

4 THE GEMARA TEACHES THAT CIRCUMCISION IS SO GREAT THAT **13 COVENANTS** WERE MADE UPON IT

THIS REFERS NOT JUST TO THE PHYSICAL ACT OF CIRCUMCISION, BUT TO THE HIGHER SPIRITUAL CIRCUMCISION THAT HASHEM WILL PERFORM IN **THE FUTURE**

A COVENANT REPRESENTS SOMETHING THAT **TRANSCENDS** INTELLECT AND REASON, ENSURING CONTINUITY EVEN IN **CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES**

THE HIGHER CIRCUMCISION, WHICH WILL OCCUR IN THE **MESSIANIC ERA**, IS LINKED TO THE 13 ATTRIBUTES OF MERCY, WHICH ARE BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF LOGIC AND INTELLECT, MAKING THIS MILA **HIGHER** THAN BOTH THE TORAH AND HASHEM'S NAME

5 AVRAHAM DELAYED HIS CIRCUMCISION BECAUSE HE SOUGHT TO REACH THIS **HIGHER LEVEL** OF CIRCUMCISION, THE DIVINE ACT **"FROM ABOVE"**

HE FIRST FULFILLED THE ENTIRE TORAH, REPRESENTING **HUMAN EFFORT** "FROM BELOW," AND ONLY THEN MERITED TO THE **GREAT MILA** THAT HASHEM PERFORMED ON HIM

THIS IS WHY TH THIS IS WHY THE TORAH USES THE PHRASE "נימול" THAT "HE **WAS** CIRCUMCISED," INDICATING THAT **HASHEM** PREFORMED THE ACT.

THE PHRASE "בעצם היום הזה" (ON THAT VERY DAY) ALLUDES TO THE **ESSENCE** OF THE DAY OF **REDEMPTION**, THE ETERNAL GOOD THAT WILL BE REVEALED IN THE FUTURE, WHEN THIS HIGHER CIRCUMCISION WILL TAKE PLACE FOR ALL



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AVRAHAM AVINU IS KNOWN FOR OBSERVING THE ENTIRE TORAH **BEFORE IT WAS GIVEN**, INCLUDING RABBINIC ENACTMENTS LIKE ERUV TAVSHILIN

DESPITE HIS METICULOUS OBSERVANCE, HE **DID NOT** FULFILL THE MITZVAH OF CIRCUMCISION UNTIL HE WAS **99 YEARS OLD**

WHY DID AVRAHAM **DELAY** THIS PARTICULAR MITZVAH?

ONE PROFOUND EXPLANATION CAN BE FOUND IN PARSHAS NITZAVIM

THE PHRASE

"מי יעלה לנו השמימה"

WHO WILL GO UP TO THE HEAVEN FOR US

CONTAINS A HIDDEN MEANING

THE **FIRST** LETTER OF EACH WORD SPELLS OUT "MILA" (CIRCUMCISION), WHILE THE **FINAL** LETTERS SPELL OUT (י-ה-ו-ה) HASHEM'S NAME

THIS HINTS AT THE PROFOUND CONNECTION BETWEEN **CIRCUMCISION** AND THE **DIVINE NAME**, SHOWING THAT MILA IS ASSOCIATED WITH SOMETHING **HIGHER**

1 **2** IN PARSHAS EIKEV, WE ARE COMMANDED: "CIRCUMCISE THE FORESKIN OF **YOUR HEART**," SYMBOLIZING A HUMAN-DRIVEN TESHUVA, THE EFFORT TO DRAW CLOSER TO HASHEM THROUGH TORAH AND MITZVOS

THIS REPRESENTS A CIRCUMCISION "**FROM BELOW**," THE WORK WE DO TO REFINE OURSELVES **SPIRITUALLY**

IN PARSHAS NITZAVIM, IT SPEAKS OF A FUTURE TIME WHEN "**HASHEM** WILL CIRCUMCISE YOUR HEART," DESCRIBING A CIRCUMCISION "**FROM ABOVE**," WHERE DIVINE ASSISTANCE COMPLETES THE SPIRITUAL REFINEMENT AFTER THE INGATHERING OF THE EXILES

3 THIS DUALITY SUGGESTS THAT THERE ARE **TWO** STAGES OF CIRCUMCISION: ONE INITIATED BY HUMAN EFFORT AND ONE BROUGHT ABOUT BY DIVINE INTERVENTION

THE CIRCUMCISION FROM ABOVE REPRESENTS A HIGHER LEVEL, **TRANSCENDING** THE LIMITATIONS OF HUMAN ACTION

THIS IS WHY THE PHRASE

"מי יעלה לנו השמימה"

CONTAINS THE ACRONYM FOR "MILA" AT THE **BEGINNING** AND ENDS WITH HASHEM'S NAME

IT ILLUSTRATES THAT THIS FUTURE CIRCUMCISION IS **HIGHER** THAN EVEN THE TORAH, WHICH DESCENDS FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH, AS SYMBOLIZED BY THE LETTERS OF HASHEM'S NAME AT THE END