BAMIDBAR: Manna and Humanitarian Aid in Gaza

The Tora recounts that during the forty years the people of Israel lived in the desert, God provided them with a miraculous food called *man* (manna). This heavenly bread fell each morning in the desert and nourished the Jews sufficiently, daily, and directly. It could not be stored –except for Shabbat– nor hoarded, traded, or negotiated. Its purpose was not only nutritional but also educational.

The *man* came to break the chains of material and psychological dependency on Pharaoh, who until then had given them bread in exchange for keeping them enslaved. That dependency was part of a system of total control.

The *man* broke that system, as sustenance no longer came from the oppressor but directly from God. It wasn't a transaction. It didn't come with conditions. It didn't create slaves. It was the bread that liberated an entire nation from tyranny.

THE BUSINESS OF HUMANITARIAN AID

Today, amid a terrible war that began with the October 7 massacre, Israel is once again doing what no one else would: being the exception to the rule. This time, by feeding the enemy – giving food to those who still hold malnourished hostages and who murdered Israeli civilians and swore to destroy the country.

Many –rightfully– ask: Why feed them without first demanding the release of the hostages that Hamas still holds?

The official answer came from Prime Minister Netanyahu: this food distribution operation, coordinated with the United

States through the GHF (Gaza Humanitarian Foundation), also has a key strategic objective – to break the dependency of Palestinian civilians on Hamas and thus deprive the terrorist organization of its most powerful weapon.

THE MERCHANTS OF HUNGER

Just like Pharaoh in Egypt, Hamas rules by controlling hunger. Until now, Hamas managed the food distribution coming from allied humanitarian organizations like UNRWA –or food that it outright stole, moved to its storage facilities, and then sold to civilians at exorbitant prices. With that money, they financed terrorism, kept their militants satisfied, and blackmailed the civilian population with food. Hundreds of thousands of people lived under Hamas domination to access so-called "humanitarian aid."

Now, for the first time, the people of Gaza are receiving bread that –like the *man*– no longer passes through the criminal and enslaving hands of tyranny and is given without demanding anything in return.

THE END OF HAMAS?

This Israeli-American aid program represents an existential threat to Hamas and its grip on Gaza. And so far, it is working very well. In just three days, Israel has distributed over 1,300,000 food rations – unconditionally and with no strings attached.

Signs of panic are already visible within Hamas, while a glimmer of hope is rising among the population, which is beginning to overcome its fear and break free from the pharaonic terrorist organization.

For the first time, Gazans are expressing gratitude to the

United States and Israel, to Trump, and Abu Yair (=Netanyahu).

The *man* falling from Israel's sky is now descending upon the desert of Gaza – and it is showing both Palestinians and the world who builds and who destroys, who enslaves and who liberates, who gives and who blackmails with hunger.

Will it work?