

כְּשֶׁבָא סֵפֶר חֲדָשׁ לְעוֹלָם, וְזֶה מִבְּאֵר אֶצְלָנוּ

When a New Sefer Comes Into the World

THE TEACHING

A short teaching about tears and the power of a new sefer (סֵפֶר חֲדָשׁ). The Rebbe teaches elsewhere that some new Torah insights (חֲדוּשִׁים) come through tears (דְּמָעוֹת).

When a new sefer built from such insights comes into the world, its tears stand against the decrees of the nations (גְּזֵרוֹת הָאֻמוֹת) and cancel them.

MAIN POINTS

- Why tears? Because all the nations' power comes from the tears of Esav (שֶׁל יַעֲשָׂו) (הַדְּמָעוֹת שֶׁל יַעֲשָׂו), which he cried over the lost blessing. Holy tears stand against them.
- The word weeping, בִּכְיָה, is the initials of "בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּחוֹל הַיָּם" (הוֹשֵׁעַ ב:א), "the children of Israel like the sand of the sea."
- As the sand of the sea guards the world from the waves, so that they do not flood it, the weeping and the tears guard Israel against the decrees of the nations.
- And the verse says: "וְהָיָה מִסְפַּר בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּחוֹל הַיָּם" (הוֹשֵׁעַ ב:א), "the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea." מִסְפָּר, the number, is מִסְפֵּר, from the book: from the sefer, with the tears of its insights, comes that protection.

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A tear shed over Torah is never wasted. When we learn from a sefer born in tears, we stand with its author against every harsh decree.

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