

Parashah 16 Tidbit
Exodus 13:17 – 17:16
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Although this Parashah is said to begin at *verse 17*, I believe it is important to read from the beginning *verses*, to get the complete picture. In *verse 3* Mosheh tells Yisrael, *remember this day*. The Hebrew word translated as remember is the word *Zakar*, זָכַר, and while it does mean remember, it has a much more profound meaning, it means, *to speak and act on behalf of*, therefore, we have to understand that Mosheh is telling us, *to speak and act on behalf of what YHVH has done for Yisrael by delivering them out of bondage to Egypt*, and the deliverance of the people of Yisrael from their Egyptian bondage, **IS** a shadow picture, or a metaphor, for the deliverance that YHVH offers all people, from their bondage to the words and the ways of mankind, and their secular and or man made religious doctrines, for all of their doctrines, and there are no exceptions to this rule, all of mankind's doctrines are inspired by satan to one degree or another, for all of these man made doctrines have an element, where they teach that some or all of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, has either been, changed or that it has been abolished in whole or in part.

We have to understand that any person or group of people that advocate that even one word of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, has been changed and or abolished, is being influenced by satan.

In *verse 5* the inhabitants of the land are mentioned. They are:

Canaanites: the root word, is the word Canaan, and it means: lowered, humbling, defeating

Hittites: Is from the root word, Chet, חֵת, which means, **terror, fear, shattered, dismayed**, and, as an adjective, it means, one, it is also the name of the son of Canaan, the grandson of Ham, he is the ancestor of the Hittites

Amorites: Is from the root word is Amar, which means: To say, speak, the act of thinking within ones self, independent and boastful.

Hivite: Is from the root word, Chavah, which means: Town, village, living, by implication living apart and or away from Elohim

Jebusites: The root of this word means: the יְבוּסִי, Yebusiy are descendants of the third son of Canaan, called Yebus, and this word or name, is also the alternate name for Yerushalem, and it also means threshing floor, to trample down, trodden.

The definition of the names of the nations, that were in the land of Canaan, before YHVH gave the Land to the people of Yisrael, tells us a story. The people of the land, lived shattered lives. filled with

terror, and although many people will not believe nor understand this, the reason that they lived shattered lives, because they were totally separated from the Word of Elohim, the Words of His Torah of Life; they were disconnected from the source of **ALL** Life, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, therefore, the people of the land, were fearful and felt terrorized, because it was governed by man's laws, and **NOT** by the Words of YHVH Elohim's Torah, His Law, His Directives for everlasting life. It is obvious and does become obvious to all serious students of the Scriptures, as they dig deeper and deeper into the Scriptures, that the leaders of these people, relied on their own understanding, which meant, that they did **NOT** in any way, acknowledge Elohim, in any aspects of their lives. They lived in towns and villages, that were void of the presence of Elohim in their midst, and, the average citizen, was trampled on, abused, and mistreated, because, as Scripture confirms to us in Jeremiah, the heart of man, their self appointed leaders, were exceedingly evil, they were wicked beyond measure, and that, my friends is who the Hittites were governed by.

As I said above, there are **five** nations mentioned, in the beginning of *Exodus 13*, and the number **five** in Scripture, speaks of the Grace of Elohim, and it also represents, the Torah, for there are five books in the Torah of YHVH. Therefore, the Torah and YHVH's Grace, **ARE** synonymous terms.

What are we to learn from all of this? Well, I believe that we are to learn that it is by Elohim's Grace, and His Grace alone, that we inherit the Promised Land, and that it is not because of anything we have done; it is only by YHVH's Grace. Furthermore, in Elohim's Promised Land, there is room for only one Elohim, one Torah (Law), and that Torah (Law) my friends, **IS** the One and only, Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, the Living Word of YHVH.

Verse 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall be, no leavened bread seen with you, neither shall there be leaven seen with you in all your quarters.

Verse 7 could read, the unleavened bread, the Matzah, which is a shadow picture of our sinless Messiah, shall be partaken of, for the seven days of the Feast. The number seven (7) in Scripture, represents completion, spiritual perfection. And as we learn to obediently celebrate YHVH's *cycles of righteousness*, His feasts, year by year, then that means that we are on the YHVH's path of righteousness, that leads all people who willingly and lovingly choose to follow it, to Spiritual Perfection, and that is a promise from the Creator of the universe, for He quite clearly teaches ALL of us, that we are to surrender our hearts, minds, souls, and strength to Him, in total loving surrendered obedience to ALL the Words of His Torah of Life, which means, that we are to follow and obey **ALL** of His Commandments, including celebrating His Feasts and not picking and choosing only the Words that **WE**, want to keep, only the ones that are convenient for us.

