

Parshas Lech Lecha

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When Avaham and Sarah were going to Mitzrayim, Avrohom was worried that the Egyptians would kill him and then take Sarah. Why did he assume that they would kill him? The Ramban answers that Avraham was aware that the "WAY" Egypt operated was that when a beautiful married woman comes they find some excuse to kill her husband and then she marries the king. That explains how Avraham knew but what was Egypt's rationale? It seems that they were concerned about either sinning or bad PR. The problem is that they didn't accomplish their goal because they killed innocent people! It seems that even though this knowledge was obvious to every foreigner the people of Mitzrayim didn't see it! They didn't think of themselves as people who commit murder or have a corrupt culture rather they felt like they acted righteously. It's amazing how we can come up with rationalizations that we really believe that are so weak that all outsiders can see right through them!