<u>נות ביציאת ריב"ז מירושלים</u>	
	<u>ה (וילנא) פרשה א ד"ה לא היו צריה</u>
For three-and-a-half years, Vespasian surrounded Jerusalem.	<ol> <li>1. שלש שנים ומחצה הקיף אספסיאנוס את ירושלם</li> </ol>
There were four governors with him: The governor of	2. והיו עמו ארבעה דוכסין, דוכס
Arabia, the governor of Africa, the governor of	דערביא, דוכס דאפריקא, דוכוס
Alexandria, and the governor of Palestine.	דאלכסנדריא, דוכוס דפלסטיני,
Regarding the governor of Arabia, there are two	. דוכוס דערבייא תרין
amora'im, one says that his name was Kilus and one	אמורין חד אמר קילוס
aid that his name was Pangar.	שמיה, וחד אמר פנגר שמיה,
There were four noblemen in Jerusalem: Ben Tzitzit,	3. והוון בירושלם ארבעה עשירים
pen Guryon, ben Nakdimon, and ben Kalba Savua.	בן ציצית ובן גוריון ובן נקדימון
Each and every one was capable of providing	ובן כלבא שבוע, וכל אחד ואחד
sustenance for the city for ten years.	יכול לספק מזונות של מדינה י'
	שנים,
here was also ben Batiaḥ, the son of the sister of	4. והיה שם בן בטיח בן אחותו
Rabban Yohanan ben Zakai, who was appointed over	של רבן יוחנן בן זכאי שהיה
he storehouses, and he burned all the storehouses.	ממונה על האוצרות ושרף את
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Rabban Yohanan ben Zakai heard and said 'woe [vai].'	. שמע רבן יוחנן בן זכאי אמר ווי,
They went and told ben Batiaḥ: 'Your uncle said woe.'	6. הלכו ואמרו לבן בטיח, אמר
	חביבך ווי,
He sent and had him brought and said to him: 'Why did	7. שלח והביאו אמר לו למה
/ou say woe?'	אמרת ווי,
He said to him: 'I did not say woe. Rather, I said <i>va</i> .'	8. אמר לו לא אמרתי ווי אלא וה
	אמרתי,
He said to him: 'You said <i>va</i> ; why did you say <i>va</i> ?'	9. אמר לו וה אמרת, ולמה אמרת
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le said: 'Because you burned all the storehouses, and	10. אמר ליה ששרפת את כל
said: As long as the storehouses are intact, they will	האוצרות, ואמרתי דכל זמן
ot risk their lives to engage in battle.'	שהאוצרות קיימים לא ימסרו
	עצמם למלחמה,
etween <i>vai</i> and <i>va</i> Rabban Yoḥanan ben Zakai	עצמם זמיזומון, 11. בין ווי לוה נמלט רבן יוחנן בן
scaped. They applied to him the verse: "The	זכאי, וקרא עליו (קהלת ז')
	וכאי, וקרא עייי (קרוידר ד) ויתרון דעת החכמה תחיה
dvantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the	
fe of its possessors" (Ecclesiastes 7:12).	בעליה,
hree days later, Rabban Yohanan ben Zakai went out	12. לאחר ג' ימים, יצא רבן יוחנן בן
o walk in the marketplace.	זכאי לטייל בשוק, וראה אותם
le saw that they were boiling straw and drinking its	ששולקין תבן ושותין מימיו,
proth.	אמר בני אדם ששולקין תבן
He said: 'Are people who boil straw and drink its broth	ושותין מימיו, יכולין לעמוד
apable of standing against Vespasian's troops?'	בחיילותיו של אספסיאנוס,
La anish (The priority is to perform as ( ) ( )	
He said: 'The priority is to get me out of here.'	13. אמר כל עיקר הדבר הוא
	שאצא מכאן,
He sent [a message] to ben Batiah saying: 'Get me out	14. שלח ואמר לבן בטיח הוציאני
of here.'	מכאן
Ben Batiaḥ] said to him: 'We have agreed among us	15. אמר לו הסכמנו בינינו שלא יצא
hat no person may emerge from here unless he is	אדם מכאן אלא אם הוא מת,
lead.'	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
le said: 'Get me out in the guise of one who died.'	16. אמר הוציאני בדמות מת,
Rabbi Eliezer carried his [bier] from the head and	סד. אנור הוציאני ברמות מת, 17. טען רבי אליעזר ברישיה, ורבי
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Rabbi Yehoshua from the feet, and ben Batiah walked	יהושע ברגליה, ובן בטיח מכלב לפגובה, בגועיב בגועי
efore them. When they arrived they sought to stab	מהלך לפניהם, כאשר הגיעו
im.	רצו לדוקרו,
Ben Batiah said to them: 'Is that what you want, that	18. אמר להון בן בטיח כך אתם
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hey will say that their rabbi died and they stabbed	T Contraction of the second
hey will say that their rabbi died and they stabbed nim?'	ודקרוהו,
