

BS"D

Atem Nitzavim 5712 (Questions)

Perek 1

- 1) What is the Ma'amar we are about to begin about?
- 2) How do most relationships work? and how is this kind of relationship different?
- 3) when people make a bris, is there any possibility for it to change under any conditions?
- 4) How is a covenant with God different?
- 5) in terms of level of the soul, what is the difference between a covenant made between people, and a covenant may between men and God?
- 6) How did we explain the difference between the bris of Avraham and the bris of Yitzchak?
- 7) with whom did Hashem Make a covenant after the Mabul?
- 8) What did he do with that covenant and why?
- 9) What three covenants (brisim) Will our Ma'amar discuss? in other words with whom did he make them?
- 10) Explain each one.
- 11) What is the title of this Ma'amar?
- 12) The sequence of the Pesukim here, have two emphases. What are they?
- 13) Which word is singled out for attention?
- 14) How is it explained?
- 15) What two proofs did I introduce to substantiate that?
- 16) which of these two is actually brought in the Ma'amar?
- 17) What other ideas from a later Possuk draws the attention of the Rebbe?
- 18) What question does he ask on that?
- 19) What questions does he ask from the Rosh Hashanah davening (along similar lines)?
- 20) What is going to be the basic answer?
- 21) What is the Krisus Bris (covenant) with Noach?
- 22) What does it entail?
- 23) What precipitated Hashem (kvayachol) to make this commitment?
- 24) Why is this brought up in the Rosh Hashana Davening?

A. Simple explanation.

B. Deeper explanation please.

25) What Possuk is quoted as a proof for this?

26) quote the three Pesukim that are the source of each of the three covenants.

27) technically the covenant with Abraham is for what?

28) What does the Rebbe explain this to mean?

29) He bases this on one word in a Ma'amar ChaZaL, which ChaZaL and which word?

30) He explains it in two ways what are the two ways?

A.

B.

31) What is the covenant this Moshe?

32) He quotes the passage of the 13 middos HaRachamim, there are two key words as far as where our concerned, what are they?

33) Explain the first of these two words?

34) What illustration did we give from the Bracha Refuainu?

35) Explain the second of these two words.

36) What does that correlate with in the Bracha of Refuainu?

37) Again, one more time What is the question at the end of chapter 1, as far as the relationship between the three covenants and Rosh Hashanah is concerned?

38) Again, what is the concept of a covenant?

39) I delved into the idea of a blood oath, what was my source?

40) Where do we learn the laws of Gairus from?

41) What are the details involved?

42) Which is the most important of the four?

43) How is Gairus meant to be approached?

44) What is the existential problem with Gairus nowadays?

Perek 2

45) What is the difference between the bris with Noach and Avraham and Moshe?

46) what is the literal meaning of the Hebrew word נבואה?

- 47) why is speech so important by Nevuah?
- 48) how was it different by later prophets?
- 49) what's the story with the Alter Rebbe and the dybbuk?
- 50) how is it connected to our discussion?
- 51) What was the symbol by Noach? What did he do? and what did Hashem Make the symbol?
- 52) What is the Possuk that supports this?
- 53) What was the sign by Avraham?
- 54) What is the Possuk that supports it?
- 55) Why is it different by Moshe?
- 56) What is unique about how we understand the destructiveness of the Mabbul?
- 57) What does the Rebbe say in a Sicha that gives a very realistic understanding of this?
- 58) Our Ma'amar gives an entirely different spin, what is it?
- 59) How are the two not mutually exclusive?
- 60) What remez is given to demonstrate the relationship between the Mabul and a purifying mikvah?
- 61) What is his question about the rainbow?
- 62) How does he answer it?
- 63) Before the Mabul when the sun's rays hit a cloud it produced neither הארה סח אור , How did I translate these two words in this context?
- 64) What does אור חוזר mean?
- 65) How did we understand it in this context?
- 66) So, again, how is the rainbow a symbol?
- 67) Why is there a symbol altogether, and specifically a physical symbol?
- 68) In other words what changed physically in the world as a result of the Mabbul?
- 69) Why was this change introduced and guaranteed by Hashem?
- 70) So, in the language of this Ma'amar What did the rainbow actually symbolize?
- 71) How did I explain what happens to people in social groups?
- 72) And what do people miss out on when they're not part of a social group?
- 73) in this light I explained how the world became better as a result of the Mabul, What did I say and how did I explain it?

- 74) why is the Krisus bris with Avraham also connected with the refinement of the world?
- 75) What is the relationship between Mitzvos and the Earth?
- 76) What is the Possuk that supports this?
- 77) Does this prefer to all Mitzvos? or only to the ones done in Eretz Yisroel?
- 78) Who makes this point?
- 79) What did I tell you about him, his life, and his special relationship with Eretz Yisroel?
- 80) Naturally what kind of relationship is there between creator and creation?
- 81) What is the proof of this?
- 82) How did it change?
- 83) How is this described in the midrash?
- 84) He quotes a passage from siddur, which one does he quote?
- 85) How does he explain it?
- 86) What does the previous rebbe say specifically about Mitzvos that have to do with mind and heart?
- 87) What are the two Pesukim that support this?
- 88) Although the actual bridging of heaven and earth begins with Mattan Torah it began much earlier from the times of who?
- 89) What role do the Avos Play in our lives? What quote from Chazal does the Rebbe bring?
- 90) Specifically, this contribution has three levels, two of them are cited inside, the third I spoke out, what are these three levels?
- 91) What's the difference between each of the three?
- 92) What does the Midrash say about the 6,000 years of creation?
- 93) which unit of 2000 years does our Ma'amar discuss?
- 94) What are these two millennia dedicated to?
- 95) How does this tie into Avraham Avinu?
- 96) What does the Possuk say about Avraham Avinu?
- 97) What does it mean?
- 98) What did Avraham Avinu spend his time doing?
- 99) Quote the Possuk and explain it.
- 100) List the three ideas I introduced as the beginning of my lecture on this subject.

