

Parashah 47 Tidbit

Re'eh: רָאָה; See

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Verse 26 See, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

וּקְלָלָהּ	בְּרָכָהּ	הַיּוֹם	לְפָנֶיכֶם	נָתַן	אֲנִי	רָאָה
and curse	blessing	today	in your presence	I give	to you	see

This verse opens up with the word Re'eh, רָאָה, which means *to see, he saw, perceived, looked, pay attention, behold, approved, and revealing the power of the beginning.*

Yahweh has set a challenge before the people of Yisrael, and since we, through our surrendered obedience to the Words of the Torah that Yahweh Himself, gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, for all of Yisrael, are part of Yisrael, then, it means that **WE**, you and I, have been grafted into the people of Yahweh's one and only family, Yisrael, and, that therefore means, that Yahweh has set the very same challenge before us also. Yahweh says, I have set before you today, a **BLESSING AND A CURSE**, therefore choose very carefully which way you will go, **for your eternal resting place DEPENDS on it.**

The word blessing is translated from the Hebrew word Braka, בְּרָכָה; the word Berak, בֵּרַךְ means, to bless, and Berek בִּרְךָ means, knee or to kneel.

As I mentioned above, the word for blessing in Hebrew, is pronounced Brakah or Berakah בְּרָכָה. The root word, is Berek, which means *knee* as well as *blessing*. You might ask, how is the word Brakah associated with the word knee? That is because, when a father bestows a blessing upon his children, the father is usually kneeling in front of the child or children, and therefore that means that bends down on one knee, to be at the same level that they are, and then, he blesses them. It is also associated with the blessing of the firstborn son. The Hebrew name for the first born son is Bekor, בְּכוֹר, which contains the exact same letters as the word Barak except that the letter Kaf, כ, and the letter Resh, ר, have changed places. The sages tell us that the letter Kaf, כ, is a picture of an open hand, and, in the Hebrew Aleph Bet, there are two letters that represent, the hand. The letter Yod, י, represents the hand in action, the working hand, and is often portrayed, as a closed fist, a closed hand, a hand grasping something to work with, a hand at work, and the letter Kaf, כ, is portrayed as, an open palm, which is how one blesses someone, by placing their open hand upon their head.

The word curse in Hebrew is: Qelalah; קָלָלָהּ, and it is from the root word is Qalel; קָלַל, which means, to be light, be slight, to be lightly esteemed, be despised, of little account, he

cursed, was cursed, treated with contempt.

Now, that you are aware of what these words mean, it is not difficult to deduce, that Yahweh is actually warning us, and all people for that matter, that, **IF** anyone willingly chooses **NOT** to **OBEY** the Commandments of Elohim, that are contained in the Words of His Torah of Life, the very same Torah that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, then, the Scriptures make it absolutely clear, that the person who chooses that life Path, will be indeed be **CURSED**.

In Hebrew, the word *Qalel* means *to diminish, to take away from something, to make light of, to make lighter, to curse or despise in the sense of making light of*. It is the opposite of the word *Kevod*, כְּבוֹד which means, glory, and it also means, something heavy or weighty, כֶּבֶד keved. I am sure that you have heard the English phrase that describes the importance of a situation, by using words such as, *the gravity of the situation*. Messiah used it when He spoke to the Pharisees about the **weightier** matters of the Torah (Law), *Matthew 23:23 Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the WEIGHTIER (Kevod) matters of the TORAH (Law), judgment, mercy, and belief (faith): these ought you to have done, and NOT to leave the other undone.*

In verse 28 it says, *And a curse, IF you will NOT obey the Commandments of Yahweh your Elohim, BUT choose instead, to turn aside OUT OF THE WAY which I Yahweh, Command you this day, to go after the elohim of others, elohim achrim, which you have not known.*

In the Hebrew understanding, that means to turn aside from **ANY** or **ALL** of the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, that He Himself gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, (the Laws of Elohim), the Commandments of our heavenly Father, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, and **REFUSE TO DO** what He Commands us to do from the beginning of time. It did **NOT** work out so good for Adam, when he chose **NOT** to obey Yahweh, and since Yahweh is the same today, tomorrow and forever, then, that means, that it will **NOT** work out very good for anyone else that rejects any or all of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life

Therefore this word *Qalel*, tells us, that **IF** we refuse to **KEEP** any or all of Yahweh's Commandments, we actually **DIMINISH MESSIAH AND HIS ROLE IN OUR OWN LIVES, BECAUSE, MESSIAH IS the Words of Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh.**

In verse 29 we have the names of the mountains: **Gerizim**, גְּרִזִים, and this name is taken from the word Geriz or Gerez, which means, **to be cut off, he divided, he circumcised**, it is related to the word, Garzen, which means, axe, hatchet.

