

## *Parashah 22 Tidbit*

*Exodus 35:1 – 38:20*

*VayaQ'hel, וַיִּקְהַל, And He Assembled (gathered)*

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*And He Assembled, Va Ya Qahal, and He brought the Assembly of people Together*

*Verse 1 And Mosheh gathered all the congregation of the children of Yisrael together, and said unto them וַיִּקְהַל מֹשֶׁה אֶת-כָּל-עֵדֻת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם, VayaQhel Moshe Et Kal Adat Beney Yisrael, These are the Words which YHVH has Commanded, that **YOU** should **DO** them. **Six days** shall work be done, **BUT** on the **Seventh day** there shall be to you a holy day, a **Shabbat of REST** to YHVH: whosoever does any work therein,*

We have to understand that keeping and resting on the Shabbat, **IS** so important to YHVH, that He says, the person that chooses to work on Shabbat: **SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH.**

The Word that this *verse* starts with is VayaQ'hel: וַיִּקְהַל, and it is from the root word Qahal, קָהַל, which means, to assemble or to gather together, and here in *verse 1 of Exodus 35*, we see that YHVH wants us to gather together on the seventh Day, the Shabbat, to **REST in Him**, and YHVH also warned us, that anyone that **DOES** any work on this day, **would be put to DEATH.**

This means, that the people who do choose to work on the Shabbat, are actually in a **death cult**, and their daily lives, **WILL** eventually reflect that fact. The word VayaQhel is spelled with a Vav which is often translated as the word, *and*, then we have the letter Yod, which makes it in future tense, which means that the people are to assemble on every Shabbat, in order to rest in YHVH, as YHVH has Commanded us to do.

If we analyze the letters of this word, beginning with the letter Vav which is almost always translated as the English word *and*, and the word YaQhel which is spelled with the letter Yod which means *hand* or *work*, the letter Qoof ק which means *back of the head* or *behind*, the letter Hey ה, which means *behold*, and the letter Lamed ל, which means *shepherd's staff, authority, teaching and instructions* and then put these definitions together, we have a word that tells us,

(1) Behold the working hand of the shepherd upon his staff, and who teaches and instructs us on all the Works that He wants us to do.

OR

(2) Follow the work of the One that has his hand on the shepherd's staff, for He is your instructor and teacher.

As I said above, the word VayaQ'hel is from the root word Qahal, קהל which means, an *assembly* of people, and it is translated as Ekklesia in the Septuagint and as the word *Church* in the Apostolic Scriptures.

Now as we study recorded history, there are not many stories of people hearing the voice of YHVH audibly, and, most of the people that claim they have heard His Voice, were alone at the time. **BUT** here at Mount Sinai, **ALL** of the people that were present, actually **heard** the Voice of YHVH descending upon them from the mountain top, and according to the text, **ALL** of them were **afraid**, for their lives, and therefore, they petitioned Mosheh to speak to YHVH on their behalf. When I read that, I was extremely sad, because, unfortunately for them, they didn't realize the incredible honour, privilege and benefit, they were given, for they had the incredible opportunity to speak with the Creator of the universe, **BUT** they were afraid, and that fear, caused them to actually **GIVE UP** the privilege of speaking directly with YHVH. They did **NOT** follow one of the most important and most often used instructions that YHVH has given us throughout Scripture, which **IS, DO NOT FEAR**.

However, before we criticize them, we, ourselves, have to answer the question as to **What** we would have done, **IF** we had been present at that time? **IS** your life, in such good order, that **YOU** would feel comfortable talking to YHVH face to face, or, do you think you need to make some changes in your life, before that blessed event happens? That is something that only you can answer, but here, it was thrust upon the people of Yisrael all at once, and they had to make a choice, and unfortunately, in my opinion, I believe the people of Yisrael, for the most part, made the **WRONG** choice, and, as I said, they did it out of **FEAR** for their own lives, they made a choice to have Mosheh speak directly to YHVH on their behalf, and they, corporately, and individually, agreed **TO DO WHATEVER YHVH COMMANDED THEM TO DO**.

