



OVERVIEW BAVA KAMA DAF 17 [End of Perek 1]

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Honoring Chizkiyahu:

"They honored Chizkiyahu in his death" - they learned Torah by his grave.

R. Nasan and Rabbanan argued: For three days or seven, or according to another version, for 30 days.

More on Chizkiyahu's Funeral:

Beraisa - R. Yehudah: 36,000 people with bare shoulders (from tearing their garments) walked in front of him.

R. Nechemyah: They did the same for Achav! Surely the verse discusses a GREATER honor for Chizkiyahu!

Rather, they put a Sefer Torah on his bed and said he fulfilled all that's written in it.

Question: We do that nowadays too!

Answer #1: We take out a Sefer Torah, but don't put it on the bed.

Answer #2: We put it on the bed, but don't say he fulfilled everything.

Answer #3 (R. Yochanan): We even say one fulfilled the Torah, but we don't say he TAUGHT Torah.

Question: Learning is great because it leads to fulfilling (so fulfilling is greater)!

Answer: Fulfilling is greater than learning, but TEACHING is greater than fulfilling.

R. Yochanan's Teaching:

"Happy are you who put seeds on all water, who send oxen and donkeys" - anyone who engages in Torah and Chesed (kindness) merits the inheritance of two tribes.

"Putting seeds" is Tzedakah; "water" refers to Torah.

Version #1: They merit many children like Yosef, and wealth like Yisachar.

Version #2: Their enemies fall before them like Yosef's, and they merit understanding like Yisachar.