This therefore shows us that **BY KEEPING AND PERFORMING** the Commandments of Elohim, and willingly and lovingly choosing to **NOT turn away from His Word, to the right hand or to the left, we will be CUT OFF from the leaven or corruption of the world, and we will be blessed, by Yahweh's own hand.**

Next we have Mount **Ebal**, עֵיבָל, pronounced Eyval, which is very close to our english word

EVIL, and it means *bald, bare*. This therefore shows us that when people willingly choose **TO REJECT any or all the Commandments of Yahweh**, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, then they **WILL NOT have the covering of Yahweh, which means, they will be on their own, without any protective covering from the Creator of the universe, and exposed to all the evil of the peoples of the world, and furthermore, they will be cursed on top of it.**

In *verse 30*, we are told that mounts Gerizim and Ebal, are beside the plains of *Moreh*. The word *Moreh* in Hebrew מוֹרֶה means, *teaches, teacher, early rain, teaching, one who teaches, will shoot*. What we learn from the definition of this Hebrew word, *Moreh*, מוֹרֶה, is that, these two mountains, **stand as WITNESSES, TO TEACH** the people of Yisrael, of whom you and I, are a part of, and **ALL** future generations, that will follow in the footsteps of Yisrael, which as I said, includes us, who are here today, that **IF** and **WHEN** we willingly choose to obey the Commandments of Yahweh, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting Teaching and Instructions, the Words of His Life giving Torah made flesh, which our heavenly Father sent to earth, in the form of a man, named Yeshua, **THEN, WE TOO WILL BE BLESSED**. However, there is a Caveat, and that is, that **IF** we choose to walk on our own self designed life path, rather than, choosing to follow our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, **THEN, REST ASSURED, WE TOO WILL BE CURSED**.

The message is so, so very simple my friends, obey your Creator, who **IS**, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and He will bless you beyond your wildest dreams, in this world and in the world to come. However, **IF** anyone chooses to reject, disobey and or discard any or all of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, as many have done, and are still doing, **THEN**, the person or persons that do that, **ARE** on their own, **AND**, they **WILL** be without Yahweh's protective covering, which means, they will be unprotected against any and **ALL** the attacks of the enemy, the devil, satan, and all his deceitful destructive ways.

Now, based on all the evidence that is presented to us in Scripture, there seems to be only **ONE** logical choice that anyone **CAN** and **SHOULD MAKE, HOWEVER**, there are many people throughout the ages, that have **NOT** been very logical in their Life Choices, and I am sad to say, that unfortunately, the self imposed ignorance of most of the people of the world, seems to lead them to almost always, make the wrong Life Choice, and that type of self imposed ignorance, **IS** still very prevalent in our Sodom and Gomorrah societies of today. Amen

There are five stand-alone Aleph Tav in *Deuteronomy 11*, however there is but one in this section that I am teaching on here today, and it is found in *verse 32* **And you shall observe to do ALL Aleph Tav the Statutes and Judgments which I set before you this day.**

I believe that the placement of this Aleph Tav, is a warning for the people of Yisrael, and for the people of the world, who are, or want to become, part of Yahweh's family, Yisrael, that **IF** they choose to reject the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, and instead, worship the gods and doctrines of others (*the doctrines of elohim achrim*), they will end up **SERVING** these elohim achrim, these man made imaginary fabricated gods, and whether they believe it or not, they will be **enslaved** by them.