This Parashah reading is right after Mosheh has come down from the mountain a **Second** time with the **Second set of tablets**, whereon was written our heavenly Father's Ten Commandments, written by the Finger of YHVH, and, which contained the **VERY SAME WORDS** that were written on the First set of Tablets. I am sad to say, that I don't think, that we, as believers, 3500 years or so later, truly appreciate and understand the **incredible privilege of reading the actual** Words that YHVH spoke from the mountain, **directly to us, His so called choosing people, Yisrael**.

We, today, have the advantage that our forefathers in the wilderness **DID NOT HAVE**. They did not know what to expect, and, the people of Yisrael, had been in bondage to Pharaoh, and his task masters in Egypt for **ALL** of their lives, and now, they are confronted by YHVH, and are brought in His presence by Mosheh, where there was thundering and lightning, and we are told that the mountain was on fire, and the Voice of YHVH is splitting rocks open, along with making the ground shake as if, it is an earthquake.

Now I would like you to please close your eyes for just a moment, if you would, and try to imagine being there, at Mount Sinai, imagine that **ALL** your life, you have been **afraid** of the cruel task masters that were appointed over you, and **NOW**, you really don't know what to expect from this **NEW** and much more powerful **Master**. Furthermore there is thunder and lightning all around you, and you can see rocks splitting open, right in front of your eyes, because of the powerful Voice that is thundering from the mountain top. I know that I certainly would be nervous and fearful, given the situation and circumstances that they had just come from.

Through this wonderful book, we call the Scriptures, we are **ACTUALLY there**, at Mount Sinai, where it all happened. And all I can say **IS**, what an incredible privilege to be able to partake of that event, even if it is just in my mind's eye. Please, just take a moment and with your eyes still closed, **and bask in your vision of that very special moment, bask in the presence of YHVH**, our Elohim, for, I can **assure** you, that because we are resting in Him today, on YHVH's Shabbat, that YHVH is actually here among us today, right now.

Please remember, that YHVH has said, that He inhabits the praises of **Yisrael**, His choosing people, therefore, take a moment, and try to feel His Power, feel His Love, understand His forgiving Nature and His Mercy, and **KNOW**, absolutely **KNOW** in your heart, that **IT IS YOU** that He Loves, with an infinite unending love, and that **IT IS** His Heart's desire that **NOT EVEN ONE PERSON, and that of course includes YOU, SHOULD PERISH**.

Now open your eyes and listen carefully to the very **FIRST** instruction, YHVH gave Mosheh to give to His people, **THE VERY FIRST TEACHING THAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH OF MOSHEH'S, ARE YHVH'S INSTRUCTIONS TO MOSHEH, WHICH TELLS US ABOUT HIS SHABBAT, THE FEAST THAT WE ARE CELEBRATING TODAY, right here and right now**. This **IS NOT** a Jewish Shabbat, **NOR IS IT** the Seventh Day Adventist's Shabbat, this **IS YHVH'S SHABBAT**.

I certainly hope that this give you an idea of **how important** YHVH's Shabbat is to Him? It is so **important** to YHVH, that He has told all of us, that the Shabbat **IS A SIGN** between **HIM** and **US** that we are in **Covenant** with Him (*Exodus 31:12-16*), and furthermore YHVH has said that He has given us the Shabbat **AS A TEST, TO SEE IF WE WILL WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM AND HIS WORDS OF LIFE** the Words of His Torah, the very same Torah that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, to give to the people of Yisrael. Let's take a moment and read what He said:

*(Exodus 16:4-5, Then YHVH said unto Mosheh, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My Torah or not. 5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day, they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.*

That test is still in full force today, for YHVH never changed His day of Rest, therefore, **IF** and **WHEN**, we willingly and lovingly choose to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life, and treat the **Shabbat** as YHVH's very special Day, where we actually willingly choose to rest in Him, YHVH says in *Isaiah 58:14* **I will cause you TO RIDE upon the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Ya'aqov your father**.

Again, I ask you, do you think that the observance of YHVH's **Shabbat** by His people **IS** important to YHVH?

It is hard for me to understand, how YHVH's Commandments, that are so close to YHVH's heart, have been so **perverted by the man made religions of the world, and their religious man made doctrines**. How His Words, His Commandments have been **perverted** to the point, that many of the Christian Church leaders of today, **BELIEVE AND TEACH, THAT THOSE WHO HAVE WILLINGLY CHOSEN TO KEEP AND DO THE WORDS OF THE TORAH OF MOSHEH, ARE in Bondage**, and that includes all people that have chosen to keep and do the **SHABBAT**,

which YHVH Himself has **hallowed** and **set apart** from **ALL** other days, **AND, IT IS** the Day on which He Himself rested at the end of the creation week, as an example of what we are to do on the very Special Day, on our heavenly Father's Shabat.

