

*All of the holidays are to be nullified in the future, but the days of Purim will not be nullified, as it is stated (Esther 9:28), 'And these days of Purim will not be rescinded from the Jews.' (Medresh Mishlei 9:1)*

The Maharal explains that since Chazal say that the miracles of the ultimate redemption will dwarf those of *Yitzias Mitzrayim*, all of the other holidays in commemoration of *Yitzias Mitzrayim* will in some way be diminished. However, if Haman's decree would have been fulfilled, there would be no more members of the Jewish nation and therefore, no ultimate redemption either. Therefore, Purim, which commemorates our salvation from Haman will be celebrated in all of its glory even after our ultimate redemption.

Perhaps we can suggest another explanation on a similar note. We celebrate Purim even after the ultimate redemption, for the ultimate redemption is only made possible through the redemption of Purim. As we explained last week, the words of the *piyut Shoshanas Yakov*:

***"You were (through the salvation of Purim) their salvation forever.*** (How? For through the story of Purim, where You turned over Haman's decree despite it having been decreed in Heaven as well and despite our having been distanced from You) ***You became their hope in every generation, to make known that ALL who trust in You shall not be shamed, nor shall all those who place hope in You be disgraced forever.***

As Chazal (*Mechilta Shemos 15:1*) tell us: "*And thus do you find that the exiles are gathered in, only in reward for faith, as it is written (Song of Songs 4:8) 'With Me, from Levanon, My bride; With Me from Levanon shall you come (out of exile). You shall look (upon the redemption) merosh amanah'* (homiletically: "*in the merit of Emunah [belief]*). (*Hoshea 2:22*) "*And I will betroth you to Me forever ... and I will betroth you to Me with Emunah.*"

Similarly, we find in *Medresh Tehillim 40:1*)

*And they will say on that day: Behold this is our G-d who we have awaited, for we awaited Him and He saved us! Even if Klal Yisroel only has the merit of awaiting Hashem's salvation, they are worthy to be redeemed in the merit of awaiting!*

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