

Parashah 29 Tidbit
Acharei Mot, אַחֲרֵי מוֹת, After the Death
Vayikra 16:1 – 18:30
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This portion of Scripture is called Acharei Mot, means *after the death* or *what follows the death*.

Here, in Vayikra 16, Yahweh starts off by reminding Mosheh, Aharon and all of us, about the error of אֶת־נָדָב וְאֶת־אָבִיהוּא, Aleph Tav, Nadab and Aleph Tav, Abiyhu, that cost them their lives, and the reason He does that, **IS** because, Yahweh **does not want** the same fate to happen to Aharon and his two remaining sons, as what happened to Nadav and Aviyhu.

It is very important that we always remember, that **IT IS** actually Yahweh's wish, that **NOT EVEN** one of His children, perish, **BUT** that they all turn from their wicked ways, and live, therefore He tells us in Scripture that **IF** anyone willingly chooses to turn from their wicked, Torah transgressive ways, they **WILL LIVE**; *Ezekiel 18:23*. We, also have to understand that when our heavenly Father sees that someone is on a path that will lead to perish and be lost for eternity, because of their Sinful way of Life, because of their constant transgressions of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **it truly saddens our heavenly Father, BECAUSE** they have actually chosen the path to total destruction, when they chose to **NOT** obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, the Words that when obeyed, set's people free, **AND** gives them Life, everlasting Life.

We also have to understand that our heavenly Father actually gave us the formula to everlasting **LIFE**, when He gave us the Words of His Torah of Life, and commanded us to obey them. Unfortunately, whether people believe it or **NOT**, there are dire consequences for disobeying and or rejecting the Words of the Father's Torah, and death is but one of them. In *Psalms 119:89* the Psalmist says: *For ever, O Yahweh, Your Word is settled in heaven*. That means that the Words that created everything, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, the Words that actually became flesh and dwelt among us, the Words that are filled with Grace and Truth, **ARE** actually part of the fabric of the universe, just as the Laws of physics are part of the fabric of the universe, and these laws, that control, govern and keep the universe operating in an orderly manner, for our benefit, have been created and put in place by our heavenly Father Himself, through His Living Word, and it is the very same Living Words that will judge all of our Deeds, Works, and our Actions, and, just like there is a consequence for breaking the **Law of gravity** and or any of the other Laws of Physics, that Yahweh created and put in place, there **IS** a definite consequence for breaking or transgressing our Heavenly Father's Law, the Words of the Torah also, for it is He, that has put all of the Words of His Torah, His Laws in place.

The problem with most people, is that they have their own version of what **THEY BELIEVE wickedness IS**, and **SELDOM, IF EVER**, does their definition of evil ever take into consideration their own behaviour, because, for most people, at least in their own minds, **IT IS** always the **other** people, that are wicked; people like, murderers, rapists, pedophiles, criminals, etc. and since they are convinced in their hearts, that they don't do any of those horrific things, then, they wrongfully

conclude, that they are **NOT WICKED. BUT** Yahweh tells us, that **IF WE DO NOT COMMIT TO BELIEVE, FOLLOW AND OBEY** all of His Commandments, which are contained in the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, **THEN, WE ARE CONSIDERED, WICKED.** And please remember that **ALL** of Yahweh's instructions, apply to all of us, since Scripture makes it very clear, that **ALL have sinned**, all have transgressed the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and fallen short of the glory of Elohim. In *Jeremiah 17:9* Yahweh tells us the condition of the human heart. *Yahweh says: The heart of man is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

This statement may be abhorrent to us, **BUT**, since Yahweh **IS TRUTH**, we have to realize that that is the potential condition of every man and woman's hearts, and furthermore, we have to understand, that, that heart condition, worsens, when we willingly choose to set ourselves apart from, and or step away from, believing and obeying the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teachings and instructions. In *Matthew 7:22* *Messiah Himself says: Many will say to Me in that day, Adonai, Adonai, have we NOT prophesied in Your Name? And in Your Name have rebuked devils? And in Your Name done MANY wonderful works? 23 And then I Messiah, will profess unto them, I never KNEW YOU: depart from Me, YOU that work Lawlessness, you that transgress the Words of My Father's Torah of Life.*

