

## ***Parashah 19 Tidbit***

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Today's Parashah is called Terumah, תְּרוּמָה, and it is spelled with the letters Tav, Resh, Vav, Mem and Heh; and it is translated as an *offering*. It is from the root word, Room רָוַם, to be high be exalted, rise, to be haughty, to be high, to lift up, was high, was exalted, rose, he elevated himself, magnified himself, he lifted up, raised, he offered, he took away, removed, was taken off, height, elevation, greatness, vertex, altitude, and without the letter Vav, we form the word *Room*, רָוַם, which means, high, elevated, exalted, supreme, to be lifted up, to be high and it is spelled with the letter Resh, which means *head or person* and the letter Vav, which means a nail, or something that connect things together, and the letter Mem which means *water*, and pictographically it means the *head of the waters*. To this root word meaning, head of the waters, are added the prefix letter Tav, which means, sign or covenant, and the letter Vav which means nail, or something that connects things together, like a bridge and then we have the letter Hey, which means behold. Pictographically this word, Terumah, תְּרוּמָה, tells us something very important through the meaning of the letters. Based on the definition of the letters, this word says, *behold the sign of the person who is nailed, He will be lifted up*, which is exactly what Messiah said in: *John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw ALL unto me.*

Your version of the bible more than likely says that, *He will draw all MEN onto Him*, but the word *MEN* is in italics and therefore is not in the original text, and it is a wrong translation. According to *Isaiah 53*, ***WHAT*** Messiah draws to Himself is, our griefs, and our sorrows; we are the ones that should have been stricken, smitten of Elohim, afflicted, wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace should have been upon ***US***, ***BUT*** Messiah took it upon Himself.

Therefore when Messiah says ***IF HE IS TERUMAH, IF HE IS LIFTED UP, THEN*** He will draw all of these things upon Himself and He also makes us a promise, that after He has done all of this, ***THEN***, by the stripes that He receives on ***OUR BEHALF, WE ARE THE ONES THAT ARE HEALED***. Now, that my friends, ***IS*** the definition of the ***LOVE, GRACE, MERCY, AND COMPASSION***, of our heavenly Father in action, at its nth degree, no matter how you look at it.

*Isaiah 53:4, Surely, He has borne OUR griefs, He has carried OUR sorrows: yet WE did esteem Him stricken, smitten of Elohim, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for OUR transgressions, He was bruised for OUR iniquities: the chastisement of OUR peace was upon Him; and with*

***His stripes WE are healed.***

Everything that we have just read here in *Isaiah 53*, **IS** what our Messiah willingly accepted on our behalf, and when we come to that realization and willingly and lovingly choose to **LIFT** Him up, because of who He is and what He has done for us, **THEN**, we will truly understand what this word *Terumah* means, and what a wonderful language that YHVH has designed for us.

Now let's begin. In this Parashah we are about to discover what Mosheh saw when YHVH showed him His heavenly tabernacle. But first it says *Exodus 25:1 And YHVH spoke unto Mosheh, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Yisrael, that they bring Me an offering: of every man that gives it WILLINGLY with his heart, you shall take My offering. 3 And this is the offering which you shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, 4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, 5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, 6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, 7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.*

In the building of the tabernacle, where YHVH says He will put His Name and His heart there forever, **IT IS** evident that He is looking for people who have surrendered contrite obedient hearts, hearts that are eager and willing to serve Him and His people, by willingly choosing to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life. This is a wonderful teaching, about what YHVH expects from each and everyone of us. We are told in Scripture that our bodies *are the temple of YHVH*, therefore, it is quite clear, that YHVH wants people with willing surrendered hearts, who **ARE** ready to obey His every Commandment, His every Word; He wants us to be ready to sacrifice our bodies for the sake of Him and His people Yisrael, which Paul says is our reasonable service. The question that has to be asked **IS**, are **YOU** one of those people that YHVH is looking for? If you are, what are you doing about it? That is something that every individual will have to answer for themselves.

There are **fifteen** items mentioned by YHVH, that He wants as offerings, and the number **fifteen** is Scripture speaks of **REST**. Messiah was placed in the Tomb on the cusp of the **fourteenth** and **fifteenth** day of the month of Aviv, and the Tomb, is the final resting place for our earthly bodies. Therefore I believe that YHVH is asking every surrendered contrite obedient heart, to **REST** in Him, to **TRUST** Him, and believe **ALL** that he has promised His children, He wants all of us to know that what He promises, He will always deliver, in His timing.