nim?'	-
nim?' When he said that to them, they let him go.	19. כיון דאמר להו כך עזבו אותו,
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confront you.'	מונגו וול בכם אם יווו ב חבית אין המלכויות מתגרות בכם
Rabban Yohanan said to him: 'The heart knows	41. אמר לו רבן יוחנן הלב יודע אם
whether it is constructive [ <i>laakal</i> ] or crooked [ <i>laakalkalot</i> ].	לעקל אם לעקלקלות,
Vespasian said to Rabban Yohanan ben Zakai: 'Make a	42. אמר ליה אספסיאנוס לרבן
request and I will grant it.'	יוחנן בן זכאי שאל לי שאלה ואני אעשה
He said to him: 'I request that you leave this city and go on your way.'	43. א"ל אני רוצה שתעזוב מדינה זו ותלך לך,
He said to him: 'Did the citizens of Rome crown me so I would leave this city?	44. א"ל כלום המליכוני בני רומי כדי שאעזוב מדינה זו?
Make a [different] request and I will grant it.'	45. שאל לי שאלתא ואני אעשה,
He said to him: 'I request that you leave the gate of the	46. אמר לו רוצה אני שתעזוב את
western gate, which points toward Lod, so that anyone	החומה המערבית שהולכת לבעון ליד וכל מן שובער לעוגת
who emerges for four hours will be saved.'	לכיוון לוד וכל מי שירצה לצאת עד שעה רביעית יהיה לפליטה.
After [Vespasian] conquered it, he said to him: 'If you	ער שעה רביעית יהיה לפליטה. 47. כאשר נכבשה
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whom you are close, send and bring him before the	
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After [Vespasian] conquered it, he said to him: 'If you	48. אמר לו אם יש לך אוהב או
have someone who is beloved to you or someone with	קרוב שלח והבא אותו
whom you are close, send and bring him before the soldiers enter.'	לפני שיכנסו החיילים
He sent to Rabbi Eliezer and Rabbi Yehoshua to take	49. שלח לר' אליעזר ולר' יהושע
out Rabbi Tzadok. They went and found him at the city	להוציא את ר' צדוק
gate. When he came, Rabban Yohanan stood before	הלכו ומצאו אותו
him.	בשער העיר כשבא קם
	לפניו רבן יוחנן,
Vespasian said to him: 'You stand before this repulsive	50. אמר ליה אספסיאנוס מלפני
old man?'	זקן כחוש זה אתה קם?
He said to him: 'By your life, if there was another like	51. אמר לו חייך אם היה עוד אחד
him, and you had double the [number of your] soldiers, you would not be able to conquer [the city.'	כמותו והיה לך פי שנים חיילים לא היית יכול לכבוש
He said to him: 'What is his strength?'	א וויזני <i>כה ז</i> כבוס 52. אמר לו מה כוחו,
He said to him: 'He eats one <i>gamzuz</i> and from it	בסראנון אין נווי פוווי, 53. א"ל אוכל פרי אחד בזמן
studies one hundred chapters.	שלומדים מאה פרקים
He said to him: 'Why is he so emaciated?'	54. אמר ליה למה כחוש כל כך,
He said to him: 'It is due to the effects of fasts and	55. א"ל בגלל צומות ותעניות,
abstinences.'	
[Vespasian] sent and brought physicians and they	56. שלח והביא רפואה והיו
would feed him a little at a time and would give him to	מאכילים אותו מעט מעט
drink a little at a time, until his body was restored [to	ומשקים אותו מעט מעט עד
good health].	שחזר עליו גופו.
Elazar, his son, said to him: 'Father, give them their	57. אמר לו אלעזר בנו אבא תן
reward in this world, so that they will have no merit with	להם שכר בעולם הזה שלא
you in the World to Come.' He gave them [a method	תהיה להם זכות לעולם הבא
for] mathematical calculations with fingers and scales.	ונתן להם את חכמת החשבון
	באצבע ואת חכמת המשקל
	במאזנים
After he conquered it, he distributed the four sides to	58. כאשר נכבשה חילקו את עבבעת בפואות לעבבעת
the four governors.	ארבעת החומות לארבעת הדוכסים
The western gate was in the portion of Pangar. It was	דו ולסים 59. ועלתה חומת המערב לפנגר
decreed from Heaven that it would never be destroyed.	וגזרו מהשמים שלא יחרב
Why? Because the Divine Presence is in the west.	
	לעולם כיון ששכינה במערב,
They destroyed theirs, he did not destroy his.	לעולם כיון ששכינה במערב, הם החריבו את שלהם והוא לא
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They destroyed theirs, he did not destroy his.	הם החריבו את שלהם והוא לא החריב את שלו.

