

YITRO

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גמ In preparation to receive the Torah and enter into a mutual covenant with HaShem, one of the promises from G-d is contained in Sh'mot 19:6 -

וְאַתֶּם תִּהְיוּ לִי מְמַלְכֵת כֹּהֲנִים וְגוֹי קֹדֶשׁ
אֵלֶּה הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר תִּדְבַּר אֶל־בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל:

'You will be a kingdom of kohanim and a holy nation to Me.' These are the words that you must relate to the Israelites.

Avraham Avinu and Yitzchak went to the Akeida together and one of the p'sukim that we might suggest describes the behavior of our fathers, that earned us the honor, privilege, and merit to become HaShem's nation - as in the pasuk above. B'reishit 22:6 -

וַיִּקַּח אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֵצֵי הָעֹלָה וַיֵּשֶׁם
עַל־יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ וַיִּקַּח בְּיָדוֹ אֶת־הָאֵשׁ
וְאֶת־הַפָּאֶלֶת וַיֵּלְכוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם יוֹדְדִים:

Avraham took the offering wood and placed it on [the shoulders of] his son Yitzchak. He himself took the fire and the slaughter knife, and the two of them went together.

The p'sukim are a GM at 4036.

What else is with 4036?

That year was in the middle of the period of the AMORA'IM (chachmei Ha-Gemara). Rav and Sh'muel had

passed away years before; Rabi Yochanan was towards the end of his life.

Marcus Claudius Tacitus, Roman Emperor, died after a short 2-year reign.