

## בין עגלה לעגלה כמלא אורך עגלה<sup>1</sup> –

There was a full length of a wagon between a wagon and a wagon

### OVERVIEW

אביי stated that the distance between the two adjacent עגלות was the same as the length of the עגלה, which is five אמות. Seemingly אביי should have said that the separation is five אמות; why mention that it is כמלא אורך עגלה. Our תוספות comments on this.

לסימנא בעלמא<sup>2</sup> נקטיה ואגב אורחא קא משמע לן דאורך עגלה<sup>3</sup> חמש אמות:

אביי mentioned that the separation between עגלות was כמלא אורך עגלה, merely for a sign (that these two [the separation and the length] are equal), and in passing, אביי informed us that the length of an עגלה was five אמות (which is really not relevant to our discussion [but something we should know]).

### SUMMARY

Mentioning the length of the עגלה was לסימנא בעלמא.

### THINKING IT OVER

1. Why can we not say that when תוספות writes לסימנא בעלמא נקטיה, he meant that it was not necessary to tell us the distance between the עגלות?

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<sup>1</sup> See 'Thinking it over'.

<sup>2</sup> See 'Overview' that there was no need to mention כמלא אורך עגלה; rather it was mentioned לסימנא בעלמא. See מהר"ם.

<sup>3</sup> If אביי would have merely said the distance between עגלות was five אמות (we would not have the mnemonic, and) we would not know the length of the עגלה.