בשלישי מיהא לכנוס – Let him, at least, marry on Tuesday

Overview

The גמרא explained that when the ברייתא stated ואם מחמת האונס מותר to marry on Monday it means that the General is coming on Wednesday and is settling there. The גמרא asks, so let them get married on Tuesday, since the General is only coming on Wednesday. תוספות clarifies this question:

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תוספות responds to an anticipated difficulty:

ולא בעי למימר דאתי שר הצבא בג' דאם כן יכנוס בד'[[1]](#footnote-1):

And the גמרא did not want to answer that they cannot marry בג', because the general will come on ג'; for if that is the concern, they can marry on ד'.

Summary

A general comes for one day only.

Thinking it over

How will רש"י respond to this question of תוספות?[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. תוספות taught us previously (בד"ה אי) that the General leaves on the (very end of the) day he comes and does not stay for another day. Therefore if we know he is coming on Tuesday the marriage can be held on Wednesday. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See מהרש"ל ומהרש"א (הארוך). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)