In verse 8 Mosheh was told by YHVH, *Make me a sanctuary, a מִקְדָּשׁ, Miqdash, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I YHVH show you Aleph Tav, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments there of, even so shall you make it.*

(Miqdash, מִקְדָּשׁ, means, Holy Place, sanctuary, Temple, the hallowed part, dedicated, consecrated, sanctified, hallowed, betrothed)

In our Parashah today, YHVH admonishes Mosheh **three** more times to *ensure that you Mosheh, make it after the pattern (תַּבְּנִית, Tavnit) that was shown to you on the mount.* Since YHVH mentions it to Mosheh, **three** more times, and the number three in Scripture represents Resurrection, then it means that this event is just as important as when Messiah was raised from

the dead, therefore, I believe that it is of paramount importance to YHVH, that not only Mosheh pay close attention to the **Pattern**, the Tavnit that was shown to him on the Mount, but that, we too, you and I and all the people that read these Words, **ARE** to pay very close attention to the **Pattern** the Tavnit that was shown to Mosheh on the Mount, in this Parashah, because the Pattern of what Mosheh saw, paints a picture of the Torah obedient Life that Messiah, the words of the Living Torah will live when the Father sends Him to earth, to be the Sacrificial Lamb, who takes away the **Sin** of the World. I don't know about you, **BUT** looking at and deciphering what YHVH's pattern IS, is extremely interesting and exciting for me. What an incredible privilege we have, to actually be witnesses of the exact **Pattern** of our heavenly Father's heavenly Tabernacle that Mosheh actually **SAW** in heaven. As we read through the plan for the erection of the Tabernacle, I hope that you will be able to see what I saw, and that is, that the Pattern that Mosheh saw on the Mount, **IS** a shadow picture of our Messiah, a picture of the head and body of Messiah, and furthermore, we will see, that the Tabernacle is built from the inside out.

(Tavniyt, תבנית, means, construction, structure, model, **pattern**, resemblance, figure, form, likeness, similitude, recipe).

If, as Scripture tells us, we are building something from the inside out, and the completed picture shows us the body and the Head of our Messiah, **THEN** we **must begin with the HEART**. For a functioning heart, **IS** what keeps all human beings alive. The **Heart** of the Tabernacle that YHVH showed Mosheh in heaven, **IS** the Ark of the Covenant, and we have to ask ourselves what is inside the Ark of the Covenant or inside the heart of the Miqdash, the heart of Messiah?

As we go though these *verses* please remember that the Miqdash **IS** a picture of the Head and body of Messiah, therefore, whatever **IS in the ARK which represents the heart** of the Miqdash, **is in the heart** of Messiah, and whatever is in the heart of Messiah, **IS** what flows though His whole body. Therefore it is important that we know what IS in the Ark of the Covenant. Scripture tells us that Mosheh was to place the לְתוֹת הָעֵדוּת, Luchot HaEdut, Luchot is the plural of the word, Luach, לוח, which means **Table or Tablet, and the word HaEdut, means the testimony**. Therefore, what was written on these two Tablets of Stone, **IS**, the Testimony of YHVH, written by His own Hand. Scripture also tells us, that all the Words that YHVH had given to Mosheh, the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, that Mosheh wrote on the scroll, were placed in that Ark. Therefore we have the Two tablets of stone, which contain the testimony of YHVH, and we have the words of YHVH inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, that YHVH Himself dictated to Mosheh, that are placed in the Ark which is in the heart of the Miqdash. *Jeremiah 31:33 I will put My Torah in their inward parts, and write it on their hearts.*

Furthermore, since Scripture makes it very clear that YHVH does **NOT** change then that means that the **Pattern** the Tavnit, תבנית, is still the same today. Therefore, when we accept the Son of the Most High Elohim, the Words of His Living Torah made flesh, as our Master and Saviour, we become the body of Messiah. Therefore, the Tavnit, the pattern portrayed by the tabernacle and repeated in the Temple, when it was built, is repeated within our bodies, and the exact same thing that was placed in the Ark of the Covenant, which **IS THE HEART OF THE MIQDASH, IS PLACED IN AND ON OUR HEARTS**, and that my friend's **IS** the Words of YHVH's Living

Word, the Words of His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life.

Mosheh was admonished to follow the **Pattern** the **Tavnit** תבנית, that was shown to him on the mount. As I mentioned above the word **Pattern** is the Hebrew word *Tav'niyt*, תבנית. It is translated into English as, construction, structure, model, **pattern**, resemblance, **figure**, **form**, likeness, similitude, recipe.

*Isaiah 44:13 The carpenter stretches out his rule; he marks it out with a line; he fits it with planes, and he marks it out with the compass, and makes it after the **figure** תבנית Tavnit of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.*

*Ezekiel 10:8 And there appeared in the cherubims the **form** תבנית, Tavnit of a man's hand under their wings.*

*Deuteronomy 4:16 Lest you corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any **figure**, תבנית, Tavnit the likeness of male or female.*

The root word for Tav'niyt, תבנית, and its action, is Banah, בנה, which means, to build, or a building plan. Banah is also the root word for the word Ben, בן, which means, son. In the Hebrew mindset, **IT IS BY having sons or children that a father builds up his house**. Here, in these verse, we have a special Son, however. The centre letters of this word Tavnit, תבנית, are the letters Bet ב and Nun נ which, and as I said before, these two letters, make up the word Ben, which means, Son, and then we have the letter Yod, which forms the word, Beniy, בני, which means, My Son, and at either end of the word Beniy, we have the letter Tav ת. As I mentioned above, the letter Tav, ת, represents a **Sign** or a **Covenant**, and the letter Yod י, means, hand, the working hand. So the pattern of the tabernacle, the *Tavniyt*, תבנית, means *the Sign or the covenant of the Son of the Right Hand*. That my friends is what the tabernacle depicts, and by the time I am finished here today, I hope that that picture will be very clearly and vividly etched on your mind forever.

