

Parashah 04 Tidbit
Genesis 18:1-22:24
VayeRa, וַיֵּרָא; And He appeared
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The word וַיֵּרָא VayeRa is from the word רָאָה, Re'ah or Ra'ah, which means, to see, he saw, he looked at, beheld, he perceived, he understood, he observed, he appeared, he showed himself.

*And Yahweh **appeared** unto Abraham in the plains of Mamre: as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;*

At this point of the story, Abraham, and all the males of his camp are recovering from being circumcised, and after that act of obedience, the presence of Yahweh comes to visit Abraham as he sits by his tent opening, in the Plains of Mamre.

When I read this *verse*, I was very impressed with the fact that Elohim, the Creator of the universe would actually come down to earth in some fashion, that He chose, just to speak with Abraham, and it gives me great hope, that one day, **IF** I can learn to fully surrender my heart to Yahweh, as Abraham did, that I too, might get a visit from our Most High Elohim. What a wonderful and comforting thought that is.

There are also, two other things that come to mind, two things that I would like to point out. But before I do that, I want to quote what Messiah told us in *Luke 6:22*

*Blessed are you,
When men shall **hate** you,
And when they shall **separate** you from their company,
And when they **shall reproach** you,
And **cast out your name as evil**,
For the Son of man, Yeshua's sake.*

The first thing that comes to mind is, the word **Mamre**, מַמְרֵי, which means *rebellious, disobedient*, and has sister word *mamror*, מַמְרֹר, which means, *bitter thing, which is from the root word Memer מַמְרָה, which means bitterness, grief, and or affliction*; and the second thing that comes to mind for me, is, that we see that Abraham is sitting by his tent. In Scripture, when the word *tent* is used, it is often used as a metaphor, for a place where one learns, studies and obeys the Word of Elohim. So, here, we can see that Abraham, through the act of circumcision, has been obedient to the Word of Elohim, and after fulfilling the Commandment of being circumcised, he is sitting by his tent opening, and contemplating, with joy, what has just happened. The name Mamre, which means, rebellious, disobedient and bitter, tells me that when we choose to obey Yahweh, and then commit to study, learn and obey the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, then, **we will experience bitterness, grief and frustration from the peoples of the world that surround us, and that is because, most of the people of the world, DO NOT KNOW, NOR DO THEY CARE TO KNOW, the WORDS OF YAHWEH's**

TORAH of LIFE, and MUCH LESS, ARE THEY WILLING TO OBEY the Words of Elohim's Torah, and, in fact, most of the peoples of the world, actually **REJECT** and or **REBEL** against the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. **BUT, IF WE, YOU AND I, DO INDEED willingly** choose, as Abraham did, to **disregard what the world thinks**, and turn our attention to our heavenly Father, with loving, surrendered, contrite, obedient hearts, with an eager willingness to believe, follow, and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **THEN**, we too will have the privilege of having Him come and make His abode within us. Amein

It says in *verse 2* that *Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground.*

We have come to understand that the number **three** in Scripture, represents resurrection, coming from death to life. You might ask, how does that definition apply here? Well, Abram has just been circumcised and entered into a Covenant with the Creator of the universe; and his name has been changed, and he is **NOW**, called Abraham, which means, **the father of many nations**, therefore I would say, that that constitutes coming from death to life, because now, Abram's Life is over, and Abraham's Life journey begins, and our heavenly Father knows that he is ready for what lies ahead.

The name Abram אַבְרָם is made up of the word Av, which means, Father, and the word Rum, רֹם, which means, high, elevated, exalted, supreme, so together these words mean, high and exalted father.

The name Abraham, אַבְרָהָם, is a composite word, made up of the word, Av which means, father, the word, Brah בְּרָה, which means, to recover, restore, he gave to eat, and it also means, to choose, and the word Am, which means, people, nations, which is why he is called, **the father of many nations**, for he, Abraham, is whom our heavenly Father chose to reintroduce the Words of His Torah of Life to the world, and teach them the proper way to obey them, the Words of His Torah, and partake of His Bread of Life, teach them that they were to actually eat, or internalize that Bread of Life, (*Genesis 26:5 Because that Abraham OBEYED My Voice, and KEPT My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Torah*).

