving Shabbos to us from His treasure house.



¹ See Breishis, Chapter 38.

² We know that *batei malchus*, houses of royalty emerged from Miram (see Shemos 1:21, Rashi, Shemos Rabba 1:17).

³ See Rus 4:22.

⁴ Interestingly, the last of the seven species is *date-honey* (Devarim 8:8), which can also refer to תמר which means a date. And the seventh sefirah is malchus!

⁵ Beitza 16a.

However, the Sefas Emes analyzes these words and explains that Shabbos is in Hashem's treasure house. As a result, each Shabbos we enter Hashem's treasure house. Hashem brings us into His treasure house and brings us close to Him. That's the *מתנה טובה*! What a wonderful gift that we get to enter Hashem's treasure house each week!

[Bigger than a Box](#)

The Gemara⁶ expounds upon the words *אדם כי ימות באהל*: that Divrei Torah⁷ is retained only by one who kills himself over it. We need to make ourselves as if we are dead, meaning that we are not distracted with worldly matters when learning Torah.⁸



The story is told of a storeowner who almost died. After having luckily survived, he decided to dedicate his morning hours to learning where he would be inaccessible while his wife would take care of the store. His wife complained that he was unreachable. He replied that had he died he surely would be unreachable. So for the morning hours it is as if he died in order that he would be able to learn without distraction.⁹

⁶ Brachos 63b.

⁷ The Ramchal (Derech Hashem 4:2:2) writes that the power of Torah is solely a product of the fact that Hashem has attached His exalted influence to it so that through speaking and thinking about it that lofty influence may be drawn onto the person.

⁸ A while back when Daf Yomi wasn't as popular as it is today, R' Moshe Meir Weiss had 250 people attend his nightly Daf Yomi shiur. R' Shimon Schwab once asked R' Weiss, "How does

Based on what we said, we can interpret the phrase *פסיקתן זו היא עשייתן*:¹⁰ the severing is their making as cutting ourselves off from everything is how we attain Torah.

The Kotzker Rebbe noted that the opening word to each mesachta is printed in a box. He remarked that it serves as a reminder that for a person to prosper in learning, he must enter a metaphorical "box," being entirely immersed and engrossed in the words of Torah.



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someone who gives such a Daf Yomi shiur like yours where the people are wowed learn Torah Lishma?" R' Schwab told him that in such a case Torah Lishma is not possible. However, you are teaching 250 tired people who are pushing themselves. Those people are learning Torah Lishma and you are the cause of that. That is your merit of Torah Lishma.

⁹ See Chofetz Chaim, Chukas, 19:14

¹⁰ Succa 11a. The simple meaning is referring to tzitzis: sever their tips and they are kosher.