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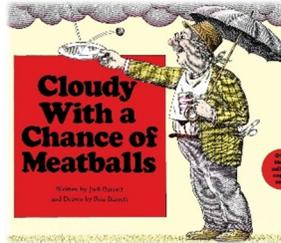
פֶּרֶשׁת וַיִּקְהַל-פְּקוּדֵי

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Topic

Forecast:

Cloudy, With a 100% Chance of Hashem



Read about the moment when Hashem finally comes down to dwell in the Mishkan among Bnei Yisrael...

שמות פרק מ, לד-לח
(לד) וַיִּכַס הָעָנָן אֶת אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וַיִּכְבֹּד יְקֹוֹק מְלֵא אֶת הַמִּשְׁכָּן : (לה) וְלֹא יָכַל מֹשֶׁה לָּבוֹא אֶל אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד כִּי שָׁכַן עָלָיו הָעָנָן וַיִּכְבֹּד יְקֹוֹק מְלֵא אֶת הַמִּשְׁכָּן : (לו) וּבַהֲעֵלוֹת הָעָנָן מֵעַל הַמִּשְׁכָּן יִסְעוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל מַסְעֵיהֶם : (לז) וְאִם לֹא יַעֲלֶה הָעָנָן וְלֹא יִסְעוּ עַד יוֹם הָעֲלֹתוֹ : (לח) כִּי עָנָן יְקֹוֹק עַל הַמִּשְׁכָּן יוֹמָם וְאִשׁ תִּהְיֶה לַיְלָה בּוֹ לְעֵינֵי כָּל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל מַסְעֵיהֶם :

³⁴ The cloud covered the Communion Tent, and God's glory filled the Tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses could not come into the Communion Tent, since the cloud had rested on it, and God's glory filled the Tabernacle. ³⁶ [Later], when the cloud would rise up from the Tabernacle, it [would be a signal] for the Israelites to move on, [and this was true] in all their travels. ³⁷ Whenever the cloud did not rise, they would not move on, [waiting] until the day it did. ³⁸ God's cloud would then remain on the Tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night. This was visible to the entire family of Israel, in all their travels.

...and discuss the following questions based on the text you read.

- 1) What project did Moshe and the Jewish people just finish? How do you think they felt at completing this project?
- 2) What happened once this project was finished?

- 3) If the Jewish people are still camped at Har Sinai, why do they need instructions about travelling?
- 4) Is this a good way to end the book of Shemot? Why or why not? Can you think of other ways to end the book?
- 5) [Middle School Question] See the Sforno on the other side. What was special about Hashem's presence in the Mishkan versus other places? Why do you think the Mishkan was different? When the 3rd Beit haMikdash will be built, what will be different about it than the Mishkan? Why?

ספורנו

”ובהעלות הענן.” וכל כך היתה שרית השכינה קבע במשכן, שלא היה מסתלק כלל משם עד שהיו ישראל צריכים לנסע. וזה לא היה בשילה ולא בבית ראשון ולא בבית שני. אבל יותר מזה יהיה בבית שלישי... כאמרו ”ואני אהיה לה נאם ה' חומת אש סביב ולכבוד אהיה בתוכה” (זכריה ב, ט).

“When the cloud lifted.” All this shows that Hashem's presence was in the Mishkan constantly, that it wouldn't leave the Mishkan until Israel was ready to travel. This was not the case when the Mishkan was in Shiloh, in the first Beit haMikdash, or in the second Beit haMikdash. But the third Beit haMikdash will have even more presence of Hashem, as it says in the pasuk “And I Myself—declares the Lord—will be a wall of fire all around it, and I will be a glory inside it.”