

Parashah 45 Tidbit

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Verse 23 begins with words וְאֶתְחַנֵּן אֶל־יְהוָה, VeEt Chanan El Yahweh, which means that Mosheh who is a shadow picture of Messiah, the Aleph and Tav, the Beginning and the End, is **asking** or **pleading** with Yahweh for Chanan, Grace or Favour, on behalf of all the people of Yisrael, which means that Mosheh was **interceding for them**, as Messiah **intercedes for us**, therefore, the theme of this Parashah is **intercession**.

In these *verses*, we see that Mosheh recounts the events of the past, where he pleaded or besought Elohim to let him go into the Promised Land. Mosheh starts his discussion with Yahweh, the way that Messiah has taught us in *Matthew 6:9*, where Messiah says, *after this manner therefore you are to pray*, and Messiah tells us to begin approaching our heavenly Father by first recognizing that He **IS** our Creator and Father, and once we come to the realization that He is indeed our Father, Messiah, then admonishes us, to hallow, praise and worship our heavenly Father, and this is exactly what Mosheh is doing here. He hallows, praises and worships Yahweh Elohim, and once he has ended his praising and worshipping of the Most High Elohim, he then makes his request known unto Elohim. Paul told us the same thing in *Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing; BUT in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto Elohim. 7 And the Peace of Elohim, which passes ALL understanding, shall GUARD your hearts and minds THROUGH Messiah Yeshua, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh.*

Next we see that Mosheh's prayer was answered, **BUT NOT** in the way that Mosheh wanted. Yahweh did **NOT** permit Mosheh to enter the Promised Land, because, through Mosheh's actions, he portrayed a rebellious disobedient spirit, and by doing what he did, he totally distorted the message that Yahweh wanted to convey to His people Yisrael. Mosheh was supposed to **TALK to the ROCK, BUT instead**, because of the stubbornness of the people of Yisrael, who were constantly murmuring, Mosheh displayed his **anger and or disappointment**, and in his anger Mosheh forgot Yahweh's instructions, and instead of just talking to the Rock as he was instructed to do by Yahweh, Mosheh smote the **ROCK**; which means that he acted by and through his own understanding, he used his own words, and he distorted what Yahweh wanted His people Yisrael, **TO SEE**, by the actions that Yahweh had Commanded Mosheh to carry out.

Furthermore, Mosheh took away Elohim's glory, by placing or heaping the glory of producing water from the **ROCK** upon himself and his brother Aharon, rather than where it rightly belonged, which of course, **IS**, on our heavenly Father. *Numbers 20:8-10 Take the ROD, and gather you the assembly together, you, and Aharon your brother, and SPEAK you unto the ROCK before their eyes; and it SHALL give forth HIS water, and YOU SHALL bring forth to them water OUT OF THE ROCK: so you shall give the congregation and their beasts drink.*

Back in *Exodus 17:6* we see that Mosheh smote the **ROCK**, and the message that Yahweh wanted to convey through the striking of that **ROCK** was that Messiah, would willingly go to the wooden Cross after He had been beaten and scourged by His enemies, the leaders of the man made religion of the day, Judaism, and then, we are told that, after the **ROCK** was smitten, it brought forth Water from that **ROCK**, which in turn gave Yisrael Life, for without water they would have all died of thirst in the desert, and that is exactly what Messiah brought forth with **HIS DEATH** on the cross, He brought forth the **WATER of the Word of LIFE for ALL** those who chose and would eventually choose, to willingly turn to the Father with surrendered contrite and loving hearts that are ready willing and determined to believe, follow, and obey the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Verse 9 And Mosheh took the **ROD** from before Yahweh, as He Commanded him. 10 And Mosheh and Aharon gathered the congregation together before the **ROCK**, and Mosheh said unto them, Hear now, you **REBELS**; **MUST WE** fetch you water out of this rock? 11 And Mosheh lifted up his hand, and with his **ROD** he **SMOTE THE ROCK TWICE**:*

