

*Parashah 33 Tidbit*  
*BeChuqotai, בְּחֻקֹּתַי*  
*In My Statutes, Choq*  
*Vayikra, Leviticus 26:3–27:34;*

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*Vayikra 26:3 – 27:34,*

B'chuqotai, is from the word Choq, which means, something prescribed, enactment, decree, statute, **law, rule, prescribed portion, prescribed due, justness, truth, necessity, obligation**, and therefore this word B'chuqotai, means, In My Statutes, In My Decrees, In My Laws, In My Torah, In My everlasting **TRUTH**.

Even though this Parashah starts at *verse 3* of Vayiqra (*Leviticus*) 26, I thought I would include the first two *verses* of *Vayiqra 26*.

*1 You shall NOT make for yourselves any idols, NOR any graven image, NEITHER rear you up a standing image, NEITHER shall you set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am YHVH your Elohim. 2 You shall KEEP My Sabbaths, and REVERENCE My sanctuary: I am YHVH.*

As you can see, YHVH ends the book of Vayiqra with the very first and second Chuqot, Commandments, that were given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai. You shall have **NO** other Elohim before Me, and you shall have **NO** idols, **NOR** graven images and you are **NOT** to erect **ANY** images of **ANYTHING**, **NOT** even any images of Me, **TO BOW DOWN TO THEM**, and in the same breath, YHVH says, and you **SHALL KEEP, SHAMAR, GUARD** My Sabbaths. The word Shamar does indeed mean, to guard, **BUT**, it is the kind of guardianship, that requires determination and intensity, of such a high level, that we would rather lose our lives, than have something happen to defile YHVH's Sabbaths, which He has graciously given us, to guard, so that we could learn to **REST** in Him on that day.

The word used here in *verse 2* for Sabbath is personalized and pluralized, **IT IS** the word Shabtotai, שַׁבְּתוֹתַי, which means, My Sabbaths, and since **IT IS YHVH** that is speaking these words, it therefore means that they are **HIS SABBATHS**. The plural of the word Shabbat, is Shabbatot, שַׁבְּתוֹת, this could be interpreted as His weekly Sabbaths, **BUT** I believe it speaks of **ALL** His Sabbaths, including the seven high Sabbaths, the Feasts of YHVH. Therefore we are to understand that we are commanded to **KEEP** (shamar, guard), hallow, and reverence, **ALL** of YHVH's Shabbatot, His Sabbaths and His Sanctuary, His House. The word Shabtotai in this form is used in *Exodus 31:13* where it says: *Speak you also unto the children of Yisrael, saying, Verily My Shabtotai, YOU SHALL KEEP: for IT IS A SIGN BETWEEN ME AND YOU throughout your generations; that you may know that I am YHVH THAT DOES SANCTIFY YOU.*

*Vayiqra 19:3 You shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and KEEP, שַׁבְּתוֹתַי, Shabtotai, My*

*Sabbaths, I am YHVH your Elohim.*

*Vayiqra 19:30 You shall KEEP, שְׁבֹתָתִי, Shabtotai, My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary: I am YHVH.*

*Vayiqra 26:2 You shall KEEP, שְׁבֹתָתִי, Shabtotai, My Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am YHVH.*

*Ezekiel 20:13 But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness: they did NOT walk in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, which, if a man KEEP and DOES, them, he shall even live by them; and, שְׁבֹתָתִי, Shabtotai, My Sabbaths, they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.*

*Ezekiel 22:8 You have despised My holy things, and have profaned My Sabbaths, שְׁבֹתָתִי, Shabtotai.*

In these verses **IT IS VERY EVIDENT BY WHAT** YHVH Himself says, that He wants **ALL** of His people to **KEEP AND OR GUARD HIS SABBATHS**, for they are to be of paramount importance to us, because, they are **THE SIGN** that YHVH has given us, to show the world, that **WE** are in Covenant with Him.

Verse 3 begins with the word **IF** which is one of the biggest words in the English language because it carries with it such incredible consequences, some for good and some for evil.

Here YHVH tells us that, **IF** we will walk in His Statutes and **KEEP** (shamar, guard) His Commandments and **DO** them, that He will; and then He goes on to tell us all the beautiful blessings that He will pour upon those who willingly and lovingly choose to obey His Commandments to keep His Sabbaths.

