

Parashah 13 Tidbit
Exodus 1:1 – 6:1
Shemot, שמות The Names
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In *Genesis 46:4* YHVH told Jacob that He, YHVH, would go down with him into Egypt. And here in *verse* we are told what the names of the people are, whom YHVH will accompany into the Promised Land. *1 Now these are the names of the children of Yisrael, who came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Ya'aqov.*

I have reproduced *verse 1* in Hebrew to show you something.

וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הַבָּאִים מִצְרָיִם אֶת יַעֲקֹב אִישׁ וּבֵיתוֹ בָּאוּ

VeEleh, and these, Shmot, names, Beney, the children of, Yisrael, HaBaiym, is from the word Bo, which means, to come or came, Mitzraymah, means, Egypt, the word Et, אֶת, as a preposition, means, with, at, to the side of, it is usually prefixed only to a noun, like, the man, Et HaIsh, אֶת אִישׁ, it also means, **a cutting instrument**, and is usually rendered, as ploughshare, and with different vowel points, we end up with the word At, אַת, which is the personal pronoun, you, thou. The Aleph and Tav letters are also, the first and last letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, and as such, they **represent Messiah**, whom Scripture says, **IS** the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, and Scripture, also makes it abundantly clear, that Messiah, **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, and since it is very obvious, that all the Words of the Torah, are made up of the letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, from the letter Aleph to the letter Tav, that therefore means, that the whole Hebrew Alphabet, **also represents, the Tree of Life**, for it is the letters of the Hebrew AlephBet that form the words that created all things, Ya'aqov, Ish, man, UBeyto, of the house of, Bao, came with.

As you can see, we have a stand alone Aleph Tav between the words הַבָּאִים מִצְרָיִם, HaBaiym and Mitzraymah, *came into Egypt* Aleph Tav אֶת, Ya'aqov, יַעֲקֹב. And then, Scripture delineates the names of the Heads of the Tribes of Yisrael, and, all the children that came out of Ya'aqov/Yisrael's his loins, are mentioned, except for Yoseph, for he was already in the land of Egypt. I believe that YHVH placed the stand-alone Aleph Tav in that particular place to confirm to us, and to the whole world, that He, YHVH was indeed with Ya'aqov and his children, when they went into Egypt.

*Now these are the names of the children of Yisrael, who came into Egypt **Aleph Tav**; Ya'aqov and every man of his household that came with Ya'aqov. And all the souls that came **out of the loins of Ya'aqov** were **seventy** souls: for Yoseph was in Egypt already.*

As always, there is a message contained in the definition of the names that are mentioned.

Ya'aqov/Yisrael:

(The name **יִשְׂרָאֵל**, is a composite word, made up of the Hebrew words, Yashar, and, El, where the **word** Yashar means, to be smooth, be straight, be right, was upright, pleasing, he led straight, he directed, guided, was made level, and the **word** El, which is a short form of the title, Elohim. Therefore, together, these two words, Yashar and El, tell us that Yisrael, **IS the straight and upright path that Elohim wants all of His children to walk on**, and that Path my friends, **IS**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, His Directives for everlasting Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and the name, Ya'aqov, **יַעֲקֹב**, is made up of the letter Yod which means, hand, and the word Ekev which means, heel, and therefore the name, Ya'aqov's, means, **hand on heel**, and **all** the negative attributes that the Rabbis have associated with Ya'aqov's name, words like, crooked, insidious, deceitful, to circumvent, overreach, are **NOT** part of the definition of what the letters of his name means, they only speak of Ya'aqov's character, according to the Rabbis interpretation)

The descriptions that are given to the son's by Ya'aqov's wives are:

Reuben:

(**רְאוּבֵן**, Reu Ben, where the word Reu **רְאוּ**, is from the **word** Reah, **רָאָה**, which means, to see, looked at, beheld, perceived, conceived, understood, comprehend, he observed, considered, regarded, he chose, approved of, preferred, and the **word** Ben, **בֵּן**, which means son, offspring, branch, shoot, inhabitant of, worthy of, deserving)

Shimeon

(**שִׁמְעוֹן**, is from the **word** Shema, **שָׁמַע**, which means to hear, and in Leah's heart, she was excited, for she thought, wait until my husband Jacob, **hears** that I am pregnant with a son, **THEN he will love me**, and while the **word** Shema does means, to hear, it also means, to listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey and do what you have been told to **DO**

Levi:

(**לֵוִי**, means to be joined, joined together, to accompany, it is also the name of the son of Ya'aqov and Leah, the letters, Lamed Vav, **לָו**, mean, would that, oh that, if only, and with the Yod, **י** suffix, it means, If only I had, or, would that I, or if only I)

Judah

(**יְהוּדָה**, Yahudah, is made up of the **word** Hod which means beauty, splendour, glory, majesty, to resonate, reverberate, admission, acknowledgement, thanksgiving, and the **word** Ya, which is a short form of the Name YHVH, therefore, the definition of the word, Yahudah, or Jew as it is translated in english, **IS** a person that willingly chooses to praise the beauty, splendour, glory and majesty of YHVH, and who resonates, repeats, echos, and willingly chooses to live by YHVH's Words of Life, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of His Torah)

Issachar:

(**יִשָּׂכָר**, Yisha Sakar, here the **word** Yisha or Yesh, means, there is, there are, it means possession, property, existence, substance, reality, the **word** Sakar, means, wages, hire, salary, payment, remuneration, reward)

Zebulun:

(זְבוּלֹן, means, habitation, dwell, honour, exaltation, endowed, enabled, empowered, gifted is from the **word** Zebel, זבל, which means, to dwell, habitation, and if we add the suffix letter Yod to the name Zebulun, we form the word Zebuluniy, זְבוּלֹנִי which means, to dwell with me)

Benjamin

(בְּנֵימִן, Ben Yamin, where the **word** Ben means, son, offspring, branch, shoot, inhabitant, worthy of, deserving and the **word** Yamin means the right hand, the right side, the right, the south)

Dan:

(דָּן, is from the **word** Dun, דִּין or Din, דִּין, which means, to judge, he judged, pleaded the cause of, was discussed, considered, he executed judgement, verdict, sentence, lawsuit)

Naphtali:

(נַפְתָּלִי, is from the **word**, Niphtal, נִפְתָּל, which means, tortuous, crooked, struggling, wrestling, it is from the word Patal, פָּתַל, which means, to twist, twine, he twisted, distorted, perverted, he wrestled, was tortuous, struggling)

Gad:

(גָּד, means, good fortune, luck, it is also the name of a pagan god of luck, and it also means, coriander)

Asher:

(אָשֶׁר, to walk straight, walk, to go, tread upon, was led, it also means to be happy, called blessed, to strengthen, to confirm, happiness)

Joseph

(יוֹסֵף, Yoseph means, to add, increase, he continued, but if we break up the word Yoseph into two parts, we form the words Yo יו, and Saph, סָף, and the word Yo יו, is a short form of the Name Yahweh, and the word Seph, or Saph, סָף, means, goblet, basin, threshold, and this definition of Yoseph's name, tells us that YHVH wants all of us to drink from the Goblet of Yoseph's Life, YHVH wants us to emulate and or mimic Yoseph's totally surrendered Torah obedient Life)

Now after looking at all the definition of these names, this what I believe, YHVH is telling us through these names.

Our heavenly Father, the Creator of all things, has promised **Ya'aqov/Yisrael**, His family, that He would send us the Words of our heavenly Father's Living Torah, which will be manifested in the flesh as, as His only begotten Son, our Messiah, who is mandated by our heavenly Father, to teach all the people that the Father gave Him, to **Shema**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and the word, Shema, means, hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey our heavenly Father's Words of Life, the very same words that were given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai by YHVH Himself. Our heavenly Father wanted Messiah to teach us to obey the Words of His Torah

of Life, so that we could be **joined** together with Messiah, and be **ONE** happy family, that **dwells** together in unity. And, as we learn to **praise and worship** our heavenly Father through obeying His Words of Life, on a daily basis, it will cause us to **resonate, echo, and or mimic** the Torah obedient Life that the **Son of the Right Hand** of Elohim, our Messiah, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, chose to believe, follow and obey. And, **IF** we can learn to do that, **IF** we can learn to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, as Messiah did and taught us to do, **THEN**, we can rest assured, that YHVH will **reward** us, by pouring out His Grace, Mercy and provisional blessings upon us. We have to understand, that from the beginning of time, YHVH knew, that we were going to be **judged by our Works**, and He did **NOT** want us to go through life without His help, **IF** we wanted it, therefore, when His people Yisrael, of whom, you and I are a part of, willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, and obey the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, He showers us with His many blessings. He did **NOT** want the children of Yisrael, His family, to rely on **luck**, which is a man made myth, **BUT** instead, He wanted His people, Yisrael, to walk as proud members of His family, people who willingly choose to walk on His **STRAIGHT** and **NARROW**, Path of **Righteousness**, that is outlined in the Words of His Torah of Life, the Path that He, in His infinite wisdom, created for the specific purpose of **strengthening** all people who willingly choose to walk on that Path, in a totally surrendered Torah obedient manner to Him, a people that, seek first the kingdom of Elohim and His **Righteousness**, for, when people do indeed seek Him, with all their hearts, minds, souls and strength, **then** they will find YHVH waiting there, for them, with all of His blessings, that are delineated in the Words of His Torah of Life, promises that state, that **IF** they seek Me, with all your heart, then everything else will be **ADDED** onto them, so that they can continue walking on His designated path of Righteousness, the path that YHVH Himself has set for **ALL** of His children.

