



מִסְכַּת אָבוֹת פֶּרֶק ד מְשֻׁנָּה א: "אֵיזְהוּ גְבוּר?"

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אָבִיבֵי אֲבוֹת, פֶּרֶק ד מְשֻׁנָּה א

בן זומא אומר:

אֵיזְהוּ גְבוּר?

הַכּוֹבֵשׁ

אֶת יִצְרוֹ,

שְׁנֵאָמַר:

"טוֹב אֶרֶךְ אַפִּים מִגְבוּר

וּמִשֵּׁל בְּרוּחוֹ מִלֵּכֵד עִיר"

(מְשָׁלִי טז, לב)

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The Mishna:

המשנה:

Avot 4:1

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בן זומא אומר:
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הַכּוֹבֵשׁ אֶת יִצְרוֹ,
שְׁנֵאָמַר: "טוֹב אֶרֶךְ אַפִּים מִגְבוּר
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• Write your answers to the following questions:

❖ **Complete:** The Mishna defines a mighty person as

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❖ What characteristic is required of a person who "takes a city" [from the enemy during war]?

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❖ What characteristic is required from a person who subdues his [evil] inclination?

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❖ According to the Mishna, what is more difficult – to subdue one's [evil] inclination or to take a city?

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❖ Draw a comic – a person displaying physical heroism (such as taking a city) and spiritual heroism (such as subduing ones [evil] inclination).