He promises that:

- He will take care of our crops and provide for us, and ensure that we have plenty of provisions.
- He promises to give us peace in our land.
- He promises that He will rid evil beasts and war from our land.
- If enemies come against us, we shall defeat and chase them away easily.
- He will have respect for us. Now I don't know about you, **BUT IF** I could ever live a life where the Elohim of the universe could say to me, *I respect what you have done with your life*, I would be utterly speechless and probably faint!
- He promises to make us fruitful.
- He promises to establish His Covenant with us.
- He promises to set up His Tabernacle among us and walk with us.
- He promises to be our Elohim and that we will be His people.

Wow, how would you like to experience these promises in your life and in your Country? Well surprise, surprise, according to YHVH, **YOU CAN** indeed experience all of these promises, for they are real my friends, and they are indeed for us, **IF** and **WHEN** we learn to willingly and lovingly

**OBEY** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Living Torah, with loving surrendered contrite obedient hearts.

There are two Aleph Tav in this chapter and they are both warnings.

*Verse 14 But **IF** you will **NOT** hearken, **IF** you will **NOT** shemah, If you will **NOT** hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, and obey Me, and will **NOT DO ALL Aleph Tav** theses Commandments, **IF** you despise My Statutes, abhor My Judgments, and **will NOT do ALL My Commandments, IF** you break My Covenant, **I WILL DO THIS UNTO YOU.***

The words **I WILL DO THIS UNTO YOU**, found here at the end of this *verse ARE ALSO A PROMISE, BUT NOT ONE THAT I WANT TO CLAIM AS MY OWN.*

*Verse 35 As long as the land lies desolate **IT SHALL REST Aleph Tav, BECAUSE IT DID NOT REST IN YOUR SABBATHS, WHEN YOU DWELT UPON IT.***

Again, another warning, **IF** we choose **NOT** to obey and reverence YHVH's Sabbaths, the weekly Shabbat for ourselves and the Shabbat rest of the Land, every seven years, there will be dire consequences. We must learn to rest in the **Aleph Tav**, our sinless Messiah, we must learn to rest in the surrendered Torah obedient Life that He lived as an example of how we are to live our lives, and the Shabbat **IS** the day that He has ordained as His day of rest, where He wants to meet with us.

On one of our trips to Yisrael, we were at the temple mount and we saw what our forefathers and our corporate disobedience has caused. Because of Yisrael's disobedience, Yisrael's enemies rule over their, and our, most precious sites. They rule over what was given to us as an inheritance, and it is all because of the thousands of years of rebellious disobedience of which I am ashamed to say, I was a part of.

No more; *I say no more.* We are but a small group that have decided to follow the Commandments of YHVH, and if we do not falter, and truly learn to love, keep follow and obey the Words of YHVH's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **AND** do what YHVH has said **IS RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF** we can learn to truly rest in Him, on His Day of rest, His Shabbat, then, we are capable of changing the world, because, we are told by Messiah Himself, that we can do all things through Yeshua Messiah, the word of the Living Torah made flesh. who gives us strength.

We also visited Hebron when we were in Yisrael, and there, we met with a man named David Wilder. Mr. Wilder has an incredible passion for what he believes in, and works against all odds, to restore what YHVH has promised Yisrael. He can only do that **IF** he believes that YHVH hears his prayers and that someday He will answer him.

We, who have chosen to believe, follow and obey the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, as best we can, as we believe it was meant to be followed, **know**, that we can do *all* things through Messiah who strengthens us. Messiah is the Living Word of YHVH, the Living Torah made flesh, and that is why I can boldly claim, **IF** this small group of people who profess to be Bondservants of the Most High Elohim, can learn to keep the Torah of our heavenly Father, with loving, surrendered obedient hearts as the twelve Apostles did, then we too, can change the world and save many souls for the kingdom of Elohim.

