

Parashah 09 Tidbit

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Here in the story of Yoseph, we are presented with the first fact about Yoseph. The Scriptures tell us that he was **seventeen** years old. This may not seem significant until we see what the number seventeen represents in Scripture. The number seventeen represents victory and resurrection. Furthermore, Messiah's resurrection, happened on the **seventeenth** of Aviv, in the year that He was tried, flogged and then crucified on a cross until He died, and was placed in a Tomb. His resurrection was a victory over death, and it is the beginning of our eternal **REST** in Him, It is also important that we remember that the Lamb of Elohim, our Messiah, was **SLAIN** from the beginning of time, and that His slaughter was manifested in the physical, in our heavenly Father's timing, therefore, everyone that has ever been born, including Adam and Chava, could rest in Messiah, by simply choosing to obey the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, even before the Words of the Torah were manifested in the flesh, as our Messiah, for the Words of the Torah of Life that was made flesh, **WAS** from the beginning, and according to YHVH, the Torah will be with us forever.

Another important fact about the number **seventeen**, is that the Ark of Noach, rested on Mount Ararat on the **seventeenth** day of the **Seventh** month, but we must remember that YHVH had not yet changed the beginning of the year, therefore, in YHVH's new Calendar, the **Seventh** month from Tishrei, is the month of Aviv, the same month and day that Messiah was resurrected from the dead. Here in *Genesis 37*, Yoseph at **seventeen** years of age has a dream concerning Messiah and the eleven other tribes. The city of Jerusalem appears **seventeen** times in Psalms. Jeremiah bought the field in Anathoth for **seventeen** shekels of silver. So we can see that the Scriptures are telling us, that in this story of the life of Yoseph, that Yoseph's life **IS** a shadow picture of the life of Messiah.

As we begin reading the story of Yoseph we see right away, that a young Yoseph is displaying a form of **righteousness**, when he reports to Jacob what his brother's, the sons of Bilhah בְּלֵהָהָ, were doing. The name Bilhah, when spelled with only one letter Hey, בְּלָהָ, means *worn out, become old, be frightened, terrified, mixture*, but when it is spelled with a second letter Hey, בְּלֵהָהָ, it means *catastrophe, disaster, nightmare*, and the name Zilpah, זִלְפָּהָ, means *to pour, spray, sprinkle with perfumed water, fragrant*. Yoseph's righteousness, combined with the exuberance of youth, may not have led him to make the wisest decision to report on his brothers, but nevertheless it was a form of **righteousness**.

In Yoseph's first dream the sheaves represent people, his brothers and himself. So for your information, from now on, whenever you are reading any *verse* or chapter throughout the

whole Scriptures, and you encounter the word *sheaf* or *sheaves*, please understand that there is probably an underlying message about people. Here in his first dream, his brother's *sheaves* bow down to Yoseph's *sheaf*. The second dream is about the sun, the moon and eleven stars. Again the same principle applies. Whenever you encounter these words in the Scriptures, search for an underlying message about the Father, His Son and or people.

There is no doubt in my mind, that Yoseph's dream was *inspired* by YHVH through His Holy Spirit, so that when Joseph followed or was lead by the Holy Spirit, he blurted out his dream! We can discuss forever whether or not the recounting of his dream to his brothers, was **WISE OR NOT, BUT** I want to focus on the fact that Yoseph's dream was of YHVH, through His Holy Spirit and when he recounted the dream or followed the prompting of the Holy Spirit, he was *hated* by his brothers.

Let me ask you this question; do you think that the Words that are contained in the written Torah, come from the Holy Spirit of YHVH? Well, if you answered in the affirmative, as you should have, because the Scripture tells us in *Ezekiel 36:26-27* that the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father is given to each and every surrendered contrite obedient heart, to **CAUSE** all the persons that will **ALLOW** Him, to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Torah that YHVH gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, **THEREFORE**, it is very important that a person truly believes, that **IF** and **WHEN** they do indeed choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, that YHVH Himself, gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, that they **ARE actually following the prompting of the Holy Spirit** who mirrors the heart of YHVH.

