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VAYIKRa

LEIL SHIMURIM HU... "It was a night of watching for Hashem to bring them out of Egypt. This same night is a night of watching to all the children of Israel throughout their generation" (Sh'mot 12:42).

Why does the Pasuk have to refer to the night of watching" twice?

Rashi explains the "night of watching" as the night of anticipation, waiting and watching for Hashem to take us out of Egypt.

Yalkut Shimoni (Sh'mot 210) answers the question by referring to the double redemption that is to take place.

Firstly, the redemption of the Jewish people. Secondly, the redemption, so too speak, for G-d. The word SHIMURIM - "watching" appears in the plural form, for we find that throughout our generations, when Israel were enslaved, it was as if G-d too was enslaved with them. Whenever the Jewish people were in exile, G-d went into exile with them, in the same way.

Michtav M'Eliyahu (Rav Eliyahu Dessler 1892-1953, Mashgiach Ponovez Yeshiva) answers that it is

referring to the night of our past redemption and to our future redemptions. On this night He delivered Chizkiyahu from Sancherev; Daniel was saved from the lion's den and the eventual final redemption of Mashiach will transpire this night. May we be blessed this year with G-d's watching over us, our soldiers in the field and to the return of all our Hostages. 🙏