

Parashah 46 Tidbit
Ekev, עֵקֵב, On the Heel of
Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25
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Ekev, עֵקֵב, Is translated as: On the Heel of.

Today, I want to give you a small example of how difficult it can be, to translate the Word of Yahweh, and, that it is always better, to be able to read what Yahweh actually said, in the original language, where there is no corruption or slanting of the **TRUTH**, that we encounter in all the translations of the Words of the Torah into other languages.

*Wherefore it shall come to pass, **IF** you hearken to these judgments.*

The literal translation says: *And it shall be, because you hear Et אֵת judgments these,*

(וְהָיָה עֵקֵב תִּשְׁמְעוּן אֵת הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים הָאֵלֶּה) VeHayah Ekev TiShmeun Et HaMishpatiyim HaEleh, where the **word** VeHaya is from the **word** Hayah, הָיָה, which means, to be, exist, happen, become, was, existed, came into being, became, he remained, it came to pass, happened, it was done, brought about, he caused something to become, he made it happen, the **word** Ekev, means, to follow at the heel, to circumvent, overreach, he attacked at the heel, he supplanted, he superseded, it means, to hinder, prevent, it means, to raise to the third power, to cube, it means, heel, footprint, hinder part, footstep, trace, end, it means, steep, crooked, insidious, deceitful, covered with footprints, it means, buzzard, it means, consequence, reward, the **word** TiShmeun, is from the **word** Shema, שָׁמַע, which means, to hear, he heard, he heard with interest, he hearkened, he listened to, he fulfilled or confirmed one's advice, was understood, was obeyed, he made a proclamation, he summoned, hearing, report, it means hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey the words of the Torah that were spoken to Mosheh and to you, Yisrael, by Yahweh, at Mount Sinai, the **word** Et, as a preposition, means, with, to the side of, it is usually prefixed only to a noun, like, the man, Et HaIsh, אֵת הָאִישׁ, it also means a cutting instrument, and as a noun it is usually rendered as, ploughshare, and with different vowel points, we end up with the word At, אֵת, which is the personal pronoun, you, thou. The Aleph and Tav letters are also, the first and last letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, and as such, **they represent Messiah**, whom Scripture says, **IS** the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, and Scripture makes it abundantly clear that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and it is or should be, very obvious to anyone that reads the Torah, that the Words of the Torah, **ARE** made up of the letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, and therefore, that means that the whole Hebrew Alphabet, represents Messiah, who **IS** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life made flesh; the **word** HaMishpatiyim, is from the **word** Mishpat, מִשְׁפָּט, which means, judgement, seat of judgement, cause, case, suit, sentence, justice, right, ordinance, decision, due, privilege, judicial, legal, lawful, the

word HaEleh is from the **word** Eleh, אלה, which means, to worship as a deity, deify, he adored or worshipped, it means, to curse, **swear**, took an oath, obligation by an oath, it means to wail, lament, it means, terebinth, oak, a large strong tree, it means, bat, club, cudgel, it means, goddess, and it means, these)

Now lets see if we can decipher what Yahweh is actually commanding us to do in these verses, through Mosheh. Here, Mosheh prophesies, that **IF** the people of Yisrael, of whom, you and I are a part of, **IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to Shema His Judgments (*which represents the Words of His Torah of Life*), **IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to hear, listen to, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey, Yahweh's Mishpatiyim, His Judgements, His Cause, His Justice, His Ordinances, His Decisions, His Directives, then, that shows Him, that we actually love and worship Him, **AND, IF** we choose to **DO what is RIGHT, in His eyes, THEN** we will have the privilege of standing in His presence for eternity, and that will happen for all people who willingly choose to do what **IS LEGAL AND LAWFUL IN YAHWEH'S EYES.**

Mosheh is telling us, that when we willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **WE** are actually **SHOWING** our heavenly Father, that we love and worship Him. However, you can or should be able to see, that one of the definitions of the word Elah, is the word **CURSE**. That means, that **IF** anyone chooses **NOT** to believe, follow nor obey the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, as He has Commanded all of us to do, **THEN**, they will be **CURSED** and **NO cursed person** can enter into the kingdom of Elohim, which means, that unless they humble themselves before Yahweh and surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life, they **WILL** be lost for eternity.