This implies, that if anyone willingly chooses to reject any or all of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and that includes the people of Yisrael, of whom, you and I are a part of, choose this path in life, they will find themselves *in bondage again and again*, to a man made pagan culture, **BECAUSE they** chose to discard or do away with the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions. Scripture makes it very clear that Yisrael, **IS** the **ONE** people that Yahweh chose, to bring His Light, the Words of His Torah, onto a world that is mired in **DARKNESS, AND**, we, who profess to be Yahweh's Yisrael, **MUST NOT** forget, that our forefathers, willingly agreed to be the *manifest presence, or the image of Yahweh here on earth, by making the commitment that they and all their descendants would keep and do ALL that Yahweh has commanded them, in the Words of His Torah of Life.*

Now, it is of paramount importance that we all understand this very basic tenet, and that is, that IF we, as Yahweh's Yisrael, fail in this calling, THEN we shall indeed live in a world without the presence of Yahweh. We have to understand and get it through our thick skulls that NO OTHER NATION has been chosen to be the bearer of the IMAGE of Yahweh. Yisrael ALONE, has been afforded THIS GREAT HONOUR AND RESPONSIBILITY. The Torah was given to the people of Yisrael and to NO other nation, therefore, Yisrael ALONE, IS TO BE THE BEARER of the message of Elohim to the whole world. Psalm 147:19 He shows His Word unto Ya'aqov, His Statutes and His Judgments unto Yisrael. ²⁰ HE HAS NOT DEALT SO WITH ANY NATION: and as for His Judgments, they have NOT known them. Praise you Yahweh.

IF we, as part of Yisrael, **FALTER OR FAIL IN THIS CALLING, THEN THE PURE IMAGE OF YAHWEH/MESSIAH, THE WORDS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S TORAH OF LIFE, THAT WERE MADE FLESH, WILL BE DESECRATED** in the eyes of the people of the world. Furthermore, **IF WE, Yisrael, ADD TO OR DIMINISH ANYTHING FROM THE REVELATION GIVEN TO MOSHEH AND TO US, AT MOUNT SINAI, THE WORDS OF THE TORAH, THEN WE PUT FORTH A FALSE IMAGE OF YAHWEH.**

Deuteronomy 4:2 You **SHALL NOT ADD** unto the Word which I command you, **NEITHER SHALL YOU DIMINISH OUGHT FROM THE WORD**, that you may **KEEP** the Commandments of YHWH your Elohim which I Command you.

Deuteronomy 12:32 Whatsoever thing I Command you, **OBSERVE TO DO IT:** you shall **NOT add thereto, NOR diminish anything from it.**

To add to the Word of Yahweh, or to diminish anything from the Word of Yahweh Elohim, actually *creates a false image*. And, this false image, whether you believe it or **NOT, CAN and often DOES become an idol** in some person's life. Just look at what Christianity has done with the one they call Jesus! For according to many Christians, this Jesus has made his own commandments, and according to their own description of him, he does not follow the dietary laws, nor does he keep the seventh Day Shabat Holy. **THAT** my friends **IS A FALSE IMAGE.**

Therefore, it is so very important that we understand, that **ANY ONE** who willingly chooses to follow the *additions and or subtractions of the rabbis, or the additions and or subtractions of*

the Christian Church fathers, or the leaders of the Catholic church or any man made denominational doctrines, ARE ACTUALLY SERVING AN IDOL.

We **SHOULD** also remember here, the words of the Psalmist, who warned us against the **impotency of any and all man made idols and those who serve them.** *Psalm 115:4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, **BUT they do NOT speak:** they have Eyes, **BUT they do NOT see:** They have ears, **BUT they do NOT hear:** they have noses, **BUT they do NOT smell:**⁷ They have hands, **BUT they do NOT handle:** they have feet, **BUT they CANNOT walk: NEITHER** do they speak through their throat.⁸ **THEY THAT MAKE THEM, ARE LIKE UNTO THEM; SO IS EVERY ONE THAT TRUSTS IN THEM.***

I cannot overemphasize the importance of learning, understanding, and especially **LIVING** a Torah obedient Life in our world today. Furthermore, I believe that I cannot overemphasize the need to make an actual distinction between the **traditions of the elders** and the actual teaching and instructions of the Torah of our heavenly Father, that He Himself gave to Mosheh and to all of Yisrael at Mount Sinai, for **THEY ARE indeed, very different.** This same message, **IS** clearly, at the very heart of the teaching of Messiah Yeshua, as is evidenced by His many conflicts with the Pharisees.