kingdom. Had I destroyed it, people would not know what you destroyed. When the people will see [the remaining wall], they will say: Look at the power of Vespasian, what he destroyed.'	עשיתי כן שאילו החרבתי לא היית יודעת ברייה מה החרבת וכאשר יראו הבריות יאמרו ראו חייליו של אספסיאנוס מה החריבו,
He said to him: 'By your life, you have spoken well;	62. אמר לו דייך טוב אמרת, אלא
however, because you violated my command, that man	כיון שעברת על פקודתי יעלה
will ascend to the roof and cast himself from it. If he	האיש הזה על הגג וזרוק עצמו
lives, he lives; if he dies, he dies.'	אם חי חי ואם מת מת.
He ascended, cast himself, and died. The curse of	63. עלה וזרק עצמו ומת ופגעה בו
Rabban Yoḥanan ben Zakai came upon him.	קללתו של ריב"ז.

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## <u>תלמוד בבלי מסכת גיטין דף נו עמוד א</u>

The Roman authorities then sent Vespasian Caesar against the Jews. He came and laid siege to Jerusalem for three years. There were at that time in Jerusalem these three wealthy people: Nakdimon ben Guryon, ben Kalba Savua, and ben Tzitzit HaKesat. The Gemara explains their names: Nakdimon ben Guryon was called by that name because the sun shined [ <i>nakad</i> ] on his behalf, as it is related elsewhere (see <i>Ta'anit</i> 19b) that the sun once continued to shine in order to prevent him from suffering a substantial loss. Ben Kalba Savua was called this because anyone who entered his house when he was hungry as a dog [ <i>kelev</i> ] would leave satiated [ <i>save'a</i> ]. Ben Tzitzit HaKesat was referred to by that name because his ritual fringes [ <i>tzitzit</i> ] dragged along on blankets [ <i>keset</i> ], meaning that he would not walk in the street with his feet on the ground, but rather they would place blankets beneath him. There are those who say that his seat [ <i>kiseh</i> ] was found among the nobles of Rome, meaning that he would sit among them.	<ul> <li>שַׁדְּרֵיהּ עִילָוַיְיהוּ</li> <li>לְאַסְפַּסְיָינוּס קִיסָר. אֲתָא,</li> <li>צָר עְלַה תְּלָת שְׁנֵי. הְווֹ בַּה הָנְהוּ תְּלָתָא עַתִּירֵי:</li> <li>הַנְהוּ תְּלָתָא עַתִּירֵין, וּבֶן</li> <li>הַנְקּדִימוֹן בֶּן גּוּרְיוֹן, וּבֶן</li> <li>הַכֶּסֶת. נַקִדִימוֹן בֶּן גּוּרְיוֹן –</li> <li>הַכֶּסֶת. נַקִדִימוֹן בֶּן גּוּרְיוֹן –</li> <li>הַכֶּסֶת. נַקִדִימוֹן בֶּן גּוּרְיוֹן</li> <li>הַכֶּסֶת. נַקַדִימוֹן בֶּן גּוּרְיוֹן</li> <li>הַכֶּסֶת. נַקַדִימוֹן בֶּן גּוּרְיוֹן</li> <li>הַכֶּסֶת. נַקַדִימוֹן בֶּן גּוּרְיוֹן</li> <li>הַכֶּסֶת. נַקַדִימוֹן בֶּן גוּרְיוֹן</li> <li>הַנְסְדָבָא שָׁבוּעַ, שָׁכָּל</li> <li>הַנְכְנָס לְבֵיתוֹ כְּשָׁהוּא שְׁבַעַ.</li> <li>הַנְכְנָס לְבֵיתוֹ כְּשָׁהוּא שָׁבַעַ.</li> <li>הַנְכְנָס לְבֵיתוֹ הַכָּשָרוּי הַשָּבוּעַ, שָׁכָּל</li> <li>הַנְכָנָס לְבֵיתוֹ כַּשָּהוּא שָׁבַעַ.</li> <li>הַנְכָנָס לְבֵיתוֹ הַגָּכֶסֶת – שָׁהָיָתָה</li> <li>בְּן צִיצִית הַכָּסֶתוֹ מוּשֶּלֶת גַּבֵי</li> <li>גְדוֹלֵי רוֹמִי.</li> <li>גְדוֹלֵי רוֹמִי.</li> </ul>	.1
These three wealthy people offered their assistance. One of them said to the leaders of the city: I will feed the residents with wheat and barley. And one of them said to leaders of the city: I will provide the residents with wine, salt, and oil. And one of them said to the leaders of the city: I will supply the residents with wood. The Gemara comments: And the Sages gave special praise to he who gave the wood, since this was an especially expensive gift. As Rav Hisda would give all of the keys [aklidei] to his servant, except for the key to his shed for storing wood, which he deemed the most important of them all. As Rav Hisda said: One storehouse [akhleva] of wheat requires sixty storehouses of wood for cooking and baking fuel. These three wealthy men had between them enough commodities to sustain the besieged for twenty-one years.	. חַד אָמַר לְהוּ: אָנָא זָיינָּא לְהוּ בְּחִיטֵּי וּשְׂעָרֵי, וְחַד אֲמַר לְהוּ: בִּדְחַמְרָא וּבִדְמִלְחָא וּמִשְׁחָא, וְחַד אָמַר לְהוּ: בִּדְצִיבֵי, וְשַׁבַּחוּ כַּבָּנַן לִדְצִיבֵי, דְּרַב חִסְדָּא לְשַׁמַּעֵיהּ, בַּר מִדְצִיבֵי. לְשַׁמַּעֵיהּ, בַּר מִדְצִיבֵי. דְּחִיטֵּי בָּעֵי שִׁיתִּין אֲכַלְבֵּא דְצִיבֵי. הֵוָה לְהוּ לְמֵיזַן עֶשְׂרִים וְחַד שַׁתָּא.	.2
There were certain zealots among the people of Jerusalem. The Sages said to them: Let us go out and make peace with the Romans. But the zealots did not allow them to do this. The zealots said to the Sages: Let us go out and engage in battle against the Romans. But the Sages said to them: You will not be successful. It would be better for you to wait until the siege is broken. In order to force the residents of the city to engage in battle, the zealots arose and burned down these storehouses [ <i>ambarei</i> ] of wheat and barley, and there was a general famine.	. הַוּוֹ בְּהוּ הָנְהוּ בִּרְיוֹנֵי, אֲמַרוּ לְהוּ רַבָּנַן: נִיפּוֹק וְנַעֲבֵיד שְׁלָמָא בַּהְדַיִיהוּ. לָא שַׁבְקינְהוּ. אַמַרוּ לְהוּ: נִיפּוֹק וְנַעֲבֵיד קָרָבָא בַּהֲדַיִיהוּ, אֲמַרוּ לְהוּ רַבָּנַן: לָא מִסְתַּיִיעָא מִילְתָא. קַמוּ קַלְנְהוּ לְהַנְהוּ אַמְבָּרֵי דְּחִיטֵּי וּשְׂעָרֵי, וַהְוָה כַּפְנָא.	.3