And keep, and DO THEM, (the Words of My Torah of Life) so that Yahweh your Elohim SHALL KEEP UNTO YOU THE COVENANT

The literal translation says: *And keep and do, that will keep Yahweh Eloheika with you, Et, the Covenant*

וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֹתָם וְיָהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ לְךָ אֶת־הַבְּרִית (UShmartem VaAsiytem Otam VeShamar Yahweh Eloheyka Leka Et HaBriyt, where the **word**, UShmartem, is from the **word** Shamar, which means, to keep, heed, watch over, guard, to observe, to wait upon, attend to, preserve, protect, he celebrated, he took heed, he paid regard, he took care, was kept, was observed, the **word**, VaAsiytem, is from the **word** Asah, עשה, which means, to do, make, he did, made, he worked, he laboured, he acted, dealt, he produced, yielded, performed, accomplished, he brought about, caused, effected, he appointed, he acquired, gained, the **word**, Otam, is the personal pronoun, **you**, plural, it is from the **word** Atah, אתה, which is the personal pronoun, **you**, singular, with the suffix letter, Mem, which makes it plural, the **word** VeShamar is from the **word** Shamar, שמר, repeated, and as I said above, it means, to keep, heed, watch over, guard, to observe, to wait upon, attend to, preserve, protect, he celebrated, he took heed, he paid regard, he took care, was kept, was observed, the **word**, Yahweh is the Name, Yahweh, Yahuwah, or Yehovah, depending on your preference, the **word** Elohim, means, mighty ones, judges, powers, the **word**, Leka, is a personal pronoun which means, to you, to thee, the **word**,

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Here we have another **IF**, because in essence, this is telling us that **IF**, we keep, guard, and observe to **DO** the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, His Aleph Tav, אֵת, our Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, and **IF** we do it according to the Covenant that Yahweh made with **US**, and that our forefathers ratified, **AS IF** our lives depended upon it, **AND IF** we make the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, our personal everyday delight, **THEN** Yahweh Himself, promises **US**, that He will **Guard** and **Watch** over **US** and the Covenant that He made with us, **FOR ETERNITY**. Furthermore, He says that His Word will **NOT** only be our Bread of Life, **BUT**, it will **KEEP** our hearts and spirits **Purified**, as soap keeps are bodies purified, and that it will keep us alive for eternity.

And the mercy which He swore unto your fathers:

The literal translation says: *and Et the mercy which He swore to your fathers*

וְאֵת־הַחֶסֶד אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לְאֲבֹתֶיךָ, VeEt HaChesed Asher Nishba LaAvoteyka, where the **word** VeEt is from the word Et, and as a preposition, the word Et means, with, to the side of, it is usually prefixed only to a noun, like, the man, Et HaIsh, אֵת הָאִישׁ, it also means a cutting instrument, and is usually rendered as ploughshare, and with different vowel points, we end up with the word At, אַתְּ, which is the personal pronoun, you, thou. The Aleph and Tav letters are also, the first and last letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, and as such, **they represent Messiah**, whom Scripture says, **IS** the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, and Scripture makes it abundantly clear that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and it is very obvious that the Words of the Torah, are made up of the letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, therefore the whole Hebrew Alphabet, represents Messiah, who **IS** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life made flesh, the **word** HaChesed, is from the **word** Chesed, חֶסֶד, which means, to be kind, to be pious, kindness, goodness, mercy, affection, lovely appearance, it also means to be reproached, be ashamed, reviled, he insulted, the **word** Asher, means, to walk straight, to walk, he led, was led, it means to be happy, happiness, was easy, prospered,