In **Chapter 26** the words *I will* are used **thirty-three** (33) times. Thirty-three is the age of our Messiah, at the time that He was crucified. His whole life was a life of loving surrendered obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. He followed and obeyed the teaching and instructions of the Father, every day of His earthly life, and He instructed us to do the same, when He said in **Matthew 6:33** *Seek you first the kingdom of Elohim and His RIGHTEOUSNESS (His Torah) and all these things shall be added onto you.*

In all kingdoms there are laws that govern the kingdom, laws that must be obeyed, and many of them are itemized in the constitution outlining the rights and freedoms enjoyed by its citizens. The constitution of the Kingdom of YHVH, **IS** the Words of His Living Torah, and when the Torah, the constitution of the kingdom of Elohim **IS** willingly adhered to, it brings freedom and blessings to every individual. **John 8:32** *You shall know the TRUTH (the Torah, Psalm 119:142) and the TRUTH (Torah) SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.*

**WHY** is there freedom in obedience? It is because, Scripture tells us that in obeying YHVH's **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life, there is **freedom** from bondage to Sin, and furthermore the promises of our heavenly Father are manifested daily in the obedient person's Life. Promises such as **Protection** Psalm 91, **Provision** Genesis 22:8, **Prosperity** Psalm 1:3, Deuteronomy 7:14-15; 8:18; **Health** Exodus 15:26, **Joyfulness** Isaiah 56:7, **Peace** Numbers 6:26; Proverbs 16:7; John 14:27 & John 16:33, and **Wisdom** Deuteronomy 4:6-8, and I could go on and on about the benefits derived from obeying the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

To further strengthen or emphasize what our heavenly Father will do for us, **IF** we lovingly choose to obey His Voice, obey the Words of His Torah of Life, you will find that the term *I will* is used seven (7) in the first twelve (12) verses of *Leviticus 26*, the verses that speak of the blessing one receives for obedience. The number Seven in Scripture speaks of spiritual perfection and completeness, which is where obedience to the Torah will lead all people who choose that Path, and the number twelve indicates Elohim's perfect way of governing His kingdom.

My friends, our heavenly Father tells us over and over again, that obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life, **IS** Life, Deuteronomy 11:26-28; 30:15-16; 30:19-20. And YHVH has made it perfectly clear, that He wants **ALL** of His children to **choose life**, which means that our heavenly Father wants **ALL** people, including the wicked, to turn from their wicked ways and live; for the Torah, the Living Torah gives life to all who choose to obey. Let us, who are gathered here today, resolve to surrender more of our hearts to our heavenly Father, and commit to walk in obedience to all His beautiful inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, which teaches us to love each other more and more, and it also teaches us that we are to learn to **TRUST** and **BELIEVE** that **ALL** of YHVH's Words and promises **ARE THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH**. Amen.

While all of these blessings that YHVH will pour upon the people who willingly choose to obey Him and walk in His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions are very beautiful, we also have to understand and be aware of the **FACT**, that the opposite position, which is rejecting the Words of the Torah of YHVH, then the results are **NOT** so beautiful to contemplate, even though, it is also very true, **IF** anyone chooses to walk in and by their own understanding, they will be cursed and be lost forever.

*Leviticus 26:14 BUT, IF you will NOT hearken (shemah) unto Me, and will NOT do all these*

*Commandments; 15 and IF you shall despise My Statutes, or IF your soul abhor My Judgments, so that you will NOT do ALL My Commandments, but that you break My Covenant:*

Here in *verse 14* YHVH begins His warnings, and He does **NOT** stop warning us of the dire consequences of disobedience to the Words of His Torah of Life, until we get to *verse 39*. So from *verse 4* to *verse 13* we have *verses* that describe **the blessings** that YHVH will pour out upon the people who choose to obey the Words of His Torah of Life, and then we have twenty six *verses* that tell us what and how we will suffer, **IF** we choose **NOT** to obey YHVH's Commandments, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions.

Now we could look at this with a negative mindset, and call YHVH a mean and vengeful Elohim that only wants to punish us, or we could look at it the way that YHVH does, and that **IS**, from the perspective of a loving caring compassionate Father who does not want any of His children to perish, so He goes into great details, as to what will happen to the disobedient soul, so that His children will be fully informed as to the consequences of what will happen to them, **IF** they choose to wander off the Path of **righteousness** that our heavenly Father has chosen for us to walk on, and hopefully change some of their minds into obeying His Commandments.