*Genesis 2:2-32 And on the **Seventh Day**, Elohim **ENDED** His work which He had made; and He **RESTED on the Seventh day** from all His work which He had made. 3 And Elohim **BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY, AND SANCTIFIED IT:***

**WHY?**

*Because, that in it, the Shabbat, He had **RESTED** from all His **WORK** which Elohim created and made.*

Mosheh goes on to tell the people of Yisrael, about all the other teaching and instructions that YHVH has instructed him to give to the people of Yisrael. This tells us, that YHVH is constantly testing the willingness of His people to keep His Shabat, and use the Shabat to become more like Him, use it to practice to be Holy as He is Holy, and on Shabat we are to open our hearts to other people, and freely give of what our heavenly Father has so graciously given us. YHVH wants all of us to see and understand the benefits of having a giving heart, to give freely to other people what we have freely received from Him. He wants all of us to experience the joy of giving and seeing the result of kindness at work. I hope and pray, that you can see how **Gracious** and **Loving** our heavenly Father **IS? It is** also important to understand, that our heavenly Father is Omnipotent, which means, that He could forced all of us to obey Him, because, as we have seen, He definitely has the power to do so, He could insist that we give back some of what He has given us, to help others, that are are less blessed than us, **BUT** instead, we see His **True Heart**. For YHVH says, *Let those those that have **WILLING** hearts, bring gold, silver, brass, fine linen of blue, purple and scarlet, and ram skins dyed in red etc....* All these items, have a significance, which we discussed in *Parashah 20 & 21*. Here, with these instructions, YHVH is testing their, and our hearts. How would you fair in this test? Would you be willing to give all or part of what you have, to build the House of YHVH?

Next we are told about the colours that are to be used in the House of YHVH, and they are:

Blue:

Tekelet, תִּכְלֵת, it is a blue dye that they extracted from a small sea crustacean. The word Tekelet is spelled with two Tav letters, a Kaf and a Lamed. Pictographically it means the shepherd's Staff (Lamed) that covers and leads us to the cross, and the fact that there are two letter Tavs, ✠ emphasizes the importance of the cross. The letters Kaf and Lamed which are the middle letters of the word Tekelet, form the word Kal, כָּל, which is translated as Blue, can mean, all or the whole of, and the letter Tav represents the Covenant, therefore this word Tekelet can also mean that when we wear our Tzitziot, as we are Comanded to do, in *Numbers 15:38*, that we are to keep the **WHOLE** Torah, and **NOT** just the parts that we want to obey, for obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **IS** what surrounds us with the protection of YHVH's omnipotent strength, the constitution of His Covenant which of course are the Words of His Torah of Life.

Red:

Shanee, שָׁנִי means, a worm, it is also the colour of man, Adam, it is spelled with a Sheen, a Nun and a Yod. Pictographically it means the hand that devours or destroys life.

Purple:

Argaman, אָרְגָמָן means to weave together, it is spelled with an Aleph, a Resh, a Gimel, a Mem, and a Nun. Pictographically it means, the strong leader that is lifted up and takes away the chaos in our lives. Please remember, that the colour purple, is made up of the colour red and the colour blue mixed together. The colour Red represents man, for the life of all flesh is in the blood, and the colour blue, represents heaven. Therefore this colour purple, quite clearly describes our Messiah, who was fully man (*red*), and yet, was also from heaven (*blue*).

Gold:

Zahav, זָהָב, represents purity. It is spelled with a Zayin, a Hey, and a Bet, and, Pictographically it means, behold (Hey) the weapon (Zayin) that defends the House (Bet). This tells us that when the house, and the people of the house, willingly and lovingly choose to obey the Commandments of YHVH, they are purified, and that purity keeps evil away from the house.