In the past, as we studied the Scriptures, we found, that many, many times, important events in the Scriptures, happen at the time of one of Yahweh's yearly Feasts. I believe that this incident of Abraham being circumcised happened at the time of Passover, where our Messiah, who **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, was sacrificed for our Sins, our transgressions of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. In the act of circumcision, the physical removal of the foreskin, **IS** a shadow picture, of us removing our fleshly desires, our carnal nature, and surrendering our hearts in total loving surrendered obedience to our heavenly Father, in the same manner that our Messiah willingly and lovingly surrendered His whole life in obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life; and through His surrendered obedience to our heavenly Father, He willingly died on the Cross for us, for our Sins, our Transgression of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and He did all of that, because He had a loving surrendered obedient loving heart towards the Father, and because of His love for us.

As evidence, of Abraham's surrendered heart, we read in *verse 6* *And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.* The cakes that were made were unleavened, for there was no time for the dough to

rise, and in *Genesis 19:3* we read *And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake **unleavened bread**, and they did eat.*

Passover my friends, **IS** a picture of the salvation of the firstborn son. Abraham is the firstborn of the Hebrew nation, the first to *Cross over* to the Ways of our heavenly Father. While there are indeed, many people that call the Yisraelites, Yahweh's chosen people, I prefer to call them Yahweh's **choosing** people, for like you and I, they too, **MUST** willingly choose to **CROSS OVER**, to the Ways and the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, for in *Romans 9:6* Paul says, *For they are **NOT ALL YISRAEL**, which are of Yisrael:*

What I believe Yahweh wants all of us to see here, **IS**, that by showing this part of Abraham's Life, His righteous Ways, Yahweh was bringing Abraham from **DEATH TO LIFE**, because, Scripture makes it very clear that obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting **LIFE**, to all who willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow and obey them, it gives them the keys to everlasting life in the kingdom of Elohim.

We are told that as soon as Abraham saw these three messengers of Elohim, he immediately rose up, and ran over to greet them, and then, he bowed down before them, and invited them into his tent to rest, and to partake of some refreshments. Here we can see what kind of character Abraham has, for he was very hospitable. He didn't just give them water to drink, but he had Sarah prepare a complete meal for them.

What lesson are we, you and I, to learn from Abraham's actions? Some would say, be kind to strangers because you never know when you might be entertaining an angel, **BUT** I believe it goes far beyond that. If you are hospitable to strangers **only because one of them might be an angel**, and **that angel might give you a reward**, **THEN**, to me, that is definitely the wrong attitude, for in doing so, there **IS a selfish element in that statement**, and that selfish element **IS, IF** you are kind to an angel, you **WILL** get some kind of reward, or blessing from them. That is more along the line of what the Irish believe, about capturing and being kind to a leprechaun, therefore, I believe that Abraham was kind and gracious and hospitable to them, because **THAT WAS HIS NATURE, HIS CHARACTER**, and **NOT** because of some possible reward that he might get down the road. Whether or not they were angels or just strangers, Abraham would have done the same, **for his reward is in DOING the act and being obedient to Elohim by showing kindness, hospitality and love to his fellow human being**, and **NOT** in what they could or might do for him at a later date.

Next we have the prophecy of the birth of Yitzchaq. Yahweh prophesied that He would return within the year, and that Sarah would have a son. When Sarah heard this, she did **NOT** believe it, because she was old and well beyond child bearing age, and she simply laughed sarcastically, as if to say, when pigs fly, will I get pregnant at my age.

Next we see that Yahweh asks Abraham, **WHY** did Sarah laugh; in other words, why does Sarah **NOT** believe? **Is there anything that is too hard for Yahweh?**

Then, we read that Sarah denies laughing, and she did that because she was afraid. Why would Sarah be afraid? She was afraid, because she has been caught in a lie, and she is afraid of being embarrassed or punished for her unbelief.

