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1. Midrashic comment great natural, moral, psychol. significance

2. שָׁחַט אֶת פֶּסַח אִשְׂרָאֵל - beaten, pounded, crushed

3. אִשְׂרָאֵל symbol Israel - required painful process in order to achieve moral and excellence. - אִשְׂרָאֵל - for שָׁחַט

4. indicates: suffering has positive side too

5. Problem of suffering too involved a theological question. But this time: the victim can choose whether it creative or destructive.

6. Sage's opinions: מִיָּדָה מִיָּדָה (i.e. אֶת הַכֹּהֵן לֵאמֹר); and עֲשֵׂה לְפָנֶיךָ אֵל

7. Both true: pray לְפָנֶיךָ אֵל דֵּוָה וְיִשְׁעֶיךָ וְיִשְׁעֶיךָ וְיִשְׁעֶיךָ
Don't wait it -

8. Then we say: שָׁחַט אֶת הַכֹּהֵן לֵאמֹר
שָׁחַט - keeps us from going
שָׁחַט - saves us from its evil effects.
i.e. tell us how to use it.

9. Example: FDR - Franz Rosenzweig
לֵאמֹר לֵאמֹר אֵל

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(11- so with "insecurity" - no one really secure. Point is not to let it crush you, but שָׁחַט, to let insecurity + pain make you turn to light of world...)

12. Israel example: שָׁחַט to שָׁחַט; אֶת הַכֹּהֵן לֵאמֹר
Moral: start Israel, not of אִשְׂרָאֵל will emerge שָׁחַט

13. so with each of us: death, pain, tragedy, unhappiness - can save a person - or swallow him... only אִשְׂרָאֵל; or שָׁחַט אֶת הַכֹּהֵן

14. sign in road to work: "what Chester makes, makes Chester"... what you do with your trouble, is what you do to yourself. Note it: שָׁחַט