We have to understand that we serve a loving caring compassionate heavenly Father, **who does NOT want even one** of His children to Perish, and He goes to great lengths, without transgressing the Words of His own Torah, to see that the people of His family, Yisrael, have every advantage possible, to walk on His predetermined Path of Righteousness, which is defined in Scripture, in *Deuteronomy 6:25*, as willingly following and obeying the Words of His Torah of Life. **IF** people could just understand that one simple **FACT**, then their bible reading enjoyment, would be enhanced a hundredfold, for it is confirmed everywhere throughout Scripture, **HOW MUCH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER LOVES US**.

Verse 5 tells us that all the souls that came out of Ya'aqov's loins were **Seventy** souls. The number **Seventy** in Scripture is a number that represents **all the Nations of the world**. Therefore this is a prophetic picture of the House of Ya'aqov being scattered into every nation of the world, to spread YHVH's Words of Life, the Words of His Torah, and please remember that in this story, Egypt, is a shadow picture of the world and the world system of the day.

In *verse 6* we are told that Yoseph, all his brothers, and all that generation died. Therefore, from this point, on, we are dealing with people that are actually born in Egypt; the people of Yisrael, that were in Egypt **after** Yoseph died, which means, they were without the spiritual guidance of Yoseph and the Patriarchs; and as YHVH had promised, they were fruitful and multiplied and they grew to become a mighty force.

Now, I want you to see, that through all of this time, with Yoseph as their leader, and even after Yoseph and the patriarchs died, the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, the very same Elohim

that we serve, **IS** an Elohim that keeps His Promises; for YHVH promised that the people of Yisrael, would be **multiplied** as the stars in the heavens, and even though, the people of Yisrael chose to walk away from obeying the Words of YHVH Elohim's Torah of Life, after Yoseph died, YHVH Elohim, did **NOT** walk away from them, which means that He kept *His* promise, and still **multiplied** them. This simply confirms to me, that we serve an Elohim that **ALWAYS** keeps His promises, and that is why, we can **ALWAYS TRUST and BELIEVE ALL of His Words**.

Now, in every case, in the history of Yisrael, we see that every time that YHVH prospers them through His Grace and forgiving Mercy, it causes the people of Yisrael, to feel comfortable in their prosperous situation, and, for some reason, at a certain point, in their blessed lives, they think that they no longer need, YHVH Elohim, and therefore, they slowly but surely, stop walking closely with YHVH, and choose instead, to walk in and by their own understanding, their own pride, their own man made doctrines, and as history has shown us, they willingly begin to follow their own man made doctrines, rather than the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Here in *verse 8* we see an age of **DARKNESS** coming over Yisrael. It says that a **new King** arose who **did NOT Yada Yoseph, DID NOT KNOW** Yoseph. The word *Yada* means to have intimate knowledge, such as Adam knew (Yada) Chava (Eve), and she conceived. As we read the Scriptures, it is quite clear, that Yoseph **IS** a shadow picture of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of the Father made flesh, and here, in this age of **DARKNESS**, we are told that the leader of the country **IS NOT walking in obedience to the Words of the Torah of YHVH**.

Let me ask you a question; **Is this not the very same thing that is happening in our world today?** For most if not all of the leaders of the countries of this world of ours, **AND**, the leaders of **ALL** the man made religions of the world, today, do **NOT KNOW** Yoseph, who **IS** shadow picture of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, for it is, or should be very obvious, that few, if any, of these word leaders, are walking in obedience to the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, the very same Torah that YHVH gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai. Therefore, the only conclusion that I believe we can arrive at, according to Scripture, **IS** that we too **ARE in an age of DARKNESS**, and, according to Scripture, that **IS** when the **LIGHT OF OUR OBEDIENCE to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, MUST shine the brightest**, and the only way for us to **shine brightly** according to Scripture, **IS BY willingly and lovingly choosing to believe, follow, and obey ALL the Words YHVH's Torah of Life, thereby, being an example for the whole world to see, that we are blessed BECAUSE we obey the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, which means that we walk in the Ways of YHVH**.

