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## STATS

39th of 54 sedras; 6th of 10 in Bamidbar.  
Written on 159.2 lines; rank: 39.  
10 Parshiyot; 6 open, 4 closed.  
87 pesukim; rank: 43.  
1245 words; rank: 40.  
4670 letters; rank 41.  
Smallest sedra in Bamidbar in lines,  
pesukim, words, letters.  
Fewer pesukim than Shmini, more  
words, same number of letters. Chukat  
is a bit longer.

## MITZVOT

3 mitzvot of 613; all positive.

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## A SHORT VORT

BY RABBI CHANOCH YERES  
RAV, BEIT KNESSET BEIT YISRAEL, YEMIN MOSHE

שמעו נא המרים המן הסלע הזה נוציא לכם מים (כ"י)

“And he said to them: Hear now you rebels, are we to bring you forth water out of this rock? (20:10) What does the phrase “Hamorim” really mean? What was Moshe’s accusation of these people who challenged him?

Rashi explains firstly that he was accusing them of “being those who refuse”. However, in a deeper explanation, the word “Hamorim” is a derivation from the Greek word “foolish people”, referring to those who want to become the “teachers” to their teachers.

Why would Moshe use a derivation of a Greek phrasing instead of a Hebrew expression?

Rabbi Yisrael Eliyahu Trunik (Kutno, Poland; 1820-1893) explains that there is a difference between the Torah perspective as opposed to the Greek perspective. In Torah’s point of view, every generation is one step further away from the Sinai experience, representing a decline in spirituality and less connection to our origin. As pointed on in Talmud Shabbat 112b, if in past generations man was referred to as humans, then subsequent generations should be referred to as donkeys. However, in accordance with Greek philosophy, as natural science progresses, future generations are superior to those of previous generations. Later students can be seen excelling above the achievements of their teachers. The Torah philosophy is just the opposite. Moshe made this known to these rabble rousers that they were actively adopting the non-Jewish principles of trying to outperform their leaders. This is why Moshe uses the Greek terminology to accuse their behavior of refuting the Torah perspective and adopting a foreign one.

Shabbat Shalom