YHVH has a plan for the Tabernacle constructed in the heavenlies, and that plan is to be duplicated here on Earth. It IS a picture of heavenly things, but particularly of His Son. This is our heavenly Father's ordained blueprint for understanding the purpose and nature of His coming Deliverer and Saviour. Our heavenly Father's blueprint, begins by describing the Ark, which is in the heart of the Miqdash. He then tells us, what type of materials that He sovereignly chose to use to build the Ark, the He tells us the place where His **Testimony** will reside, which is a place of perfection and pure holiness, which tells me that our heavenly Father is about to show us His own heart.

We are told that the Ark was to be made of Shittim Wood, in Hebrew it says *and of wood Shittim*, וַעֲצֵי שִׁטִּים, VaEtzey Shitiym: According to the encyclopedia, the Shitiym Tree grows very deep roots, draws nourishment from deep within the Earth, and survives well in dry ground. It is not attractive like an Oak or a Cedar tree. ***In the Septuagint Shittim is translated as Aphthartos, and in Strong's concordance it is Strong's number G862, ἄφθαρτος, aphthartos, it is from G1, as a negative particle, and a derivative of G5351; UNDECAYING IN ESSENCE OR CONTINUANCE; NOT CORRUPTIBLE, INCORRUPTIBLE, IMMORTAL.***

Now please picture this in your mind's eye; because the fact, that the Ark of the Covenant, which ***IS*** at the heart of the Miqdash, ***IS*** made of ***Shitiym wood***, I believe, ***IS*** YHVH's way of painting the picture that He wants all of us to see. So let's go through the facts about this particular tree. We are told that this tree, has roots that grow up from ***dry ground***, this tree is ***NOT comely***, it is an unattractive tree, it is ***incorruptible and does NOT decay, in a sense it is immortal.***

Now I ask you, ***IS*** this ***NOT*** the ***perfect description*** of our Messiah in ***Isaiah 53*** where it says: ***For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a DRY GROUND: he has no form NOR COMELINESS; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him, and He is without Sin, He is incorruptible.*** The ***FACT*** that the material for the ***ARK*** of the Covenant has the same qualities as Messiah, and that this is what the ***ARK***, is built from, obviously represents Messiah, and is part of our heavenly Father's plan, to show us the similarities of the Ark of the Covenant and the heart of Messiah, so that when we study the construction of the Tabernacle, we will indeed see the heart of Messiah.

Now the Ark was overlaid with pure gold, within and without and it had a rim or a crown around it. The word overlaid is Tzaphah, צָפָה, means, to look, observe, to keep watch, to foresee, expect, he looked out, he hoped, kept watch, he lurked, spied, he foresaw, hoped for, expected, looked forward to, it also means, ***to cover, lay out, lay over***, arranged the table, ***he overlaid, coated, plaited with metal, was laid over***, and the word Yitzeph, יִצֵּף, is a derivative of the word Tzaphah and it means, to lean forward, that is, to peer into the distance; to observe, ***await***, behold, espy, look up, watch, keep the watch, watchman. ***Genesis 31:49 YHVH WATCH, יִצֵּף, Yetzeph, between me and you, when we are absent one from another.***

The Scriptures are telling us through the meaning of the word ***overlaid***, צָפָה, Tzaphah, that the Ark of the Covenant, that was constructed exactly as YHVH has Commanded Mosheh to do, ***IS WATCHING OVER ELOHIM'S WORD AND HIS PEOPLE.***

There is some evidence that the Egyptians had a process by which gold could actually be injected into wood to make the gold and wood ***ONE***. If the Tabernacle is a picture of Messiah, and the Ark is a picture of His Heart, ***THEN*** it doesn't surprise me that the exact relationship between the gold which represents, deity, and the wood, which represents humanity, is somewhat puzzling, ***BUT*** I assure you, that as you see more of the Tabernacle, the pieces will come together quite nicely.

The Ark was to have four rings of gold, one on each corner; two on one side, and two on the other side. This design provides perfect balance and guidance for moving the Ark. It takes two to

provide balance. From the very beginning, YHVH was always going to make *two* into *one*, for YHVH's blessings flow only through **ONENESS**. I believe that the number *four*, speaks of the world, the *four* corners of the world, N.E.W.S., and therefore, the *four* rings that are on top of the Ark of the Covenant, speak of the **universality of the gift that it contains**, and that gift, of course, **IS YHVH'S INERRANT AND EVERLASTING WORD**, His Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of His Torah, and since Messiah, who **IS** the Words of the Living Torah came into the world at the end of the fourth millennium, then this container (Ark) that has four rings, also represents our Messiah.