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With regard to this famine it is related that Marta bat Baitos was one of the wealthy women of Jerusalem. She sent out her agent and said to him: Go bring me fine flour [semida]. By the time he went, the fine flour was already sold. He came and said to her: There is no fine flour, but there is ordinary flour. She said to him: Go then and bring me ordinary flour. By the time he went, the ordinary flour was also sold. He came and said to her: There is no ordinary flour, but there is coarse flour [gushkera]. She said to him: Go then and bring me coarse flour. By the time he went, the coarse flour was already sold. He came and said to her: There is no coarse flour, but there is barley flour. She said to him: Go then and bring me barley flour. But once again, by the time he went, the barley flour was also sold.	מָרְתָּא בַּת בַּיִיתּוֹס עַתִּירְתָּא דַּירוּשָׁלַיִם הַוְיָא. שַׁדַּרְתָּה לִשְׁלוּחַה, וַאֲמֵרָה לֵיה: זִיל אַיִיתִי לִי סְמִידָא אַדַּאֲזַל אִיזְדַבַּן. אֱתָא אֱמַר לַה: סְמִידָא לֵיכָּא, חִיוָּרְתָּא אַיכָּא. אֲמַרָה לֵיה: זִיל אַיתָּא וַאֲמַר לַה: חִיוָּרְתָּא אַמָּכָה לֵיה: זִיל אַיִיתִי לִי. אַדַאָזַל אִזְדַבַּן. אֶתָא וַאֲמַר לַה: גּוּשְׁקָרָא לֵיכָּא, קימָחָא אַדַּאָזַל אִזְדַבַּן. אֶתָא וַאֲמַר זִיל אַיִיתִי לִי. אַדַּאָזַל זִיל אַיִיתִי לִי. אַדַּאָזַל זִיל אַיִיתִי לִי. אַדַּאָזַל אַיזָדַבַן.	.4
She had just removed her shoes, but she said: I will go out myself and see if I can find something to eat. She stepped on some dung, which stuck to her foot, and, overcome by disgust, she died.	הְוָה שְׁלִיפָּא מְסָאנָא, אֲמַרָה: אִיפּוֹק וְאֶחְזֵי אִי מַשְׁפַּחְנָא מִידֵּי לְמֵיכַל. אִיתִיב לַהּ פַּרְתָּא בְּכַרְעַא, וּמִתָּה.	.5
Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai read concerning her a verse found in the section of the Torah listing the curses that will befall Israel: "The tender and delicate woman among you who would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground" (Deuteronomy 28:56). There are those who say that she did not step on dung, but rather she ate a fig of Rabbi Tzadok, and became disgusted and died. What are these figs? Rabbi Tzadok observed fasts for forty years, praying that Jerusalem would not be destroyed. He became so emaciated from fasting that when he would eat something it was visible from the outside of his body. And when he would eat after a fast they would bring him figs and he would suck out their liquid and cast the rest away. It was one such fig that Marta bat Baitos found and that caused her death.	קַרֵי עְלַהּ רַבָּן יוֹחָנָן בֶּן זַכַּאִי: ״הָרַכָּה בְּךָ וְהָעְנוּגָּה אֲשֶׁר לֹא נִסְּתָה כַף רַגְלָה״. אִיכָּא דְּאָמְרִי: גְּרוֹגֶרֶת דְרַבִּי צָדוֹק אֲכַלָה, וְאִיתְּנִיסָא וּמִתָּה. דְרַבִּי צָדוֹק יְתֵיב אַרְבָּעִין שְׁנִין בְּתַעְנִיתָא הַזְה אָכֵיל מִידֵי הְוָה הַזָה אָכֵיל מִידֵי הְוָה מַיִיץ מַיַּיְהוּ וְשָׁדֵי לְהוּ.	.6
It is further related that as she was dying, she took out all of her gold and silver and threw it in the marketplace. She said: Why do I need this? And this is as it is written: "They shall cast their silver in the streets and their gold shall be as an impure thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord; they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels" (Ezekiel 7:19).	כִּי הְוָה קָא נִיחָא נַפְשָׁהּ, אַפִּיקתֵּהּ לְכֹל דַּהְבַהּ וְכַסְפַּה שְׁדֵיתֵיהּ בְּשׁוּקָא, אֲמַרָה: הַאי לְמַאי מִיבְּעֵי לִי! וְהַיִינוּ דְּרָתִיב: ״כַּסְפָּם בְּחוּצוֹת יַשְׁלִיכוּ״.	.7
§ The Gemara relates: Abba Sikkara was the leader of the zealots [biryonei] of Jerusalem and the son of the sister of Rabban Yoḥanan ben Zakkai. Rabban Yoḥanan ben Zakkai sent a message to him: Come to me in secret. He came, and Rabban Yoḥanan ben Zakkai said to him: Until when will you do this and kill everyone through starvation? Abba Sikkara said to him: What can I do, for if I say something to them they will kill me. Rabban Yoḥanan ben Zakkai said to him: Show me a method so that I will be able to leave the city, and it is possible that through this there will be some small salvation.	אַבָּא סִקרָא – רֵישׁ בִּרְיוֹנֵי דִּירוּשָׁלַיִם, בַּר אֲחָתֵיהּ דְּרַבָּן יוֹחָנָן בֶּן זַכַּאי הוָה. שְׁלַח לֵיהּ: תָּא בְּצִינְעָא לְגַבַּאי. אֲתָא. אֲמַר לֵיהּ: עַד אֵימַת עָבְדִיתוּ הָכִי, וְקָטְלִיתוּ לֵיהּ לְעָלְמָא בְּכַפְנֶא? אֲמַר לֵיהּ: מַאי בְּכַפְנֶא? אְמַר לֵיהּ: אֶיעֶבֵיד, דְּאִי אָמֵינָא לְהוּ חֵזִי לִי תַּקַנְתָּא לְדִידִי הָאֶיפּוֹק, אֶפְשָׁר דְּהָוֵי הַצָּלָה פּוּרְתָּא.	.8
Abba Sikkara <b>said to him:</b> This is what you should do: <b>Pretend</b>	אֲמַר לֵיהּ: נְקוֹט נַפְשָׁךְ	.9