And in *1John 2:3-7* *And hereby we do know that we know Him (Messiah), IF we keep His Commandments. 4 He that says, I know Him, and does NOT KEEP His Commandments, IS A LIAR, and the TRUTH (Torah, Psalm 119:142) IS NOT IN HIM. 5 BUT whoso KEEPS His Word (the word of the Torah of our heavenly Father), in him verily IS THE LOVE OF ELOHIM PERFECTED: hereby, we KNOW that we are in Him. 6 He that says he abides in Him (Messiah the Words of the Living Torah made flesh) ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked (which IS, in total loving surrendered obedience to ALL the Words of the Father's Torah of Life). 7 Brethren, I am NOT writing a new commandment unto you, BUT, I am reiterating an old commandment, which you have had from the very beginning. The old Commandment is the WORD which you have heard from the beginning (the words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life).*

We simply have to understand, that it is only by His Grace and forgiving nature, that Yahweh gives us a heart of flesh, so that He can then mould and or shape the hearts of the people that choose to surrender their wills to His will. And when they do indeed choose to surrender their wills over to Him, Yahweh, through His Holy Spirit, **CAUSES** all willing hearts, that will **ALLOW** Him, to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life, thereby making our hearts more like Messiah's heart, our minds like the mind of Messiah, and that **IS**, a heart and a mind, that is fully surrendered to the Father, in total loving surrendered loving obedience, to all the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instruction, His Torah of Life.

I am sure that Nadav and Abihu **did not consider themselves wicked people**, when they brought strange fire to Yahweh's altar, **BUT** Yahweh obviously thought differently, and they received the penalty of **WICKED** men.

Next we are told that Yahweh instructed Mosheh to tell Aharon that he wasn't to come into the Holy of Holies at all times. Yahweh's words were, *Aharon shall come into the sanctuary, where I Yahweh will appear in a cloud on the Mercy Seat, in this manner. He is to have two sacrifices for himself, a bull for a Sin Offering, and a ram for a Burnt Offering.*

Aharon or the High Priest, **IS** to atone for his own sins, his own transgressions of the words of the Torah, of our heavenly Father, first, before he can enter the Holy of Holies, and then, he is to offer a Burnt Offering onto Yahweh. Yahweh has set boundaries for His people, beginning with the High Priest's duties.

The High Priest was to be clothed in the holy **linen coat**, the **linen breeches**, the **linen girdle**, and the **linen mitre**. Linen, in Scripture, represents purity and virtue. There are four things, four Holy things that the High Priest was to wear. The number four in these *verses* represents the fourth millennium that Messiah, the pure virtuous Light of the World, came into the world, and He too, was clothed in *linen*. The Hebrew word for *linen* is Bad, בַּד, spelled with a Bet and a Dalet. In the Hebrew alphabet, the letter Bet is a picture of a house, and the letter Dalet is a picture of a door. This indicates to me that the **DOOR** into Elohim's House, the **DOOR** to His Holy of Holies, **CAN** only be accessed by the One wearing the **linen garments** and that my friends, **IS** the High Priest. Yahweh Himself sets the conditions on how we are to approach Him. Furthermore, Aharon, or the High Priest, **IS** to wash his flesh in water and put on these Holy garments, prior to entering the Holy of Holies.

Again, we have to ask ourselves, **WHY** the instructions of what the High Priest is to do, are so elaborate and meticulous, down to the smallest detail? I believe that Yahweh is showing us that the way to become holy, pure and virtuous, is by constantly being careful and aware of what is happening around us, and who, and what, we choose to listen to, and who we associate with, so that we **DO NOT** pollute ourselves with the **ways, or the words of any of the plethora of man made doctrines or the things of this world**. We are to spend time reading and studying the Father's Word, His Torah of life, which is an allusion to constantly washing ourselves with the water of the Father's Word, in order to avoid transgressing the Torah of Mosheh, in order to avoid sinning, and when we spend time in the Word of our heavenly Father, we are actually calling on Him, our Messiah, who **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, with loving repentant contrite hearts, so that He can cause us, to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as He, Messiah, willingly and lovingly did while He was here on earth with us, and He taught us to do the same.