Now I could go over every detail of what happens to those who choose **NOT** to obey, but I think that we would all be better served, **IF** we all took the time and read it for ourselves, and see how much our heavenly Father loves us. The consequences for disobedience are so repulsive, so destructive, that **no one** that **IS** informed **AND believes that YHVH is the Creator of all things**, would choose to walk in them, **BUT** unfortunately **NOT ALL** people believe the Words of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitchaq, and Ya'aqov, and therefore, **IF** they reject the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, they will suffer the consequences. Notice I did not say **BELIEVE IN** the Elohim of Abraham, Yitchaq, and Ya'aqov, **BUT** those, who choose **NOT TO BELIEVE** the Elohim of Abraham Yitchaq, and Ya'aqov

*Verses 18, 21, 23, 27* all say the same thing and show the determination of our heavenly Father towards saving His children. In these four *verses* He intensifies the punishment, not because He wants to punish people more, **BUT** because He loves us, His people, with a perfect love and wants all of them to turn from their wicked ways **AND LIVE**. In today's vernacular we would call it tough love. If you think you see any other purpose for these punishments, then you have missed the Father's heart. For it is His wish that none should perish, and you would do well to remember that as you read the rest of the Scriptures.

What follows are the five warnings that YHVH has given us, please read them carefully and understand the magnitude of the increments by which these circumstances are increased because of continued disobedience.

*Verse 14 But IF you will NOT hearken unto Me and will NOT do all these Commandments; 15 And IF you shall despise My Statutes, or IF your soul abhor My Judgments, so that you will NOT do ALL My Commandments, but that you break My Covenant: 16 I ALSO WILL DO THIS UNTO YOU; I will even appoint over you **terror** (1), **consumption** (2), and the **burning ague** (3), that **shall consume the eyes** (4), and **cause sorrow of heart** (5): and you shall **sow your seed in vain** (6), for **your enemies shall eat it** (7). 17 And I will **set My face against you** (8), and you shall be **slain before your enemies** (9): they that hate you shall **reign over you** (10); and you shall **flee when none pursues you** (11).*

Verse 18 And **IF YOU WILL NOT** yet for all this, hearken unto Me, **then** I will punish you **seven times more for your sins**.  $7 \times 11 = 77$

Verse 21 And **IF YOU WALK CONTRARY** unto Me, and will **NOT** hearken unto Me; **then** I will bring **seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins**.  $7 \times 77 = 539$

Verse 23 And **IF YOU WILL NOT** be reformed by Me by these things, **BUT** will walk contrary unto Me; **24 THEN WILL I ALSO WALK CONTRARY UNTO YOU**, and **WILL** punish you yet **seven times for your sins**.  $7 \times 539 = 3,773$

Verse 27 And **IF YOU WILL NOT** for all this hearken unto Me, **BUT** walk contrary unto Me; **28 THEN I WILL WALK CONTRARY UNTO YOU ALSO IN FURY**; and I, even I, will chastise you **seven times for your sins**.  $7 \times 3,773 = 26,411$

As you can see, **IF** YHVH keeps on multiplying the consequences for disobedience seven times, then that means, that by the time we get the last warning there are 26,411 consequences that we will have to deal with, because of our wilful disobedience to the Words of His Torah of Life. You might say that that is ridiculous, our loving heavenly Father would **NOT** do that to us, **BUT** we have to learn to understand the depth of our heavenly Father's infinite love for us and the fact that He does **NOT** want anyone to perish, and therefore, we have understand and believe, that He will go to great lengths to convince us to turn to Him in surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life, for He knows that Obedience to His Torah of Life **MEANS EVERLASTING LIFE**, to all who willingly and lovingly choose that path of Life.

Now after considering the number of times that the consequences of Sinning, the consequences of transgressing the Words of the Father's Torah of Life are multiplied, why is it that the punishment for disobedience and the increased punishment for continued disobedience is given to us **FIVE** times? I believe **IT IS BECAUSE** YHVH is emphasizing to us that we are to **LEARN to KEEP and DO** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life in order to avoid suffering all of these curses? I will leave that up to you to decide what is best for you.

When YHVH's children willingly choose to walk away from His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and rebelliously choose **NOT** to shemah, **NOT** to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, **NOR** obey the Words of His Torah of Life, when they choose **NOT** to heed the first warnings that come from above, then our heavenly Father continues to chastise them and **INTENSIFIES** the consequences and the severity of the punishment, **BECAUSE** of His great and infinite love for all of us. This may be hard for some people to understand, **BUT** YHVH knows that **IT IS** better for us to suffer in the flesh and hopefully repent from our sinful rebellious ways and turn back to Him, so that we can be with Him for eternity, rather than to be lost forever.

