

***Parashah 32 Tidbit***  
***B'har, On the Mountain***  
***Vayikra 25:1 – 26:2***  
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*Vayiqra 25* is a test for the children of Yisrael. You might ask, what kind of test is it? Yahweh is testing them and us, to see **IF** we will **TRUST** Him. Yahweh's Shabat is so important to Him that He also wanted the Promised Land to benefit from producing for His people, by having the land **REST** in or on the seventh year, the Shabat year of Rest for the land.

Just imagine yourself as a farmer and the seventh year is approaching. You and your family's livelihood, **COMES** from what your farmland produces, and your family's survival depends on it. And here, your Priest tells you, that Yahweh has Commanded you, **NOT** to plant any crops in the seventh year, nor harvest what grows of itself. What do you think would be going through your mind at that time? Would you be asking yourself, Do I trust Yahweh Elohim enough, to do what He says, or do I at least plant just a little bit, just in case I don't have enough?

These were difficult decisions for farmers to make, because their lives and their families lives depended on it. Trusting Elohim is something that rolls off the tongue quite easily, but **IT IS** a totally different matter when you have to put into practice, what you profess to believe, it is something that is extremely difficult to do, when your life depends on it.

When Yahweh says, don't worry about what you are going to eat, or wear or where you are going to live, for your Heavenly Father **knows** that you need these things, **DO YOU BELIEVE HIM?**

When He says *I have NOT given you a spirit of fear, but I have given you a spirit of power, a spirit of love and a sound mind*, **DO YOU BELIEVE HIM?**

When Yeshua says in *Matthew 7:7 Ask and you shall receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened, for everyone that asks receives, and he that seeks, finds and to him that knocks it shall be opened*. **DO YOU BELIEVE HIM?**

In *Vayiqra 26* or *Devarim 28*, where Yahweh says: *If you keep My Statutes, Ordinances, and Commandments, the Words of My Torah, I will Command My blessings to hunt you down and overtake you;* **DO YOU BELIEVE THESE BEAUTIFUL WORDS** when you read or hear them?

When Yeshua says: *Seek first the Kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness and ALL these other things, will be added onto you;* **DO YOU BELIEVE HIM?** And have you experienced this statement as being True, in your own life?

These are difficult questions to answer, **but** we need to ask ourselves these questions, and be brutally honest with our answers, because, it will tell us where our belief, our faith in the Words of His Torah of Life lies. That my friends is how we put our own beliefs to the test, to find out

for ourselves, **IF** we really **TRUST** and believe Yahweh when He says, He will provide for **ALL** of our needs, or whether our belief in His abilities to do what He promises, **IS** weak and we choose instead, of our own free will, to take out some extra insurance, **just in case** Yahweh doesn't come through for us, as He promised? It is a question that is at the core of our belief system. Can I indeed **TRUST** Yahweh, can I depend on Him to provide all of my needs, when I need them, and every individual will have to answer that question for themselves?

I know, that I have said it many times before, but when we obey Yahweh's Commandments, Yahweh **DOES NOT** get anything out of it, except, the joy that a father has when his children obey His Words and Prosper. What we have to understand, **IS** that Yahweh knows that we are the beneficiaries of each and every one of the Commandments that He has put in place, and that **IS WHY**, He wants us to obey His Commandments, **BECAUSE they give us LIFE**.

Furthermore, **IT IS NOT** only we that benefit from being obedient to Yahweh's Commandments, but our families, our communities and yes even our country benefits from it, down to the thousandth generation.

Next we see the Grace and the omniscience of Yahweh with the establishment of the Jubilee year, the year of restoration. Yahweh created us, and therefore He knows all of our weaknesses, and, that many of us, will unfortunately give in to those weaknesses, and find that we have squandered away our inheritance, and therefore, He has made a way, so that the people that sold themselves and or their land, could have it restored back to them in the year of Jubilee, for He is an Elohim of restoration.

