

# ONE POINT

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Use these words to fill in the blanks: \* מצרים \* evil \* names \* new \* decrees \*

**IN THE PARSHA:**

A new king – who did not know יוסף – arose over \_\_\_\_\_.

רש"י brings 2 explanations: רב says he was actually a \_\_\_\_\_ king. שמואל says he was the same king, who made new \_\_\_\_\_ (and pretended not to know יוסף).

**QUESTION:**

When explaining the פסוק, why does רש"י mention the \_\_\_\_\_ of רב and שמואל?

**ANSWER:**

Knowing **who** gave which explanation helps us understand **why** they each said **what** they did.

רב and שמואל each had a special area of expertise.

רב's main expertise was in the הלכות of what **Hashem** allows or forbids one to do (איסורי).

שמואל's main expertise was in the הלכות of money matters, also affecting other **people** (ממונא).

Therefore, when describing how \_\_\_\_\_ פרעה was, רב says his main evil was against **Hashem**, while שמואל says that his main evil was against the Jewish **people**.

**רב** explains:

He was actually a new king who didn't know – or receive anything directly from - יוסף.

Therefore, he didn't think it was so terrible to do bad to יוסף's family, בני ישראל.

Although it doesn't show his lack of gratitude to other people, what he did was still wrong.

His main evil was against **Hashem**.

**שמואל** explains:

He was not a new king. He had actually known יוסף personally, and directly benefited from him.

He should have shown appreciation, and not mistreated יוסף's family with new decrees.

His main evil against other **people**.

	Expertise	Focus on בין אדם... ...	Explains מלך חדש	פרעה's Evil against Hashem	פרעה's Evil against people
רב	איסורי Forbidden/ Permitted	למקום Between man and ד'	A new king	Primary - (no right to enslave them; they'd never accepted him as king)	Secondary (hadn't received; wasn't being directly ungrateful)
שמואל	ממונא Money matters	לחברו Between man/fellow	Same king, new decrees	Secondary - (ביי) had accepted his kingship when they came to מצרים)	Primary – (he was ungrateful for what he received from יוסף)