Silver:

Keseph, כֶּסֶף, silver represents Elohim's grace. Pictographically it means, the open hand or palm (Kaph) of the One that opens his mouth to speak words of support and encouragement for His people

Brass:

Nechoshet, נְחֹשֶׁת, brass represents, judgement and atonement. Pictographically it means, the sign of the Covenant Life, that separates us from destruction.

Now that we have discussed the colours of the tabernacle, we should ask ourselves, what is the *purpose* of the Tabernacle? The Tabernacle *IS* the medium by which our heavenly Father has chosen to **SHOW US** His redemption onto salvation plan, which of course is His, and our, Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh. He wants to show us that He, YHVH will dwell within the Camp of Yisrael, in the midst of His people, **IF** and **when** His people, choose to willingly and lovingly believe, follow and obey the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. It is through our loving surrendered obedience to YHVH's Commandments, the Words of His Torah of Life, that YHVH's blessings are activated in a person's life. Then, when we have indeed been blessed, **BECAUSE** of our obedience, our heavenly Father graciously asks us to willingly **give some of it back to Him**, by sharing some of our bounty with others, that are in need. He wants us to build a house, an assembly of people, for Him to dwell among. According to Scripture, what happens when we do that, when we build a house for Him? Well the answer is simple, that is when He comes to dwell in the midst of us? Now when YHVH comes to dwell in the midst of us, because of our surrendered obedient hearts, **WE** are blessed even more than we were before.

Can you see the *pattern* of the incredible love that YHVH displays to us on a daily basis? The Word of YHVH is designed in such a way **THAT ALL** people who willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow and obey it, **benefit greatly from it**. Our heavenly Father doesn't get one single solitary thing out of it, **EXCEPT THE JOY** of seeing His children prosper, because of their loving surrendered obedience to His blessed designed Word.

Please think about this very seriously; YHVH does **NOT** benefit from our obedience to the Words of His Torah, **WE DO**. All the benefits and blessings that you read about in YHVH's Word, are benefits that **WE** receive, through obedience to the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instruction, the Words of His Torah of Life. YHVH, the Elohim of the universe, the Creator of all things, **DOES NOT GET ANYTHING OUT OF IT, EXCEPT, as I said above**, that He rejoices over the happiness and joy that His children experience because of their obedience to His Words of Life.

Now I hope that that gives you an idea of how much He loves **YOU**, and how gracious, merciful, just and forgiving He truly is.

What was YHVH's original plan in the garden? YHVH wanted to dwell with us, as he did with Adam and Eve, and walk with us in the cool of the day in the midst of the garden, that He created **specifically for us. BUT WE**, mankind, let Him down, by **disobeying His Word**. And even here, at Mount Sinai, we again dropped the ball. I believe that **IF** the Golden Calf incident had **NOT** happened, and we had chosen to obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, His Commandments as we should have done, that He, would have set up His tabernacle within us at that time, and the whole nation of Yisrael would have been a kingdom of Priests and a Holy nation, to the most High Elohim.

**THAT IS WHY, MY FRIENDS, IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO PLACE OURSELVES THERE AT MOUNT SINAI, at Passover** and accept responsibility for our own lives and our own choices. When we read of the events of the Egyptian Exodus, **we are COMMANDED to picture ourselves as actually being there**. We have to understand that we are so privileged to be a part of Elohim's redemption onto salvation plan, that we should just marvel every time we read the Parashah portions of the Mount Sinai experience.

For your information, the words *willing* and *willing hearted* are used **five** times; the words *wisdom* and *wise hearted* are used **five** times; the words, *work* and *workmanship* and *workman* are used **seven** times. James tells us that belief, faith without works is dead. In *Ephesians 2:10* We are told, **we are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yeshua unto GOOD WORKS, which Elohim has BEFORE ORDAINED that WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.**

What **IS IT** that YHVH has *before ordained or preordained* that we should **WALK IN THEM? IT, OF COURSE, IS, THE WORDS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S TORAH OF LIFE**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions.

