

עזר לעבודה זרה  
פרק לפני אידיהן  
**Sheet #8**  
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### I. Not Missing the Boat Questions

- 1) Background info:
  - a. Documents written in הוץ לארץ were dated based off the year that Greek rule spread from עילם, which was 380 years prior to the destruction of the בית שני.
  - b. A תנא (someone who recites ברייתות) wants to know how many years have passed since the המקדש בית המקדש was destroyed.
  - c. A ספרא writes שטרות that are dated based off the years that have passed since עילם spread from מלכות יון.
  
- 2) Initially, what event does the 'גמ assume marked the beginning of the תורה of אלפים שנה? Why does the 'גמ reject this? What event is the real beginning of תורה אלפים?
  
- 3) רב פפא explains how a תנא can determine the last two digits (the 'גמ refers to these digits as פרטי, for example, the bolded digits in 4,5**XX**) of the number of years that have passed since the חורבן בית שני and how many years of the אלפים המשיח have already passed due to our sins. He recommends using the ספרא's count of years since מלכות יון spread its rule. Explain (in a most basic way possible) what רב פפא's methods are:
  
- 4) If you want to know what year of the שמיטה cycle it is, how can you use the number of years since חורבן הבית to calculate the proper year?
  
- 5) Instead of dividing the total number of years since the חורבן (with one added year) by seven, רב הונא suggests a slightly different method of division. Explain what he recommends:
  
- 6) Why does רבי חנינא think that you shouldn't take the incredible bargain of a 1,000 דינר field for one דינר?

## **II. ידיעות that Emerge from the 77 Questions**

- 1) The years of תורה began with the life of אברהם אבינו and not at הר סיני. Why would this be so? And why would they begin when he turned 52 in particular? (Thinking question, there isn't a definitive answer to this)
- 2) According to our גמ' , why hasn't משיח arrived yet?

## **III. The תוספות List with Questions**