Next we are told that Aharon is to take two goats from the congregation after he had offered his bullock for his Sin, or Torah transgression offering, and Aharon was to cast lots upon these two goats, to see which one would be the scapegoat, the Azazel, אֲזָזֵל, and which one would be offered or sacrificed onto Yahweh. In Hebrew, the word for goat is, the word, Ez, עֵז, and when we add the word Azal, אֲזַל, to it, which means, to go, go away, he went, went away, was gone, we end up with the word, Ez Azal, or Azazel, as it is used in Scripture, and this Azazel, **IS** the goat that carries our Sins, our Torah transgressions away from us. Therefore, the goat, the Ez Azel **IS** a picture of our Sin, our Transgressions of the Words of the Torah, being sent away from us by our loving caring compassionate and forgiving heavenly Father. *Psalm 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions (our Torahlessness) from us.*

The one goat that is sacrificed as the Sin Offering, is for the atonement of the Holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Yisrael, and because of their Sins, their transgressions of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. The scapegoat, the Azazel, was then brought before Aharon, and

Aharon placed his hands on the head of the Azazel and confessed all the Sins, all the Torah transgressions of the children of Yisrael, and then, Scripture tells us what Aharon was to do, it says that the High Priest *shall send him away into the wilderness; as far as the east is from the west.*

Both the goats together, form **ONE OFFERING**, and together, they show us a picture of our Saviour. His flesh was consumed or sacrificed for us on the altar of the tree or cross, and that sacrifice is represented by the goat that was slaughtered and placed on the altar, and Messiah's Spirit, is represented by the goat that was sent into the wilderness, removing our Sins, our Torah transgressions away from us, and the Scriptures makes it very clear, that the scapegoat, **removed our sins as far away from us, as the east is from the west.** This scapegoat or Az Azel and the second goat are a beautiful picture of our Messiah and how He sacrificed Himself for us and washed away our **PAST** sins (*Romans 3:25*), because of His unconditional love for us, and how He died and yet, **IS NOW ALIVE.**

The blood of the bullock and of the goat who were sacrificed was to be brought into the Holy of Holies, one at a time, and Aharon was to sprinkle the blood on the mercy seat **seven** times with his finger. The Number **seven** in Scripture **IS** the number that is associated with completeness. When Aharon did this, there was to be no other man in the Tabernacle with him, Aharon was to be alone in the Tent of Meeting. Why is that? Why was Aharon to be alone? I believe it is because Yahweh wants to deal with each and every one of us, on a face to face basis. He does not want anyone else around, so that He can have our full attention, He is not willing to share His glory with anyone, for He is the only One that is Holy, and He does not want us to lose our focus or have our minds wander, therefore Aharon is to be the only one in the Tabernacle at that time. It is much easier for Aharon to focus on Yahweh while he is busy doing the things that Yahweh has Commanded him to do. There were to be no other people in there until atonement had been made by Aharon for himself, for his household and for the entire congregation.

After atonement had been made, Aharon was to take of the blood of the bullock and of the goat and put it on the horns of the Brazen Altar and he was to sprinkle the balance of the blood upon the altar with his finger seven times. The Altar is a symbol of Elohim's ownership and authority over the whole Earth, the horns on the four corners represent His Kingship over the whole earth and of all creation, and the sprinkling of the blood seven times is a picture of Yahweh's complete plan of redemption onto salvation. The atoning blood of our scapegoat had to be shed on the altar in order for us to be cleansed and become Yahweh's spotless bride.

Anytime you read the Book of Vayiqra (Leviticus), please keep in mind, that all of the book, is a picture of our Messiah's life, His surrendered Torah obedient life, and how He lived a sinless Life, a life free of any and all transgressions of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, in complete loving surrendered obedience to the Father's Word, His Torah, and how, because of His great love for us, He died on the cross for our Sin, to redeem us and draw us back to Him.

Verse 16 says something quite revealing. Aharon was to make atonement for the Holy place. Why is that? If the place is holy, why does Aharon have to make atonement for it? It is because of the uncleanness of the children of Yisrael and because of their transgressions, their Sins, that the tabernacle gets polluted. The Temple, Tabernacle and or Jerusalem will only become Holy, when the people entering these places surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength in loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and that is why, we are

Commanded to be Holy as Yahweh is Holy. Aharon was the High Priest, and he was the one person, as the High Priest, whom Yahweh allowed into the Holy of Holies, and then only once a year.

