

## STATS

5<sup>th</sup> of the 54 sedras; 5<sup>th</sup> of 12 in Bereshit.  
Written on 171 lines in a Torah, rank 37.  
4 Parshiyot; 3 open, 1 closed.  
105 pesukim - ranks 32 (11 in Bereshit).  
1402 words - ranks 37<sup>th</sup> (11 in Bereshit).  
5314 letters - ranks 36<sup>th</sup> (11 in Bereshit).

## MITZVOT

None of the 613 mitzvot are in Chayei Sara, however, as we mention often, there are Midot and values and other lessons to be learned. This is one of 17 mitzvah-less sedras, 9 of which are in Sefer Bereshit, 3 in Shemot, none in Vayikra, 2 in Bamidbar, and 3 in Devarim.

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## A SHORT VORT

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ויבא האישי הביתה ויפתח הגמלים (כד:לב)

"And the man came into the house, and he ungirded the camels." (24:32)

What did Eliezer do to his camels?

Rashi points out that he loosened their muzzles, which shut their mouths so that they should not feed on the way in the fields of others.

However, Ramban (Rabbi Moshe ben Nachman 1194-1270) relates to a Midrash Rabbah based on the Gemara Chulin 7a. Rabbi Pinchas ben Yair stayed at an inn. The innkeeper tried to give some barley to his donkey, but the donkey refused to eat the barley. Under further discussion, the innkeeper overlooked separating tithe from the barley. Upon separating the tithe, the donkey ate the barley. This teaches how the animals of the righteous adopt the traits of their masters. Rabbi Huna and Rabbi Chiya asked to compare the camels of Avraham to the donkeys of Rabbi Pinchas, thereby discounting any need to muzzle the camels of Avraham in the first place. There would be no fear of Avraham's camels feeding off fields of others. Therefore, the true meaning of "ungirded the camels" is simply that Eliezer untied the straps which had joined the camels between each other.

- Shabbat Shalom