

**Parashah 36 Tidbit**

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As we have learned in the past, the Menorah represents our Messiah. The Menorah is made up of purified gold, indicating the pureness and sinless nature of Messiah. The Menorah is also made of beaten gold, revealing Messiah's life journey, for He was indeed tortured beaten and killed for our Sins, and it also tells us that the pure nature of Messiah's character will be received and treated with violence at the hands of man.

*John 1:11 He came unto His own, and His own did **NOT** receive Him.*

*Matthew 27:26 Then he released Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Yeshua, he delivered Him to be crucified.*

Furthermore we are told that the Menorah is the **ONLY** source of **LIGHT** in the Holy place, in the same manner that Messiah **IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF LIGHT** that gives the enlightenment to the Torah obedient path that all people must follow **IF** they want to be invited into our heavenly Father's everlasting kingdom and receive eternal **LIFE**.

The Tabernacle Menorah, is a shadow picture of Messiah, and it was fuelled with **PURE olive oil**. The process to make olive oil, begins with the olives being crushed a first time, then, once the oil is gathered from the first crushing, the pulp is crushed a second time, and then in most cases they are crushed a third time. The **PURE olive oil** comes from the first crushing, because none of the **flesh** of the olive remains behind, thereby giving us **pure** olive oil. This tells me, that even though Messiah, was indeed proven to be **PURE**, which means, there was no fault found in Him, when they first accused Him, and put Him on trial, because He was the sinless Lamb of Yahweh, He had **NOT** transgressed, any of the Words of the Father's Torah, for He obeyed all of them. Nevertheless, the religious leaders of the day, found Him guilty, then they scourged and beat Him to where even His body was unrecognizable, and then, they continued to abuse and mistreat Him all the way to the cross, where the final insult, was perpetrated upon Him. He suffered tremendously at the hands of the religious leaders of the man made religion of the day, and yet, **HE DID NOT FALTER**, for He was doing the **WORK** of the Father, He was being obedient and following the **WILL** of our heavenly Father, even onto death.

No matter how much they tested Him, they found **NO FAULT** in Him. Sadly, I can assure you, that **IF** Messiah were to return today, preaching the very same Torah obedient message, that He preached when He first came to us, a message that **COMMANDS US TO RETURN** to the Words of the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our Heavenly Father, the Words of His Torah of Life, the very same Torah that was given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, because the Torah, like Messiah, **IS** also everlasting, that the people of the houses that profess to believe and follow the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov of today, **WOULD REJECT** both Him and the Father's Torah, yet again. They would do that because they have been deceived by satan, and taught that the Torah of our heavenly Father that was given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai by Yahweh, **IS** no longer valid today for what they believe is today's sophisticated society, and therefore, these people, who profess to follow and obey the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, have, through the influence of satan, willingly gone so far away from believing our heavenly Father's message, the message that He taught Adam in the Garden, the same message that he taught Abraham, Yitzchaq, Ya'aqov, Mosheh, David, Shlomo, which is, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, also known as the Father's inerrant and everlasting directives for eternal life. **THESE PEOPLE FALSELY CLAIM** that **NOT** only has the Torah been **abolished** and done away with, **BUT**, they also believe and teach, that when people willingly and lovingly choose to believe follow and obey the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, as He has Commanded all of us to **DO, THAT IT PUTS THE PEOPLE THAT CHOOSE TO DO SO, INTO BONDAGE**, and therefore, they teach that the Torah **IS NOT** to be obeyed, **BUT THAT IT IS TO BE TOSSED ASIDE AS AN ANCIENT, ARCHAIC AND OUTDATED LAW**, and that instead of believing and obeying the Words of the written Torah of our heavenly Father, that we, the children of Elohim, are to instead, believe and follow **THEIR MAN MADE FALSE DOCTRINE**.

Now, whether or not they would crucify Messiah again, depends on whether or **NOT** they thought they could get away with it. I know that to many people, this **IS A VERY DAMNING STATEMENT, about ALL man made religions and their leaders, BUT IT IS A TRUE STATEMENT. IF** Messiah were to return today, teaching that the Torah, as it was given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, **IS STILL IN FULL EFFECT TODAY**, the majority of the people that profess to be of the houses of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, would **NOT only, NOT** believe Him, **BUT THEY WOULD REJECT BOTH HIM AND HIS MESSAGE**.