Because of Messiah, our Passover Lamb's sacrifice, and the veil being rent in two, we are permitted as Priests in our own house, which is our body, to go into the Holy of Holies, **BUT only IF and WHEN** we willingly adhere to the protocol of the High priest. The protocol to enter the Holy place and the Holy of Holies has **NOT** changed, only the location has changed. Nowhere in Scripture does it say that you (*who are the only High Priest that can minister in your Tabernacle*) can enter the Holy place without first atoning for your own Sins, your own Transgressions of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, with a sacrifice. What does that mean for us today? What do **WE** have to do before we are permitted to enter the Holy of Holies, in the tabernacle made without hands, but created by Elohim Himself, which is our bodies?

We too **MUST** atone for our Sins, repent of our transgressions of the Words of Father's Torah of Life, and ask Yahweh to forgive our trespasses. We must praise Him and worship Him through our acts of obedience, and we have to learn to sacrifice our wills, our whole being to Him, before we can be permitted to enter the Holy place or the Holy of Holies contained within our hearts. We must have a contrite humble heart that seeks righteousness, purity and virtue and realize that we have an incredible privilege, that was only available to some of our forefathers, and then **ONLY** once a year, we *must* treat that privilege with awe and reverence, and, enter His Tabernacle with praise on our hearts, fully surrendered to the Father, in every aspect of our lives. That is a very tall order, but it is the lesson that Messiah came to teach us. He has told us to *seek first the Kingdom of Yahweh and His righteousness*, (and, when we do indeed seek His kingdom with loving surrendered hearts) **THEN all these other things shall be added onto you**. He has also told us to surrender our whole being to the Father, resist the devil and the devil and evil *will* flee from us. That my friends is how we become Holy as our heavenly Father is Holy.

After atonement had been made for Aharon and his house and for all the children of Yisrael, Aharon was to come into the Tabernacle of the congregation, remove his linen garments, wash his flesh with water in the Holy place, put on his other garments, and then, come and offer the Burnt Offering along with the fat of the Sin or trespass Offerings on the brazen Altar, so that it could be totally consumed. Why does Aharon have to wash again, when he takes off the Holy garments? He is about to leave the presence of Yahweh, and the washing of his flesh with water is symbolic of putting on the Holy Spirit, since he is now going into the world. It is to remind him and us, that when we are in the world, we **MUST** remember that we are **NOT OF** the world, **BUT** that we have been called to a higher calling, and that calling **IS**, we are to be holy as our heavenly Father is Holy, and that can only be achieved through our heavenly Father's Spirit, His Holy Spirit indwelling us and us allowing the Holy Spirit to **CAUSE** us to walk out the Words of His Torah, *Ezekiel 36:27*.

The fat from the Sin or trespass Offering is burnt on the Brazen Altar as a picture of complete surrender. The fat that is upon our organs is there for the protection of those organs, and when we put that fat on the altar, we are showing Elohim that we now want Him, to be our protector, and that we will no longer rely on ourselves, but that we will **TRUST** Him with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength, to be our protector.

The bullock and the goat were to be burnt or consumed outside that camp, just as our Messiah was consumed outside the camp, and the person that burnt the Sin or trespass sacrifice, had to wash his

clothes, bathe his flesh, and then, he could come into the camp. What is the message here, for the man **IS** doing or following what Yahweh Commanded him to do, and **WHY** then, does he have to wash his clothes and his flesh again? Yahweh is showing us, that Sin, that Transgressions of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, is so contagious that even people, who are earnestly trying to keep the Commandments of Yahweh, can be easily infected, and that is why we must constantly wash ourselves by the water of the Word of Yahweh, and put on Messiah, put on the Living Words of the Torah, which are filled with the Spirit of Yahweh (*Romans 7:14*).

It is also a picture of our Messiah taking our Sins, our Torah transgressions upon Himself, and then, dying on the cross, for our redemption onto salvation. No one is exempt from the lusts of the flesh. Messiah, Himself, was tempted in the Garden of Gethsemane when He said, in *Matthew 26:39* *And He went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, IF IT IS possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless NOT as I will, but as You will.*

This means that Messiah washed Himself in the Will of the Father. He is our example, and therefore **WE must wash our linen garments and our flesh on a daily basis**, so that we can be reminded of **WHO** we are, and what our purpose **IS**. The linen garments represent the purity and righteousness of Yahweh, they represent the Doctrine of Messiah, **BUT** Messiah's doctrine can easily be infiltrated by the doctrines and theologies of man, **IF** we let our guard down; therefore, we must constantly compare our garments, our doctrines and theologies against Elohim's **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life, we are to constantly wash ourselves as it were, in Elohim's **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah and **NOT** take on any traits of any man made doctrines.