For most people, including all of us, it is much easier to believe that miracles happen to other people in far distant lands; however, it is another matter altogether, to believe that a miracle will happen to, or for **US**. When we pray for healing or salvation, or prosperity for others, it seems easier to believe that Elohim **will do it for them**, than when we pray for ourselves, and ask Yahweh to answer our prayers. That is a form of **unbelief** my friends, that we truly need to rid ourselves of.

Next we have the incident of the City of Sodom. The three men that had come to Abraham's tent, get up, after they have been fed, and look toward Sodom, and they decided to start their journey to Sodom, and Abraham walked with them for a while. Here Yahweh said something that is very important to all of us; He says, *shall I **HIDE** from Abraham that thing which I do.*

Why would Elohim even consider telling Abraham His plans of what He intended to do? It is very important that we all understand **WHY** Yahweh did what He did. In His foreknowledge, Yahweh knew Abraham's heart, and how much he desired to be obedient to Elohim, so He reveals His plans for Sodom and Gomorrah.

In *verse 19* Yahweh shows us part of His foreknowledge when He says, *For I know Abraham, that he **WILL** command his children and all his household after him and they shall keep (shamar.), they shall **GUARD** the Way of Yahweh, to do justice and judgement,*

(the actual Hebrew words are: דֶּרֶךְ יְהוָה לְעֲשׂוֹת צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט, Derek Yahweh La'Asot Tzedaqah UMishpat, where the **word** Derek means, way, road, journey, custom, conduct, manner, method, the word or Name, Yahweh, means, Yahweh, Yahuwah or Yehovah, the **word**, LaAsot, is from the **word**, Asah, עָשָׂה, which means, to do, he did, he made, he worked, he laboured, he acted, dealt, produced, yielded, performed, accomplished, he brought about, caused, effected, he appointed, he acquired, gained, and it also means, a positive command, the **word** Tzedaqah, means, **righteousness, justice, deliverance, victory, merit**, alms, charity, and the **word** UMishpat is from the **word** Mishpat which means, **judgement, seat of judgement, cause, case, suit, sentence, justice, right, ordinance**, decision, due, privilege, **law**)

Why will the children of Abraham and all of his household after him, **KEEP AND GUARD** the Way, the Derek, the manner, the custom, the methods of Yahweh?

*Because they **KNOW** in their hearts, that **IF** they do that, **IF** they keep and guard the Ways of Yahweh, that Yahweh will bring upon Abraham (and his family) that which He has spoken of him.*

There is a lot said in this one *verse*. Elohim says, that because of His foreknowledge, He **KNOWS** that Abraham will command his children to **KEEP** and **OBEY** the **WAY** of Yahweh, which of course refers to the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Righteous Ways, the Words His Torah of Life. In this *verse*, Mosheh tells us, that the **WAY** of Yahweh is **TZEDAQAH**, which means that **ALL** the Words that proceed out of the mouth of Yahweh, **ARE JUST AND RIGHTEOUS**, and when anyone willingly chooses to adhere to, and obey Yahweh's Words of Life, it **DELIVERS** them from the lies that they have been taught their whole lives, and, exposes them to Yahweh's eternal and everlasting **TRUTH**, and Scripture makes it very clear, that when people know the **TRUTH**, which is defined as the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **IT SETS THEM FREE**, free from all the lies that they have been taught by all the man made religious and secular doctrines that they had previously been exposed to and encouraged by their man made religion's founders, to listen too and obey. They were told that it was the **TRUTH**, and that they

are bound to believe it, or else, they will go to hell.

We simply have to understand, that **NOT** only do the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **SET PEOPLE FREE, BUT** the Words of His Torah of **LIFE, ARE** what all people will be judged by, on **JUDGEMENT DAY!** It's like having the answer to the questions before you actually take the test. That is the role of the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father, for the Holy Spirit's Elohim given mandate, **IS** to actually **CAUSE**, everyone, that has willingly and lovingly chosen to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and, that have willingly chosen to allow the Holy Spirit, to cause them to believe, follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, which has all the answers to all of Life's questions that anyone could possibly have.