Yeshua has made it very clear throughout the Apostolic Scriptures and especially by His Words in *Matthew 5* that He has **NOT** come to destroy the Torah, **BUT** He has come **to fulfill it, pleroo, confirm it;** and the Greek word that is translated as the word **fulfill**, is the word **pleroo**, which means, **to consecrate, ordain, confirm, substantiate, affirm, support** the Father's Torah of Life, and the words of the prophets, who only spoke what the Father instructed them to speak, and the words that our heavenly Father instructed His prophets to speak, are of course, the Words of His Torah of Life.

We have to understand that the teachings of the man made religion of Christianity, or what they call the teaching of the church fathers, and the teaching of the Rabbis' oral torah, for the past two and a half millennia and beyond, **IS** riddled with **LIES** and **HALF TRUTHS**, and according to Messiah, we are **NOT** to listen to them. Paul himself told us what he thought of the teachings of the Rabbis in:

*Philippians 3:3-11 For we are the circumcision, which worship Elohim in the spirit, and rejoice in Messiah Yeshua, and have **NO** confidence in the flesh. 4 Though I, Paul, **might also have confidence in the flesh. IF** any other man thinks that he has whereof, that he might trust in the flesh, **I have even more:** 5*

For I was circumcised on the eighth day,

I am of the stock of Yisrael, of the tribe of Benjamin,

A Hebrew of the Hebrews;

As touching the Rabbinical Law, a Pharisee

*Concerning **ZEAL**, persecuting the people of the Way, the Qahal, the Ekklisia, the Church;*

*Touching the **righteousness** which is in the Rabbinical Law, **blameless.***

*7 **But** what things that **I ONCE BELIEVED** were gain to me, **THOSE I counted loss for Messiah.** 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things (that I have learned from my rabbinical teachers) **BUT LOSS** for the **excellency of the knowledge of Messiah Yeshua, my Master, who***

IS the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh: for whom I Paul, have suffered the loss of all things, AND DO COUNT THEM BUT DUNG, that I may WIN Messiah, that I may WIN the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, 9 And be found in Him, NOT having my own righteousness, which IS of the Torah, BUT that which is through the belief of Messiah, the righteousness which is of Elohim by BELIEF: 10 That I may know, (Yada, have an intimate relationship with) Him (Messiah, the words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh), and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made CONFORMABLE (Strong's number G4833 συμμορφῶω, symmorphōō, pronounced, soom-mor-fo'-o, from G4832; to render like, to assimilate, make conformable unto, to morph) unto His Death; 11 If by any means, I MIGHT ATTAIN unto the resurrection of the dead.

Yeshua, who ***IS*** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, lived a Torah obedient life while He was here on earth with us, and He taught us to do the same. Messiah, the Words of the Torah made flesh, was sent to us by our heavenly Father, to give meaning and substance to the Words of the written Torah, and He, Messiah, the Word made flesh, willingly obeyed all that the Father commanded Him, by first, willingly choosing to Live in total loving surrendered obedience to ***ALL*** the Words of Torah of our heavenly Father, the very same Torah, that was given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, without adding nor taking anything away from it, not even one Jot or Tittle from the Torah, and, furthermore, He taught us to do the same.

Messiah Yeshua has come to ***embody the Torah***, and that is why, He is known as ***THE WORD, THE TORAH OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, MADE FLESH***. Throughout His ministry, Messiah warned us against the Pharisees' additions and reforms to the written Torah. The Pharisees were constantly challenging Yeshua's authority, because Messiah was teaching the people to walk in total compliance with ***ALL*** the Words of the ***Written Torah***, that was given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, which ***IS contrary*** to the Pharisees self appointed authority and their false translation of the Words of the Torah that Yahweh Himself gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, and these ***additions*** and or ***subtractions*** are called ***the traditions of the elders***, in the Apostolic Scriptures.

Repeatedly, Yeshua warned the people of Yisrael and the world, against corrupting the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, with and by, their man made traditions and or interpretations, their additions and subtractions from the pure Words of the Written Torah, that Yahweh Himself gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, and replacing it with their own man made doctrines and theologies. We have to understand, that when anyone including the Rabbis choose to change any part of the Torah, they are actually ***CHANGING the Revelation of Yahweh***, and distorting Messiah's message. Messiah Yeshua taught the pure Torah, ***PURGED OF ALL THE PHARISAIC OR MAN MADE ENACTMENTS, RULINGS, TRADITIONS, and man made PRECEDENTS***, that they told their followers, were changes sanctioned by Elohim, ***WHICH OF COURSE IS A LIE***.

