

It was one bed

מטה חדא הואי –

OVERVIEW

King שאול promised that he will give his daughter בת שאול for a wife to whoever kills גלית הפלשתי. After דוד killed גלית there was an argument between דוד and שאול whether מיכל was מקודשת to דוד.¹ Afterwards שאול gave מיכל as a wife; however פלטי was a צדיק and would not have marital relations with her as תוספות will now cite.

anticipates a difficulty:

ופלטי בן ליש שנעץ חרב בינו לבינה (סנהדרין פרק ב' דף יט,ב) –

And regarding מיכל², who stuck a sword between him and פלטי בן ליש but nevertheless they slept in the same bed, which contradicts the גמרא here that one is not permitted to share a bed with an ערוה –

responds:

איכא למימר שרחוק ממנה היה ביותר –

It is possible to say that פלטי בן ליש was very far away from מיכל on the bed - והיה פתוח לרשות הרבים שלא היה משום יחוד –

And also the room was open to a רה"ר so there was no concern of יחוד.

offers an alternate solution:

או שמא סבר כשאול שלא היתה מקודשת לדוד ומחמיר על עצמו היה מלבא עליה:

Or perhaps פלטי agreed with שאול that מיכל was not betrothed to דוד, therefore he could be with her in the same bed; **however he was stringent on himself from having a relationship with her,** out of concern that perhaps דוד was right and she is מקודשת to דוד.

SUMMARY

It may be permitted to be in the same bed with an ערוה if they are very far apart from each other (and a sword between them) and there is no יחוד.

THINKING IT OVER

Why did not מיכל simply divorce פלטי בן ליש?³

¹ See the סנהדרין יט,ב גמרא ס that their argument was regarding המקדש במלוה ופרוטה if it is a valid קדושין (since he gave a פרוטה), or not (since דעתה אמלוה which is the larger amount and מקודשת אינה במלוה).

² He said; 'whoever will transgress, will be pierced with this sword.'

³ See שפ"א.