Now we come to what surrounds or covers the Ark, the Mercy Seat. The Hebrew Scriptures say that the covering is to be placed on the Ark from above; in other words, that which **OVERSHADOWS the Ark can only come FROM ABOVE**. In verses 13–15 *And you shall make staves of Shitiym wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 And you shall put the staves into the rings by the sides of the Ark, that the Ark may be borne with them. 15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall NOT be taken from it.*

Here we see that the **Staves** (בָּדַי, Badey) were also made of **Shitiym wood** and overlaid with **pure** gold, and then they were placed in the rings of gold. We are told here, that two Staves were placed on either side of the Ark; the number *two* in Scriptures often denotes, and or represents, witness. This tells us that the **Bondservant** that has decided to serve the master and carry the Ark, **is to be a WITNESS** of the Grace of Elohim, represented by the Mercy Seat כַּפֹּרֶת, Kaporet, and the Torah, the Living Word of YHVH, which **WAS** placed in the Ark at YHVH's Command, for YHVH's Torah and His Grace are synonymous terms, they are One, they are Echad.

The word **Stave** is the Hebrew word Bad, בַּד, which means, pole, bar, rod, branch, it also means linen, cloth, material, part, portion, and it also means, lie, fabrication. It is made up of the letter Bet ב, which means, house, placing the thoughts and ideas of our heavenly Father into a concrete form, and the letter Dalet, ד, which represents a door, a place where a decision is to be made, to go in or stay out.

Therefore the bondservant is to be a witness to the **FACT** that both the Kaporet, the Mercy Seat and the Ark, are Echad, they are One and the same. It says in *verse 15* that **they shall NOT be taken from it**. Messiah has said that **No one can take us out of the hand of the Father**, and here in *verse 15* we see the evidence of that. They, the staves, the Badey, בָּדַי, which are shadow pictures of bondservants, will not be taken from it; that means that when we decide to surrender our life to YHVH, and willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, when we willingly become **Bondservants** of YHVH, then, that means, that we will **ALWAYS** be at His side, as long as we continue to obey and follow His Words of Life, His Torah. What an incredibly beautiful picture that is painted here, of spending eternity with our Father and His Son, our Messiah.

However as you can see by the definition of the word Bad, **IF** the **Bondservant** turns from the **TRUTH**, and starts believing the Lies of the enemy, then the **Bondservant** will be **banished from**

*the presence of YHVH*, because *his lies* will ***DISTORT*** the perfect picture of YHVH's Grace, Love and Mercy, that is portrayed by the ***TRUTH*** contained in the Ark of the Covenant, which is representative of the heart of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh. This is also a very important lesson, because it shows us, that we, you and I, ***have a part to play in our own salvation***, and that part is to willingly choose to believe, follow, and obey ***ALL*** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, we are to follow His Directives for everlasting Life.

As I mentioned above, the words, Mercy Seat, comes from one Hebrew word, Kaporet, כַּפֹּרֶת, which is from the root word Kaphar, כָּפַר, which means, to atone, cover or ransom, Strong's Concordance defines it this way, *appease, make an atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, to pitch, purge away, put off, make a reconciliation.*

This word is translated as ***propitiation*** in *Romans 3:25*. We are told that the Mercy Seat the Kaporet, was literally placed on top of the Ark of the Testimony, from above, and ***IT IS*** the first article a person would see when approaching the Ark. It is a picture of the Torah (Law) of YHVH surrounded by the atoning ***blood*** of Messiah, and only *after* this ransoming Work of Grace, Messiah's blood, which represents His Torah obedient Life, is placed on the Ark, ***IS*** the Heart of the most Holy place ***COMPLETE***. The Mercy Seat, the Kaporet, and the Ark are ***ONE VESSEL***, they are inseparable, they are Echad, they are One, ***IT IS*** a picture of our heavenly Father and our Messiah, His Son, being One Elohim. *Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Yisrael: YHVH our Elohim, YHVH is One.*

Our approach to YHVH must be superseded by this covering (His Grace) ***BUT*** this covering (His Grace) and the Testimony, the Torah, ***FORM THE WHOLE, THEY ARE ONE***. One ***CANNOT***, and will ***NOT*** function wholly without the other. One cannot access the Torah of YHVH without His Covering, His Grace, or else the Torah ***WILL kill you***. The Pharisees taught that righteousness came from the Torah (Law), which of course, is incorrect, for this circumvents Messiah's sacrifice, His loving Grace. The Church fathers believe that we have only to depend on Elohim's Grace, therefore they stop at the Mercy Seat, and ***FAIL*** in becoming a True Light, onto the people of the world that is mired in darkness. What we have to understand, IS, that ***LIGHT***, according to the Scriptures, ***IS THE TORAH, AND THE TORAH IS LIGHT***, (*Psalm 119:105 Your Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a LIGHT unto my path*); unfortunately, the church fathers have willingly cast off ***the helpmate of Grace***, which of course ***IS YHVH's TORAH OF LIFE***, and therefore they ***FALL SHORT OF BECOMING ELOHIM's TRUE LIGHT ONTO THE NATIONS of the world, for the MERCY SEAT, THE KAPORET, AND THE WORDS OF THE TORAH, ARE ECHAD, they are inseparable, they are ONE.***

