פ' בשלח שבת שירה

כי בא סוס פרעה ברכבו ובפרשיו בים וישב ה' את מי הים עליהם וכו' [טו,יט]

The Ramban explains this פסוק, as an addendum to the שירה above, that כלל ישראל sang שירה immediately after the מצריים were drowned and did not wait. However, רש"י (מס' גיטין צ,א) explains this פסוק as connected to the following פסוק. It says ותקח מרים הנביאה וכו' ותצאן כל הנשים אחריה בתופים ובמחולות, and Miriam together with the women took instruments and sang שירה. רש"י says the פסוק, כי בא סוס פרעה, can be understood as the reason for their שירה. Accordingly one may question why does the Torah specifically tell us here by the שירת הנשים that they sang the שירה because of the drowning of the מצריים?

Rav Shimon Schwab זצ"ל (מעין בית השואבה) explains that חז"ל tell us that in the זכות of נשים צדקניות we were redeemed from מצרים. Here too, at קריאת ים סוף, we see the great level of the women. The פסוק says [יד,ל] וירא ישראל את מצרים מת על שפת הים, the בני ישראל saw מצריים dead on the shore. חז"ל (quoted in רש"י) say that even after witnessing קריאת ים סוף, כלל ישראל were not fully convinced that they were freed from their former masters until Hashem commanded the sea to spit them out onto the shore. Only then did they sing שירה. However, this was not the case by the women. כי בא סוס פרעה בים, as soon as the מצריים started drowning and the בני ישראל were still walking through the sea, the women started to sing שירה. The פסוק is teaching us that they did not need that extra reassurance like the men. Their אמונה and בטחון in Hashem was so strong that they were immediately able to perceive the great נס that Hashem was performing for them as it was happening and commence singing שירה for it.

Over the past couple of weeks, starting with פ' שמות, the Torah has been discussing יציאת מצרים at length. As the Ramban at the end of last week's Parsha writes, the purpose is for us to learn from it and be our מחזק אמונה. Although there are many levels of אמונה and בטחון, ultimately our goal is to reach a level of אמונה where we can perceive Hashem with us in our lives at all times. חזק!

Have a good Shabbos.

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