Smiting the **ROCK TWICE** is a perversion of Yahweh's message, and **IT IS A FALSE WITNESS** to what is actually taking place; Messiah, has already gone to the cross **ONCE AND HE IS NEVER RETURNING TO IT**; He willingly and lovingly gave His Life for us once, so that **WE** could have ours, and as I said above, you can rest assured that Messiah **IS NOT** going back to the cross a second time, even though that is the picture that Mosheh painted by striking the **ROCK TWICE**. I want you to see understand however, that although Mosheh brought forth **A FALSE WITNESS BY** striking the **ROCK TWICE**, it still **DID NOT STOP** Yahweh from giving His people, Yisrael the **WATER** that they desperately needed to preserve life, for we serve a **LOVING, CARING, COMPASSIONATE** Father who does **NOT** want even one person to Perish,

*Verse 11 continued and the **WATER** came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.*

In Scripture, the word **ROD** often represents the actual **WORD** of Elohim, and as such, it is considered a **measuring instrument**, the standard by which we are to measure our own lives with, and it is also the **ROD** or the Word that dispenses and upholds Elohim's Justice, therefore the **ROD** also represents **JUSTICE**.

*Jeremiah 10:16 The portion of Ya'aqov is **NOT** like them: for he is the **MAKER** of all things; and Yisrael is **THE ROD, the INSTRUMENT OF HIS INHERITANCE**: Yahweh of Hosts is His Name.*

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*Ezekiel 20:37 And I will cause you to **PASS UNDER THE ROD**, (cause you to obey My Word) and I Messiah, **the LIVING INSTRUMENT of the FATHER** will bring you into the bond of the Covenant: 38 And I will purge out from among you, **THE REBELS**, and them that transgress against Me, them that transgress the Living Torah, them that **SIN**, for **SIN IS** transgression of the Torah 1John 3:4; I will bring **THE REBELS**, and them that transgress against Me forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall **NOT** enter into the land of Yisrael: and you shall know that I am Yahweh.*

The **ROD** in Mosheh's hand was suppose to represent Yahweh's authority, wherein is contained Yahweh's *infinite love, grace, mercy, compassion, and provisional power*, **BUT** when Mosheh used Yahweh's **ROD**, His Word to **SMITE THE ROCK TWICE**, he inadvertently *perverted* the **message of the ROD**, Yahweh's Instrument of Justice, His Word, and portrayed Yahweh's **ROD**, His Word, as an instrument with which Yahweh **punishes people**, **INSTEAD** of an instrument that dispenses Yahweh's **infinite and unconditional love, grace, mercy and forgiving nature** that is contained and manifested in and by the Words of His Torah of Life, His **ROD**. Therefore, for that one grave mistake, Mosheh was **NOT** permitted to enter the Promised Land.

It is important that we understand that the **ROD** or the Word of Yahweh, **IS NOT** meant to beat people over the head with, Yahweh's **ROD, HIS WORD, IS** meant to gently guide people into the Ways of Yahweh, **IF** and **WHEN** they willingly choose surrender their hearts to Him, and then commit to willingly and lovingly believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, for the **ROD**, Yahweh's Word, **IS** an instrument of Yahweh's **GRACE**, and, it is to serve as a **WARNING** to all people of the incredible danger and devastating consequences of **NOT** obeying His Word.

We must understand that it is **NOT** the Word of Yahweh that **PUNISHES PEOPLE, IT IS THEIR REBELLIOUS** and **DISOBEDIENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE WORD OF YAHWEH** that takes them away from the protective covering that is the **HALLMARK** of Yahweh's Word, His Torah, the Word that **OFFERS AND GIVES** to **ALL** who willingly and lovingly choose to obey **IT**, the irrevocable promise of the protective covering of the Creator of the universe, against **ALL** enemies, **BUT ONLY** when it is obeyed from a loving surrendered contrite obedient heart.

*Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This **IS the heritage** of the servants of Yahweh, and **their righteousness** is of Me, says Yahweh.*

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways please Yahweh, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

However, IF anyone chooses **NOT TO OBEY** the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, **THEN** His mantle, or His protective Covering, is removed from that person's life, and without Yahweh's protective covering, then, **ALL** of the evil that the enemy can conjure up, **WILL** have access to these disobedient people, and you can rest assured that the enemy **WILL** eventually destroy them, **IF** they do **NOT** willingly choose to turn or return to Yahweh's Ways, the Words of His Torah of Life with surrendered contrite and obedient hearts.

We read in verse 26 *But Yahweh was **WROTH** with me (Mosheh) for your sake, and would **NOT HEAR** (shemah) me: and Yahweh said unto me, Let it suffice you; **Speak No More** unto Me of this matter.*

Most men in Mosheh's position would be extremely bitter with Yahweh for **NOT** permitting them to enter the Promised Land, seeing that Mosheh had served Yahweh faithfully for forty plus years. **BUT** Mosheh was **NOT** like most men; for, right after Yahweh refused him entry into the Promised Land, which Mosheh had been waiting forty years for, Yahweh Commands Mosheh **NOT** to speak of this matter again, and furthermore, Yahweh Commands Mosheh to instruct, encourage and strengthen Joshua, to take his place. Now, you would think, that Mosheh had to be at least a little bit disappointed

IF NOT EXTREMELY MAD at this turn of events, **BUT**, even **IF** there was some anger in him, which the text **does not tell us of**, even **IF** there was a little bit of anger in him, Mosheh **does not display it** and he **IS** totally submissive and seems to be joyfully obedient to Yahweh. It is very obvious to me, and I certainly hope that it is also very obvious to you, that Mosheh wants Yahweh's **WILL TO BE DONE IN HIS LIFE**, and **NOT his own will**.

Yahweh tells Mosheh that this Joshua shall lead the people into the Promised Land and you **WILL** stay here and **DIE**, and Mosheh shows his humbleness by **ACCEPTING THE WILL of YAHWEH WITHOUT QUESTION**.

I believe that One of the attributes that Yahweh most loved about Mosheh, **IS** that Mosheh loved the people of Yisrael as our heavenly Father Himself loves Yisrael, and that is one of the reasons why Yahweh chose Mosheh to be the leader of Yisrael's Exodus in the first place. As I mentioned above, it appears that Mosheh **WAS NOT at ALL** bitter nor angry with Yahweh for **NOT** allowing him to enter the Promised Land, and I believe I know why. In *verse 27* Yahweh says to Mosheh: *Get yourself up into the top of Pisgah, Mosheh, and lift up your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with your eyes: for you **SHALT NOT** go over this Jordan.*

I believe that something happened between *verse 26* and *verse 28* that somehow soothed Mosheh's soul, and made him accept his punishment with joy in his heart.

As you know, I am always fascinated by the words that Yahweh uses to describe things and events, that happen throughout Scripture, because, I believe that there are many treasures hidden in those words, and it is up to us to dig them out. Many times, it is not only the words that have hidden messages but it is also where Yahweh chooses to place those words in Scripture. Here in this *verse* we see that Yahweh instructs Mosheh to look over the Promised Land, even though Mosheh will **NOT** be permitted to enter the Land.