Let's move on; In Scripture, Oil is also a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which was poured upon Yeshua, thereby anointing Him as the Sent One of the Father, Elohim's Messiah, or His anointed One? *Isaiah 11:1; 61:1, John 1:32; 3:34, Matthew 3:16 Mark 1:10.*

In the seven branches of the Menorah we see the seven spirits of Yahweh. The Spirit of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel and Might, Knowledge, and the Fear of Yahweh, and finally the Spirit of Yahweh Himself, (*Isaiah 11:1-2*) this is the Spirit without measure, given to Yeshua our Messiah. *John 3:34 For He whom Yahweh has sent speaks the Words of Yahweh: for Yahweh gives NOT the Spirit by measure unto Him.*

The Menorah, is also representative of a tree, and thus pictures Messiah as the **Tree of Life** or **the Living Torah made flesh**. Please notice that this symbolic **Tree** burns and is **NOT** consumed and therefore it is a constant reminder of Mosheh's burning bush experience, and the ensuing Exodus and the everlasting Covenant that Yahweh made with the people of Yisrael at Mount Siynay in *Exodus 3:2*.

We are told that the purpose of the Menorah, is to bring **Light** where there is darkness, which is also Messiah's, Elohim given Role. We can also see in the pattern of the Menorah, the relationship between Messiah, and those who believe in Him. Not only is Messiah the Light of the world, but those who are in Him, those who abide in Him, those who are attached to Him, as the branches of the Menorah, are attached to the Centre Tree, which means that they too are a Light, for according to Scripture, they are lit **BY** the everlasting Servant of our heavenly Father, and therefore they project forth His Light, to a dark and dreary world, the same way that the branches of the Menorah, are lit by the *servant candle*, the Shemesh, and in turn, they also give Light, in the manner that the centre Branch, our Messiah does.

Yahweh commanded Mosheh to set the lamps in such a way that **they give light to the front of the Menorah**. Therefore, that means that we too, as individual branches, in this Menorah, as individual believers in our heavenly Father's Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **MUST** reflect His Light, thereby illuminating the people that stand before us, with the very same Light, the very same **MESSAGE** as the **MESSAGE** that the **Living Torah made flesh**, our Messiah, gave us. And how do we do that? Yahweh our Messiah told us how in *Exodus 20:6*

*Exodus 20:6 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and **KEEP My Commandments** and in John 14:15 Messiah said: If you love Me, keep My Commandments.*

What Commandments do you think Messiah was referring to, when He said to **US**, His followers, these are the Commandments that you **ARE TO KEEP?**

To get the answer to that questions, let's first start by reading what John had to say in:

*2John 9 Whosoever transgresses, and **DOES NOT ABIDE** in the **DOCTRINE** of Messiah, **DOES NOT** have Father. However, he that **DOES ABIDE** in the **DOCTRINE** of Messiah, he has **BOTH** the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and **DOES NOT BRING THIS DOCTRINE**, this **TRUTH**, then do **NOT** receive him into your house, **NEITHER** bid him Elohim speed: 11 For he that does bid him **Elohim speed**, **IS partaker of his evil deeds**.*

The next question that has to be asked and answered, **IS**, what **IS** Messiah's **Doctrine**? And to get the answer to that question, we have to go to what Messiah Himself said in *John 7:16*  
*My **Doctrine** is **NOT** My own, **BUT** it **IS** the **Doctrine** of the One that sent Me.*

Therefore, according to Messiah, His Doctrine **is identical to, and or, the very same as our heavenly Father's Doctrine**, who **IS** the One that sent Him, and Scripture makes it very clear, what the Father's Doctrine **IS**, it is His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai.

*Proverbs 3:1-4 My son, do **NOT** forget **My Torah**; **BUT** let your heart keep My Commandments: **WHY?***

*For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you.*

*Do **NOT** let Let mercy and **TRUTH** (Torah, Psalm 119:142) forsake you: bind them about your neck; write them upon the table of your heart:*

***WHY?***

*Because, in doing so, you shall find favour and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man.*

*Proverbs 4:1-2 Hear, you children, the instruction of your father; and attend to know understanding.  
2 For I give you good **DOCTRINE, DO NOT FORSAKE MY TORAH.***