Therefore YHVH's blessings ***DO NOT, AND INDEED CANNOT, FLOW*** through that which is separated from the whole, that which ***STANDS ALONE***. As James would say, ***GOOD WORKS ARE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT GRACE, AND GRACE, IS ALONE AND EMPTY, WITHOUT THE ARK, TO GUIDE AND DIRECT THE MAN OF YHVH***. The ***MERCY SEAT THE KAPORET, IS*** the ***HELPMATE*** of the Ark, for ***it is NOT GOOD that man should be alone, without covering***. When the Ark of YHVH, which represents Elohim's heart, comes to abide in you, because of your belief in Him and His Son, the Words of the Living Torah made

flesh, it comes with both the *Mercy Seat and the Ark*, which contains the Words of the Torah; for they are inseparable, they are echad, they are One.

Therefore the only possible conclusion that we can arrive at, from the teaching of the Ark, **IS** that **FREEDOM** does not come by being released from YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, for **TRUE** freedom comes from willingly choosing to **OBEY** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

*John 8:32 You shall know **the TRUTH** (Torah) and the **TRUTH** (Torah) shall make you free.*

*John 17:17 Sanctify them through Your **TRUTH**, Your **WORD** is **TRUTH**.*

*Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness and Your Torah **IS THE TRUTH**.*

*Psalm 119:151 You are near O YHVH and **ALL Your Commandments** are **TRUTH**.*

*Psalm 118:152 Concerning Your Testimonies, I have known of old that **You have founded them FOREVER**.*

*Ephesians 1:13 In whom you also trusted, after that you heard the word of **TRUTH**, the **GOSPEL** of your salvation: in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise.*

Now I could go on and on to show you with many other *verses* that point out, that every time the word **TRUTH** is used, it speaks of YHVH's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life. So let us rephrase *John 8:32* to better reflect what YHVH is communicating to us: **You shall know the **TORAH** and the Words of the **TORAH** WHEN OBEYED, WITH A LOVING SURRENDERED CONTRITE HEART, SHALL SET YOU FREE.**

Now we come to the Table of Show Bread. The Hebrew word for table is Shulchan, שֻׁלְחָן. Its verbal root is Shalach which means *to send out*. So we can see by the use of this word, that our heavenly Father has **SENT OUT** His **BREAD**, the **Bread of Life**, our Messiah. The word Shul'chan in Greek is, *Apostello*, which is translated as Apostle in our English Scriptures. It is at the Table, the Supper Table, that children are to learn the lessons of life, from their father, and so it is with us, we too are to learn from our heavenly Father, **by feasting on the Bread of the table**, the bread that He has prepared for us, just like it says in *Psalm 23* *You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies*; and what is found on the **TABLE** that YHVH prepared for us, **IS THE BREAD OF LIFE, OUR MESSIAH, THE WORDS OF HIS INERRANT AND EVERLASTING TORAH, THAT BECAME FLESH.**

The Showbread Table, where YHVH has placed His **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah, the **Bread of Life**, is **NO ORDINARY TABLE**; **IT IS** the table from which **ALL** people who have willingly

surrendered their hearts to YHVH, are to partake of. Therefore, for anyone to say, that *ANY* of the Words of the Torah of YHVH, have somehow been done away with or changed; ***IS TO SAY THAT THEY REJECT HIS BREAD, HIS TRUTH.***

We have to understand that IF anyone willingly chooses to partake of the Showbread from the Table of Showbread, then they become the ***ONE THAT IS SENT***, in other words, ***they become an Apostle of Messiah and our heavenly Father, with the express purpose of inviting others to DINE on the Bread of Life, from the beautiful table, that YHVH Himself has for those that are His, those that willingly Obey the Words of His Torah of Life.***

Furthermore, it is important to note that this table, this Shulchan, שלחן, ***IS*** made from the exact same materials as the Ark was. This means that the ***SOURCE*** of the ***POWER*** for ministry (Shulcan, שלחן, the one who is sent, the Apostle) is made of the ***SAME*** material as the ***SOURCE*** for the power of regeneration and reconciliation, ***THE ARK WHICH CONTAINS THE LIVING WORD OF ELOHIM, THE WORDS OF HIS TORAH OF LIFE AND THE MERCY SEAT, YHVH'S GRACE.***

This is therefore telling us that ***WHEN***, by belief, a person willingly chooses to ***partake*** of YHVH's ***Life Giving Bread***, that is found on the Shulchan, the table of showbread, the ***BREAD*** that represents the Word of YHVH's Torah of Life, that is contained in the Ark of the Covenant, then YHVH promises us, that this ***BREAD***, ***IS*** the ***BREAD*** that will ***sustain Life, it is the BREAD*** of YHVH's Holy Place.

Next we see that when anyone chooses to surrender their hearts to our heavenly Father, that our Creator purifies and cleanses their hearts, and then, He begins His work in our hearts and especially in our minds, which is the fierce battleground that we struggle with every day. That is when He fills us with His Holy Spirit, and according to *Ezekiel 36:26-27*, the Holy Spirit is tasked by YHVH Himself, with the very specific purpose of ***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, we are commanded to Eat His Bread of Life.