called blessed, to strengthen, confirm, he authenticated, was corroborated, and as a pronoun it means who, **which**, that, that which, and as a conjunction, it means, in order that, the **word** Nishba, is from the **word** Shaba or Sheva, **שבע**, which means, to be sated, be satisfied, to be repleted, be full, to be surfeited, was satisfied, had in excess, plenty, full, abounding, abundance, it also means to swear an oath, to bind oneself by seven things, or by seven oaths, he swore, took an oath, he caused to take an oath, do something seven times, he multiplied by seven, it means seven and or seventh, the **word** LaAvoteyka, is from the **word** Av or Ab, **אב**, which means, father, forefather, patriarch, ancestor, progenitor, head of the family, leader, chief, Elohim, master, teacher, important, great, origin, source, and it also means young shoot, sprout, verdure, and in the form that it is used here it means, your fathers)

Here in this part of the *verse*, we are being told that through Yahweh, the Creator's kindness, His goodness, His mercy, and the affection that He shows us everyday, that what He, the Creator of the universe, **Swore** to give to our forefathers, will also be ours forever. There is a Caveat however, and that **IS**, we **MUST** continue to walk in obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life. Scripture makes it very clear that keeping the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, will cause us to walk on Yahweh's straight path of **Righteousness**, and that it will lead us into a life of **prosperity** and **happiness**, which means, that we will be **blessed exponentially**, and that, all these blessing will strengthen our resolve to be even more obedient the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life. And it has to be pointed out that Yahweh will only bring His blessings upon us, **IF** we choose to surrender our wills to His will in total loving obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life. And when we do that, the events that happen in our lives because of our obedience, will confirm to us, that we **ARE** on the Right Path, to everlasting Life, and that realization, will make us even more joyful.

I did the translation of every word in this verse, to show you, that the message that our heavenly Father is giving us through His Words, **ARE** much more profound than what you read in your English bibles, and therefore it is definitely worth the effort to try and learn the letters of the Hebrew alphabet and the Words that they form.

As we continue on in *verse 13* Mosheh makes it very clear, that **IF** we continue to believe, follow and obey the Words of Yahweh's Torah of life, that Yahweh will **Love us and Bless us**, furthermore, He says, that He will multiply us, He will also bless the fruit of our body, our children, the fruit of our ground, our crops, including our grain, our wine, our fresh oil, He will also bless our livestock, the young of our herds and flocks, as He swore He would do.

We also have to understand, that part of being joyful, **IS** being healthy, for without our health, there isn't much to look forward to, except days of pain and depression. **KNOWING** that, Yahweh has promised the people who choose to believe follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, from a loving surrendered contrite obedient heart, that He will take **ALL SICKNESS AWAY FROM US**, and that He would **NOT** put any of the evil diseases of Egypt (*and Egypt is a picture of the world system of the day*) and their lies, upon us.

Now please understand the enormous consequences of what this means, Yahweh is telling us that **IF** we willingly choose to **OBEY** the Words of His Torah of Life, **THEN, NOT only will** Yahweh take **ALL ILLNESS AWAY FROM US, BUT HE ALSO PROMISES THAT NONE**

of the diseases of the world, will affect us and our children, as long as we continue to walk in loving surrendered obedience to the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life. That affirmation is simply mind blogging, **BUT** nevertheless, it is **TRUE!**

Let's go on and look at what is hidden in other *verses* and see what we can learn from them. We are told that when Yisrael came into the land, that they encountered **seven Kings or Nations** that Yahweh says, He will cast out for them. Yahweh tells them that He will only cast these **seven kings out** of the land that He is giving them, **IF Yisrael IS** obedient to His Commandments. The number Seven in Scripture speaks of completeness and rest, it speaks of Elohim's plan of redemption onto salvation being completed, and here, Yahweh tells the people of Yisrael, and therefore, that means, that He is telling us also, that **IF** we choose to be obedient to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, that Yahweh's plan of redemption onto salvation will become a reality in our lives, the lives of the people of Yahweh's Yisrael; which means that we will indeed experience His promised **REST in Him, for eternity.**

The Nations mentioned are:

Hittites: Terror

Girgashites: Stranger, prideful

Amorites: From Amar, to speak out, to boast

Canaanites: Peddlers, merchants, traffickers

Perizzites: Of the open country

Hivites: From the word *chai* (life), a life giving place, villager

Jebusite: Trodden, threshing place

There are many scenarios that I can paint with these words and none of them are good, they all speak of walking a different Path than Yahweh established Path of Righteousness, that Yahweh Himself, has set for His people Yisrael. Any other path, other than the Torah of our heavenly Father, that the people of the world are walking on, are paths that are contrary to **ALL of His Ways, ALL His Righteousness**, for Scripture tells us, that obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **IS our Righteousness** (*Deuteronomy 6:25*).

Throughout all of Scripture, Yahweh admonishes **ALL** people to be obedient to the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, and, as we journey through life, and choose to walk in obedience to the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, we learn that the dark areas of our lives will begin to slowly, but systematically, disappear, because they will all be brought into the Light of Elohim's Truth, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Once those sinful lustful evil ways, that are expressed here, *Deuteronomy 7*, as Kings of different nations, once they are out of our lives, then Yahweh admonishes us **NOT TO GO BACK NOR RETURN** to our old ways. He tells us that, by saying:

You SHALL NOT make marriages with them, (you shall NOT become one with them), Your daughters SHALL NOT marry their sons, NOR your sons their daughters. (NEITHER shall your sons and daughters shall become one with them)

Yahweh is telling us, that we are **NOT** to **RE-COUPLE** ourselves with our old ways, **BUT THAT INSTEAD, WE ARE** to stay in the **Light of Yahweh's presence**, which dispels **ALL** darkness. However, **IF** we allow ourselves to go back and walk in the footsteps of **our old man, IT WILL** turn us away from the Ways of Yahweh, and Yahweh says, that His anger **WILL come against us and destroy us**.

Yahweh is so wonderfully awesome and loving, and therefore He willingly shows us His compassionate heart by saying, **because you obey My Commandments, you ARE a holy people unto Me; Yahweh your Elohim has chosen YOU Yisrael, to be a special people unto Himself**. As you can see, Yahweh has made it very clear that He has **NOT** chosen, any of the man made religions of the world, He has **NOT** chosen the people that profess to follow and obey the edicts of Christianity, Catholicism, Judaism, Buddhism, Muslims, or any other man made religious or secular edicts or doctrines. Yahweh **ONLY CHOSE, the people of His YISRAEL**, to be a holy people, a kingdom of priests and a Holy Nation.

Now, I want you to understand the full implications of Yahweh's statement here in *Deuteronomy*, so let's go over it again, Yahweh is saying, because we, meaning anyone, who **willingly chooses** to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Words of His Torah of Life, those who have chosen to follow and obey His Directives for everlasting Life, whether he or she is born as an Yisraelite or **NOT, automatically become part of His family, Yisrael**, which means, that **IT IS** Yahweh Himself that has chosen **US**, to be part of His family. **AND** what is so exciting for me, **IS** that I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that Yahweh, **WILL DO THAT** for absolutely everyone who willingly chooses to make the lifelong commitment, to believe, follow, obey and **DO ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life.

I want to caution you however, **NOT** to get overly excited about the fact that **you ARE part of the chosen ones, BECAUSE, WE have NOT been chosen for PRIVILEGE, WE** have been chosen for **SERVICE**; **WE** have been chosen to be **SERVANTS** of, and to, the most High Elohim, which means, we are to walk exactly as Messiah walked and taught us to walk; we are to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as Messiah did, and taught us to do.

That therefore means, that we are to live our life in **servitude** to Yahweh, in servitude to His Will and **NOT** our own will, even onto death. And like Messiah, we too, **ARE** to do it, for the good of Yahweh's created beings, the people of the world. We absolutely **MUST understand**, that Yahweh did **NOT choose us because** we were anything special, He chose us because He loves us, and because He is an Elohim that keeps the oaths that He made with our forefathers, to Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov.