Furthermore, the Torah comes with a guarantee, that everyone who truly chooses to believe follow and obey the Father's Words of Life, His inerrant and everlasting Truth, throughout whatever amount of time that they have left of their lives here on earth, on this side of the resurrection, will be invited to enter our heavenly Father's eternal and everlasting kingdom here on earth after the final Judgment Day.

Yahweh continues on, and says, *I know that Abraham will command his children and all his household after him* (His descendants, that would be **ANYONE** that claims that Abraham is their father, and that has chosen to walk as Abraham walked, in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. That means that **ALL** the people who have willingly and lovingly chosen, like Abraham, to cross over to the Ways and the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and chosen to believe, follow, and obey them, the Words of His Directives for everlasting Life) *and they shall keep* (Shamar), *they shall guard, the Way* (Derek, דֶּרֶךְ) *of Yahweh, to do justice and judgement.*

Now I have reproduced this very important *verse* here, to ensure that we all understand, that **IF** Abraham had **NOT KEPT THE WAYS**, the Torah of Yahweh, in the manner that Yahweh required him to do, **THEN**, Abraham's children, would **NOT** have kept them either, and there would be **NO** Yisrael. Let that sink in for a moment, a world without a people called Yisrael, our heavenly Father's one and only Family!

Now, it **IS** of paramount importance that we all understand the implications of what Yahweh has just said in this statement. Yahweh is saying, that without a heart felt willingness, from the people of Yisrael, to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, there is **NO** Yisrael, and without Yisrael, there is **NO** Messiah, and without Messiah, there is **NO** resurrection and **NO** salvation for anyone.

Next, this statement, is followed by yet another very profound and very important statement, that we all must understand and believe. It says: *Yahweh said, Abraham WILL Command ALL his children* (meaning us) *and his household, to KEEP*, (Shemor, שָׁמַר, which means to attend to, guard, observe, preserve, protect, regard, and Yahweh continues on and says), *and they SHALL keep* (Shamar, guard) *the Torah, the Way of Yahweh, TO DO Justice and Judgement SO THAT Yahweh may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken to him.*

This *verse* tells us that Yahweh **KNOWS** that the children of Abraham **WILL** indeed **KEEP** and or **GUARD** the Words of His Torah, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **they will Keep the Ways of Yahweh**. It is of Paramount importance that we all believe and understand **what** Yahweh is saying here, because, my friends, the **REVERSE** of what He says here, **IS ALSO TRUE, FOR IF WE DO NOT SHEMAR, KEEP** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the **WAYS** of Yahweh, **THEN** we are **NOT OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF ABRAHAM**, for Yahweh Himself, in His foreknowledge said, **THEY, THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM, SHALL KEEP THE WAY** of Yahweh, *the Words of His Life giving Torah, and they SHALL DO JUSTICE AND JUDGEMENT.*

This means, that **IF** anyone, has chosen to **reject, abolish or do away** with **ANY** of the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, then, they are **NOT keeping NOR guarding** the Way of Yahweh, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, with their whole heart, as they should, which in turn means, **THEY CANNOT BE** the children of Abraham, since Yahweh has emphatically **stated and prophesied, that the Children of Abraham WOULD KEEP THE WAY of YAHWEH.**

That is why it is of paramount importance that we understand what Mosheh is telling us here, for this means, that anyone who **Rejects** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, has **NOT Crossed Over to the Ways of Yahweh**, and according to Scripture, **IF** a person has **NOT Crossed Over** to the Ways of Yahweh, and become part of Abraham's family, then **THEY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE** in any of the **BLESSINGS** that Yahweh will bring upon the household of Abraham, including His eternal salvation.

John 8:39 They (the Pharisees, Sadducees and their followers) answered and said unto Him, Abraham IS our father. BUT, Yeshua said unto them, IF YOU WERE ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN, YOU WOULD DO THE WORKS OF ABRAHAM.

Now to make sure that we all understand, how serious all of this is, we have to ask ourselves, **WHAT** are the **Works of Abraham?**

Genesis 18:19 For I KNOW (יָדָעַ, Yada, I Have intimate knowledge of facts, about) Abraham, that he WILL command his children and his whole household after him, and they SHALL KEEP THE WAY OF YAHWEH, (the Way of Yahweh IS of course the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life) to do Justice and Judgment; that Yahweh may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken to him.

