



The Pesach Perspective 2019, How to experience freedom!

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We are about to celebrate Pesach, the holiday of freedom. We clean our homes to near perfection, we eat ancient but spiritual bread, the Matzah, and we drink four cups of wine in honor of our liberation.

However, we must ask ourselves, do we really feel completely free and liberated? Furthermore, it says, **“In each and every generation, a person is obligated to feel as if they are leaving Egypt.”** But it has been three thousand years since the Jewish nation left Egypt. How can we today experience the same reality and emotions as they had?

The answer is that Egypt is not just a physical country on the map but also a mindset. The word for Egypt in Hebrew is Mitzrayim, which can also mean borders and limitations.

Whenever you face setbacks, resist being bogged down by the fear of failure. Instead, return to tackle the challenge with more energy, strength, and intensity, and you experience a modern-day Exodus.

Most of the Jewish people not only left Egypt physically but also mentally as well. They left their slave mentality behind in Egypt to serve the ultimate master, G-d.

Yet, for some, shedding the burdens of the past proved challenging; they struggled with feelings of victimhood that stifled their potential. Therefore, they constantly complained about the situation and, in fact, caused the Jewish people to wander in the desert for forty years before going to the promised land.

Egypt represents a victimhood mindset, an attitude of compromise and concession, and an ethos of defeat. To leave Egypt, one must never fear growth, never become complacent in their comfort zone, and never settle for mediocrity.

To experience true liberation, one must meet each challenge with all their strength, energy, and will to succeed, which is true freedom.

Let the lesson of Pesach be a beacon of hope: never surrender to adversity. Believe that with faith and persistence, transformation is always within reach. This belief teaches us that salvation can happen in a blink of an eye; all you must do is be there.

May we experience the ultimate redemption and celebrate this Pesach in Yerushalayim with the third Beis Hamikdash.

*Have a joyful & meaningful Pesach,
Rabbi Sholom Yemini*