- 101) The covenant with Moshe was for Teshuva, What does that mean?
- 102) Torah and Mitzvos are Kabalistically called what? What does it mean?
- 103) How is Teshuva different? which passage in the Torah is used to describe this?
- 104) According to which of the Rishonim?
- 105) What is the difference between the number 10 and the number 13?
- 106) Which of the Geonim was asked about it?
- 107) This places Teshuva above the world, all over the worlds, what does that mean practically?
- 108) Why does everything in the Torah have a Shiur?
- 109) What are the two basic aspects of these Shiurim?
- 110) What do they mean?
- 111) How is Teshuva different? How does it play out?
- 112) What story did I repeat to make this case?
- 113) What quote do we have from the Zohar for this effect?
- 114) What quote do we have from the Gemara to this effect?
- 115) What two forms are there for stopping an obligation to keep a neder (vow)?
- 116) What's the difference in how they appear in the Torah?
- 117) How did I explain to you the reason for this difference?
- 118) What two levels in healing are there (according to the Rogetchover)?
- 119) How does this apply to two levels in Teshuva?
- 120) Which of these two is our Ma'amar discussing?
- 121) What did I call a super Mitzvah?
- 122) How is this understood in the Rambam?
- 123) Give some other examples for this.
- 124) What is the story of Reb Eluzar ben Durdaya?
- 125) How does that story tie into this discussion?
- 126) How is it related to the story I told you above in question 112?
- 127) What two aspects does the Rebbe point out regarding the effectiveness of his Teshuva?
- 128) How did I explain it to you, using the idea of Yochanan Kohain Gadol?
- 129) What is the Avoda parallel of the Krisus Bria of Noach?

- 130) What is the history of Mode Ani?
- 131) In the old days what did people say in bed?
- 132) Why did they stop doing that?
- 133) What happens to a person when he sleeps?
- 134) What is the upside of that?
- 135) What is the possible downside of that?
- 136) Even if somebody experiences the upside, still when they come back into their body there is an issue. What is it?
- 137) Why on the fingers?
- 138) So, what is unique about Mode Ani?
- 139) What is its upside?
- 140) What is its downside?
- 141) What is the Hebrew word for basic?
- 142) Why is it apropos here?
- 143) How is this parallel to the Krisus Bris of Noach?
- 144) Is there an upside and a downside to the Krisus Bris of Noach also (like Mode Ani)?
- 145) How is the inspiration for Mode Ani described in the Rebbe's Kuntres Intana shel Toras HaChassidus?
- 146) How is it described in this Ma'amar?
- 147) What if anything is the difference between the two versions?
- 148) How does the Rebbe explain it in this Ma'amar in the context of Davening?
- 149) What is the story of the Rebbe as a very little child?
- 150) What expression from the Gemara is used to represent this idea?
- 151) When Hashem chose the Jewish people, what did he choose?
- 152) Where is this idea discussed?
- 153) Why must it be so? How is it explained?
- 154) How is that linked to the discussion of Mode Ani in this Ma'amar?
- 155) So, what is the best thing about Mode Ani?
- 156) ...and what is it missing?

- 157) What comes after the Mode Ani is that compensates for the deficiency of Mode Ani?
- 158) Please try and explain this a little bit.
- 159) Talk me through the different parts of Davening and how each one accomplishes this in a different way.
- 160) Davening it's linked to a ladder, who says this? What is the quote?
- 161) What does it mean?
- 162) What nuance does the previous Rebbe derived from the two extra letters ה ה in ארצה and השמימה?
- 163) What is the nature of the exertion and toil associated with Davening?
- 164) Explain the two ideas in war that I raised in the class.
- 165) What are they called in Hebrew?
- 166) What is the difference in our approach to these two forms of war?
- 167) What is the reason for this difference of approach?
- 168) Why is Davening compared to the covenant that was made with Avraham?
- 169) What is the nature of the hard work in acquiring bread to eat and being nourished by it?
- 170) How does this apply to studying Torah?
- 171) What two ideas are associated with the Torah?
- 172) How are they contradictory?
- 173) Yet they exist together, how?
- 174) Why is all of Yiddishkeit compared to Davening in this model? Alternatively, why is Davening compared to all of Yiddishkeit in this model?
- 175) Every construct consists of three layers according to Chassidus, what are they called?
- 175) Demonstrate each of these three using fire as your model.
- 176) The construct of this Ma'amar consists of three components, these three components are the _____ of the entire creation.
- 177) Summarize the first two points that we already discussed at length.
- 178) What will represent the third dimension and why?
- 179) How is this their dimension higher than the source of the creation?
- 180) The source or root of the creation we called what?
- 181) In what ways is this higher?