There had to be quite a period of time between Yoseph's death, and this new King arising, for Yoseph did many wondrous things for the people of Egypt, and they remembered him fondly and mourned his death, and here, we are told that this king **DID NOT Yada, did NOT KNOW** Yoseph, **NOR** was he concerned about any of what Yoseph had done for Egypt in the past. And, when this king came to power, he realized that the people of Yisrael, are now mightier in numbers than his own people, and he devises a plan to enslave them all. He also realized that these Yisraelites are a prosperous people, and he wants to keep them around, so that Egypt can benefit from their work, their talent, and their riches, **BUT** he knows that he has to remove their wealth and their freedom from them first, in order to accomplish his plan to enslave them.

This King starts slowly, by putting in laws that will eventually enslave all the people of Yisrael. Not unlike many regimes have done throughout history, and something akin to what we have experienced in the western world in the past three years to four years, with the overreach of most western governments, forcing people to remain inside, destroying businesses with their false claim that it is to protect us, and I am sad to say, that unfortunately, the majority of the people of the world **actually went along with the government restrictions**, just like, I believe the people of Yisrael did, with this new king who **did NOT KNOW Yoseph**.

Unfortunately for the people of Yisrael, they were so **taken with their prosperity in Egypt**, that they **DID NOT NOTICE** the slight changes in the law of the land, the changes, that over a short period of time, would eventually rob them of their wealth and their freedom. **IF** you need an example of this phenomena, just look at what the western world has done and continues to do, and see how few people seem to be concerned with our eroding freedoms, and many of them are actually **SIDING** with the government officials, that are chipping away at our freedoms. It is a scenario that has happened over and over again, throughout the ages. And as I said above, I know, that to a certain degree, we, here in Canada, and in many other countries of the so called western world, have, and continue to experience, that same scenario in our own lives today, with all the restrictions that have been put upon people world wide, and we seem to be more concerned with our material comforts, than we are with our eroding personal freedoms, so we give up a little freedom here, a little freedom there, and pretty soon, **IF** we, as a people, do not wake up, we might be like the people of Yisrael that ended up being enslaved to their masters in Egypt. It is of paramount importance, that we truly understand, that when we get too attached to the material things that we own, we can easily be deceived into believing that the authorities are trying to help us save what we have, **BUT** in order for them to do that, they convince many people that they need to help them, by giving themselves more and more power, so that they can do that for us. Messiah covered that Fact in the Parable of the sower, in Matthew 13 **The deceitfulness of riches and the cares of this world choke the Word of YHVH, and His Word becomes unfruitful within us**.

What we must realize, as we read these Scriptures, **IS** that Yisrael was **already** enslaved by their earthly riches, their earthly possessions, **BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW IT**. In essence, what happened to the people of Yisrael, **IS**, they simply changed one slave master (*money, wealth and possessions*) for another (*Pharaoh and his task masters*).

Verse 12 tells us that the more Yisrael was afflicted, the more they multiplied. As I mentioned above, YHVH **ALWAYS** keeps His promises. In the narrative of the life of Yoseph, Potiphera, who bought Yoseph as a slave, **recognized**, that by having Yoseph in his service, he and his household prospered. This new King, also realizes that, and he doesn't want the people of Yisrael to leave Egypt, and, in his mind, the only way that he can guarantee to have them stay, **IS BY ENSLAVING THEM**.

Now let me bring this thought up; when you join a church group today, whether it is, a Baptist, Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, Pentecostal church, or whatever denomination you choose, for there are over forty thousand of them, you have to learn to **CONFORM TO THEIR DOCTRINE**, and **IF** you **do NOT CONFORM to their way of doing things, then** you are not going to be with their social group, for very long. That my friends **IS a form of subtle BONDAGE, but it is BONDAGE nevertheless**, and I am very sad to say, that people **readily accept it**. I believe that that is how this King deceived the people of Yisrael, by making them part of their community and getting them to conform to Egypt's way of doing things, until **ALL** their freedoms had been eroded away, including

the freedom to think for themselves.