The word Showbread in Hebrew is Lechem Paniym, לחם פנים, and it literally means the ***Bread of His face or the Bread of His presence.*** This tells us that we will experience YHVH's presence when we willingly and lovingly choose to partake of His Bread of Life, which means, we will experience His presence when we willingly choose to internalize the Words of His Torah of Life. We have to understand that the only way that we can get to know, to *yada, be intimate with our Messiah, our Bridegroom*, ***IS*** through willingly choosing to eat His Bread of Life, which, in turn, prepares us to be ***SENT ONES, APOSTLES***, YHVH's disciples, putting the Words of His Torah of Life into action in our daily lives, as an example to other people.

If you are seeking to experience the presence of YHVH in your life, ***TRY*** obeying the Words of His Torah of Life, ***because, the presence of YHVH, IS found in His Bread of Life, His Words.*** Yeshua said ***My Words are Spirit and they are Life.*** *John 5:19 Then answered Yeshua and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself, BUT what He sees*

*the Father do: for whatsoever things the Father does, these **THINGS**, does the Son likewise.*

It is by obeying YHVH's life sustaining teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, that we can keep ourselves unspotted from the Sins and corruption of this world.

What or who determines what is clean or unclean? What or who determines what is Holy and what is not? Only the Word of YHVH's Torah of Life can do that. Only His Life Giving Bread can show us what **IS** right or wrong in our lives. We are told that frankincense was to be poured upon the bread. Frankincense is the Hebrew word *Lebonah*, לְבֹנָה and is defined as *whiteness or purity*, and contained in this word *Lebonah*, is the word לֵב, *Lev*, which means heart. Therefore, I believe that YHVH wants us to know, that when we choose to eat His Bread of Life, which is covered with frankincense, that we are willingly and lovingly partaking of YHVH's heart, His essence, and YHVH's pure holiness will be seen in us, His people, who are those who willingly and lovingly choose to partake of the Bread of His Face, of His Presence, that is covered with Frankincense, for then, we become His testimony and witnesses of the benefits of willingly partaking of His Bread of life.

**The Menorah:** מְנֵרָה singular and Menorot, מְנֵרוֹת, plural

Next we have the Menorah. This word, Menorah, is taken from the Hebrew word *Ner*, נֵר, which means, lamp, candle and or light, with the addition of the prefix Mem and suffix letter Hey. The Menorah becomes **the apparatus** from which the **Light shines, illuminates or exposes**. The letter Hey, means **behold** and the letter Mem means **water** and can also mean **chaos**, such as the chaos that is caused when a pregnant mother's water breaks, and **water** also represents the Holy Spirit of YHVH. Pictographically therefore, the word Menorah, מְנֵרָה, means, behold the Light of the World filled with the Spirit of YHVH, and it can also mean behold the Light, the *Ner*, who is our Messiah, and who exposes and removes chaos from our lives. In its plural form, the word Menorah becomes Menorot, מְנֵרוֹת, and is spelled with a Mem which means *water or chaos*, the letter Nun which means *life*, the letter Resh which means, the *exalted person, the preeminent one*, the letter Vav which means *nail, or something that connects things together or bridges the gap*, and the letter Tav, which means *sign, or covenant* and in Paleo Hebrew it is written in the form of a cross or an X, slightly tilted to one side, ✕, therefore we have the pictographic meaning which states, *the exalted or preeminent person who was nailed to the cross, **IS** the One that brings life and separates you from chaos.*

The middle shaft of the Menorah is called *Yarek*, יָרֵךְ, and is generally translated as *thigh, loins or body*. The six *branches* extend out from the centre shaft and yet are one with the shaft. The number Six in Scripture represents man, and the number seven represents the completeness of YHVH, His redemption onto salvation plan. The picture that I see, when I look at the Menorah, is a picture of the believers in Messiah, for we are called branches in *Romans 2*. These branches (us), are all one with the central shaft or tree which is called the body (the Yarek) of Messiah. The holy place and the most holy place were dark, there was no natural light that could enter, and therefore it is only the Light of the Menorah that illuminates the holy place or the place of

ministry. My friends, it is of paramount importance that we understand that All ministries are to be driven by this Light, the Light of YHVH and not by man's design or desire.