בִּקְצִירֵי, וְלֵיתוֹ כּוּלֵי עָלְמָא וְלִישַׁיְילוּ בָּךָ, וְאַיְיתִי מִידֵי סַרְיֶא וְאַגְנִי גַּבָּךָ, וְלֵימְרוּ דְּנָח נַפְשָׁךָ, וְלִיעַיְילוּ בָּךָ תַּלְמִידָך וְלָא לֵיעוּל בָּךָ אִינִישׁ אַחֲרִינָא, דְּלָא לַרְגְּשׁוּן בָּך דְּקַלִיל אַתּֽ, דְּאִינְהוּ יָדְעִי דְּחַיֶּיא קַלִּיל מִמִּיתָא.
10. עָבֵיד הָכָי. נְכְנַס בּוֹ רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר מִצַד אֶחָד, וְרַבִּי יְהוֹשֶׁעַ מִצַד אַחֵר. כִּי מְטוֹ לְפִיתְחָא, בְּעוֹ לְמִדְקְרֵיהּ. אֲמַר לְהוּ: יֹאמְרוּ: רַבָּן דָּקרוּ! בְּעוֹ לְמִדְחֲפֵיהּ. אֲמַר לְהוּ: יֹאמְרוּ: רַבָּן דָּחֲפּוּ
11. כִּי מְטָא לְהָתָם, אֲמַר: שָׁלָמָא עֲלָךְ מַלְכָּא, שְׁלָמָא עְלֶךְ מַלְכָּא. אֲמַר לֵיהּ: מִיחַיְּיבַתּ תְּרֵי (קָטָלָא) [קָטְלִי], חֲדָא דְּלָאו מַלְכָּא אֶנָא וְקָא קְרֵית לִי מַלְכָּא וְתוּ אִי מַלְכָּא אֲנָא עַד הָאִידָּנָא אַמַּאי לָא אָתֵית לָגַבַּאי. אֲמַר לֵיהּ: דְּקָאָמְרַתְּ לָאו מַלְכָּא אֲנָא,
12. אִיבְרָא מַלְכָּא אַתְּ; דְּאִי לָאו מַלְכָּא אַתְּ לָא מִימַסְרָא יְרוּשָׁלַיִם בִּידָךְ, דְּרָתִיב: יְרוּשָׁלַיִם בִּידָךְ, דְּרָתִיב: יוְהַלְּבָנוֹן בְּאַדִיר׳ אֶלָּא מֶלֶךָ אַצִין ״אַדִיר״ אֶלָּא מֶלֶךָ דְּרָתִיב: ״וְהָיָה אַדִּירוֹ מִמֶּנּוּ זְגוֹ״׳; וְאֵין ״לְבָנוֹן״ אֶלָּא בֵּית הַמִקדָּשׁ, שָׁנָאֱמַר: בַּית הַמִקדָשׁ, שָׁנָאֱמַר: זְהַלְבָנוֹן״. וּדְקָאָמְרַתְּ: אִי מַלְכָּא אֲנָא, אַמַאי לָא קאָתֵית לְגַבַּאי עַד הָאִידָּנָא שָׁבְקִינַו
13. אֲמַר לֵיהּ: אִילּוּ חָבִית שֶׁל דְּבַשׁ וּדְרָקוֹן כָּרוּךְ עָלֶיהָ, לא הַיוּ שׁוֹבְרִין אֶת הֶחָבִית בִּשְׁבִיל דְּרָקוֹן? אִישְׁתִּיק. קְרֵי עְלֵיה רַב יוֹסֵף, וְאִיתֵּימָא רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא: ״מֵשִׁיב חַכָּמִים אָחוֹר וְדַעְתָּם יְסַכֵּל״, אִיבְּעִי לֵיהּ וְדַעֶתָּן לֵיהּ: שָׁקִלִינַן צְבָתָא וְשָׁקִלִינַן לֵיהּ לְדְרָקוֹן שָׁבְקינַן לֵיהּ, וְחָבִיתָא