*Verses 8-13 And you shall number seven Shabat of years unto yourself, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven Shabat of years shall be unto you forty and nine years. 9 Then you shall cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. 10 And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a JUBILEE unto you; and you shall return every man unto his possession, and you shall return every man unto his family. 11 A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: you shall not sow, neither reap that which grows of itself in it, nor gather in it of your vine undressed. 12 For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: you shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. 13 In the year of this jubilee you shall return every man unto his possession.*

In these verses we see that the Jubilee year, is a very, very special year, not only is the land to **rest** for two full years, but every piece of land that was sold is to be restored back to its original owner, and every Hebrew that was in bondage because of a debt, was to be set free, to return to his family, which means that **ALL** debts were to be wiped clean. Spiritually speaking, it means that **ALL SINS**, **ALL** the acts of transgressing the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, are forgiven, and we take up where we left off, except, that we are to be so grateful, that we have been redeemed, that we will make the conscious choice to no longer **SIN**, to no longer transgress the Words of the Father's Torah, but instead, decide to willingly walk out Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, for Sin **IS** transgression of the Torah.

In verse 21 we read *Then I Yahweh will command My blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for **three** years.* As you can readily see, Yahweh says that **IF** we choose to obey Him, He will provide for **ALL** of our needs. This Commandment is just a larger version of what Yisrael was asked to do, when they collected the manna; they were **NOT** to collect manna on the seventh day, on the Shabat, because Yahweh had promised them a double portion on the sixth day. Obedience to Yahweh's Commandment to Not collect manna on the seventh day, was just a precursor to the Shmitah years and the Jubilee years, just like keeping Shabat is a precursor to the Shabat millennium. Yahweh is teaching us a little bit at a time to **TRUST** Him for eternity.

As an agrarian society, the people of Yisrael were to see the Jubilee year, as another challenge or test of their **belief** and **trust** in the provisional power of Yahweh. Just prior, to the year of Jubilee, we have the completion of the seventh year Shabat rest for the land, and then the very next year, which happens to be the fiftieth year or the year of Jubilee, where the land is to rest again, for another whole year, therefore there is no planting for two years and no harvest until sometime in the third year, when the crops come in.

Again, I ask those of us who claim to be believers in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, do we **TRUST** our heavenly Father enough, to provide an abundance of food to cover these two and a half years, without any harvest whatsoever? To the people of the world, this Commandment that Yahweh has commanded us to implement, **IS** absolute foolishness, because, **they NOT only, DO NOT TRUST YAHWEH ELOHIM**, they don't even know Him, **BUT** we, we, you and I, **ARE** the children of the Most High Elohim, and we are Commanded to **TRUST** Him. Also, the fact that Yahweh says, He **WILL** Command His blessing upon Yisrael in the sixth year, and the land **SHALL** bring forth fruit for **THREE** years. The number **six** in Scripture represents, man, and the number **three**, represents resurrection, coming from death to life, therefore I believe that Yahweh **IS** teaching all of us, through the willing observance of the commandments of the both the Shmitah and Jubilee years, that, **IF** we will surrender our wills to His, and learn to **TRUST** Him in every aspect of our lives, including our livelihood, He will bring us onto eternal Life in His kingdom where we will be the bride of Messiah for eternity.

So please, ask yourself this very important question; **IS MY BELIEFS, my faith** today, at the level where I could actually **TRUST** Elohim enough to provide for **ALL** of my needs, so that I may obey His Commandment, which tells me, that I **MUST** let the land **rest** for the period that He has commanded me, and **NOT** sow any crops nor harvest any crops, until the **THIRD** year, in order that I may reap the full benefit of Yahweh's provisional power, and, thereby fulfill **ALL** of my family's needs? Please understand, that there were no Safeway grocery stores, nor any Costco stores, nor freezers, where the people of Yisrael could store food for the future, they ate what came out of the ground, and **IF** nothing came out of the ground, they starved. Therefore, as you can see, **IT IS** a major commitment to obey Yahweh's commandment to let the land **REST**, and it is a question that I believe **EVERY** believer should ask himself or herself, and answer it as honestly as he or she possibly can, because one day, when Yahweh returns to judge the world, we will have to **TRUST** Elohim for our very lives.