Now that Yisrael was enslaved, the King put them to work, building two cities, Pithom and Raamses.

Pithom,

(פִּתּוֹם, Pitom, means, City of Justice (the world's justice), and pictographically, it means, speak on behalf of chaos.

Raamses,

(רַעַמְסֵס, Child of the sun. Pictographically, it means, the person that experiences, and is surrounded by and supports chaos.

Egypt,

(מִצְרַיִם, Chaos upon chaos (a picture of the world system which is very prevalent today, for Chaos is what seems to prevail in most western countries today, you could say, it is like being between a rock and hard place)

Because of their disobedience to the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, and because they, of their own accord, chose to walk away from Ways and the Words of YHVH Elohim's Torah of Life, YHVH's system of justice, YHVH's Just Ways, YHVH allowed, the world's justice system **to be imposed upon them** and they were no longer sons of the One true Elohim, **BUT** instead, they became slaves of the man made imaginary sun god, the so called man made imaginary god of the Egyptians, which is a picture of them, Yisrael, coming under the authority of the world system of the day.

We, who have chosen to believe, follow and obey the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, can see through the Words of Scripture, that the Grace of Elohim was **STILL** with the people of Yisrael, for it says, *the more they were afflicted the more they multiplied*. Even when we, His people, act in sinful ways, and wilfully transgress the Words of His Torah of Life, Elohim's **GRACE, IS** with us, waiting for the day that we choose to repent of our sinful ways, and turn back to Him, and begin once again, to obey to the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

To show you that YHVH was with them, even in their bondage in Egypt, there is a stand alone Aleph Tav in *verse 14*, right after the words *service in the field: **Aleph Tav** all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.*

Pharaoh went as far as to hire or instruct two Hebrew midwives to kill the male children of Yisrael, as soon as they were born, **BUT**, we are told that the midwives did not do so. The number **two** in scripture speaks of **witness**. So what was the witness of these two midwives? Their names tell us what their witness was:

Shiphrah:

(שִׁפְרָה, brightness)

Puah:

(פּוּעָה, splendid, to glitter, to shine)

Both their names refer to **the splendid light**, and there is only one **TRUE Light** that can be called a

splendid Light, and that of course **IS** the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, that were made flesh, our Messiah. So, the midwives' actions, were a witness of the Word of YHVH in action, to all the mothers of Yisrael, and it says in *verse 20* that Elohim dealt **WELL** with the midwives. They feared Elohim and He built up their houses, their families.

How would you like YHVH *to build up YOUR house?* Well, according to this understanding, **ALL WE HAVE TO DO, TO HAVE YHVH BUILD OUR HOUSE FOR US, IS BE A WITNESS TO THE WORLD, BY WILLINGLY CHOOSING TO OBEY THE WORDS OF YHVH'S TORAH**, and we can only do that **BY WILLINGLY** choosing to live a Torah obedient life, which is exactly what YHVH wants us to do. **WHEN** we willingly and lovingly choose to do so, when we choose to **OBEY** the Words of His Torah of Life, we become **A LIGHT ONTO THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, THAT ARE MIREN IN DARKNESS**, as these *two midwives* were a **Light** onto the people of Yisrael, in one of their *darkest* hours, and Elohim rewarded them, as I know He will reward **ALL** people, who willingly and lovingly choose to follow and obey the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, and teach it to others to do the same. Because, that is one of His many promises, and YHVH always fulfills His promises. It says that Elohim **BUILT** their houses. In Hebraic understanding, to *build up their houses* means that Elohim built up their families, and protected their children down to the thousandth generation. Amein

There are two Aleph Tav's in *Exodus 1*.

Verse 1 Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Aleph Tav Jacob.

Verse 14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field Aleph Tav: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

There are also another **Ten** Aleph Tav's that are attached to words with a Maqef and there are **Ten** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number **Ten** in Scripture speaks of YHVH's **Ten** Commandments, which of course encompasses or incorporates **ALL** of His six hundred and thirteen Commandments found throughout Scripture, and which includes all the Words of His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life. I believe that YHVH is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tav's, in this first chapter of Exodus, that **IF** we will simply learn to believe, follow, and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, as He has Commanded us to **DO, from the very beginning of Time, THEN**, it will put us on YHVH's predetermined Path to everlasting Life, which is the Path where we **ALLOW** the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father to **CAUSE** us to believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of His Directives for everlasting Life, also called the Words of the Torah of Moses. 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