Scripture makes it very clear that we, as believers, are the children of Elohim, and as His children we are a shadow picture of the branches of the Menorah, that are attached to the centre Tree, which represents Messiah and His Torah obedient Life. Furthermore the children of Yisrael, were Commanded to bring the **OIL** for the Lamp, the **OIL** that would keep the Menorah burning constantly, and we see that in:

*Exodus 27:20 And you shall command the children of Yisrael, that they bring you **PURE** olive oil beaten for the Light, **to cause the lamp to burn always.***

*Leviticus 24:2 Command the children of Yisrael, that they bring unto you **PURE** oil of olive beaten for the Light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.*

This, tells us therefore, that we are to bring **our selves** and come to Him with surrendered, contrite, obedient hearts, and then, when He chooses to indwell us, because of our surrendered contrite obedient heart, He will make us shine, as He Himself shines, for it will be Yahweh's Light that emanates through those who willingly choose to surrender their wills to His will, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Yahweh's Commandments teaches us, that we too, **ARE** to come to Yahweh out of love for Him, after we have been given the gift of redemption; and when we choose to do that, it is to be with the commitment, that from this point on, we will learn to truly surrender all of our will to Yahweh's will, and, **IF** we can do that, **THEN** our heavenly Father, promises us, that He will graciously fill us with His Holy Spirit, who is tasked with **CAUSING** every surrendered contrite obedient heart, that will allow Him, to believe, follow and obey all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. This tells us that like Messiah, our heavenly Father will be doing all of His work through those surrendered hearts.

At Yahweh's Feasts, we are commanded to **NOT** appear before Yahweh empty handed, when we go up to Jerusalem for the Pilgrimage Feasts, therefore, let us come to Him filled with love for Him and what He loves, and with a totally surrendered heart, combined with a zealous willingness to serve Him and or be consumed for the sake of fulfilling Yahweh's purpose on Earth. By celebrating Yahweh's Feasts, as we are commanded to do, I believe that we are kindling a fire of the Spirit within each other, so that together, the manifestation of the face of Messiah may be seen upon us, the body of believers.

Next we see that the Levites are to be set apart and cleansed for Yahweh. *Verse 7 And thus shall you do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.*

The water of purifying ordinance is found in *Numbers 19:2*, where we are told that the spotless Red Heifer was to be sacrificed and then wholly burnt on the altar along with cedar wood, hyssop and scarlet. The cedar represents pride, the hyssop represents humility, and the scarlet represents the blood of our Messiah, or better yet, the Torah obedient life that He led, while He was here on earth with us, for Scripture makes it very clear, that the Life of all flesh **IS IN THE BLOOD**, *Vayiqra 17:11* and the Torah obedient life that He willingly and lovingly lead, **IS** what ultimately cleanses us.

Now we have to try and picture this. There were 8,580 Levites (*Numbers 4:36-43*) who were washed along with having their clothes washed and all their flesh shaved. Just imagine what a massive undertaking that must have been. Then we are told that all of the children of Yisrael were to put their hands upon the Levites, and, Aharon was to offer them before Yahweh, as an offering for the children of Yisrael, that they may execute their service unto Yahweh.

Then the Levites were to lay their hands upon the heads of the two bullocks, and then Aharon was to offer one of the bullocks for a Sin Offering and the other as a Burnt Offering. And the Levites were to be set before Aharon and his sons, and be offered as an offering unto Yahweh.

*Verse 14 Thus shall you separate the Levites from among the children of Yisrael: and the Levites shall be **Mine**.*

What is the purpose of all of this? Why were the Levites set apart for Yahweh? As you know or should know, the original plan of Yahweh, was that all of mankind would be set apart for Him, and that we would obey Him and live eternally in the garden under His protection. However, unfortunately for us, all of mankind, which was Adam and Chava at the time, sinned, and we were tossed out of the garden. Since then, Yahweh has done all that He possibly could have done, in order to have all people, return to Him, and therefore, He put His redemption onto salvation plan into action. After the flood Yahweh chose Yisrael as the nation that would become a kingdom of priests and a Holy nation that would minister His Ways to a world that was mired in darkness. In other words, all the people of Yisrael were supposed to be the ones that would bring Yahweh's Light, the Words of His Torah of Life, to a lost world. Unfortunately the plan to have Yisrael be Yahweh's kingdom of priests and a holy nation, that would in turn, bring His Light unto the nations of the world, also failed miserably at Mount Sinai, with the golden calf incident, and when Mosheh asked, at that time, who stood for the righteousness of Yahweh, only the people of the Tribe of **LEVI** stood up to defend the righteousness of Yahweh, therefore, Yahweh made the tribe of Levi, to be ministers unto Him, with the family of Aharon as the priesthood. The priesthood that was meant for all of the males of the people of Yisrael. In Yahweh's new plan, Aharon, his sons, and all the Levites, were to teach the people of Yisrael, through words and exemplary living, the Ways of Yahweh, and then, the people of Yisrael, who were supposed to obey the Words of Yahweh that the priests taught them, and thereby be Holy, as Yahweh is Holy, and become Yahweh's Pure Light unto all nations of the world, that are mired in darkness. And that is why we see that the Levites are being set apart for Yahweh, but Yahweh's original plan was to have **ALL OF US** be set apart unto Him; that is how much He loves us.

