

## עמון ומואב טהרו בסיחון - סיחון were purified through מואב and עמון

### OVERVIEW

explains that we derive the rule that an עכו"ם can acquire a fellow עכו"ם as a slave from the fact that עמון ומואב טהרו בסיחון.<sup>1</sup> Our תוספות explains the connection between the concept of עכו"ם טהרו בסיחון and קנין חזקה.

responds to an anticipated question:<sup>2</sup>

וכי היכי דקנו ארצם בחזקה קנו נמי גופם בחזקה:<sup>3</sup>

And just like סיחון acquired the lands of עמון ומואב with חזקה, סיחון also acquired their bodies (as slaves) with חזקה.

### SUMMARY

The כיבוש that gave סיחון the lands of עמון ומואב enabled them as well to enslave the inhabitants of עמון ומואב.

### THINKING IT OVER

According to תוספות what is the difference between the גמרא of the ה"א (that it was not certain whether עכו"ם can be acquired (בחזקה) and the מסקנא (that עכו"ם can be acquired because of בסיחון טהרו עמון ומואב)?<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Initially the בני ישראל were not permitted (by הקב"ה) to conquer the lands of either עמון or מואב. Eventually however סיחון conquered certain portions of עמון and מואב. The גמרא teaches us that once these lands were conquered by סיחון they became 'purified' and the בני ישראל were able to conquer them from סיחון.

<sup>2</sup> How does רב פפא prove that an עכו"ם is קונה another עכו"ם with חזקה from the rule that עמון ומואב טהרו בסיחון? They are seemingly two different concepts entirely. One is discussing the permissibility of the בני ישראל to conquer land that (previously) belonged to עמון ומואב while the other is discussing matters of קנין.

<sup>3</sup> סיחון acquired the lands of עמון ומואב through מלחמה; כיבוש מלחמה; it follows that they also acquired the people through this same כיבוש that they became enslaved to them.

<sup>4</sup> See אמ"ה # 151.