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Before Moshe Rabeinu passed away he gathered the Yidden and inspired them,
To strengthen their Emunah and connection to Hashem.
To lead the Yidden into the land, he appointed Yehoshua,
He was to gather and inspire all the Yidden in the year after Shemita.

We could mistakenly think that Hakhel was a one time Mitzvah,
And that the king was to read the entire Torah,
And since “Before Hashem all the Yidden did appear,” it is written,
We would assume that in the Kodesh, gathered all the men, women and children.

Therefore Rashi comes to clarify, that Hakhel wasn't a one time thing,
The Mitzvah of Hakhel was kept whenever there was a Jewish king,
Yehoshua was the first that was given the task of making a Hakhel gathering,
Because only he had the power to bring everyone together like a king,

Rashi understood that the Mitzvah of Hakhel has one goal,
It is to inspire every Jewish soul,
Therefore Rashi says that the king only read parts of Chumash Devarim,
That would awaken love and awe of Hashem in the hearts of the Yidden.

Rashi continues his explanation,
Because the student still has a question,
How was it possible for one and all,
To fit and hear in a place that for all the Yidden was too small?

Rashi explains that the king sat before the nation,
 On a tall platform of wood that was built for this occasion,
 In the Azara of the Beis Hamikdash specifically,
 Where there was space to stand and see so that they could hear properly.

In a Hakhel year,
 The lesson for you and me, the Rebbe makes clear,
 We must gather all of our powers, our entire being,
 And bring them before Hashem our King.

Once we have humility and accept the yoke of heaven,
 Our Yetzer Tov over our Yetzer Hora we must strengthen.
 We shouldn't feel too low,
 To a holy place we should go.

Like the courtyard of the Beis Hamikdash, when we are in a holy state,
 On a platform, our unlimited power to serve Hashem we celebrate!
 We won't let the Yetzer Hora tell us that we don't matter,
 We will serve Hashem every minute, every hour!

Until we will merit speedily,
 The coming of Moshiach when our king we will see,
 He will gather us all together in the Mikdash Hashlishi,
 And read from the Torah to inspire everybody!