In *verses 14 – 17* we see the omniscience of Yahweh. *Verse 14 Thus shall you separate the Levites from among the children of Yisrael: and the Levites shall be **Mine**. 15 And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and you shall cleanse them, and **offer them** for an offering. 16 **For they are wholly given unto Me from among the children of Yisrael; instead of such as open every womb, the firstborn of all the children of Yisrael, have I taken them unto Me. 17 For all the firstborn of the children of Yisrael are Mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified THEM for Myself.***

We can see, through the text, that Yahweh knew that Yisrael would fail the test, and that He would have to appoint the Levites to minister unto Him, under the guidance of Aharon and His sons, the tribe of priests. You might ask, **WHY** then, did He give Yisrael, the opportunity of becoming a nation

of priests, **IF**, in His foreknowledge, He knew that they would fail? The answer is *quite simple*; **IF** Yahweh does not give the people of Yisrael the opportunity to try and do this, by their own strength, then the people of Yisrael, and anyone else for that matter, can come to Yahweh, at a later date and say, You never gave us the opportunity to show You, that we could obey **ALL** of your Ordinances, Your Commandments on our own, and therefore they could argue that they **WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO IT, IF ONLY they had been given the opportunity, BUT** because of the love that our heavenly Father has for us, He allowed us to give it a try, and when we failed, He was right there to help us pick up the pieces and start over, because of His great love, mercy and Grace.

The Levites were to begin their apprenticeship at the age of **twenty five** and then be able to begin full service at age **thirty** and serve Yahweh for **twenty years**. Then they would retire from the heavy labour work by the time they were **fifty**. This shows me the Grace and the Love of our heavenly Father, in that, two thirds or more of a man's life are his own. The first twenty five years of the Levite's life is a gift, a time that is his own, where he can learn the Ways of the Father and find out who he is in the scheme of things, and then, willingly surrender His life to serving Yahweh. The second twenty five years are His years of service, his commitment to Yahweh, where the Levite is to dedicate his life to serving Yahweh in whatever capacity that Yahweh has given him, to serve in. Then in the Levite's 50<sup>th</sup> year, which is the number of Jubilee, and the number 50 also represents the restoration of all things, the Levite is relieved from all the burdens of the daily routine of the temple, and all its services, but, he still participates in serving Yahweh. I believe that the third twenty five years of the Levites life, are a reward for a job well done, a gift from Elohim saying *well done good and faithful servant*. I believe that that **IS** a picture of eternity with our heavenly Father, a picture of the restoration of all things, if you will, where we will have the privilege of communing with our heavenly Father and Messiah, our groom, on a daily basis, as Adam did in the Garden, when Yahweh walked with him in the cool of the day. The ideal life of the Levite is, or should be, the picture of every believer's life; every believer's desire should be to serve our heavenly Father with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength, and we can only do that, when we willingly choose to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life, as Messiah did, and taught us to do. Amein

There is one Aleph Tav in this chapter.

*Verse 11 And Aaron shall offer the Levites before YHVH for an offering of **Aleph Tav** the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of YHVH.*

There are also another **twenty four** Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef and **fourteen** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number **twenty four** in Scripture represents the priesthood, for there are **twenty four courses of Priests**, and the number **fourteen**, represents salvation, for it was on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv that the Lamb of Yahweh was sacrificed. Therefore I believe that Yahweh is showing us the type of World that He has prepared for us, a place that we will last for eternity, and once we are resurrected into His everlasting kingdom we will all become priests after the order of Melchizedek forever. Amein

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