

# The Light of Torah Messianic Congregation

Parasha B'Shalach

Sh'mot (Exodus) 13:17 – 17:16

Haftarah: Shof'tim (Judges) 5:1 – 31

Brit Chadasha: Lk. 2:22 – 24; Jn. 6:25 – 35, 19:31:37

1 Corin. 10:1 – 13; 2 Corin. 8:1 – 5 and Rev. 15:1 - 4

# The Alef Tav

- In the Revelation of Yeshua HaMashiach to John we find 4 references to the Alef Tav, the first and last letters of the Hebrew Alef Bet; Rev. 1:8, 1:11, 21:6 and 22:13.
- The translation reads “I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending.”
- Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet.

- Messiah Yeshua is a Hebrew man and not a Greek man therefore He would have said “I am the Alef and the Tav, the beginning and the ending.
- He is the entire Hebrew Alef Bet from A to Z so to speak therefore He is ALL the Hebrew letters, ALL the Hebrew words. Jn. 1:1 confirms this understanding. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. He was in the beginning with Elohim.”
- In its ancient form the Alef Tav would read “*strength of the covenant.*”

- Rev. 4:8 – 11 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:
- “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” Whenever the living creatures give *glory* and *honor* and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: You are worthy, O Lord, To receive *glory* and *honor* and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”



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בְּשַׁלַּח meaning to send off or away or out or forth, dismiss,  
give over or cast out

- Parasha Highlights:
- The Exodus begins
- The first song of Moshe
- Manna, the bread from heaven
- Amalek

- Ex. 16:17 - Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people ( אֶת־הָעָם ) go, that Elohim did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for Elohim said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see *war*, and return to Egypt.” So Elohim led the people ( אֶת־הָעָם ) around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt. And Moshe took the bones ( אֶת־עַצְמוֹת ) of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, “Elohim will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones ( אֶת־עַצְמוֹתַי ) from here with you.”

- Ex. 4:22 tells us the Alef Tav people, Israel, are His firstborn Son. (“Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says Yehovah: “Israel is My son, My firstborn”).
- Who, then, are the Alef Tav bones?
- The Alef Tav bones represent the first and second redemptions. The Alef Tav bones of Joseph are also a picture of the “dry” bones coming together as recorded in Ez. 37:1.

# Valley of dry bones

- Ez. 37:1 – 6 The hand of Yehovah came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of Yehovah, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones (*תְּהוֹמֹת* = *a feminine noun* ). Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” So I answered, “Adonai Elohay, You know.” Again He said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of Yehovah! ‘Thus says Yehovah Elohay to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.

- “I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am Yehovah.” ’ ’ ’
- V 10 – 12 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an ***exceedingly great army***. Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the ***whole house of Israel***. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’  
“Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says Yehovah Elohay: “Behold, O My people, ***I will open your graves*** (***אֶת-קִבְרוֹתֵיכֶם***) ***and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.***’
- ***The Alef Tav bones speak to resurrection!***

- The Hebrew word for bones is **עצמות** from the root **עצ** which means to be vast, be numerous or be mighty.
- From the Alef Tav bones comes a mighty army!
- The numerical value of **עצ** is **200**. The resurrection of the “bones” will occur at the second advent of Messiah Yeshua. The number two also takes us to the 2<sup>nd</sup> festival of Yehovah, the feast of Unleavened bread. We will discuss the supernatural bread, Manna, later in this teaching.



- In last weeks sidra, Parasha Bo, we read about the first festival of Pesach, Passover. Pesach is followed by the *seven* day festival of Sukkot. The number *seven* represents completion; the Shabbat, completion of the weekly cycle. Sukkot is the seventh and final festival; the time of the final ingathering and the reign of King Messiah.
- Is it any wonder, then, that the first stop in Israel's wilderness journey is Succoth? Doesn't this picture take the reader from One to Seven? This is a picture of the entire festival cycle. The estimated journey from Rameses to Succoth is approximately *6* days.