The washing of the flesh is symbolic of putting all of our lusts on the Altar, and surrendering to the Father's will. Once we have done that, we are then worthy to come into Elohim's camp, we are then able to be a Light onto the nations of the world, by reflecting the Light of the **Son** and become the Son-Light that is desperately needed in a world that is mired in darkness.

From *verse 29-34*, we are told three (3) times that this is a **statute forever**. The number **three** in Scripture represents resurrection, it represents life, coming from death to Life; therefore, the only conclusion we can arrive at, **IS, IF** we want to experience eternal Life in the kingdom of Elohim, **THEN**, we **MUST keep and obey** all the Words of our heavenly Father **FOREVER**. That is why Yahweh, **IS** so emphatic when He tells us that **His Statutes are FOREVER**. As redundant as this statement sounds, it **NEEDS** to be repeated **over and over again**, for there are countless believers in the Christian Jesus, **THAT DON'T BELIEVE THAT ELOHIM'S FOREVER IS** actually **FOREVER**, for they have somehow been duped into believing, with all their heart, that their Jesus, has somehow changed the Father's Statutes, Testimonies, Precepts, and, many also believe, that their Jesus, actually added His own Commandments to the Father's Commandments, even though our heavenly Father Himself **SAID**, that **NO** additions **NOR** any Subtractions of the Words of His Torah of Life are permitted, for He has made it perfectly clear that His Commandments **ARE FOREVER**, and that He and His Commandment **DO NOT, NOR WILL THEY EVER CHANGE**, and not only that, He has also warned us against lining up our theology, with people that for some reason or other, believe, that Yahweh has **CHANGED**, **BUT**, He said in *Proverbs 24:21-22* *My son, fear Yahweh and the king: and do NOT meddle with people that are GIVEN TO CHANGE: 22 For the calamity of the people that ARE given to CHANGE SHALL rise suddenly; and who knows the RUIN of them both? Amein.*

My friends, there is **ONE** thing that I am absolutely convinced of, and that is that when Elohim says something **IS FOREVER, THEN, WE CAN REST ASSURED THAT IT TRULY IS FOREVER.**

Psalm 89:34 My COVENANT (and its constitution, the Words of My Torah) will I NOT break, NOR ALTER THE THING THAT IS GONE OUT OF MY LIPS. 35 Once I have sworn by My holiness that I WILL NOT LIE unto David.

We have to understand that Elohim **DOES NOT CHANGE**, and we simply have to get that fact, through our thick skulls, get the **FACT** that Yahweh does **NOT CHANGE**, firmly entrenched in our hearts, minds and souls, or else, we **WILL** wander from the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **BECAUSE**, we will then be lead to believe that **NOTHING IS** permanent, **IF** Elohim **CAN** and or **DOES CHANGE His mind, whenever it suits Him**. Elohim even says it of Himself, in *Malachi 3:6 For I am Yahweh, I DO NOT CHANGE; therefore you sons of Jacob are NOT consumed.* I don't know how much clearer He needs to make it, so people will finally realize that **HE DOES NOT CHANGE. Amein**

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

Verse 25 And Aleph Tav the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar.

Verse 27 And Aleph Tav the bullock for the sin offering, and Aleph Tav the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall one carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.

There are also another **forty one** Aleph Tav's that are attached to words with a Maqef and there are **twenty nine** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number **Forty** in Scripture is the number associated with *testing* and the number **One**, represents Elohim. The number **Twenty** in Scripture represents redemption, for the children of Yisrael, were redeemed for half a shekel on their **twentieth** birthday, and the number **nine** speaks of the fruit of the Spirit. Therefore I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tav's that He will redeem His people, and that we will be tested in our lives, and **IF** we can indeed learn to seek first the kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness, we will produce the fruit of the Spirit that Yahweh has placed within us, but only **IF**, we choose to **ALLOW** the Holy Spirit, to **CAUSE** us to walk out our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life. 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*