

contains one of the most unusual, if not unique, parts of the תורה. And that is the famous section of וַיְהִי בִּנְסֹעַ הָאָרֶץ, which is surrounded by two upside-down ns. There's nowhere else in the תורה do we have anything that's remotely similar to that. The ספר אפריון from ר' שלמה גאנצפריד, who was a gigantic תלמיד חכם, the famous author of the קיצור שולחן ערוך, has a very short but very interesting essay regarding this פרשה of וַיְהִי בִּנְסֹעַ הָאָרֶץ. He brings a Gemara (שבת דף קט"ו ע"ב): פְּרָשָׁה: וַיֵּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה פְּרָשָׁה: - at the beginning and at the end, to tell you that this is not its right place. The גמרא says that הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא made a מְלֻמָּטָה וְלִמְטָה - at the beginning and at the end, to tell you that this is not its right place. רַבֵּן שְׁמַעוֹן בֶּן גַּמְלִיאֵל says, זו עֲשָׂה לָהּ הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא סימניו - that this is not the right place, in the future these pesukim will be moved. However, why was it put here now? שְׁנֵי פְּרָשָׁה לְפָנֶיךָ וְשְׁנֵי פְּרָשָׁה אַחֲרֶיךָ - To separate the פורעניות בין פורעניות ראשונה לפורעניות שנייה? - כְּדִי לְהַפְסִיק בֵּין פְּרָשָׁה לְפָנֶיךָ וְשְׁנֵי פְּרָשָׁה אַחֲרֶיךָ - that they shouldn't be together. רש"י says that לעתיד לבוא, in ימות המשיח, all the פורעניות will be בטל, we will not have any פורעניות, and the יצר הרע will be בטל.

Now, how many קללות are there in the major תוכחה which is in תבוא 98. However, the אפריון writes that in addition to those 98, there's also the phrase גַּם כָּל חֵלִי וְכָל מַכָּה. The חֵלִי and מַכָּה adds another two to 98 for a total of 100. Therefore, the אפריון writes, חז"ל were מתקן to say מאה ברכות every day to protect us from those 100 פורעניות and קללות.

So why the letter נ and not any other letter? The two ns are used because two ns is gematria 100. If בזמן הזה there are these 100 קללות which can affect us, we have to worry that we'll be affected by them. So therefore, this פרשה was written here between all the תוכחות to tell you that it's not in its proper place, to be מפסיק between all the פורעניות, and to save us from the first פורעניות and the second פורעניות. Why are the ns upside down? Because in the future הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא will switch around all the קללות and turn them into ברכות. And therefore, they will be put in its proper place and they will all become ברכות. So we shouldn't worry about them at all. The two ns are there to protect us and Im Yirtzeh Hashem, the יצר הרע will be בטל. And that will be, as the אפריון says in his last four words, לטוב לנו במהרה בימינו.

Im Yirtzeh Hashem, we should hear only good news. As I'm taping this, it is the day that the hostages were rescued by צה"ל. We were having a big שמחה about it. We were hoping הלוואי that that should continue. And in זכות of all of our אבות and all of our דורות, Hashem should shower upon us ברכה והצלחה.