In these 6 verses, the word *shall* is used **five** times and the words *you shall* is used **eight** times, for a total of **thirteen**. The number six in Scripture, represents man, the number five, represents the Torah, the Living Word of Elohim, which was manifested in the flesh as our Messiah, the

Living Torah, and it also represents the unlimited Grace of our heavenly Father, and the number **eight** represents New Beginnings. Therefore there is a message for us in the number of times that the word **SHALL** is used in these *verses*. I believe that Yahweh has instructed the whole world and every man and woman within it, that **IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to believe the Living Word of Elohim, His Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah, and Shemah His Words, **IF** we choose to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Word of Yahweh, **IF** we choose to follow in Messiah's footsteps, we will have a **New Beginning** that will eventually lead us to eternal Life with our heavenly Father.

The words *redeem* and *redeemed*, which is the Hebrew word Gael, גָּאֵל, is used sixteen times. The number 16 in Scripture speaks of Love. In *1 Corinthians 4-8*, there are 16 things said about love. I believe that Yahweh is demonstrating His love for us by putting Commandments in place that will make us think about loving our brothers in the faith, as ourselves.

The word *return*, שׁוּב, is used seven times, which indicates to me, Yahweh's perfect plan of redemption onto salvation, His plan of completeness for His children. *Ezekiel 19:23* *Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? Says Yahweh Elohim, and not that he should return from his ways and live.* Yahweh wants all people to turn or return, שׁוּב, Shuv, to Him for He loves us all with an unconditional love.

The word *Shabbat*, שַׁבָּת, is used six times in *Chapter 25*. The number Six, as I said above, is the number for man. Yahweh is telling us through the amount of times that the word Shabat is used, that **He has created the Shabat for man, and not man for the Shabat**, so that we could rest in His presence and enjoy fellowship with the Elohim of all creation, on the day that He has hallowed as ours, and His, **DAY OF REST**.

I believe that Shabat has many purposes, **BUT** one of its major purposes **IS, IT IS THE GATEWAY** through which we enter into a full, complete and intimate relationship with our heavenly Father. **IF** you **CANNOT** or **WILL NOT** submit to resting on the Shabat, which is the day that Yahweh Himself has hallowed and set apart, the day that Yahweh says is a covenantal sign between Him and His people, to show the world that we, the people that are part of Yahweh's Yisrael, **ARE** indeed in Covenant with Him, and believe that the Shabat was created for man, to serve him, then you cannot enter into the fullness of the relationship that our heavenly Father wants to have with **YOU**; that's right, **A RELATIONSHIP THAT HE WANTS WITH YOU**.

The Shabat day of rest ordained by our heavenly Father, **IS** a day in which we are to learn to **TRUST** Yahweh, we are to learn to delight ourselves in Yahweh, in His Love, in His Grace, His Mercy and His Provisional Power, on that Day. It is a time where we honour Yahweh, by **NOT** doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasures, nor speaking our own words. It is a time to **delight**, יִחַדְּתָהּ, Chephetz, ourselves in Yahweh, and **IF** we can truly learn to do that, then, Yahweh says, *I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the Earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob* your father.

The word translated as *delight* is the Hebrew word Chephetz, צִפְּזָה, and it of course means delight, but it also means, ***take pleasure, eager, zealous, to incline, to bend, to be pleased with, and to desire***. So, in this single word, Yahweh is telling us ***to desire, take pleasure in, be zealous for, be eager to perform, be pleased with, bend a knee in reverence, incline our ears towards and delight in the Shabat***.

Can any of us claim that we do all of these things every Shabat? ***IF NOT, THEN*** maybe it is time to re-evaluate our Shabat keeping practices.

You may ask, what is the heritage of Ya'aqov? The heritage of Ya'aqov, ***IS*** the Land of Yisrael, the Promised Land, it is also, ***ALL*** the promises and blessings found in Scripture, including eternal life, and they belong to all the people who willingly choose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength, to our heavenly Father, ***and commit*** to obey all the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Living Torah, for when they do willingly and lovingly submit, they become part of YHVH's family, called Yisrael, because of their love for the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

To love our brothers and sisters as ourselves, ***IS*** a Commandment from Yahweh, the same way that husbands are Commanded ***to LOVE their wives, BUT***, unless it is done willingly, it is of no value to Elohim, to you, or to your neighbour. Amen

In *verses 39 to 55* Yahweh tells us ***HOW*** we are to treat our fellow members of the family of Yisrael. Yahweh says, ***IF*** one of your brothers becomes poor and has to sell himself to you, as a bond slave, then you are to treat him as a ***hired*** servant and or a sojourner all the time that he is with you, until the year of Jubilee, when he is to be released along with his wife and children, if he has any. Yahweh goes on to say that our brother in Yahweh ***IS HIS SERVANT*** which Yahweh brought out of Egypt, and then Yahweh emphasizes they shall ***NOT*** be sold as bondmen.