Now Mosheh gives us a simple and yet very profound statement in *verse 9 Know therefore that Yahweh your Elohim IS Elohim, the faithful Elohim, who KEEPS, (shamar, which means, that He not only guards and watches over His Word, and those who willingly believe and follow them, but He **SPEAKS and ACTS** on behalf of the Covenant that He made with our forefathers, and He **GUARDS** those Covenants with His life), **WHO KEEPS COVENANT and MERCY with them that Love Him AND KEEP His Commandments to a thousand generations**.*

If we calculate each generation as a span of 20 years per generation, that means that there are 5 generations in every 100 years, 50 generations every 1,000 years and since the world is approximately 6000 years old, that means that we have had 300 generations to date. This is just another way of Yahweh expressing to us that He **KEEPS** His **WORD FOR ETERNITY**.

There are only **two** categories of people mentioned by Yahweh here in *Deuteronomy*; you are either in the category of those that have chosen to *Love Him and KEEP His Commandments*, **OR** you are in the category that *Hate Yahweh and do NOT KEEP His Commandments*, for **THERE ARE NO OTHER CATEGORIES**. Messiah said, **if you're NOT with Me, THEN you are against Me**.

Yahweh **KEEPS** Covenant and Mercy **with His people**, **HOWEVER**, Scripture makes it very clear, that Yahweh repays those that have rejected His Covenant, with everlasting Damnation. Knowing that, then the question that we all have to ask ourselves, **IS, WHICH SIDE** of Him do **ANY of us** want to experience?

Although I went through the definition of the word Ekev, עֶקֶב, above, I want to show you something else about this word and how it is used in Scripture, this word Ekev means: *because, end, for, reward and or reward of*; the Word Akev, עֶקֶב: means *heel*; the word Akav, עָקַב: means *seized the heel*; and the word Akov, עָקַב: means *deceitful*.

If you add the letter *Yod* to the front of the word Akev, you end up with the word Ya'akov or Jacob, which means, *hand on the heel* and it also means, *because My hand* (represented by the Yod) **IS UPON YOU, YOU WILL BECOME YISRAEL**.

We have to understand that there are many people that **BELIEVE IN** the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, **BUT there are precious FEW, that actually BELIEVE Elohim and ALL the Words of His Torah of Life**. For there are countless cases, where people, who **PROFESS** to believe in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, that have taken the Words of His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His unchanging Word, and chosen, **to cast part, or ALL of it aside, in favour of a man made oral torah, or in favour of some man made doctrines and theologies, that the Catholic and or Christian church fathers teach**.

Let me illustrate what I mean. To do so, I will ask you a series of questions, and I would like you to answer them in your heart, or out loud, whichever you prefer:

Do you believe, that Yahweh will keep His Covenant with you?

Do you believe, that **ALL** the Words that Elohim has spoken are **True**?

Do you believe, that He will extend mercy, love, and His blessings to you?

Do you believe, that He will bless your children, your land, your crops, your flocks, your job and all that you put your hands to, when you obey Him?

Do you believe, that as part of Yisrael, you **ARE** blessed above all other people, and, can you says that you have and continue to experience that blessing in your life?

Do you believe, that Yahweh will indeed take **ALL** sickness away from you, when you obey His Word, and has that been your experience, and are you continuing to experience that in your daily life today?

Do you believe, that He will defeat all your enemies, **IF** you turn your heart, mind, soul and strength over to Him?

Do you believe, that He is omnipotent and that He can do **ALL** things, and are you experiencing that in your life?

Do you believe Him, when He says, do not be **AFRAID**, I am with you, and, do you experience His presence, His peace in your life?

Do you believe Him, when He says, He will destroy **ALL** your enemies and whatever comes against you, little by little, until they are all gone, and is that what you are experiencing?

Can you honestly say that you have no other (imaginary) gods in your life?

One final question that has to be answered, so that **YOU** can get a better picture of who you are in Yahweh/Messiah.

Have you ever **coveted** gold, silver or wealth, and are you still coveting these material things?

