

Clouds of Glory

When the Yidden were in the desert sun,
They drank water from the well of Miriam.
The water was in her merit we see,
Because when she passed away it stopped immediately.

In the merit of Aharon, so holy,
The Yidden were protected by clouds of glory,
But when Aharon passed away,
The clouds of glory didn't stay.

From the Talmudic sages, it is apparent,
That the well and the clouds of glory returned in Moshe's merit.
With the fact that the well returned in Moshe's merit, Rashi does agree,
From the continuation of the story it is plain to see.

The Torah tells that the Yidden did complain,
Without water in the desert they couldn't remain,
So Hashem told Moshe to speak to the rock to bring forth water,
Moshe ended up hitting the rock so Eretz Yisrael he couldn't enter.

But why don't we find any mention,
Of when the clouds returned for protection?
Why didn't the nation complain about the clouds of glory,
Could it be that they were no longer necessary?

The purpose of the clouds was to protect them from the blazing heat,
The clouds washed and pressed their clothes making them look neat.
The clouds paved the way and by the front cloud they were guided,
They flattened the terrain and the snakes & scorpions were eliminated.

We might think that the Jews no longer needed,
All the help that the clouds provided,
Because "Mount Hor" the place where Aharon died was located,
Near the boundary of the land of Edom, where civilization waited.

At the edge of the desert the heat and sun was milder,
It happened in the month of Av when the sun gets weaker.
From merchants nearby they had the ability to buy clothing so new,
Leveled roads without snakes and scorpions were in view.

However, the fact is that after Aharon passed away a cloud did lead,
It showed which way to proceed.
After Aharon's passing the Jews turned back 7 journeys,
They needed the clouds to protect them from their enemies.

The cloud informed them for how long to travel,
And let them know when it was time to set up camp and settle.
This was relevant for every journey,
Until they entered Eretz Yisrael finally!

Another proof that the clouds were around,
After Aharon's passing, in Rashi is found.
"Who the sinners were the sun made known,
Because the cloud rolled itself up and upon the sinners the sun shone."

We are left with our original question,
Why didn't the departing clouds evoke a rebellion?
Why don't we hear,
About how and when the clouds did reappear?

We will resolve our difficulty,
 By analyzing the differences in the Midrash and Rashi.
 Sometimes they are referred to as "clouds of glory,"
 Other times they are referred to as "clouds" only.

"Clouds of glory" means literally,
 That their sole purpose is to exhibit glory.
 The remaining clouds provided the needs that were critical,
 It naturally showed the preciousness of the Jewish people.

When a cloud was unnecessary,
 It served as a cloud of glory.
 Therefore when the clouds of glory did leave,
 The people still had what they needed so they didn't grieve.

The Canaanite king was the king of the Amalek nation,
 He made a foolish calculation,
 Because of the hate on his heart,
 He thought he could be victorious when the clouds of glory did depart.

But there was no way that he could win,
 The Jews still had their protection.
 The clouds were a necessity,
 While the clouds of glory were a luxury.

The cleaning and pressing of their laundry,
 Was done by the clouds of glory.
 How much Hashem treasures and honors the Jews it did display,
 Because they could have washed their clothes in a normal way.

The reason that we don't find the clouds of glory returning,
 Is because there weren't any necessities lacking.
 To be a faithful shepherd was Moshe's role,
 To fulfill all their needs at all times was his goal.

For the Jewish people to have their needs met,
 Was not dependent upon his merit.
 Even after he would pass away,
 He made sure that the Jews would be taken care of in every way!

When Moshe passed away the rock stopped giving water,
 But now they had water from the Yarden river.
 Although the Mon didn't fall anymore,
 The Mon remained and sustained them like before.

In every generation, there is a Moshe Rabeinu,
 Who's job is to care for the needs of every Jew.
 Even after he passes away,
 He helps his people in every way!

Not only does the Moshe have an effect from on high,
 Which is impossible to behold from a physical eye,
 But "They will not abandon their flock,"
 The Moshe in every generation sustains his people around the clock.

The work that the Moshe did in the past,
 Forever does last.
 The Moshe is not limited to time and space,
 He is always with us in every place.

The 12th and 13th days of Tamuz are days of redemption,
 Because the Previous Rebbe was freed from prison.
 Jews that for many generations, from Judaism, had been torn away,
 Benefit and are affected by the Rebbe's redemption until today.

