

It clawed and ate

דרס ואכל –

OVERVIEW

ruled that if a lion was **דרס ואכל** ברה"ר (for it is **פטור**) [as opposed to **טרף ואכל** where he is **חייב** since it is not **אורחיה**]. **תוספות** will explain the meaning of **דרס ואכל**.

פירוש¹ שאוכל מחיים כדאמרינן בפרק אלו עוברין (פסחים דף מט,ב ושם) -

The explanation of the term '**דרס ואכל**' is that he ate it while the prey is alive, as the **גמרא** states in **פרק אלו עוברין** -

מה ארי דורס ואוכל² ואינו ממתין עד שימות אף עם הארץ כולי:

Just as a lion claws and eats and does not wait until his prey dies, the same is with an **עם הארץ**, etc.

SUMMARY

דרס ואכל means that it eats its prey while it is still alive.

THINKING IT OVER

רש"י seemingly offers the same interpretation as **תוספות**; what is **תוספות** adding?!

¹ The term **פירוש** is used to indicate that the interpretation may be somewhat different than is expected. The term **דרוסה** (especially in **הלכות טרפות**) refers to an animal that was raked by the claws of the attacker. It is rendered as a **טרפה** for presumably it will die. **תוספות** explains that nevertheless the prey is still alive.

² The text in our **גמרא** there reads; מה ארי דורס ואוכל ואין לו בושת פנים אף עם הארץ וכו'. See the marginal note. **תוספות** interprets **אין לו בושת פנים** to mean that he does not wait until his prey dies.