- 14:1 - 2 Now Yehovah spoke to Moshe, saying: “Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and camp before *Pi Hahiroth*, between Migdol and the sea, opposite *Baal Zephon*; you shall camp before it by the sea.
- Approximately 3 million souls are encamped in a gorge; the sea in front of them and the army of Pharaoh behind them.

- This area is like a birth canal. Israel will be squeezed by tribulation before they enter the Sea of Suf to be birthed as a nation on the other side.
- Scripture tells us that Israel was well armed but still they had a slave mentality. Ex. 13:18 So Elohim led the people ( אֶת־הָעָם ) around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel were *well armed* when they went up from the land of Egypt.
- They had to be trained into the military might they would become.

# The heart of the matter

- V 3 – 4 Pharaoh will say of the Children of Israel, ‘they are imprisoned in the land, the wilderness has locked them in’ (recall they are in a gorge and probably confused about why Yehovah placed them there). I shall strengthen the heart of Pharaoh (אַת־לֵב־פַּרְעֹה) and he will pursue them, and *I will be glorified* through Pharaoh and his entire army, and Egypt will know that I am Yehovah. And so they did.
- The Pharaoh of Egypt represents the leader of nations. The heart of the nations will give glory to Yehovah.

- The Hebrew word for “glory” is **כָּבֵד** which means to get oneself glory, honor or to gain glory. **כָּבֵד** appears three times in our sidra and each time is used in the Niphal verb stem, imperfect tense.
- The Niphal verb stem expresses a simple reciprocal action. The imperfect tense means the action is not complete. So giving glory and honor to Yehovah is an ongoing issue for the nations.
- The numerical value of kavad is 24;  $2 + 4 = 6$ .

- The number **6** represents the number of years allotted to mankind. Ge. 6:3 And Yehovah said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years (**120**).”
- $120 \times 50$  (a jubilee cycle) = **6000** of mankind. For **6000** years it has been the desire of Yehovah to receive his due glory and honor from His creation.
- Were we not created for this purpose?

- Elohim created the heavens first; the heavens declare His glory.
- Ps. 19: 1 – 5 The heavens declare the *glory* of El, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. ...



- The earth was the second creation of Elohim; mankind dwells on the earth. Mankind was created for the same purpose, to give Him glory.
- Consider the ancient picture of the word glory, **כבוד**. The Kaph, is a picture of the palm of a hand. Not held up to halt or stop something rather it is used as an invitation. Yeshua gives this invitation in Mt. 11:28 – 30 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



- The Bet is a picture of the floor plan of a house. The first letter of Scripture is the Bet. Creation was made for the Yeshua, the Sons house.
- The Dalet is the picture of a door. Jn. 10:9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.
- So the ancient picture would read “*come* to the *house* thru the *door*.”

- Is. 6:2 - 3 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is Yehovah of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory (קְבוֹדוֹ)!”
- Now we have a new spelling; we have the addition of two Vav’s. Can the two Vav’s be symbolic of the two advents of Messiah Yeshua?

- Hab. 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory ( אֶת־כְּבוֹד ) of Yehovah, as the waters cover the sea. The Alef Tav glory tells us that it is Yeshua that will be the manifestation of Yehovahs glory on earth.
- Heb. 1:3 - He (Yeshua) is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

# The bread from heaven

- 16:4 - 8 Then Yehovah said to Moshe, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law ( **בְּתוֹרָתִי** ) or not. And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.” Then Moshe and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, “At evening you shall know that Yehovah has brought you out of the land of Egypt.

- “And in the morning you shall see the glory ( **אֶת־כְּבוֹד** ) of Yehovah; for He hears your complaints ( **אֶת־תְּלִנְתֵיכֶם** ) against Yehovah. But what are we, that you complain against us?” Also Moshe said, “This shall be seen when Yehovah gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for Yehovah hears your complaints ( **אֶת־תְּלִנְתֵיכֶם** ) which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against Yehovah.”
- The Hebrew word for murmur or complain is **תְּלוּנָת**.

