

# תזריע-מצורע

ונתתי נגע צרעת בבית ארץ אחוזתכם (יד' - לד')

וברש"י בשורה היא להם שהנגעים באים עליהם לפי שהטמינו אמוריים מטמונים של זהב בקירות בתיהם כל ארבעים שנה שהיו ישראל במדבר

The affliction of the house was a good tiding so that the owner would find the treasures that the Amorites hid in the walls of their houses.

Did you ever wonder as to how much gold and silver was actually found? Presumably, they found a tremendous אוצר and became fabulously wealthy. However, the Zohar writes "that enough money was found so that the house could be rebuilt **exactly** the way it was בגין דלהוי בקדושה דיורה דקדושה so that his dwelling will be one of holiness".

Truly a wonderful tiding – a new house בקדושה, but hashem is so generous. Why couldn't there be enough money to build a larger house? One with enough room for all the children. Perhaps a study to learn torah undisturbed, maybe a guest suite to fulfil the mitzvah of אורחים or a Pesach kitchen, a large porch to build a סוכה and a bay window to light the menorah for all to see. Such a new house would still be בקדושה. Why the exactness?

Perhaps the following incident from my youth would shed light on this difficulty.

As a young bochur I would put a way part of my spending money to purchase ספרים. One day I made my way to the seforim store wishing to purchase a Pirkei Avos with the Ruach Chaim. At the store I realized that I was short a dollar fifty. Disappointedly, I made my way home only to find a crumpled dollar bill as I stood by the corner waiting for the light to change. I picked it up and to my astonishment wrapped inside the dollar was a half dollar coin. WOW! Exactly what I was short. Excitedly I returned to the store and purchased the sefer while marveling at the hashgocha pratis that I just experienced. Hashem wanted me to buy that sefer!

Imagine had I found a five-dollar bill. Surely that would have been great, but not as meaningful. The message would not have been as clear. Maybe I should buy a more expensive sefer. Finding the exact amount, was a clear message from Hashem. Buy the Ruach Chaim!

So too, had the yid who demolished his house found a large treasure, enough to build a larger home the message of a house בקדושה may have been lost. The large study to learn Torah or the guest room to fulfil hachnosas orchim may have overshadowed the true intent of a living a life of קדושה.

In our daily lives, if we look closely, we will surely find that Hashem constantly sends us exactly what we need

Just look, and bezras hashem you too will see the true message.