

## WYSIWYG

## Questions

**U**nkolus is searching for truth, so he contacts his dead uncle to ask him to reveal to him what is going on in the World of Truth. His uncle's answer seems very perplexing. Titus was certainly wicked during his life and undoubtedly an enemy of HASHEM's people, but now that he has left this world, he must surely see things as they truly are. But even more, he is clearly being punished for his ways. He himself says that each day they judge and punish him. So how could he then give advice that would clearly be damaging to his nephew?

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אונקלוס בר קלוניקוס בר אחתיה דטיטוס הוה בעי לאיגורי אזל אסקיה לטיטוס בנגידא אמר ליה מאן חשיב בההוא עלמא אמר ליה ישראל מהו לאידבוקי בהו אמר ליה מלייהו נפישין ולא מצית לקיומניהו זיל איגרי בהו בההוא עלמא והוית רישא דכתיב היו צריה לראש וגו' כל המיצר לישראל נעשה ראש אמר ליה דיניה דההוא גברא במאי אמר ליה במאי דפסיק אנפשיה כל יומא מכנשי ליה לקיטמיה ודייני ליה וקלו ליה ומבדרו אשב ימי

*Unkolus, the son of Klunikus, was a nephew of Titus. He wished to convert. He went and brought Titus up from the dead with nigidah [a type of black magic]. Unkolus asked his uncle, "Who is important in that world?" His uncle answered, "Yisroel." Unkolus asked, "Should I convert?" His uncle answered, "Try as you might, you won't be able to keep their ways. Rather, fight them in this world and you will rise in power." (As the posuk says, "Her enemies were made chief; whoever attacks Yisroel is made powerful.") Unkolus asked, "What is your punishment?" Titus answered, "That which I decreed upon myself. Every day, they gather my ashes, they judge me, they burn me, and then they spread the ashes back over the seven seas."*