In *Genesis 26:5* Yahweh says, *Because, Abraham obeyed My Voice, Kept My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and the Words of My Torah of Life.*

The word translated as **KNOW**, is the Hebrew word Yada, יָדָעַ, which means, to have intimate knowledge of, and, or, be in an intimate relationship with someone. By Yahweh saying that He **KNOWS** that the children of Abraham **WILL** indeed **KEEP** and or **GUARD** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **they will Keep the Ways of Yahweh**, He is telling us, that He is, and will continue to be, in an intimate relationship with Abraham and all his children.

Now this is extremely important, and I want you to take a moment, to mull it over and understand the magnitude of this statement; because, the Creator of the universe, the Maker of us all, **IS** telling you and I, here in these *verses*, that **He wants to be in an intimate relationship with ALL of His children**, with **ALL** people who choose to willingly be part of the household of Abraham, and the people of the household of Abraham, **ARE** the people who have expressed **a willingness to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father**, and therefore, have **crossed over** into the kingdom of Elohim, with the specific purpose of **DOING** His bidding, which means, that they have committed to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teachings and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

There is absolutely no room for any doubt in these statements, Abraham **KEPT ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and the **TRUE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM, ACCORDING TO YAHWEH, WILL ALSO, WILLINGLY AND LOVINGLY CHOOSE TO DO THE VERY SAME, THEY TOO WILL KEEP ALL THE WORDS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S TORAH OF LIFE**, for Yahweh has prophesied it, when He said in *Genesis* that like kind would produce like kind, *Genesis 1:11,12,21, 24,25*; Yahweh prophesied in *verse 19* that we, who willingly choose to be the **sons or the children of Abraham** would **KEEP, GUARD AND DO** His Torah, the Living Word of Elohim.

Can you see now, how important **IT IS** to **KEEP** or **GUARD** the Words of Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh, which **IS**, Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions? **FOR IF WE DO NOT KEEP and DO the FATHER'S TORAH, THEN** we have **NOT CROSSED OVER**, and **IF** we have **NOT CROSSED OVER** into the household or family of Abraham, it means, that we are **NOT** Abraham's children, which in turn means, we are **NOT doing the Works of Abraham**, and listen to what Messiah has to say about those who **DO NOT DO THE WORKS OF ABRAHAM**,

John 8:39 They answered and said unto Him, Abraham is our father. Yeshua said unto them, IF you were Abraham' children, you WOULD DO THE WORKS OF ABRAHAM. 40 BUT now, YOU Scribes and Pharisees, YOU seek to kill Me, a man that has told you the TRUTH, (Torah of Life, Psalm 119:142) which I have heard of Elohim:

Here we have to stop, and carefully reread this *verse* again, Messiah says: **IF you were Abraham's children YOU WOULD DO the Works of Abraham. 40 But now, YOU Scribes and Pharisees, YOU seek to kill Me, a man that has told you the TRUTH.**

This makes it very clear that the Scribes and Pharisees wanted to kill Yeshua, **BUT** then Messiah continues on in *verse 40* and He says: **But ABRAHAM DID NOT DO THIS**. It is very important that we understand that at the time, that Abraham was walking on the earth, Messiah had **NOT** yet come to earth, and been manifested in the flesh, so we have to ask, what Does Messiah mean, when He says, that **ABRAHAM DID NOT DO THIS?**

John 1:1-4 gives us the answer, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. The same was in the beginning with Elohim. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men.*