The life sustaining Showbread was to be eaten by YHVH's Priests, but that food was to be shared or given to *all* that hunger for righteousness. The Light of the Menorah expresses that same commission. Our *minds are to be illuminated by YHVH's Light* and His Light speaks forth the contents of the Ark of His Testimony. It is this Light that is to be *a Lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Psalm 119:105; in Isaiah 49:6 I WILL GIVE YOU FOR A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS that You may be My Salvation unto the end of the earth.*

We as believers, have an awesome responsibility according to *Isaiah 49:6*. Yeshua also has called those who follow Him, whether Jew or Gentile, **TO BE A LIGHT** unto the world in *Matthew 5:14*. It is important for us to understand that as Believers, **WE ARE PART** of YHVH's plan of Redemption onto Salvation for the whole world. Let us therefore, live a life that is worthy of that task. As I mentioned before, **LIGHT IS TORAH AND TORAH IS LIGHT**, and every physical activity of YHVH's people **IS** to be guided by His Light, *the Light of Messiah*, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh. We have to ask ourselves on a daily basis, am I being a **LIGHT** unto the people of world by just *telling* people about Yeshua or confronting people with words? Or does the Word of YHVH teach us, that **TO BE A LIGHT, ONE MUST FIRST WALK IN THE WAYS OF YHVH/MESSIAH**, and once we have learned **TO DO THAT** on a consistent basis, **THEN** we are ready to proclaim YHVH's Ways to a world **THAT IS MIRED IN DARKNESS**, and tell the world that the answer to **ALL** of man's trials and tribulations, **IS FOUND IN** the Torah of the Father, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions. To theologically restrict our commission to simply *proclaiming* that Yeshua is the Saviour of the world, **BUT NOT** living the exact same Torah obedient lifestyle that Messiah Himself lived, and taught us to live, **IS TO PROVIDE A LOST WORLD WITH THE APPARATUS OF THE LIGHT, BUT NOT THE LIGHT ITSELF.**

My friends, **ALL** of Scripture confirms and admonishes us, to **LIVE** a Torah obedient life, because that is how the world will be able **SEE the Light of Messiah, the Light of the World**, for they will see, the Light of the Living Torah in action, **IN US**. To tell a child to do something and not show him or teach him or her how to do it, **IS NOT WHAT YHVH WANTS FROM US. WE MUST LIVE A TORAH OBEDIENT LIFE**, and *in doing so, that is how we will be able to teach others, it is by living the Torah obedient life that we can teach others to do the same.*

The condition of today's world is pretty sad. In *Revelations, chapter 2 & 3* YHVH gives us a prophetic description of what the condition of His branches are like today. Furthermore He says that **IF** we continue on this same path, **He will remove the Lamp stand from this place**. Let us be ever vigilant of YHVH's **LIGHT**, by following and obeying the Words of YHVH's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **SO THAT HIS LIGHT WILL NEVER BE REMOVED FROM OUR LIVES NOR THIS WORLD, THAT SO DESPERATELY NEEDS IT.**

*I John 1:5-7 This is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that Elohim IS LIGHT and in Him IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL. If we say that we have fellowship with Him*

and walk in **darkness** (Lawless, Torahless), we **LIE**, and we **DO NOT DO THE TRUTH** (Truth is Torah, Psalm 119:142); **BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, IF WE WALK IN TORAH, as Messiah IS THE LIGHT**, the Living Torah made flesh, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood (the Torah obedient life) of Yeshua the Messiah, His Son, cleanses us from **ALL Sin**, from all of our Torah transgressions.

If walking in the Light, **IS VITAL** to a believer's walk, **THEN** would it not be imperative for us to **KNOW** what walking in the **Light** means? Isaiah 8:20 *If they speak **NOT** according to this Word, (the words of the Torah of YHVH) **IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM.***

What Isaiah 8:20 is saying is **IF we do NOT speak AND ACT according to the instructions of YHVH, contained in the Words of Torah of Life, that YHVH gave to Mosheh, IF THE WILL TO DO AND OBEY THE WORDS OF THE TORAH of YHVH IS NOT WITHIN OUR HEARTS, THEN HIS LIGHT, HIS TRUTH, IS NOT IN US EITHER**, because His Light, **IS** the Words of Living Torah, the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions.

It has been the agreement of most Talmudic authorities that the Menorah's light specifically illuminated the Showbread. This means that, the Menorah in the holy place, was to illuminate the **mind of those present** with the Word of Elohim, represented by the showbread of YHVH. That same Light, was to be expressed in **GOOD WORKS** so that YHVH would be glorified. This is the way that our wonderful Creator has designed us. First our hearts must receive His testimony, then our minds are transformed through studying, internalizing and then obeying His Word, the Words of His Torah of life, and finally, our bodies are to respond to the Commands of the mind.

We are told that the Menorah, was of a single beaten work and it had twenty two bowls like unto almonds. The word almond shares a very interesting root with another word. The word for almonds is *Shaqed*, שָׁקֵד, which is the exact same spelling as its verbal root, Shaqad, שָׁקַד. The word Shaqad everywhere else in Scripture is translated as *watch, alert or to be sleepless*. These almond shaped bearers of the oil for the *Light of the world*, teach us something about the nature of being a *Light bearer*. They, or better yet, we, are to be watchful and alert as *sons of the Light*.