tongs, remove the snake, and kill it, and in this way we leave the barrel intact. So too, you should kill the rebels and leave the city as it is.	
In the meantime, as they were talking, a messenger [feristaka] arrived from Rome, and said to him: Rise, for the emperor has died, and the noblemen of Rome plan to appoint you as their leader and make you the next emperor. At that time Vespasian was wearing only one shoe, and when he tried to put on the other one, it would not go on his foot. He then tried to remove the other shoe that he was already wearing, but it would not come off. He said: What is this?	14. אַדְּהָכִי, אֲתָא פְּרֵיסְתְּקָא עְלֵיהּ מֵרוֹמִי, אֲמַר לֵיהּ: קוּם, דְּמִית לֵיהּ קַיסָר, וְאָמְרִי הָנְהוּ חֲשִׁיבֵי דְּרוֹמִי לְאוֹתֹיבָךְ בְּרֵישָׁא. הְוָה סֵיֵים חַד (מסאני) סַיֵים חַד (מסאני) לְמִישְׁלְפֵיהּ לְאִידַּךָ, לָא נְפַק. אֲמַר: מַאי הַאי?
Rabban Yoḥanan ben Zakkai said to him: Be not distressed or troubled, for good tidings have reached you, as it is written: "Good tidings make the bone fat" (Proverbs 15:30), and your feet have grown fatter out of joy and satisfaction. Vespasian said to him: But what is the remedy? What must I do in order to put on my shoe? Rabban Yoḥanan ben Zakkai said to him: Have someone with whom you are displeased come and pass before you, as it is written: "A broken spirit dries the bones" (Proverbs 17:22). He did this, and his shoe went on his foot. Vespasian said to him: Since you are so wise, why didn't you come to see me until now? Rabban Yoḥanan ben Zakkai said to him: But didn't I already tell you? Vespasian said to him: I also told you what I had to say.	15. אֲמַר לֵיהּ: לָא תִּצְטַעַר, שְׁמוּעָה טוֹבָה אַתְיָא לָךָ, דְּכְתִיב: ״שִׁמוּעָה טוֹבָה תִּדַשָׁן עָצֶם״. אֶלָּא מַאי תַּקַנְתֵיהּ? לֵיתֵי אִינִישׁ דְּלָא מְיַתְּבָא דַּעְתָּךָ מִינֵיהּ, וְלַחֲלוּף קַמָּךָ, דְּכָתִיב: ״וְרוּחַ נְכֵאָה תְּיַבָּשׁ גָּרֶם״. עַבַד הָכִי, עֵייל. אֱמַר לֵיהּ: וּמֵאַחַר דְּחָכְמִיתוּ כּוּלֵי הַאי, עַד הָאִידָּנָא אַמַאי לָא וְלָא אֲמַרִי לָרְ?! אֱמַר לֵיהּ: אֶנָא נָמֵי אָמַרִי לֶךְ?! אֱמַר לֵיהּ:
Vespasian then said to Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai: I will be going to Rome to accept my new position, and I will send someone else in my place to continue besieging the city and waging war against it. But before I leave, ask something of me that I can give you. Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai said to him: Give me Yavne and its Sages and do not destroy it, and spare the dynasty of Rabban Gamliel and do not kill them as if they were rebels, and lastly give me doctors to heal Rabbi Tzadok. Rav Yosef read the following verse about him, and some say that it was Rabbi Akiva who applied the verse to Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai: "I am the LordWho turns wise men backward and makes their knowledge foolish" (Isaiah 44:25), as he should have said to him to leave the Jews alone this time.	16. אֲמַר לֵיהּ: מֵיזָל אָזֵילְנָא, וְאִינָשׁ אַחְרִינָא מְשַׁדַרְנָא; אֶלָּא בָּעֵי מִינַּאי מִידֵי דְּאֶתַן לֶךְ. אֲמַר לֵיהּ: תַּן לִי יַבְנֶה גַּמְלִיאֵל, וְאָסווֹתָא דְּמַסַיין לֵיהּ לְרַבִּי צָדּוֹק. קְרֵי עֲלֵיהּ לֵיה לְרַבִּי צָדוֹק. קָרֵי עֲלֵיה עַקיבָא: ״מֵשִׁיב חֲכָמִים אָחוֹר וְדַעְתָּם יְסַכֵּל״, אִיבְּעִי הָדָא זִימְנָא.
And why didn't Rabban Yoḥanan ben Zakkai make this request? He maintained that Vespasian might not do that much for him, and there would not be even a small amount of salvation. Therefore, he made only a modest request, in the hope that he would receive at least that much.	17.וְהוּא סָבַר: דִּלְמָא כּוּלֵי הַאי. לָא עָבֵיד, וְהַצָּלָה פּוּרְתָּא נָמֵי לָא הָוֵי.
The Gemara asks: What was he requesting when he asked for doctors to heal Rabbi Tzadok? How did they heal him? The first day they gave him water to drink that contained bran [parei]. The next day they gave him water containing flour mixed with bran [sipuka]. The following day they gave him water containing flour. In this way they slowly restored his ability to eat, allowing his stomach to broaden little by little.	18. אָסְווֹתָא דְּמַסַּיִין לֵיהּ לְרַבִּי צָדוֹק – מַאי הִיא? יוֹמָא קַמָּא אַשְׁקִיוּהּ מַיָּא דְפָארֵי, לְמְחַר מַיָּא דְסִיפּוּקָא, לְמְחַר מַיָּא דְקִימְחָא, עַד דִּרְוַח מְיעֵיהּ פּוּרְתָּא פּוּרְתָּא.