Matthew 5:30 And **IF** your right hand offends you, cut it off, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into hell.

I know that this chapter can be a very scary one to read, because of all the dire consequences that happens to those who choose to walk contrary to the Father's Ways, contrary to the Words of His

inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **BUT** I really want you to see and understand our heavenly Father's **HEART**; *verses 40 **IF THEY SHALL CONFESS THEIR INIQUITY, AND the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against Me, and that also they have walked contrary unto Me; 41 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; IF then, their uncircumcised hearts BE HUMBLLED, and they THEN accept the punishment of their iniquity: 42 THEN I will remember** (zachar, speak and act on their behalf) My Covenant with Ya'aqov, and also My Covenant with Yitzchaq, and also My Covenant with Abraham, will I remember; and I will remember the land.*

Can you see how our heavenly Father offers us His love, His grace, His mercy and His forgiveness, even after we have rebelled and done horrendous things to Him and His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions **MADE FLESH**, our Messiah? Please, understand, that **EVEN IF** we were to set aside **ALL** these warnings from the Father, and walk in our own understanding and go through all the chastisement that is found throughout all these twenty six *verses*, and then, have a change of heart, and call on the Elohim of Abraham, Yitchaq, and Ya'aqov with surrendered contrite hearts, that are now willing to obey Him, our heavenly Father **IS** still **MORE THAN WILLING TO FORGIVE US ALL OF OUR TRESPASSES**. What an incredible Elohim we serve.

Please, please, let us **NOT** overlook what is said at the end of *verse 42*, about the three covenants; I want you to see how **ALL** the Covenants are **STILL** in full effect today, according to our heavenly Father, and that **NONE** of them have been abolished nor set aside, one covenant builds upon the other, **BUT** that is a teaching for another time.

A few final *verses* to show you our heavenly Father's heart; Vayiqra 26:44 **And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will NOT CAST THEM AWAY, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break My Covenant with them: for I am YHVH their Elohim.**

We, YHVH's people, have consistently and systematically broken our word, broken our promises of obedience to YHVH, and countless times, we have defiled the Covenant that we made with Him, **BUT HE WILL NEVER DEFILE HIS COVENANT WITH US**. Please read these *verses* and try to understand our Father's heart, for **IT IS** a heart that is overflowing with love for His children. **45 But I will, FOR THEIR SAKE REMEMBER** (zakar, speak and act on behalf of) **the Covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their Elohim: I am YHVH. 46 These are the Statutes and Judgments and Torah (Laws), which YHVH made between Him and the children of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.**

We are told throughout Scripture that YHVH **DOES NOT CHANGE**; therefore we have to understand that **IF IT IS TRUE** that He **DOES NOT CHANGE**, **THEN** we **MUST** conclude that **NONE** of His Covenants have changed, **NOT EVEN ONE JOT OR TITTLE** of His everlasting Word has been removed from His Torah of Life, for His Words are like Him, they are everlasting **AS** He, YHVH **IS** everlasting, and you can rest assured that He will stand by His Covenant no matter what the cost, even when **WE** choose **NOT TO**, and that, my friends **IS** the incredible love that He has for us. Amen

There are two Aleph Tavs in this chapter

*Verse 14 But if you will NOT hearken or shemah unto Me, and will NOT do Aleph Tav all theses commandments*

*Verse 35 As long as the land lies desolate it shall rest **Aleph Tav**, because it did not rest in your Sabbaths, when you dwelt upon it.*

There are thirty Four Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef and there are another fifty words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number thirty four in Scripture speaks of the end of Messiah's ministry, for Messiah died at the age of thirty three, half way through his thirty fourth year, and the number fifty speaks of the restoration of all things. Therefore, I believe that YHVH is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tavs that **IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to obey the Words of His Living Torah Made flesh, our Messiah, and walk in the very same Torah obedient footsteps that Messiah did, and commanded us to do, **THEN**, what we can rightfully expect, **IS**, to be restored to the kingdom of our heavenly Father for eternity, for that is where **ALL** things began, in the kingdom of Elohim, in the Garden of Eden that He created for us in the week of Creation, and that is where He will return us back to. Amein.

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,  
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem! Amein*