

BH SICHA MASEI 18/1 42 JOURNEYS

MIDRASH/RASHI: *These are the journeys... Analogous to king leading his son to heal him; on their return he points out to him all the places he angered him; here we slept, here we cooled off, here your head was hurting, etc.*

Rebbe's questions:

- 1 What is meaning of these 3 specifically? (slept, cooled, head hurting)
- 2 what's significance of:
 - "angered me"
 - "to heal him"
 - "on their return"

HERE WE SLEPT

HERE WE COOLED OFF

HERE YOUR HEAD WAS HURTING

Literal meaning: 1st Journey from Raamses to Sukkos

2nd journey fro Sukkos to Eisam

3rd journey for Eisam to Pi Hachiros

In exile/soul journey: Concealment of Hashem's light (tzimtzum)

Some level of revelation of His light (Torah, TZADIKIM, occassional miracles)

Animal soul ability to question/confuse

"Descent is for purpose of ascent"
Descent isn't just preparation for ascent
DESCENT ITSELF IS ASCENT

"angered me"
"to heal him"
"on their return"

entire process is one of challenge
purpose of ALL of it is positive
in retrospect, negative itself is positive

THIS INCLUDES SINS WE COMMIT

First three journeys pre SEA SPLITTING

Natural process of TIKUN

"Egypt "dead" /Ready to "cross Jordan"

Middle ground between CITY & Desert

Ordinary physical life (klpas nogah)

Descent where "King leading child"

Rest of journeys

our sins creating more problems

Actual dessert

Sinful behavior (3 dark klipos)

Descent child chooses on is own

Explicit in RASHI

Hinted in "Etc."