## מסכתות קטנות מסכת אבות דרבי נתן נוסחא א פרק ד And when Vespasian came to destroy Jerusalem, 1. וכשבא אספסיינוס להחריב את ירושלים he said to [the inhabitants]: Fools! Why do you seek to 2. אמר להם שוטים מפני מה destroy this city and burn the Holy Temple? What do I אתם מבקשים להחריב את request of you? Only that you give me one bow or one העיר הזאת ואתם מבקשים arrow [as a sign of your surrender], and then I will לשרוף את בית המקדש וכי מה אני מבקש מכם אלא שתשגרו leave you be. לי קשת אחת או חץ אחת ואלך לי מכם. They said to him: Just as we went out [to battle] 3. אמרו לו כשם שיצאנו על שנים against the two who came before you, and killed them, ראשונים שהם לפניך והרגנום so will we go out against you and kill you. כך נצא לפניך ונהרגך. When Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai heard this, he 4. כיון ששמע רבן יוחנן בן זכאי sent for the men of Jerusalem and said to them: My שלח וקרא לאנשי ירושלים children, why do seek to destroy this city and burn the ואמר להם בני מפני מה אתם Holy Temple? For what did he ask of you but one bow מחריביו את העיר הזאת ואתם or one arrow, and then he would leave you be. מבקשים לשרוף את בית המקדש וכי מהו מבקש מכם הא אינו מבקש מכם אלא קשת אחת או חץ אחת וילך לו מכם. They said to him: Just as we went out [to battle] 5. אמרו לו כשם שיצאנו על שנים against the two who came before him, and we killed שלפניו והרגנום כך נצא עליו them, so will we go out against him and kill him. ונהרגהו. 6. היו לאספסיינוס אנשים שרויין Vespasian had men lurking within the walls of Jerusalem, and everything they heard they would כנגד חומותיה של ירושלים וכל would write on an arrow and shoot over the wall. So דבר ודבר שהיו שומעין היו they reported that Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai כותבין על החצי וזורקין חוץ supported the Caesar. לחומה לומר שרבן יוחנן בן זכאי מאוהבי קיסר הוא. [Thus would he remind the men of Jerusalem, i.e., 7. וכיון שאמר להם רבן יוחנן בן plead with them to acquiesce to Vespasian.] And after זכאי יום אחד ושנים ושלשה Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai said this [to them] day ולא קבלו ממנו שלח וקרא after day, and saw that they would not accept his לתלמידיו לרבי אליעזר ורבי advice, he sent for his students, Rabbi Eliezer and יהושע אמר להם בני עמדו Rabbi Yehoshua, and said to them: My sons, take me והוציאוני מכאן עשו לי ארון out of this place! Make me a coffin, and I will sleep in it. ואישן בתוכו. So Rabbi Eliezer held [the coffin] on one end, and 8. רבי אליעזר אחז בראשו רבי Rabbi Yehoshua held it (on the other, and they carried יהושע אחז ברגליו והיו מוליכין him until the sun set, right up to the gates of אותו עד שקיעת החמה עד שהגיעו אצל שערי ירושלים. Jerusalem. The gatekeepers said to them: What is this? 9. אמרו להם השוערים מי הוא זה. They replied: A dead body – and you know that a 10. אמרו להן מת הוא וכי אין אתם corpse cannot remain overnight in Jerusalem. יודעין שאין מלינים את המת בירושלים. 11. אמרו להן אם מת הוא הוציאוהו. They said: If that is a dead body, go ahead and take it 12. והוציאוהו והיו מוליכין אותו (עד out [of the city]). שקיעת החמה) עד שהגיעו אצל אספסיינוס. So they took him out (and they were carrying him until .13 פתחו הארון ועמד לפניו. sunset) until they came to Vespasian, and they opened the coffin, and [Rabbi Yohanan] got up and stood before him. He said: So you are Rabbi Yohanan ben Zakkai. Ask 14. אמר לו אתה הוא רבן יוחנן בן for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you. זכאי שאל מה אתן לך. He replied: I ask nothing from you except for Yavneh. I 15. אמר לו איני מבקש ממך אלא will go there and teach my students, and I will establish יבנה שאלך ואשנה בה prayer, and I will do all the *mitzvot* [mentioned in the לתלמידי ואקבע בה תפלה Torah]. ואעשה בה כל מצות. [Vespasian] replied: Go. All that you wish to do, you 16. אמר לו לך וכל מה שאתה may do. רוצה לעשות עשה.

