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WHAT IS HASHEM DOING TO ME-OR WHAT IS HASHEM DOING FOR ME

BY RABBI FISCHER

It is your decision how you want to look at your present circumstance!!

- 1. This situation brings out the "worst" in me I now know clearly what I have to work on .
- 2. I can't daven with a minyan I can be on time every tefilah and I can take my time davening at my own pace, and I realize tefilah is my connection with Hashem.
- 3. I can't go out with friends I have more time to create a better relationship with my family and with myself.
- 4. Every day I feel like it's the same boring day it forces me to realize what my life (every day is your life) is truly about for good or for bad, and what I truly like to do or don't like to do.
- 5. I don't know when this is going to end which causes me anxiety and frustration- I am forced to focus on the present and on just today.
- 6. Things are not going the way I want or expected them to go I need to learn to be more humble and flexible.
- 7. It is annoying being stuck at home with the same people and not having my own space it's much more annoying to be stuck alone with my "own space" in the hospital.
- 8. It's hard for me not getting together with people to learn Torah in Shul-I am able to fill my home with the holiness of Torah.
- 9. It's hard for me to be productive It gives me time to do things that I always wanted to do but didn't have the time to do them.
- 10. It's hard not being able to go shopping and going out to eat etc..- I realize that I can live with much less than I thought and that I am able to be happy with what I have.

ABRIEF INTERVIEW

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BY 077IF STFIMAN

Countries are shutdown. Economies are sliding down a deep slope. Airports are closed. Cities are being cut off. Toilet paper is rolling off the shelves. Many of us are wondering what this is all about. We are all home. Everyone is in theirhome. Be it with family, friends or alone... We all are home with ourselves whether we choose to be aware of that or shut it out by "filling" the time. Cutoff from the distractions of all that usually goes on in an average day, the hour or two that we have usually to spaz out a bit has turned into one long Shabbos afternoon, as R Judah Katz said. We have ourselves to contend with, all of ourselves, with nothing to push off. As Rabbi Fischer told me, we are all "alone" Some choose to "pass" the time away. And some luckily for us grab it with both hands. R Yehuda Mittel as we all know is a person who works tirelessly on himself, and took the initiative to bring us together on Zoom. For those that may be unaware, Zoom is the video conferencing platform that may be behind corona in the first place raking it in. R Yehuda has been giving a Chabura from the Piazaeczna to keep us all aware of whats at hand. We got to see Yaakov Deutsch, Chaim Eckhause, Yismo, the mittel clan, and special appearance from Cornelius Fudge (who does his own stunts). That aside it was a time for truth and light. On Tuesday R Yehuda spoke about in idea that our relationship with God cannot be looked at as external actions, and one who does so has no share in the World to Come. This, as he spoke out does not mean locked in learning all day for the action, as many times the workout is the Avodas Hashem to be our best self and to grow. Ones relationship with God, are not external actions to get your pass of approval. It is an all-pervading way of life in which all things and occurrences in one day can be part of the relationship. One's relationship, or lack thereof is happening regardless, up or down the ladder. A beautiful idea that really spoke to me is that while we are all locked up inside with ourselves to contend with, each time with Tefilin, each mariv, each daf, is our actions that our up to us. There is no Minyan (or shouldn't be). We are all "alone" making the relationship with God on our own seemingly disconnected terms. But surprisingly as many have said this has been their most connected time. Id like to share something on this note that I experienced. I was completely alone for 14 days. When Shabbos came around it was me, just me. And when Friday night came around, and I made my own Carlebach Kabbalas Shabbos (which apparently Lex was also at), that lasted well over an hour and half just as we don in yeshiva (though no Rabbi Fischers key time words), I knew what I was about. When my Seuda came around, and I looked at the mirrored chandelier above me, I saw myself sitting at the Shabbos table set with what I needed and all the empty chairs around me. And as I sang for hours, Kah Echosof and Kol Mekadeish, I could see in my minds eye the family and Eishes Chayil that could be around me. Because it was just me. And God. That was the Relationship. That's what this time "alone" is all about. The time to know ourselves and believe in God relationship. May we all connect, and have the relationship we crave, at this time of Geula and Zman Simchaseinu which we should all merit to attaint, and know no more sadness. IN YERUSHALAYIM. Special thanks to R Yehuda or being a gever(and a giver)!!

Shabbat Shalom!

