Lesson 2 – The Status of Conversion Not for Heaven's Sake - Yevamot 24b
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MISHNAH.
1. IF A MAN IS SUSPECTED OF [INTERCOURSE] WITH A SLAVE WHO WAS LATER EMANCIPATED, OR WITH A NON JEW WHO SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME A PROSELYTE, LO, HE MUST NOT MARRY HER.
2. IF, HOWEVER, HE DID MARRY HER THEY NEED NOT BE PARTED.

GEMARA.
1. [Kushiyah] This implies that she may become a proper proselyte. But against this a contradiction [from a baraita] is raised. Both a man who became a proselyte for the sake of a woman and a woman who became a proselyte for the sake of a man, and, similarly, a man who became a proselyte for the sake of a royal board, or for the sake of joining Solomon's servants, are no proper proselytes. These are the words of R. Nehemiah, for R. Nehemiah used to Say: Neither lion-proselytes, nor dream-proselytes nor the proselytes of Mordecai and Esther are proper proselytes unless they become converted at the present time.
2. [A question about how to understand the kushiyah] How can it be said, ‘at the present time’?
3. [A clarification] Say 'as at the present time'!
4. [Teirutz] Surely concerning this it was stated that R. Isaac b. Samuel b. Martha said in the name of Rab: The halachah is in accordance with the opinion of him who maintained that they were all proper proselytes.
5. [Kushiyah on the teirutz] If so, this [the marriage] should have been permitted altogether!
6. [Terutz] On account of [the reason given by] R. Assi. For R. Assi said, "Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lip's etc." (Proverbs 4:24) [namely, to prevent people from gossiping about the rumor of an illicit relationship.]

1. [Baraita] Our Rabbis learnt: No proselytes will be accepted in the days of the Messiah. In the same manner no proselytes were accepted in the days of David nor in the days of Solomon.
2. [Scriptural proof for this position] Said R. Eleazar: What Scriptural [support is there for this view, namely that he must be a proselyte who is converted for my own sake]?
   "he who lives with you shall be settled among you" (Isaiah 54:15)
   - he only who ‘lives with you’ - in your poverty
   - "shall be settled among you"; - but no other.