*I Thessalonians 5:2-6 Let yourselves know perfectly well that the day of YHVH so comes as a **thief in the night**. For when they shall say, peace and safety, **THEN** sudden destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall **NOT** escape. **But YOU, brethren, ARE NOT IN DARKNESS**, that that day should overtake you as a thief. You are all **SONS of LIGHT (sons of the Torah)**, and sons of the day; we are **NOT** of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us **NOT SLEEP (Shaqad)** as do others, **BUT let us WATCH and be sober minded.***

The **sons of Elohim** know the Word, the Torah of YHVH, and they willingly and lovingly obey His Commandments, and keep *His Feasts, His Sabbaths, His Dietary Laws, and ALL His Commandments and ordinances*, and in doing so, *in keeping and doing the Torah, **THAT IS WHAT KEEPS THEM, IN THE LIGHT, AND OUT OF THE DARKNESS.*** The very nature of what we do during the course of the cycles of righteousness, which are, YHVH's Feasts (His

Moeds), His Sabbaths, His New Moons, makes us *alert watchmen* for the day of YHVH, the day of darkness that will inevitably come.

Therefore the sons of *darkness* are those who have made a conscious decision **TO NOT FOLLOW NOR OBEY THE WORDS OF THE FATHER'S TORAH OF LIGHT**, and **THEY ARE THE ONES** that will be surprised **BY THE THIEF IN THE NIGHT** (remember the five virgins who did **NOT** have enough oil). A lamp can produce light for a short period of time by burning the wick only, **BUT** it soon goes out or goes dark, **IF THERE IS NO OIL** (YHVH's Word, YHVH's Wisdom) to feed the wick so that it may shine continuously. *1 Thessalonians 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of YHVH so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall NOT escape. 4 BUT YOU, brethren, ARE NOT IN DARKNESS, that that day should overtake you as a thief. THE TORAH IS OUR LAMP AND OR LIGHT*, and when we choose to follow YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **THE ENEMY HAS NO POWER WHATSOEVER OVER US, BECAUSE** we are submitted to the Father and the devil, the enemy **MUST FLEE FROM US**. *James 4:7*

YHVH instructed Mosheh to build the tabernacle according to the *Pattern*, the Tavnit, that was shown to him on the Mount. This is, I believe, **THE ETERNAL CRY OF YHVH TO HIS PEOPLE**. YHVH, from the very beginning of time, has given us His Ways, the Words of His Torah of Life and *blessed those Ways only*. It is a very serious matter to **CHANGE** or otherwise **CAST ASIDE** any of the Words of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, by allegorizing or spiritualizing them, or adhering to man's false religious or secular doctrines, or any man made ways or philosophies, instead of Elohim's infallible Ways.

*We, the sons of Elohim, the sons of Light, must bring YHVH's Light to a world that is mired in darkness*. It cannot be our own light, **FOR WE ARE BUT THE WICK OF THE LAMP, IT MUST BE YHVH'S LIGHT**, for He, the Living Torah **IS** the **OIL, the essence** that will keep the light burning forever. It cannot be the light of Church tradition, for that is man's traditions and is also **but a wick without oil**. Only YHVH's Light has been blessed, in much the same way that only the Seventh Day, the Shabbat has been hallowed and blessed by YHVH. YHVH's **LIGHT MUST NOT REMAIN IN THE TEMPLE, IN THE HOLY PLACE, BUT IT IS** to be brought out into the court, to point to the brazen altar of sacrifice and the One and only door by which man can be Saved, which of course **IS** our Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh. (It is a picture of how our RNA & DNA operates within us).

In **Luke 4:15-20** Yeshua is standing at the front of the Temple and reading from *Isaiah 61*. As He stood up to read, He would have stood on a raised platform called a Bemah; there would have been three Priest or Ministers on his left and three Priests or Ministers on His right, with the Bemah platform which Messiah stood on in the middle, slightly raised above these six priests, a perfect picture of the Menorah. The Minister proclaiming the Torah readings was called the Shamash or serving Minister. This is who Yeshua handed the Torah scroll to in **Luke 4:20**. The Word or the Light given to other ministers and the congregation was supplied by the Shamash or Serving Minister. You see, **NONE OF US** can produce our own light. The light that emanates from us, **MUST** come from the Master's Lamp, and we are to reflect His Light only. Amen.

There are six Aleph Tav's in this Chapter.

*Verse 2 That they bring me an offering **Aleph Tav**.*

*Verse 9 According to all that I show you **Aleph Tav** after the pattern of the Tabernacle and the **Aleph Tav** pattern of the instruments.*

*Verse 16 And you shall put into the Ark the **Aleph Tav** testimony which I YHVH shall give you.*

*Verse 22 Upon the Ark of the testimony **Aleph Tav** of all things which I will give you.*

*Verse 39 Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it **Aleph Tav** with all these vessels.*

I believe that the six Aleph Tav's, speak of the six thousand years before the true Aleph Tav returns. Until then, we are to be taught and instructed by His Living Word, **THE TORAH MADE FLESH**, who of course **IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH**. Amein.

There are also another twelve Aleph Tavs 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 speaks of YHVH's perfect way of governing His kingdom and His people, and the number twenty speaks of redemption, for the children of Yisrael are redeemed on their twentieth birthday, therefore, I believe that YHVH is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tavs that **IF** we want to experience His redemption onto everlasting life, then, we **MUST** learn to believe follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, thereby becoming model bondservants of the most High Elohim. 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*