

Parshas Vayelech

This week is called Shabbos Shuva- as it is the Shabbos between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. On this day the traditional daily addition of Avinu Malkeinu is not added (like if Rosh Hashana had a Shabbos day). Because what Shabbos can accomplish is deeper than what can be accomplished on any other day.

Parshas Vayelech continues the various final wills and testaments of Moshe on his last day of his life. But the Torah says, Moshe went out, without saying where he went, medrish explains that Moshe went into every single Jew. Moshe remains our rock, that keeps us true to Torah all these years after the Torah was given on Har Sinai, and before the Jews entered the land of Israel.

Rash on the first posuk explains that this is the day that Moshe's day becomes "full", as he was born and passed away on the same day. Moshe is one of the only people to know when he will pass and was on a different level when it came to "every day being like it is his last" (as the Talmud relates, when it comes to repenting).

While in the short run, when there is suffering and strife in the Jews we may question Hashem, and whether he left us, but the promise of posuk 6 remains true, we still survive/have survived all these years.

These final words of Moshe are words of strength and serve support the eternity of the Torah for us in all generations. Moshe compiled and wrote the words of the Torah in the final stages of his life and was careful

to ensure the divine words of strength would be timeless.

This parsha therefore appropriately falls between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, where we acknowledge the rebirth of the world, and we beseech forgiveness from Hashem to keep things going even if we had possibly forsaken the Torah during the prior year. But we must remember not to fret, Hashem is still with us, and loves us, and we are coming into these days must do our part and Hashem does His.

Good Shabbos