I believe that through the words that Yahweh used, and the order in which He used them, that Yahweh showed Mosheh what will become of His people Yisrael. Yahweh instructs Mosheh to look to the West, then North, then South and finally to the East and the Hebrew words that Yahweh used are:

West, Yam, יָם, means *sea, lake, large basin, reservoir, west*

North, Tzaphon, צָפוֹן, *to hide, to conceal, lurked, was treasured, to decode, to decipher, code*

South, Teman, תֵּמָן, *to multiply by eight, to picture, to depict, likeness, image*

East, Mizrach, מִזְרָח, *sunrise, to orient, to rise, orientate.*

The word East and Eastward in Scripture is most often translated from the Hebrew Qedem, which means *ancient*, and often refers to Yahweh's ancient paths, His **Path of Righteousness**, which of course **IS** the Words of His Torah of Life, however, here in this *verse*, it is translated from the word Mizrach, מִזְרָח, which means *sunrise, to orient, to rise, orientate.*

I believe that even though Yahweh would **NOT** permit Mosheh to enter in, and take possession of the Promised Land, that Yahweh, by His Grace and Mercy, and because Mosheh was so humble, and because he loved Yisrael so much, that Yahweh chose to show Mosheh what He intended to do with

His people Yisrael, so that Mosheh could go to His grave satisfied that Yahweh would eventually bring His people, Yisrael, Home to Himself for eternity.

To help us decipher the message that I believe Yahweh is giving Mosheh and us, through the definition of the names Yam, Tzaphon, Teman and Mizrach, we have to understand that Yisrael **IS** a picture of the **Sea of humanity**, which represents **ALL** of Yahweh's created beings, and although Yahweh has chosen to **Hide** or **Conceal** Himself from Yisrael (His people) many times, Yisrael **IS** still Yahweh's **TREASURED PEOPLE**, and **WHEN** Yisrael learns to decipher Yahweh's Message, **His Code, His Doctrine**, which they eventually will, according to Scripture, and **NOT** let their minds be clouded by any man made **CODES, THEOLOGIES, ORAL TORAHS, OR MAN MADE DOCTRINES**, **THEN**, by the Grace of Yahweh, Yisrael will indeed **MULTIPLY** on the face of the earth, and be the strong manifest **IMAGE** of our Creator, which means, that Yisrael **WILL** eventually become a **LIGHT** onto the nations of the world, and Yahweh will cause Yisrael, and **ALL** those who have willingly joined themselves to Yisrael, to **FOCUS OR ORIENT** their attention towards the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, His Word Made Flesh, our Messiah, who in turn, will cause every surrendered contrite obedient heart to **RISE UP** or be resurrected onto eternal Life at His side forever. And **IF, AS I BELIEVE, THAT IS WHAT YHVH SHOWED MOSHEH**, **THEN** it is quite understandable why Mosheh was **joyful** in helping to teach and strengthen Joshua to take over Mosheh's role, as the leader of Yisrael, and why Mosheh went to His grave with **JOY** in His heart, because Mosheh then **KNEW** in his heart, that his people, Yisrael **WERE** indeed going to make it **HOME** and be with Yahweh for eternity.

Now, knowing all of this, I believe that it is entirely up to us, my friends, to choose what we will **DO**. **ARE WE GOING** to adhere to, and hopefully copy Mosheh's philosophy, and humble ourselves before Yahweh as Mosheh did? **ARE WE GOING** to have the mindset that Paul advised us to have in *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18* in our hearts; where Paul says: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the WILL of YHVH, in Messiah Yeshua concerning you?*

Mosheh may not have read *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*, but I can assure you, that he certainly had it in his heart, and I believe that he lived and obeyed that philosophy to the nth degree. We too, therefore, ought to do the same, because in doing so, I believe that we can be assured and know without a shadow of a doubt that we **ARE** in Yahweh's **WILL**, a place where I **KNOW** that **ALL** believers **want to be**. Amein.

There are no stand-alone Aleph Tavs in this section of *Deuteronomy 3*, however there are **seven** Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef and there are **five** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number **seven** in Scripture speaks of completeness and the number **five** speaks of Yahweh's Word, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life. Therefore I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tavs that **IF** we will **adhere to and obey ALL** of the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, **IT WILL MAKE US WHOLE AND COMPLETE** and lead us into Yahweh's promised everlasting Life, into eternity at Yahweh's side as the bride of Messiah. Amein!

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