Yeshua invites ***ALL*** who desire to serve our heavenly Father, ***TO LEARN THE WORDS OF THE WRITTEN TORAH*** as it was first given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, without adding anything to it, nor taking anything away from it. He wants us to ***LEARN*** from Him, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, what our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions ***ARE*** all about, and He wants us to ***ALLOW*** His Words, that He taught His

Disciples, to teach us the Torah, exactly as it was given to Mosheh by Yahweh, free of man's inventions, additions and or subtractions.

Messiah wants us to become like Paul, after His road to Damascus experience; *Acts 24:14 But this I Paul CONFESS unto you, that after the way which they (the leaders of the man made religion of Judaism, the Judaizers) call heresy, so, I Paul, worship the Elohim of my fathers, BELIEVING ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE TORAH AND IN THE PROPHETS:*

I feel that it is necessary to add this comment, to emphasize the seriousness of the **LIES** that the Christian Church, teaches about Messiah, and the damage that it has caused throughout the ages. It is quite easy to understand why Judah of Post Christianity, **IS NOT** interested in hearing about the Christian Jesus, and His life as portrayed to them, in and by the man made doctrines of Christianity. Because, for two millennia now, Christianity has portrayed **their Jesus**, as a person that **breaks** the Torah, a person who does **NOT** keep Shabat, a person that has replaced the Feasts of the Father with pagan feasts, such as Christmas and Easter, a person who does **NOT** follow the dietary laws laid down as everlasting Commandments by our heavenly Father, in the Torah in *Vayiqra 11*. In other words, according to the teaching of the Christian Church fathers, **ALL** that the written Torah, the very same Torah that was given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, by our heavenly Father, tells us **TO DO, THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TEACHES, THAT THEIR JESUS, HAS, OF HIS OWN ACCORD, DONE AWAY WITH THOSE INSTRUCTIONS.**

Therefore, their Jesus, as they themselves, the church fathers of Christianity and Catholicism, have portrayed him, is seen by our Jewish brothers, as a **FALSE PROPHET** and **IF** you read *Deuteronomy 13* and believe what it says, as **THE TRUTH, THEN** indeed the Christian Jesus as portrayed by the Christians themselves, **IS a false prophet, AND**, according to *Deuteronomy 13*, a false prophet must be put to death.

Our Jewish brethren are no better, for they have added so much onto the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, through their man made traditions, their oral torah, that it has become an incredible burden for those who choose to follow the edicts of the man made religion of Judaism.

Let us **NOT** however, point the finger at anyone, because there are errors on every side, let us instead, choose to live **BY** the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, as Mosheh received them from the Father and gave it to us. Then, we **WILL BE** what the Father has created us **TO BE**, and that **IS**, the **MANIFEST IMAGE OF MESSIAH/YHVH HERE ON EARTH**, and we will draw many people to the Father, draw them to do the desires of our heavenly Father's Heart, which is, having His people obey all the Words of His Torah of Life. Our relationship with our heavenly Father, **must** begin with Love for Him, His Word and for His creation; **THEN** and only **THEN** can we embody what He represents. He created us **IN LOVE**, therefore, let us return to Him what is rightfully His, let us **LOVE Him** and all of His creation, by willingly choosing to keep, follow, and obey, **ALL** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting Teachings and Instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, exactly as they were given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai. Amen

There is one stand alone Aleph Tav in this section of *Deuteronomy 11*.

*Verse 32 And you shall observe to do **Aleph Tav** all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.*

There are **six** Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef and **five** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number **six** in Scripture represents man or mankind, and the number **five** represents Yahweh's Grace and His Torah, for there are **five** books in the Torah of Mosheh and they are all based on Yahweh's Grace and Mercy. I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tavs, that **IF** mankind will learn to truly surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Yahweh, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, **THEN** His Grace, will indeed take us **ALL** the way into His eternal kingdom, where we will rule and reign with Messiah, as His Bride, for eternity. Amein!

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Shalom Alechem. Amein*