Now, **IF** you agree with what is said above, that when anyone willingly chooses to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, that they are being prompted by the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father, then, according to *Ezekiel 36:26-27*, that means that they have willingly chosen to **ALLOW** the Holy Spirit to **CAUSE** them to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Our Christian brothers on the other hand, seem to believe the opposite, that the Holy Spirit, is prompting them **to abolish and reject the Law, the Words of the Torah of our Heavenly Father**, so we should **NOT** be surprised, when some, and probably many of our brethren, who believe what they have been taught by their church fathers, that their Jesus **did away with** the Law, the Words of the Torah of Mosheh, and replaced the Words of the Torah of Mosheh, with their New man made Commandments, their man made doctrines, when it turns out that they dislike, and possibly even hate us, because, we believe the Torah of our heavenly Father to be His everlasting Truth, and that we have willingly chosen to live by it, and teach that the Torah of YHVH **IS STILL IN FULL FORCE TODAY and that it will be in full force forever?**

Now back to the story of Yoseph. What did Yoseph do, according to Scripture? He continued to obey His Father, and follow His Father's words, regardless of what his brothers thought of him, and since Yoseph is a shadow picture of Messiah, then we should mimic him, and we too, should learn to obey the Words of our heavenly Father, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, regardless of what people around us think, say or believe about us.

Next we have the story of the **FATHER** sending out the **SON TO GO AND CHECK ON HIS BROTHERS' WELFARE**. He probably also brought some supplies for them, for their well being. Did **NOT** Messiah do exactly the same? Was He not sent out by our heavenly to **CHECK** on the well being of the Father's chosen children, the children of the tribes of Yisrael?

To ensure that there is no mistake, and that **WE WILL SEE THIS STORY AS A SHADOW PICTURE OF MESSIAH**, the Scripture does something unusual. In the words *their father's flock* there is an Aleph Tav. The words *the flock*, אֶת־צֹן, Et Tzon, in *verse 12*, the word flock, or Tzon in Hebrew, has the letters Aleph and Tav attached to it by a Maqeph, and grammatically, when these two letters are attached to a word, they indicate the subject of the sentence. Above and or sometime below the Aleph and Tav letters, depending on what version of the Hebrew Scriptures you have, there are **TWO** dots (*in my version of the Hebraic Scriptures the two dots are above the Aleph and Tav letters*). This indicates to us that this is the beginning of Yoseph's story, where Yoseph is a shadow picture of the Messiah. This is not a stand alone Aleph Tav, but, as I mentioned above, this Aleph Tav, has a Maqef attached to it, which indicates that the word attached to it, is the subject of the sentence. Whether the **two** dots are above or below the Aleph and Tav letters. As you know, the number **two** in Scripture represents witness, therefore I believe that YHVH did this, to indicate to us that this is the beginning of Yoseph's life story, where he is, or will be a shadow picture of Messiah, who **IS** the Aleph Tav, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, and also, since the Aleph and Tav letters are the first and last letters of the Hebrew Alephbet, they represent the complete Torah, all the Words of Elohim's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, for His heart, His character is contained in every letter of every word of this story and many more.

If that is the case, which I truly believe it is, then we must pay very close attention to all the details of this story. From this point on, and for the balance of the story of Yoseph, until Ya'aqov comes into the land of Egypt in *Genesis 46*, there are **seventeen** instances where we have, stand alone Aleph Tav's in the ensuing *verses*. And, as I said before, the number **seventeen** in Scripture represents **victory and resurrection** and therefore, we are to deduce from these strategically placed Aleph and Tav letters, that **Yoseph's** life is indeed **a shadow picture** of the life of Messiah, and His great sacrifice for us. Yoseph suffered at the hands of His brothers, and like Messiah, Yoseph was also more than willing to forgive them, for he knew in His heart that it was the Father's plan to save all of Yisrael alive.

The storey begins with Yoseph going to Shechem where Yoseph meets with a **certain man**. Every time that the words **certain man** are used together in Scripture, the **certain man** is an emissary from YHVH; sometimes for good, and sometimes for curses. Here the **certain man** is an emissary from YHVH to keep Yoseph on the right path, and he tells Yoseph that his brothers are gone to Dothan, דֹּתַן, Dotaynah, from the root word Dotan, דָּתַן and Pictographically this name, Dotan, דָּתַן, which is spelled with the letter Dalet, has a pictographic meaning of, a door, the letter Tav has the pictographic meaning of an Ox, and it also represents a Sign, and in this case it is a sign of the Covenant, that YHVH has made with the people of Yisrael, and the letter Nun, has a pictographic meaning of a fish swimming, and it represents Life, therefore, the word Dotan means **DOORWAY TO THE SIGN OF LIFE**, which helps to confirm to us, that Yoseph **IS** indeed a shadow picture of Messiah, which in turn tells me, that when Yoseph, or, you and I, **DO** as Messiah did; **WHEN** we willingly and lovingly carry out the work of our

heavenly Father, through surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life, as Messiah did, **THEN**, our surrendered obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, will act as a path, a beacon **IF** you will, **TO THE DOORWAY THAT WE ALL MUST WALK THROUGH TO FIND EVERLASTING LIFE** in the kingdom of Elohim as the Bride of Messiah.

