

As the גלל will consume

כאשר יבער הגלל –

OVERVIEW

The בריתא states that the word ובער in the פסוק of אחר refers to the אב of שן (eating). The בריתא proves that ובער refers to שן from the פסוק of הגלל of כאשר יבער הגלל. In this פסוק it is indicated that יבער (and therefore ובער) is associated with גלל. The word גלל is associated with שן, according to רש"י, either because גלל means revealed, which refers to a tooth, which is occasionally revealed; or because גלל can mean dung, which is the waste product of the tooth. תוספות offers a different explanation of the word גלל and its connection to שן.

פירש רבינו חננאל כמו נדבכין די אבן גלל (עזרא ו') שהשן דומה לאבן שייש:

The ר"ה explained that the word גלל here is similar to the word גלל which is found in a פסוק in עזרא which states, ‘**rows of marble stones**’ (גלל meaning marble); and the word גלל in the פסוק of כאשר יבער הגלל, refers to the tooth, **for the tooth is similar** (in texture) **to marble stone**.

SUMMARY

גלל means marble (in Aramaic), which can refer to a tooth which is similar in texture to marble.

THINKING IT OVER

What are the relative merits (and drawbacks) of the three interpretations of גלל in relation to שן?

¹ פסוק ד'.