- The numerical value of **תְּלוּנָת** is 886;  $8 + 8 + 6 = 22$ . There are **22** letters in the Hebrew Alef Bet. Israel's murmurings and complaining relate to the Word of Yehovah.
- The word begins and ends with the Tav meaning sign, seal or covenant. In its ancient form would read "the **seal** of **authority** will be **added** to the **heir** of the **covenant**." Of course we can see Israel is murmuring against Yeshua. This is a word used only **8** times on the Tanakh!



- V 9 - 10 Then Moshe spoke to Aaron, “Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, ‘Come near before Yehovah, for He has heard your complaints.’ ” Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of Yehovah appeared in the *cloud*.
- Often in Scripture the glory of Yehovah is associated with the cloud. Who, then, is the cloud?



- Is. 44:22 I have blotted out, like a thick *cloud*, your transgressions, and like a *cloud*, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.”
- The Hebrew word for cloud is “anan,” אָנָן. Yeshua is referred to in Scripture as “Son of the clouds.” In a passage of the Targum, the Mashiach is called “Anani, that is, “He of the clouds,” and in a Midrash fragment he is described as “riding on the cloud,” which of course, recalls the Biblical descriptions of Yehovah as riding upon the heavens (Dt. 33:26), riding upon a swift cloud (Is. 19:1) and riding upon the skies, riding upon the heavens of heavens (Ps. 68:5, 34). (The Messiah Texts, Raphael Patai, pg. 81)

- Yeshua is clearly seen in the ancient form of the word “anan;” “*see life* is in the *heir*.”
- Yeshua comes in the “anan” to collect his bride taking her into the millennial kingdom and the world to come, the Olam Haba.
- The numerical value of 170 confirms this scenario.  $1 + 7 = 8$ . Eight the number for covenant representing the world to come.

- 16:1 Tells us the period of time being spoken of is what would be known as the counting of the omer. (the fifteenth day of the second month).
- 16:14 - 18 And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moshe said to them, “This is the bread which Yehovah has given you to eat.

- “This is the thing which Yehovah has commanded: ‘Let every man gather it according to each one’s need, *one omer* for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.’ ” Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. So when they measured it by *omers*, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one’s need.

- By the time we get to verse 32 the manna is referred to as the Alef Tav food. V 35 And the children of Israel ate manna ( אֶת־הַמָּן ) forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna ( אֶת־הַמָּן ) until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.
- The word manna is used 14 times in the Tanakh. The Alef Tav is connected only three times to the word itself all with regard to “eating” or “partaking” the bread from heaven. (see Jn. 6:25)

- In conclusion, our Parasha speaks to the first exodus with allusions to the second exodus.
- We see the resurrection of the whole house of Israel in the “bones” of Joseph paired with the resurrection of the “bones” in Ezekiel's vision.
- The glory of Yehovah is often accompanied with a cloud. Mk. 14:25 – 27 the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.’ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And He will send out the angels to gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.... (Lk. 21:27)



# Haftarah

- Shof'tim (Judges) 5:1 – 31
- The connection to the Torah portion is as follows:
- The Torah portion gives us the “song of the sea.” Ex. 15:1 – 19 The Haftarah gives us the Judge Deborah’s “song.” Deborah was the 4<sup>th</sup> judge of Israel yet another messianic connection.
- Another connection is both songs are written in columns of three which speaks to resurrection.



# Brit Chadasha

- Lk. 2:30-32 For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.
- Jn. 6:25-35 v 31 “Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Yeshua said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moshe did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

- Jn. 19:37 “They will look at him whom they have pierced.”  
(To see the connection we must also examine Zech. 10:6 – 12. These passages refer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Exodus since the 1<sup>st</sup> Exodus was long ago. A gathering of the people etc.)
- 1 Corin. 10:1 – 13 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moshe in the cloud and in the sea...

- ...all ate the same spiritual food, (Manna) and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Messiah.
- 2 Corin. 8:15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing left over; and he that had gathered little had no lack. Speaking of the daily bread, the omer (Ex. 16:18)