THE END OF DAYS

BY SHAYA LEXIER

Twelve mighty Yidden, holy beyond comprehension, gathered around their elderly father as he lay on his bed. Words of mystic blessings and the final words of instructions that would then be used to build the precious nation of Hashem were about to be given over. The פסוק begins;

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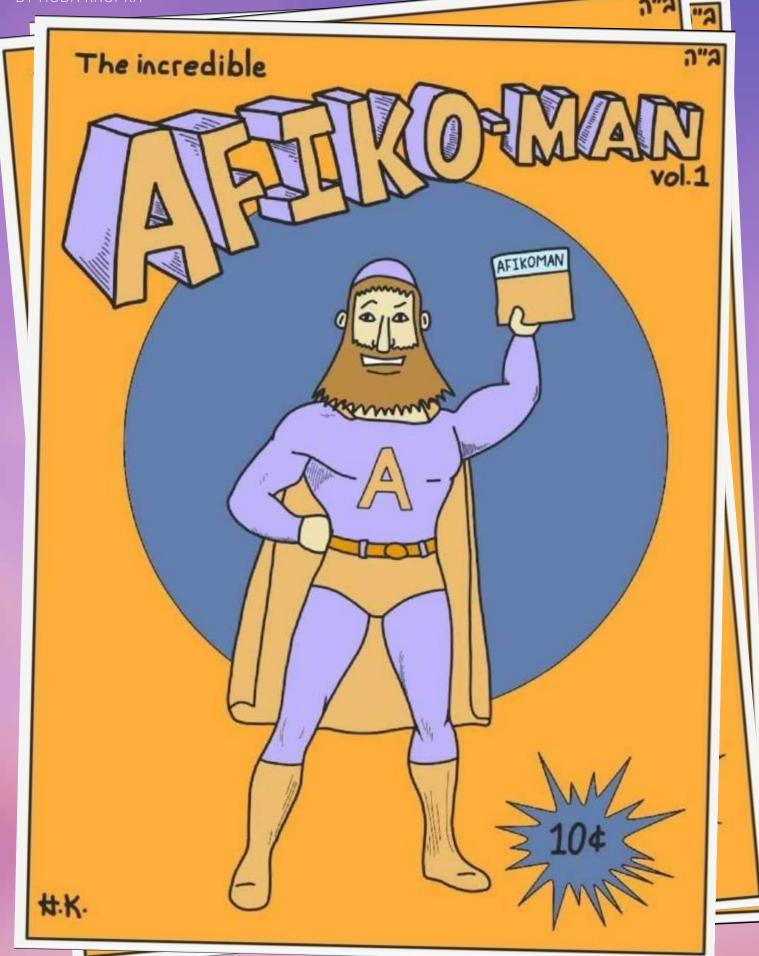
Yaakov Avinu calls to his children and tells them: "Gather together and I will tell you what will happen to you at the end of days."

So I can't remember the first time I learned this but I remember the feeling I got, "Ooh babyy, we about to get the secrets!!! Ayyy I'm kinda fired up right now!!" So then I cracked the next POD but there was no mention of these secrets. Instead, Yaakov Avinu, once again calls to his children, tells them to gather around and gives each of them a ברכה. It always bothered me. What was up with the secrets? Why didn't Yaakov tell us what is going to happen at the end of times? Rashi, tells us that the shechina left Yaakov Avinu for a quick second and he lost his train of thought. Rashi's answer is beautiful but it never settled the question for me. I was still bothered. Why the confusion? Why the lack of clarity and focus? If only Yaakov Avinu could've told us what the future is to look like, if only we could've had some sort of picture.... but then it recently hit me. Maybe Yaakov Avinu did tell us precisely what the end of times will look like! Maybe what seems to be a lack of focus, a lack of direction and order in the world, is itself the direction and order! Maybe not having answers is itself the answer!

So as I write this from the land of Eretz Hakodesh to the holy brothers of the Fischer's family, without the slightest idea of what I'm supposed to be doing right now, do I go home? Can I even go home at this point? Do I stay in the Land? What do I do? How do I do it? Etc. Etc... It becomes clearer to me that the point must not be to have answers. The point must be to let go and follow the true direction, which is being ok that nobody is in control. Letting go and letting G-d as we await the final redemption Be'ezrat Hashem very soon!

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BY HUDA KRUPKA



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