Yahweh wants us to understand that Messiah **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father, and that the Word of our heavenly Father, **IS** Messiah, so, **IF** we kill Messiah (as many of our Jewish brothers and sisters have done in their minds and hearts, they, whether they know it or not, **ARE** actually killing the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and, the other side of the coin **IS** exactly the same, which is a warning for our Christian brothers and sisters, and that is, that **IF** anyone kills the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, *(as many of our Christian brothers and sisters have done, by saying that the Torah, the **LAW** is no longer valid for them, and that they no longer have to keep the **LAW**, because they somehow believe that Messiah took the Father's mandate to obey the Words of His Torah of Life, away)* whether they know it or not, they are actually **killing Messiah**. For Messiah **IS** the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh, and if you get rid of the Words of the Torah, **you are actually getting RID OF MESSIAH**. Therefore, Yahweh is saying to the Scribes and Pharisees, you claim to be children of Abraham **and you want to KILL ME**, the actual Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, **BUT** Abraham, the one you claim **IS** your father, **NEVER** killed the Words of the Father, as a matter of **FACT**, He treasured the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, for Scripture makes it abundantly clear, that Abraham, willingly kept and cherished the Word of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. Therefore, it is very obvious to Me, and I certainly hope that it is very obvious to you also, that these people **ARE NOT CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM**.

Then Messiah says in:

*Verse 41 **YOU DO** the deeds of **YOUR FATHER**. Then they said to Him, We are **NOT** born of fornication; we have one Father, even Elohim. 42 Yeshua said unto them, **IF** Elohim **WERE INDEED YOUR FATHER**, you would **LOVE Me** (for I am the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh): **FOR I proceeded forth and came from Elohim; neither came I of Myself, BUT He, Elohim SENT ME**.*

Now it is important that we understand this from both points of view!

So let's begin from the Jewish point of view, Messiah says: **IF** Elohim is indeed your Father, then you would **LOVE ME**, Yeshua the Messiah, the actual Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, for I proceeded and came forth from the Father, therefore **IF** Elohim were indeed your Father, **THEN**, you would love Me.

Now, from the Christian point of view, If Elohim, the Creator of the universe is indeed your Father, as you claim He is, **THEN**, you would absolutely Love Me, the Words of My heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh, for I, the One you call your Messiah, **AM the Words of My heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh**, John 1:1-5 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was **WITH** Elohim, and the Word **WAS** Elohim. 2 The **SAME** (the Word) was in the beginning with Elohim. 3 All things were made by Him (the Word of the Father); and without Him (the Word of the Father, that eventually became flesh) **was not any thing made that was made**. 4 In Him (the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh) **WAS LIFE**; and that **LIFE WAS and SILL IS the Light of men**. 5 And that Light shines in darkness; and the darkness does **NOT, NOR can it comprehended it**; and John 1:14 *And the Word of the Father, **WAS MADE FLESH**, and that very same word, Came to earth and actually **DWELT AMONG US**, (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten Son of the Father) and He was and still is **FULL of GRACE and TRUTH**. (Psalm 119:142, Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your Torah **IS the TRUTH**.**

Then Messiah asks them a question, and answers that question in *verse 43*: *Why do you NOT understand My speech? You do NOT understand My speech BECAUSE you cannot Shema, you CANNOT understand My speech because you refuse to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, and obey My Words, the very Words that the Father gave Me to give to you (which of course are the Words of the Father's Torah of Life).*

The words that Messiah uses here actually apply to all people, whether the Words are called *the Torah* or whether they are called Messiah, for Messiah says, to these Pharisees and Sadducees, as well as to the Church Fathers of Catholicism and Christianity! *Verse 44 You are of your father THE DEVIL, and the lusts of your father YOU WILL DO. He was a murderer from the beginning, and did NOT abide in the TRUTH, (the Torah, Psalm 119:142), BECAUSE there is no TRUTH, (no Torah obedience) in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

Messiah was quite explicit and adamant when He said, *IF WE are NOT part of the household of Abraham, THEN WE are part of the household of THE FATHER OF LIES.* There just isn't a third category; *THERE ARE ONLY TWO CATEGORIES*, we are either, obedient to our heavenly Father, and the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, *OR*, whether we believe it or not, we actually belong to the other guy, who has come to steal, kill and destroy everything, and that of course, *IS*, the father of lies, satan.