From *verse 8* on, YHVH instructs us, that we are to diligently teach all of our children about Passover, Unleavened bread, and all of YHVH's *cycles of righteousness*, for, according to YHVH, **they are life to us**. YHVH, further admonishes us to keep His Feasts, and all other Commandments **as a sign, upon your hand and as a memorial between our eyes**. Our Jewish brethren have taken that instruction literally, and they put on what they call Tephillin. They revere the Word of Elohim so much, that they are willing to be set apart, and yes, even to the point of being ridiculed for it. We can learn a lot about loving YHVH and surrendering our lives to YHVH from our Jewish brethren. They may have missed the mark in some areas, but it is truly evident to me, that in their own way, they love and respect YHVH.

The First born: We were all bought at a price, our redemption, cost the lives of all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, of those who chose not to place the blood of the Lamb, on their door posts. We mustn't forget, that they too are Elohim's children. He did not love them any less than He loves us, for He loves us all with a perfect and infinite love. We are all His children, and the Scriptures show us, Elohim's heart, when we are told that it is His wish that not even one person perishes.

YHVH did not kill the firstborn in Egypt on a whim, or out of anger, **BUT**, He did it out of love for the whole world. Without His image, being manifested here on Earth, through a people or a nation, whom He Himself chose, mankind would have continued to go farther and farther away from Him, as they did, prior to the flood, and then, they too would have been lost forever. The plagues were Elohim's grace in action, for they gave Pharaoh and the people of Egypt, opportunity after opportunity, to repent; however, they chose to reject YHVH's message of repentance onto salvation, Ten times, and many perished because of it.

At the Exodus, all the firstborn sons of Egypt, were killed, and YHVH wants us to celebrate that event, the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread **FOREVER**. He wants us to teach our children, to do the same, so that we, and they, will remember the high price by which we were bought and redeemed, when we willingly choose to accept Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, who happens to be our Master and Saviour, for when we choose to surrender our hearts to our heavenly Father, repent of our Torah transgressions, and commit to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, then, that is when we are **GRAFTED** into the Family of our heavenly Father, that is when we all become, **FIRSTBORN CHILDREN** in the eyes of our heavenly Father. *Hebrews 12:23*

We must clearly see, in our mind's eye, the Grace of YHVH in action, in saving Yisrael and slaying Egypt. Furthermore, we have to understand, that YHVH did **NOT** save us, because we were somehow better than the Egyptians, or better than any other peoples in the world, we were redeemed with, and for **one purpose, and one purpose only**; and that purpose my friends, **IS** that we are to become the manifest image of YHVH here on Earth, we are to be like Messiah, and reflect the Light of the World, which means that we are to mimic Messiah's Torah obedient Life, and hopefully, cause many other people to do the same. We are to be obedient bondservants of the Most High Elohim, and **serve His purposes, and not our own**. Anything short of that, **IS FAILURE**.

Please take the time, on a regular daily basis, to thank YHVH, because He has chosen to pour His Grace and Mercy upon us, for I personally fail Him every day, in one way or another, and yet, I sense His forgiveness, when I turn to Him with a repentant heart. I am a work in progress, as I am sure, all of us are, and YHVH, who is the author and finisher of our beliefs (faith) will continue to change our hearts and our lives, as we willingly choose to surrender more of ourselves to Him, for He has promised us in *Matthew 7:7 Ask, and you shall receive, seek, and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened*. Always remember, that He is our Father, and He loves us with a perfect and infinite love.

After the final plague of the death of the firstborn, that YHVH placed upon the people of Egypt, Pharaoh was totally devastated, defeated and demoralized, and he chose to Shalach the people of Yisrael, which means that he sent the people of Yisrael away, and YHVH took the people of Yisrael along the route that He chose, knowing, that since they had been slaves for the past two hundred plus years, they would easily be discouraged, **IF** they encountered armed resistance along the way.

