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Parsha Bechukotai
Leviticus 26:3-27: 34
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This is the last parsha of the book Leviticus. G-d has instructed Moses to gather the Jewish people together. G-d tells them the importance of following his commandments and, if they did that, He would bless them. He would make sure they lived in peace and if any enemy entered their territory they would perish by the sword of the Jewish people. One of the blessings G-d gave the Jews was rain. In our generation now, rain can be very annoying. Back then it was really crucial for the people, they prayed G-d to send them rain. He was willing to bless them, if they were going to stay true to His word. G-d was going to give us many other blessings, but this was the first one G-d mentioned. The rain will help the grains grow and the people will have food to eat. Another thing G-d told the Jewish people, if their enemies entered into their territory, they would successfully be able to drive them out. There is a passuk that reads five of the Jewish people will be able to drive out one hundred and one hundred of them will be able to drive out ten thousand. G-d is showing the Jewish people the importance of working together.

He wanted the Jews to work together, because that way they would accomplish many beautiful things. People being together, their spirituality of connecting to G-d is very high. One of the reasons why Jews like having many people at one meal, that way they can say the after blessings together. The men do this together, if there are no men around and only women, then they do that. G-d wanted the Jewish people to stick together, so no one person would separate themselves from the community. G-d's final words to the Jewish people was, He promised to turn towards them. He promised to make the Jewish people fruitful and for them to multiply. The very last thing was He was going to set up a covenant with the Jewish people. G-d has warned the Jewish people to not stray away from His word and His ways.

If that was to happen, He would cause them to get sick, sow their seed in vain and the Jewish people's enemies would eat whatever food was left over from their grain. The worst thing to happen for the Jews was being sent into exile. G-d promised that would not happen if they followed His ways. Of course, throughout history, we learn that the Jewish people were not perfect. They did their share of straying away, but with each time they did come back. There was a Jewish man from the tribe of Laivi who had a pilegesh (**a concubine**) for a wife.

At some point in the end of the book of Judges, some men known as gangsters from the tribe of Binyamin hurt her physically. She ends up dying and it causes a rift between the Jewish people and the tribe of Binyamin. Both sides are Jewish, but not everyone wants to bring those who were criminals to justice. That's why a war ensues between the two. If we look back to this week's parsha, we learn that what happened was not what G-d wanted. G-d has always wanted and will continue to want for the Jewish people to work together as a TEAM. I heard from a special Rebbetzin, an acronym to remember the word TEAM. Together, Everyone Accomplishes More.