

Parsha Pearls

FROM THE WORDS OF THE GEDOLIM

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“And it came to pass at the end of days, that Kayin brought from the fruit of the ground, an offering to Hashem. And also Hevel brought from the firstborn of his flock and their fat.” (4:3)

The Zohar (Bereishis 54a) speaks about Adam's two sons Kayin and Hevel. It states that Kayin came from the left side, from the side of tumah, and Hevel came from the right side, the side of taharah. The name "kayin" comes from the word "kein," nest, a nest of evil habitations – demons and spirits from the unclean side. When Kayin and Hevel brought offerings, each brought from his own side:

Rabbi Shimon said: "And it came to pass at the end of days [Kayin brought from the fruit of the ground an offering to Hashem]" (Bereishis 4:3). What is "mikeitz yamim"? This is the end of all flesh. And who is this? The angel of death. And Kayin brought his offering from that "keitz yamim". There is a hint to this in the words, for it says, "mikeitz yamim" and not "mikeitz yamin". And therefore it says regarding Daniel (Daniel 12:13): "And you, go to the End, and stand by your portion." He said to him: To the keitz hayamim or to the keitz hayamin? He said to him: To the keitz hayamin. But Kayin brought from the keitz hayamim.

The Zohar seems to say that there are two Ends, one from the right, clean side and one from the unclean side. Daniel asked the angel which one he should go to, and the angel replied, to the one on the right.

For seven hundred years, Jews studied the Zohar and did not know the meaning of this passage. Now, unfortunately, we know. We are living in the time of the “keitz hayamim” – the false end of the exile presented by the angel of death, the Satan.

Just as the Satan came to the Jews at the end of the forty days of Moses’ absence and “mixed up the world,” showing them a vision of Moses dead and convincing them to worship a golden calf, so too the Satan in our century has turned over the entire world in order to bring us the Zionist state. His goal is to convince the Jews that their original hopes of Divine redemption are dead and now they must throw their lot with the state.

Let us emulate Daniel and wait only for the keitz hayamin, the true end of exile promised in the Torah!

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