

BECOMING A GREAT INDIVIDUAL

Background

The single greatest human being who ever lived was Moshe Rabbeinu. He was the person who took the Jewish Nation out of Egypt. He was the one who went up to Har Sinai to receive the Torah. He was the one who led the Jewish Nation for forty years in the desert, the teacher and leader of the Jewish people.

The Rambam teaches us that Moshe was the greatest prophet that ever lived. His level of Torah knowledge and understanding of HASHEM were unparalleled by any human being before or since, and he rose to the highest level of perfection. There is no question that his brother Aharon Hakohen was also a great individual, also a person of fantastic accomplishments and knowledge of HASHEM, but there is no comparison between the two.

ספר שמות פרק ו

כו) הוּא אֶהְרֹן וּמֹשֶׁה אָשֶׁר
אָמַר יְדוּד לָהֶם הוֹצִיאוּ
אֶת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ
מִצְרַיִם עַל צְבֹאתָם:

כז) הֵם הַמְדַבְּרִים אֵל
פְּרַעֲהַ מֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם
לְהוֹצִיא אֶת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
מִמִּצְרַיִם הוּא מֹשֶׁה
וְאַהֲרֹן:

It was Aharon and Moshe to whom HASHEM said, "Take the Jewish Nation out of Egypt. . ."

They are the ones that spoke to Pharaoh the king of Egypt to take the Jewish People out of Egypt; they are Moshe and Aharon.

רש"י על שמות פרק ו פסוק כו

כו) הוּא אֶהְרֹן וּמֹשֶׁה
- יֵשׁ מְקוֹמוֹת שִׁמְקִידִים
אֶהְרֹן לְמֹשֶׁה וַיֵּשׁ
מְקוֹמוֹת שִׁמְקִידִים מֹשֶׁה
לְאַהֲרֹן לומר לך ששקולין
כאחד:

It was Moshe and Aharon - There are places where Aharon's name appears before Moshe's, and there are places where Moshe's name appears first. This tells you that they were equal to each other.

Questions

Rashi is telling us that the Torah will sometimes write Moshe Rabbeinu's name first and sometimes Aharon Hakohen's name first in order to teach us that they were equal. The problem is that they weren't. What does Rashi mean that the Torah was teaching us that they were equal when