STRIVING FOR GREATER: THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE

We say in the paragraph of "צא ולמד" that "sought to uproot everything". What exactly does this mean? What is everything, and where do we see that he wanted to destroy it?

The in the (a commentary on רמב"ן עה"ת who I think may be the (יביולת לוב) that wanted to destroy the "problem" at its source. To understand this, we must first take a look at the גמרא, which tells us that if a man sent a שליח to give money to a סתם woman for קידושין, and the שליח dies before the man finds out who the woman is, he is not allowed to marry any woman. This is because we trust that the שליח carried out his mission. Therefore, any woman is a possible ערות due to the fact that she is possibly a relative of the woman the שליח may have betrothed for the master.

The relates that הלל and were plotting to kill . This would prevent him from returning to new and revealing the identity of his new wife, rendering him unable to marry any woman he encounters. Therefore, 's legacy won't endure, and the Jewish People will never be established. The adds that this is why the marriage was consummated by and before they attempted to kill . Once this plan failed, never gave up, trying again to end 's legacy when came into the picture.

The of the is the , the passage of . Based on what we said before, this seems very appropriate to base the off of. We can learn from the power of persistence. Oftentimes, we try to accomplish something, but tend to shy away when the smallest thing doesn't go our way. We should keep trying, and not give up until there's no other option.

How does this relate to the , to the main theme of ? When it came to the , many times stood stubborn, never willing to succumb until he had no other option. is the time we were designated to be the . Through extraordinary miracles, was sending us the message that we were to ultimately accept the and be bound to His will. When life isn't bringing down the most obvious signs that is with us, it may be hard to recognize that. However, we all have a goal of . If something doesn't go our way, it's not a reason to fail; it's a reason to try harder. We need to prove to ourselves that we can do it, even when the going gets tough. A good way to reach this point is to pick something small but meaningful, and to do it under any and every circumstance. Let nothing stop you from accomplishing your small goals. Once you master that, move on to bigger and better. One accomplishment will only lead you to want to reach higher, and knowing that you have the power to only makes it easier.

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