Next, we see that Yahweh reveals His plans to Abraham, He reveals what He intends to do to Sodom and Gomorrah. This is the point at which Abraham feels compelled to intercede. Abraham doesn't intercede for the cities, or for the masses of people that are in the cities, *BUT* Abraham only intercedes for those that he believes are righteous. In other words, he is not fighting *against* Elohim's will for Sodom and Gomorrah, he is simply pleading for the lives of those that are righteous, those that have a surrendered heart to Yahweh and *ALL* of His Ways, the righteous people of those cities. It is very important that we *always pray according to Elohim's will*, or else, we could find ourselves praying against what Elohim has planned or is planning for His peoples' lives. What I find very interesting *IS*, that we are told in the narrative that Yahweh actually listens to, and agrees with Abraham, and Yahweh says, I will *DO* what Abraham asks, with the caveat that says, *IF* I find that there are a certain number of righteous people that we agreed upon, dwelling in Sodom. Again, I would ask, that you take a moment to ponder the implications of what we have just read, the implication of the *FACT*, that the Creator of the universe actually *listened to, and did what Abraham asked of him.*

In the narrative we see that Abraham intercedes 6 times on behalf of the righteous people; first he intercedes for fifty, then, forty five, then, forty, then, thirty, then, twenty, and finally, ten. When I looked at these numbers in reverse there is a message from Yahweh that appeared to me.

First of all, the number 6 speaks of mankind, for man was created on the sixth day, and here Abraham is a picture of our Messiah interceding for man. The number Ten speaks of the Commandments, the Living Word of Elohim. The number twenty speaks of redemption, for it is on their twentieth birthday that the sons of Yisrael were redeemed for half a shekel. The number Thirty speaks of dedication, for it was at the age of thirty that Messiah began His ministry and dedicated His life to serving the Father. The number Forty is the number for testing or trials. Forty and five, the number five speaks of the Grace of Elohim; the number forty again speaks of testing, and the number Fifty speaks of jubilee, the

restoration of all things.

Therefore, the message that I believe is contained in these numbers **IS**, The **Living Word** of Elohim, His Torah made flesh, our Messiah, **redeemed** us from sure death by **dedicating His Life** to saving ours. He was put to the **test**, and because of Messiah's selfless sacrifice, and the **Grace of Elohim** we will be **restored** back to Him and spend eternity with Him, in His restored garden of Eden, **BUT** only **IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to surrender our wills to the Father and persevere in obeying His Word, the Words of His Torah of Life, till the end of our own physical lives.

The message is also quite valid **IF** we reverse the order. The message is then; the **restoration of all things** is brought to us by the **Grace of Elohim** who sent His only begotten Son to be **tested** on our behalf. The Son **dedicated His life** in total loving surrendered obedience to our heavenly Father in order to be worthy of **redeeming** the Father's choosing people, by first teaching us to live by the Word of Father, His Way, His Torah, His Truth, His Living Word, the **Ten** Commandments, and then, dying on the cross for the forgiveness of our Sin, our Torahlessness.

Whatever way you look at it, Elohim is gracious and He will redeem all who turn to Him with loving surrendered contrite obedient hearts, and He does it for *His Name's sake*. Amein.

I want you to understand that Abraham was put in a position where he was able to be an intercessor, and I believe he was offered that privilege because of his loving surrendered obedient heart, his hospitality, and his kindness. If we want to be intercessors as Abraham was, then let us learn to dedicate our lives, to **OBEY** the Words of Elohim with love for our heavenly Father, and for our fellow man, as Abraham did, and show signs of that love, by being kind, considerate, gracious, understanding, and extending hospitality to all people and especially to those in need of it. Amein.

There is one stand alone Aleph Tav in *Genesis 18 Verse 19* For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the Way of YHVH, to do justice and judgment; that YHVH may bring upon Abraham **Aleph Tav** that which He has spoken of him.

There are also another three Aleph Tavs attached to a word by a Maqef, and there are thirteen words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within then.

The number **one** in Scripture represents our heavenly Father, the number **three** represents our Messiah's death and resurrection, His coming from death to life, and the number **thirteen** represents rebellion. I believe that our heavenly Father is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tavs, that because of His great love for us, He sent His only begotten Son to die on the cross for us, for our sin of rebellious disobedience, our transgression of the Words of His Torah, of Life, in order to redeem us to Himself, because of His grace, mercy, forgiving heart and great Love for us.

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Shalom Alechem, Until we meet again. Amein