

פרשת בשלח

ONE POINT from

לקוטי שיחות חלק טז, שיחה א לפרשת בשלח

Use these words to fill in the blanks:

* *chase* * *hail* * קריעת ים סוף * פרעה * מצרים * יצר הרע *

In the Parsha:

After the Jewish people left _____, Hashem hardened the heart of _____ and the Egyptians, and they chased after them.

There were some Egyptians who had some fear of Hashem's word, and had listened to the warning to bring in their animals before the plague of ברד (_____). Now, they gave their animals to פרעה and they themselves joined the chase.

They, too, were killed by _____.

Question:

Did they deserve to die just for giving their animals and joining the _____ now?

Answer:

They were not being punished only for what they did now. (In fact, all the Egyptians were only chasing the Jewish people because ה' hardened their hearts).

Although they may have been better than the others, they too hated the Jewish people, and were part of the planning and constant threat to their lives. They were being punished because they had helped to enslave and oppress the Jewish people all along.

Life Lesson:

Sometimes the יצר הרע might pretend to be "nice", trying to make "deals" with a Jew, to allow him to learn תורה and to מצוות, but to also do some other things...

In the same way that even the best of the Egyptians at that time was killed because they posed a threat to the Jewish people, we must get rid of the _____ completely!

Further discussion:

How do we know that these Egyptians gave their animals willingly? Maybe פרעה forced them to give their animals?

(See footnote 42 in the שיחה).