

As long as he stands within the city, and throws it outside of the city wall – כל שעומד תוך העיר ויזרקנה חוץ לחומה

Overview

The גמרא cites a ברייתא which derives from the פסוק of השדה על פני that he must stand within the city and throw the bird outside the city walls. Our תוספות clarifies this ruling.

פירש הקונטרס¹ דבשדה לא מהני שילוח דבעינן ושלח על פני השדה -
explained that sending the bird away in the field is not effective, since we require as it is written;² 'and he should send it away on the face of the field' -

asks: תוספות

וקשה שהרי מצורע היה ונטהר חוץ לעיר שהרי אסור ליכנס לפנים מן החומה -
And there is a difficulty with this ruling; for he was a מצורע and he became purified outside the city, since it is forbidden for a מצורע to enter within the city wall, so how can he stand within the city and throw away the bird?!

answers: תוספות

ויש לומר דשמא אחר כפרה היה הכהן נושאה או הוא או שלוחו לעיר ומשלחה חוץ לעיר:
And one can say; that perhaps after the forgiveness process, the כהן or his agent would carry the משולחת bird into the city, and send it away outside the city.

Summary

Presumably someone would need to bring the המשולחת into the city, and it was sent away from there to outside the city walls.

Thinking it over

How indeed do we derive from³ השדה על פני that it must be done from within the city?

¹ בד"ה שעומד.

² ויקרא (מצורע) יד,ז. See רש"י in footnote # 1, who cites a different פסוק (יד,נג) (from בתיים נגעי). See 'Thinking it over'.

³ See footnote # 2.