

# Unlimited Numbers

"May Hashem... add to you a thousand times as many,  
Descendants as you number presently,  
And bless you as he has spoken to you,"  
Are the words of Moshe Rabeinu.

The Midrash says that the Yidden came with a question,  
They asked Moshe how he could limit the Brocha that Hashem had given.  
Moshe said, This Brocha on my own I am giving,  
The Brocha of Hashem you will still be receiving.

What did Moshe's Brocha add if it was already included,  
In Hashem's Brocha which is unlimited?  
Commentators say that Hashem's Brocha was for the future or conditional,  
While Moshe's Brocha was for the present time or unconditional.

In Hoshea, a similar Pasuk we see,  
Which seems contradictory.  
It says that the number of the Yidden will be like the sand at the sea,  
But ends off with saying that counted and measured, the number can't be.

The explanation given is that "The number of the children of Israel..."  
Applies to when the Yidden are not behaving well.  
"Which can not be measured and cannot be counted,"  
When the Yidden carry out Hashem's will they are unlimited.

But according to Pshat both blessings will happen at the same time period,  
With Hashem's blessing there is still room for Moshe's blessing that is limited.  
In fact, Moshe's blessing is called the principal blessing and it is primary,  
While Hashem's additional blessing which is greater is secondary.

Blessings come only through the Avodah of a Jew,  
In Hoshea, those who don't fulfill the will of Hashem refer to,  
Those who serve in a way that is measured in the heart and mind,  
It is incomplete because Hashem's will is beyond limitation of any kind!

Like Kayin who was the first of the brothers to bring a sacrifice,  
But he brought it from his produce, which didn't look nice.  
He didn't serve Hashem wholeheartedly,  
Therefore his service wasn't done completely.

On a higher level, "numbered" refers to the 613 Mitzvos that were given,  
What we accomplish is hidden,  
While Teshuvah represents a service that transcends creation,  
Because it transcends limitations we can experience its revelation.

According to Pshat, "numbered" and "can't be counted,"  
Aren't two elements that are separated.  
But rather that the number,  
Can't be presented in a measurable manner.

In this Pasuk there is a sign,  
Of what our mission is all the time.  
The limited and unlimited/physical and divine,  
Are two opposites that we need to combine.

This applies in our service of Hashem,  
True, Mitzvos are limited but by performing them,  
We bring down Hashem's infinite light,  
Specifically through an action that is finite.

Why did Hashem create a world that can't handle His light naturally,  
And ask us to bring His light down through doing Mitzvos physically?  
Because Hashem's desire is that the finite and infinite should merge together,  
Beyond finite and infinite is Hashem's power!

The finite we are not meant to obliterate,  
Rather, creation we are meant to elevate.  
Once creation does ascend,  
Into Moshe's Brocha, Hashem's Brocha does descend!

On this basis we can take note,  
That when the Rebbe Rashab would quote,  
The Midrash that says that Hashem desired a dwelling place,  
He would add the word "blessed" in every case.

A unique connection we can discover,  
Between being blessed and a dwelling place in realms that are lower.  
From above creation, from sources much higher,  
They draw down into creation, is their common denominator.

To fuse finite and infinite only Hashem has the power,  
So why should what a limited human being does, matter?  
The answer is that Hashem doesn't want us to have bread of shame,  
He wants us to earn the blessings that we gain.

This also explains the purpose of Birkas Kohanim,  
On His own, why can't Hashem bless the Yidden?  
To empower us is Hashem's intention,  
He wants our intervention.

Now we can understand why Moshe's blessing was necessary,  
Moshe brings out our potential so that we can be the best that we can be.  
Moshe's Brocha represents the human effort that we do,  
When we do what we can, Hashem's unlimited Brachos shine through!

"Hashem's additions are greater than the principal blessing," it is true,  
But Hashem's blessings are caused by the primary Avodah that we do!  
May we merit the coming of Moshiach speedily,  
When the fulfillment of Hashem's Brachos we will see!

