

Last week we quoted the words of Eliyahu Hanavi that the same love Klal Yisroel had for Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yakov, continues on for each and every Jew until today.

My sister brought to my attention that this concept is brought out in the words of Yirmiyahu Hanavi as explained in the commentary of the Radak:

Thus said Hashem: *The people escaped from the sword, found favor in the wilderness; When Israel was marching homeward.* Klal Yisroel responds: *It is true, Hashem revealed Himself to me from afar, many years ago but now He has hidden His face from me during my exile.* Hashem responds: *Eternal love I loved you then, my love wasn't temporary rather it was to be eternal. Therefore, I continued My grace to you, and revealed Myself to you on Har Sinai so that My love for You will be forever, not temporary...* (Yirmiyah 31:2,3 with Radak).

Similarly, the Tana D'Bei Eliyahu (chap. 6) comments on the above passuk: It does not say "a great love I had for you" rather, "*an eternal love I had for you.*" One may say: Hashem's love is for three years or a love of ten years or a love of one hundred years. Therefore, the passuk says, "*an eternal love I had for you.*"