These are important questions, that we must pose ourselves, on a regular basis. These questions are not meant to condemn anyone, they are meant to convict people, convict them into doing a lot of soul searching, as to where they are in their lives, and, hopefully, spur a person, that has maybe strayed a little bit, onto returning to Elohim's Holy Ways, to return to and obey the Words His Torah of Life, **IF** they have deviated from it, in any of these categories.

Now I would like us to read *verses 12 to 15* again, to reaffirm what Yahweh has promised all people who willingly choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Wherefore **it shall** come to pass, **IF** you hearken, **IF** you shemah, **IF** you hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO** Yahweh's Torah, **IF** you hearken to these judgments, and **KEEP**, and **DO** them,*

- *That **YHVH** your Elohim shall keep unto you **the Covenant & the mercy** which He **SWORE** unto your fathers.*
- ***He will** love you, and bless you, and multiply you*
- ***He will** also bless the fruit of your womb*
- ***He will** bless the fruit of your land*
- ***He will** bless your corn*
- ***He will** bless your wine*
- ***He will** bless your oil*
- ***He will** bless the increase of your kine*
- ***He will** bless the flocks of your sheep, in the land which He swore unto your fathers to give you.*
- ***You will** be blessed above all people*

- ***There shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle***
- ***Yahweh will take away from you ALL sickness***
- ***Yahweh will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you know, upon you***
- ***But Yahweh will lay them upon all them that hate you.***

I did **NOT** list all of Elohim's promises here, because it would take too long to read them all, **BUT** I want you to think about, and ponder your answers to the questions that I just asked you above. **IF** you are willing, I would like you to make a **pledge** to Him in your heart, **a pledge that says:** I want what you Yahweh have to offer, and I will do whatever it takes, and whatever you Yahweh ask of me, to partake in what you have so graciously offered to **ALL** of your people, including me.

Therefore we are told in *verse 12* that, *it shall come to pass IF you hearken or shemah diligently unto My judgements, and KEEP and DO them, that I Yahweh will KEEP onto you, the Covenant and the mercy which I swore unto your fathers.*

Please understand that this **IS A PROMISE FROM OUR OMNIPOTENT, UNCHANGING AND ETERNAL ELOHIM** that He is giving directly to **YOU**.

What Yahweh **IS** asking **US, YOU AND I, IS, ARE YOU prepared to KEEP and DO ALL My Commandments**, to obey **ALL** the Words of My inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, obey **ALL** My directions for a long and prosperous life, exactly as I have given them to you, through Mosheh, **so that you may live the life that I have promised you?**

IF you answered **YES, then**, remember, Zakar, speak and act on behalf of how, I, Yahweh, lead you out of Egypt, (I am sure we all have our own Egypt that we came out of), and *how I brought you to the wilderness, to humble you, to prove to you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would Keep My Commandments or NOT.*

Yahweh, in His infinite mercy has placed before us, **LIFE and BLESSINGS, DEATH and CURSES**, and Yahweh says from His heart, **choose this day, WHAT and WHO you will follow and serve**, therefore, it is up to **US** to choose, which way to go. Amen.

Let us take an extra moment of silence as we contemplate what Elohim said directly to Mosheh and thereby directly to us. Amen

There are 2 stand-alone Aleph Tav's in this chapter.

Verse 12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, if you hearken (shemah) Aleph Tav to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that YHVH your Elohim SHALL KEEP unto you the Covenant and the mercy which he swore unto your fathers:

Verse 18 You shall not be afraid of them: but you shall well remember (zachar) Aleph Tav what YHVH your Elohim did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

There are also **twelve** Aleph Tav's that are attached to words with a Maqef, and there are **twenty** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number **twelve** in Scripture, represents Yahweh's way of governing His Kingdom, by His perfect governance, and the

number *twenty* speaks of redemption, for the sons of Yisrael are redeemed on their twentieth year, with half a shekel. I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tav's that **IF** we will surrender our wills to His Will, and willingly come under His governing Power, it will be the beginning of our journey that **WILL** lead us into His everlasting Kingdom, where we will eventually become the Bride of Messiah, to rule and reign with Him forever. Amen

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. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem!*