So where did YHVH take them? This is a very important part of Scripture, for it establishes the pattern for any future Exodus, including ours, yours and my Exodus, from bondage to Sin, from the bondage of constantly transgressing the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and the great Exodus that YHVH has planned for His people in End Times. YHVH took the people of Yisrael through the *wilderness*, which ***IS an allusion to the Tribulation***, that ***ALL*** people will go through in their lives. The wilderness journey, was Yisrael's Tribulation period, where YHVH was their sole provider and protector.

This my friends IS the pattern for any Exodus, and as you know, YHVH teaches us throughout Scripture, in patterns. Just before Messiah's triumphant return, ***WE***, the people of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, ***WILL*** experience a wilderness journey, a time of Tribulation so that we can be tested and learn to ***TRUST*** YHVH even more. Today, we worship YHVH from the comfort of our homes, and we believe that we are Torah obedient, ***BUT***, there ***IS*** a time coming where ***TRUE*** obedience to YHVH's Torah of Life ***WILL CAUSE US TO BE PUT THROUGH AN EXTREME TEST***, and, that ***IS*** when, ***YOU and I, WILL FIND OUT IF WE TRULY LOVE AND TRUST YHVH.***

Regardless of what theology or doctrines that men have developed over the years, in following their own man made religions, religions that all have their special doctrinal denominational teachings, that differ from each other, and from the True Word of Elohim, His eternal ***TRUTH***, the Words of His Torah of Life, and the Scriptures are very clear, when they say, that we are to prepare ourselves to go through the Tribulation, ***SO THAT WE CAN BE TESTED***, and we are ***NOT*** tested for YHVH's sake, ***BUT FOR OUR OWN SAKE***. YHVH ***ALREADY KNOWS*** who the people are that ***WILL*** follow Him regardless of what happens, therefore ***ALL TESTS ARE*** for our benefits, ***TO BUILD UP OUR STRENGTH, OUR BELIEF, AND TRUST IN THE ELOHIM OF ABRAHAM, YITZCHAQ AND YA'AQOV.***

I am sure, that ***ALL*** believers would agree, that Yoseph, is a picture of our Messiah. It says in *verse 19* that Mosheh took the bones of Yoseph with him. What ***IS*** YHVH teaching us by causing Mosheh to take Yoseph's bones with them, when they left Egypt? What ***IS*** YHVH trying to communicate to us through this bit of information? To understand what this means, we must go back to the basics. The basics are, Messiah ***IS*** the *Living Word* of the Father, Messiah ***IS*** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and Yoseph ***IS*** a shadow picture of Messiah, therefore, Yoseph ***IS*** a *shadow picture* of the Living Torah, the Living Word of the Father made flesh.

Now remember, Scripture tells us that they carried Yoseph's bones in an Ark, and since Yoseph ***IS*** a *shadow picture* of the Words of Torah that were placed in the Ark, I believe that YHVH ***IS*** admonishing us, that through our daily lives ***WE TOO, ARE TO TAKE, AND PROUDLY CARRY (YOSEPH) THE WORDS OF YHVH WITH US, WHEREVER WE GO***, in order to prepare ourselves for the wilderness journey. You might ask, ***HOW*** can we do that? How can we carry the Word of YHVH with us, wherever we go?

It's really very simple, we do it, by willingly internalizing YHVH's ***TRUTH***, the Words of His Torah of Life, by memorizing *verses* and meditating on them. If you have trouble memorizing *verses* then memorize concepts, concepts like, YHVH ***IS*** our Redeemer, Saviour, Provider and Protector, concepts like, He ***will NEVER leave us nor forsake us***, concepts like, ***He is our loving Father that does not want anyone to perish***, and there are many other concepts found in the Word of YHVH.

IF we learn to do this, **IF** we learn to take YHVH's Word with us, wherever we go, **THEN** it means, that we are acknowledging Him and who He is, and YHVH Himself says that **IF YOU ACKNOWLEDGE ME, I WILL DIRECT YOUR PATH**, which means that He will guide us, protect us, and provide for us. **HOWEVER, there is a proviso**, we must learn to **TRUST** Him and His promises first, and that **IS WHY**, we **MUST** take the Word of YHVH's Torah of Life, with us, at all times, and in every situation, for it IS Shield and our protection against the wiles of the devil, and as we internalize His Words of Life, His Torah, it teaches us to learn to **RELY** on His Word, His pure **TRUTH THAT CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN HIS WORD**.