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He said: Go ahead. He said to him: Take note; soon	17. אמר לו רצונך שאומר לפניך
you will ascend to the kingship.	דבר אחד. אמר לו אמור. אמר
	לו הרי את עומד במלכות.
	א"ל] מנין אתה יודע.
[Rabbi Yohanan answered:] We have a tradition that	18. אמר לו כך מסור לנו שאין בית
the Holy Temple will not be taken by an ordinary man,	המקדש נמסר ביד הדיוט אלא
but only by a king. For it says (Isaiah 10:34), "And the	ביד מלך שנאמר ונקף סבכי
Lebanon tree will fall in its majesty."	היער בברזל והלבנון באדיר
	יפול (ישעי' י' ל"ד).
They say that it was not (one or two or) three days until	19. אמרו לא היה יום אחד שנים
a letter came from [Vespasian's] city announcing that	ושלשה ימים עד שבא אליו
the Caesar had died and they were appointing him to	דיופלא מעירו שמת קיסר ונמנו
ascend to the kingship.	עליו לעמוד במלכות.
They brought him a catapult and positioned it toward	20. הביאו לו קשת של זירים
the walls of Jerusalem. Then they brought him cedar	ותיפ"א כנגד החומה של
posts, put them in the catapult, and fired them against	ירושלים. הביאו לו נסרים של
the wall until they made a breach. Then they brought	ארז ונתן לתוך קשת של זירים
him the head of a pig, put it in the catapult, and flung it	ארי ונוק יזנון יופונ פיי דרים והיה מכה בהן על החומה עד
toward the sacrificial portions that were on the [Temple]	•
	שפרץ בה פירצה. הביאו ראש סזוב ונתנו לתוב בעות עול
altar.	חזיר ונתנו לתוך קשת של זובום ובוב משליב צותי בלחו
	זירים והיה משליך אותו כלפי אבבים שיי"ב במזבב
	אברים שע"ג המזבח.
	21. באותה שעה נלכדה ירושלים
While Jerusalem was being taken, Rabban Yohanan	והיה רבן יוחנן בן זכאי יושב <sub>.</sub>
ben Zakkai was sitting and waiting, and he trembled	ומצפה וחרד כדרך שהיה עלי
(before God), just as Eli sat and watched, as it says (I	יושב ומצפה שנאמר והנה עלי
Samuel 4:13), "There was Eli, sitting on a seat on the	יושב על הכסא יד דרך מצפה
side of the road, waiting, and his heart trembled	כי היה לבו חרד על ארון
because of the Ark of God."	האלהים (שמואל א' ד' י"ג).
When Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai heard that	22. כיון ששמע רבן יוחנן בן זכאי
Jerusalem was destroyed and the Holy Temple was	שהחריב את ירושלים ושרף
burning in flames, he tore his clothes, and his students	את בית המקדש באש קרע
tore their clothes, and they cried and screamed and	בגדיו וקרעו תלמידיו את
lamented It says (Zechariah 11:1), "Open your doors,	בגדיהם והיו בוכין וצועקין
Lebanon [i.e., the Holy Temple], and let fire consume	וסופדין: ואומר פתח לבנון
your cedars" – these are the (high) priests who were in	דלתיך ותאכל אש בארזיך
the Sanctuary, who [took] their keys in their hands and	זכרי' י"א א') אלו כהנים . (זכרי' י"א א') אלו כהנים
threw them toward the heavens, and said before the	, גדולים שהיו במקדש שהיו
Holy Blessed One: Master of the World! Here are Your	נוטלים מפתחותיהם בידן
keys, which You entrusted to us. For we were not	יזורקין כלפי מעלה ואומ <sup>י</sup> ים
faithful custodians doing the King's work and eating	לפני הקב"ה רבונו של עולם
from the King's table.	הילך מפתחותיך שמסרת לנו
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the twelve tribes,	הואיל ולא היינו גזברין נאמנין
were also crying and screaming and lamenting, and	לעשות מלאכת המלך ולאכול
they said (Zechariah 11:2), "Howl, cypresses, for	משלחן המלך. אברהם יצחק
cedars have fallen! How the mighty are ravaged!"	ויעקב ושנים עשר שבטים היו
["Howl, cypresses, for cedars have fallen!" – these are	בוכין וצועקין וסופדין: ואומר
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the twelve tribes.]	הילל ברוש כי נפל ארז אשר
"Howl, you oaks of Bashan" – these are Moses, Aaron,	אדירים שודדו [הילילו אלוני
and Miriam. "For the stately forest is laid low" – that is	או יו ים שוו דו נוילילו אלוני בשן כי ירד יער הבציר] (שם
the Holy of Holies. "The voice of wailing shepherds, for	בשן כי יו דיער הבצירן (שם שם ב'). הילל ברוש כי נפל ארז
their fields [have been ravaged]" (Zechariah 11:3) –	זה בית המקדש. אשר אדירים
these are David and his son Solomon. "The sound of	שודדו זה אברהם יצחק ויעקב יי"ב עיבאים, בילילי עליט ביייי
the lions roaring, for the jungle of the Jordan has been	וי"ב שבטים. הילילו אלוני בשן
ravaged" – these are Elijah and Elisha.	זה משה אהרן ומרים. כי ירד
	יער הבציר זה בית המקדש.
	קול יללת הרועים כי שדדה
	אדרתה (שם ג') זה דוד ושלמה
	בנו. קול שאגת כפירים כי שודד
	גאון הירדן (שם) זה אליהו
	ואלישע:

## <u>מסכתות קטנות מסכת אבות דרבי נתן נוסחא א פרק ו ד"ה ולמה נקרא</u>

וכשבא אספסיינוס קיסר להחריב את ירושלים בקשו קנאים לשרוף כל הטוב ההוא באש.

אמר להם כלבא שבוע מפני מה אתם מחריבים את העיר הזאת ואתם מבקשים לשרוף את כל הטוב ההוא באש. המתינו לי עד שאכנס ואראה מה יש לי בתוך הבית.

הלך ומצא שיש לו מזון עשרים ושתים שנה סעודה לכל אחד ואחד מירושלים.

מיד צוה גדשו ובררו ורקדו ולשו ואפו והתקין מזון כ"ב שנה לכל אחד ואחד מירושלים ולא השגיחו עליו.

מה היו אנשי ירושלים עושין היו מביאים העגלים וגוררים אותם במגרים וטוחים אותם בטיט.

ועוד עשו אנשי ירושלים שולקין את התבן ואוכלין. וכל אחד ואחד מישראל שרוי נגד חומותיה של ירושלים אמר מי יתן לי חמש תמרים וארד ואטול חמשה ראשים.

נתנו לו חמש תמרים ירד ונטל חמשה ראשים מאנשי אספסיינוס.

הציץ אספסיינוס בצואתן וראה שאין בהן מין דגן ואמר לחיילות שלו ומה אלו שאין אוכלין אלא תבן כך הורגין בהן אלו היה אוכלין כל מה שאתם אוכלין ושותין על אחת כמה וכמה שהיו הורגין אתכם: