



DAILY BOOST

27 MENACHEM AV

GEULAH THROUGH GOLUS

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EIGHTY-SEVEN MITZVOS

At the time of the destruction of the Temple, G-d's Will departed from the world, and He took away all of the positive mitzvos. Even in the simple sense, this was because the Jewish People were mourners who are exempt from positive mitzvos. Afterwards, when His Will returned, G-d gave us back eighty-seven of these commandments. The numerical value of eighty seven is "paz," meaning "fine gold." These eighty-seven commandments represent the essence or "head" of the Torah, as it says (Shir HaShirim 5:11), "His head is as fine gold." The remaining commandments pertain to our faith and are primarily laws between man and his fellow.

In this sense, exile is a training period. Its purpose is to ensure that we internalize the essence of the Torah. When our service reflects this understanding and awareness, G-d will return the rest of the positive mitzvos to us.

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