Our life here on earth, **IS A TIME OF PREPARATION TO BE WITH YHVH FOREVER**. Let's ensure therefore, that we do **NOT SQUANDER THAT TIME, BUT** take advantage of this time to build a much closer relationship with our heavenly Father, by choosing to *believe, follow, and obey, ALL the Words of His Torah*, thereby, relying on, and **DOING ALL** of His Commandments, as they are written in the Torah of Mosheh. We simply have to learn to develop an adamant and determined attitude in our hearts, to **NOT CHOOSE the false man made doctrines** that the Church fathers and theologians, mere men, have wrongfully taught us for millennia; the **LIES**, that they have so eloquently preached to all of their followers, that the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, have somehow been changed and or abolished in whole or in part, or the rabbinical system that teaches the followers of Judaism, that they must follow and obey the man made oral torah of their rabbis, which they emphatically teach, supersedes the written Torah of Mosheh, and therefore, in their minds, their oral torah, **IS** the only torah that is relevant for today's sophisticated society.

Let me ask you this, was Yisrael strong? Did they have this incredible **belief and trust in YHVH**? The answer of course, **IS** a resounding **NO, to both those questions!** But it does **NOT** matter, for YHVH was with them. The terms used are a *Pillar of Cloud and a Pillar of Light*.

What does the cloud represent? It represents a protective covering, for it shields a person from the hot sun, and **IT IS** also a metaphor, for YHVH's protective covering that He puts over His obedient Children, against those that would come against Yisrael to harm them, **IT IS** a metaphor for protection against the man made sun god theology and those that follow and adhere to those lies, and any, and all other, man made gods and or doctrines, that men spew out, to replace YHVH's eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life. It also represents provision, for within the cloud, is life giving water, water to drink, to bathe, to wash our garments with, and please remember, that water also represents YHVH's *Holy Spirit*, which YHVH has promised would never leave us nor forsake us.

The Pillar of Light represents protection against things that would attack us in the darkness, at night, it represents **ENLIGHTENMENT, TRUTH and RIGHTEOUSNESS**. **IT means that IF** you have the Word of Elohim made flesh, dwelling in you, **IF** you have the mind of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, making His abode within you, **THEN YOU WILL NEVER BE IN DARKNESS**, for Messiah **IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**. The Light also represents strength, for it removes all fear, for by and through the Light, we can see where we are going, and who is with us, guiding and protecting us. It says at the beginning of *verse 22 He did NOT take away the pillar of cloud by day NOR the pillar of fire by night*.

These are the same words or the same theme, that our Messiah Himself expounded upon in *Hebrews 13:5; Genesis 28:15 I will NEVER leave you NOR forsake you*.

Knowing that the Scriptures teaches us that ***WE WILL ALL GO THROUGH THE TRIBULATION, SHOULD NOT FRIGHTEN US***; as a matter of fact, it should strengthen our belief, ***BECAUSE WE KNOW*** that the promises of YHVH ***ARE TRUE***, for Scripture says, He is ***NOT*** a man that He should ***LIE, THEREFORE, WE KNOW*** that He will protect us and provide for us, because that is what He has ***PROMISED TO DO***.

NOW WE HAVE TO TURN THAT KNOWLEDGE INTO TRUST AND BELIEF, and start believing with all of our hearts, that when YHVH says *I will NEVER leave you, much less forsake you, for I am your Abba that loves you, Obey Me and live, THAT, THAT IS, HIS ABSOLUTE AND EVERLASTING TRUTH*. Amein.

There are no stand alone Aleph Tavs in this section of *Exodus 13*, however there are ***five*** Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef, and there are four words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number ***five*** in Scripture speaks of the Torah of Mosheh, and the number ***four*** speaks of the advent of Messiah, for He came to us at the end of the fourth millennium, and the number ***four*** also speaks of the ***four*** Gospels, that are to be taught to the people in the four corners of the world. Therefore I believe that YHVH is telling us, through the use of these Aleph Tavs, that ***IF*** we will willingly and lovingly internalize His Truth, the Words of His Torah of Life, and learn to believe, follow, and obey His Torah, ***THEN*** we will never walk in Darkness, for He will be with us, forever. Amein

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,

and your every deed. Shalom Alechem. Amein