Furthermore Yahweh emphasizes that when they are in your employ, you are not to rule over them with rigour, BePerek, בְּפֶרֶךְ, which means *with harshness*, we are to be kind to our brothers and sisters, and to all people for that matter. Yahweh is trying to show us ***HOW*** important family is, and, that we are to do whatever we can to make their time of servitude, as fair and just as we would want it to be for ourselves, ***IF*** we were in their predicament.

The Yisraelite was permitted to own slaves that he had purchased, but in all cases, they were to treat them fairly, administer punishment when needed with a kind heart, and ensure, that their dignity as human beings was upheld, ***BUT*** Yahweh has admonished us, ***NOT*** to rule over our brothers with harshness; we are to remember that we were also slaves once, and that it was by the Grace of Elohim, that we are ***NOW*** freemen. In the spiritual sense, we are not to look down our noses at those that are caught in a sinful life, for they are in bondage to that life; instead, we are to pray that Yahweh would set them free from their sinful lives, thereby aligning our hearts with Yahweh's heart, because it is His wish that not one person perishes.

As you can see, throughout this chapter, it is Yahweh's wish, that we act as a family, and take care of each other. If one member of the family has erred and finds himself in a situation that he or she has to become a bondservant to pay off their debt, then we must treat that person as a

hired hand, rather than a slave, for a hired hand has the hope that over a certain period of time his debt will be paid in full, whereas a slave can never pay off his debt.

We, both you and I, are bondservants of the most **HIGH ELOHIM**, which means that there is **NO WAY** that we can ever repay our Saviour, Messiah, for His sacrifice on the cross, **BUT**, what is so wonderful about our Messiah, **IS** that He does **NOT** see us as Bondservants, He sees us as **HIS BRIDE**. We may **NOT** deserve it, **BUT** through surrendered loving obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, we become Holy as our heavenly Father is Holy, we become **NEW CREATURES**, we become Messiah's spotless Bride, and in due time, we will be at His side for eternity, and that is **WHY** Yahweh wants us to extend Grace, Mercy, compassion and love to all peoples, **BECAUSE** He did it for us. Amein

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

*Verse 5 **Aleph Tav**, That which grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land.*

*Verse 10 And you shall hallow **Aleph Tav** the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a Jubilee unto you; and you shall return every man unto his possession, and you shall return every man unto his family.*

*Verse 15 According to the number of years after the Jubilee you shall buy from **Aleph Tav** your neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto you:*

*Verse 22 And you shall sow **Aleph Tav** the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in you shall eat of the old store.*

*Verse 25 If your brother be waxen poor, and has sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem **Aleph Tav**, that which his brother sold.*

*Verse 44 Both your bondmen, and your bondmaids, which you shall have, from **Aleph Tav** the heathen that are round about you; of them shall you buy bondmen and bondmaids.*

There are also **seventeen** Aleph Tav's that are attached to words with a Maqef, and there are **fifty five** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number **seventeen** in Scripture represents *victory, resurrection and eternal life*. It was on the **seventeenth** of the month that Messiah rose from the dead onto eternal Life. The number **Fifty Five** is broken up into two numbers, the number **fifty** which represents Jubilee, the restoration of all things and the number **five** which represents our heavenly Father's Torah, and His Grace, for they are synonymous terms. I believe that Yahweh is telling us, through the use of these Aleph Tav's, that **IF** we will willingly surrender our will to His will, in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of His Torah of Life, that we too, by the Grace of Elohim, will be resurrected on Judgment Day and be ushered into the kingdom of Elohim 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*