Now the story takes on the parallels of Messiah's life, for Yoseph, like Messiah, **IS** despised by his brothers, and they conspire to **kill him**. He was **SENT** by his father, to bring gifts of sustenance to his brothers, and to inquire as to their welfare, **BUT because of their jealousy**, they wanted to kill him. However, instead of killing him, they put him in a pit, which is a shadow picture of Messiah descending to Geheinah to set the captives free.

As I said above, they put him in the pit while they decided what they were going to do with him, and while he was in the pit, a band of travellers heard his cries and took him out of the pit, and took him captive and sold him in Egypt for twenty pieces of silver. Messiah was also sold, or betrayed, for a payment of silver. Since Benjamin was not involved, it means that if we take the twenty pieces of silver that these people received when they sold, Yoseph to Potiphar in Egypt, then that amounts to **TWO** pieces of silver for each of Yoseph's ten brothers. As you know, the number **TWO** in Scripture, represents, witness, therefore I believe that **THIS IS A WITNESS AGAINST EACH OF THE TEN BROTHERS OF THEIR EVIL DEED, AND THEIR BETRAYAL OF THEIR BROTHER, YOSEPH.**

Next we are witness to one of the most wicked deeds, that could ever be perpetrated on any father, done here, to Ya'aqov, Yoseph's father, at the end of *Chapter 37*. Yoseph's brothers take Yoseph's long coat and soak it in the blood of an animal, and then, they give this blood soaked coat, to Ya'aqov, their and Yoseph's father, and they lead him to believe that his son, their brother, Yoseph is dead.

The pain and anguish that they caused their father Ya'aqov, cannot be quantified. It is a picture of what our heavenly Father felt when His Son, our Messiah, the Words of His Living Torah, made flesh, who represents the love of the Father for His created people, was rejected and nailed to the cross until He died.

There isn't a parent in this room or anywhere else for that matter, that cannot understand the pain, sorrow, and anguish of losing a child. And what makes it so evil, in this case, is that the brothers **KNEW** that Yoseph was still alive, and they **DID NOT TELL** their father Ya'aqov, to cover up their **LIE**, their **TREACHERY**, their **SIN**, their **TRANSGRESSION** of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life; they let Ya'aqov **SUFFER** in anguish at the loss of his son Yoseph, for many many years.

This is a good lesson for all of us here, for once Sin, Torah transgressions, gets a hold of a person, and they do not instantly choose to repent, **THEN** they will continue sinning, transgressing the Torah, just to cover up their original Sin, the original Transgression that they committed, and it becomes a vicious cycle of **lies** and **deception**. A person has to hide their Sin, their Transgressions with **MORE** lies, more acts of Transgressions, so that no one will find out the **Sinful** life that they are living. It is only through repentance and confession that we can break this cycle.

Yoseph is now in exile, which is a prophetic picture of where Ephraim will find himself in the future, and the division of the House of Yisrael into two camps, and that is why, we **MUST** continue, on a daily basis, to pray to our heavenly Father, that through His Holy Spirit, He would somehow help our brethren, that are caught up in man made religion and their man made religious doctrines, to see the error of their ways, so that they could repent and be reinstated into the family of Elohim, His one and only, Yisrael, and that we, you and I can play a part in showing them the Way of our heavenly Father, by living a Torah obedient Life as Messiah did and taught us to do. Amein

There are no stand alone Aleph Tavs in this chapter, however there are twenty two Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef, and twenty one words that contain both the Aleph and the Tav letters within them. The number **twenty two** in Scripture speaks of Light, and we get that understanding because there are twenty two letters in the Hebrew Alephbet, and these twenty two letters form the Words of Elohim's Torah, the very same words that became flesh and dwelt among us, and Messiah **IS** the Light of the world, that is formed by those twenty two letters. The number twenty one seems to fall short of being a light onto the nations, because **IT IS NOT YHVH's COMPLETE TRUTH**. Therefore I believe that YHVH is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tavs that **IF** we will learn to believe, follow, obey and **DO** all of His Word without adding anything to it nor taking anything away from it, then, we too, will become a Light onto the nations of the world that are mired in darkness, as Messiah **IS** a Light onto the world. Amein.

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and your every deed. Until we meet again, Shalom Alechem! Amein!*