Now let's take a closer look at who this Bezaleel is. *YHVH has called by name, Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 And He has filled him with the Spirit of Elohim, in WISDOM, in UNDERSTANDING, and in KNOWLEDGE, and in all manner of workmanship; 32 And to devise curious works, to work in Gold, and in Silver, and in Brass.*

This is exactly how YHVH describes the Words of His Torah in *Deuteronomy 4:8* which reads, *Keep therefore and DO them; for this is your WISDOM and your UNDERSTANDING in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these Statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is A WISE AND UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE.*

This tells us, that Betzaleel, whose name means, *in the shadow of Elohim*, which in turn means that he is walking in the same footsteps as YHVH walked, or else, he soon would find himself out of the shadow of YHVH Elohim. It also tells us, that this Bezaleel, is doing work in **gold**, which represents purity, in **silver**, which represents grace, and in **brass**, which represents judgement and atonement. 33 *And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.*

In Scripture, men are often compared to stones, and they are also compared to trees (wood). Here in this *verse*, Betzalel, Betzal El, **בֶּצְלֵאֵל**, is described as a **shaper of stones** (men) and a **carver of wood** (men). When you carve a piece of wood or stone, you **take away** what is **NOT wanted to expose the hidden beauty beneath**. This is a perfect picture of what our Messiah does, Messiah, through His selfless sacrifice, **IS SHAPING US** into **righteous** men and women, who will live holy lives as our heavenly Father is Holy, lives of purity, lives that extend love, grace, mercy and forgiveness and compassion to others, as YHVH has extended His love, grace, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness to us, and Commanded us to be Holy as He is Holy, and Messiah, IS the atonement for our Past Torah transgressions, our **PAST Sins** (*Romans 3:25*).

*Verse 34 And He has put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.*

Here YHVH is saying that this man, Betzalel, who is a perfect shadow picture of our Messiah, was sent to **TEACH MEN** how to do the Works of Elohim. That is **EXACTLY** why Messiah was sent to us, by our heavenly Father; He was sent to **TEACH US** the Ways of the Father, the *Works of Elohim*, the Words of His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, so that we could return to His ancient paths, which the Father implemented from the very beginning of time, when He showed us His Heart and His character, which are forever embedded in the Words of His Torah of Life.

There are thirteen, Aleph Tav's in this paragraph. Five of them are stand alone Aleph Tavs and eight of them are Aleph Tavs that have the letter Vav attached to them and the only letter that is translated is the letter Vav, which is translated as the word, *and*. We have learned that the number **five** in Scripture speaks of Elohim's Torah and His Grace, for they are synonymous terms, and that the number **eight** speaks of new beginnings. Therefore, this tabernacle that YHVH wants us to build, so that He can come and **Dwell** in the midst of us, displays His overwhelming **Grace** towards us, and gives us an opportunity at a **new beginning, a new lease on life**, that will lead all who willingly choose to follow it, onto everlasting Life, in the kingdom of Elohim.

Now, I ask you, does this give you a hint as to how **important a WILLING HEART IS** to YHVH? From the very beginning of time, YHVH has wanted your surrendered heart, and, He has, and will, continue to go to great lengths, to ensure that **NONE** perish, and that all come to Him *willingly*.

*Verse 5 whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, Aleph Tav an offering of YHVH;*

*Verse 10 shall come, and make Aleph Tav ALL that YHVH has commanded*

*Verse 12 the mercy seat, and Aleph Tav the veil of the covering,*

*Verse 13 all his vessels, and Aleph Tav the showbread,*

*Verse 14 and his lamps, Aleph Tav with the oil for the light,*

*Verse 15 and his staves, and Aleph Tav the anointing oil, and Aleph Tav the sweet incense*

*Verse 16 **Aleph Tav** The altar of burnt offering,*

*Verse 17 **Aleph Tav** The hangings of the court; their sockets, **Aleph Tav** and the hanging for the door*

*Verse 24 offering of silver and brass brought YHVH's **Aleph Tav** offering:*

*Verse 27 brought **Aleph Tav** onyx stones, and **Aleph Tav** stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate*

There are also another **forty two**, Aleph Tav, that are attached to words with a Maqef, and there are **fourteen** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number **forty two** in Scripture speaks of the fullness of time when Messiah would come into the world, and it parallels the amount of places that the people of Yisrael encamped at, in the wilderness, before entering the Promised Land. The number **fourteen** in Scripture represents Salvation. Therefore I believe that YHVH is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tav, that we are to be ready for the fullness of time when He returns as our conquering King, to Save His Spotless resurrected Bride, who has prepared herself by willingly and lovingly choosing to believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. Amen

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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! Amen*