

Parashah Tidbit 50

Deuteronomy 26:1-29:9

Kiy Tavo, כִּי־תָבוֹא, When You Come Into

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I believe that throughout this chapter, Yahweh is teaching us about how we can experience redemption, **AND** be shown the path or the road that leads **ALL** people, who willingly choose to follow it, onto eternal salvation.

First of all, we have to understand, that entering into the Promised Land, that Yahweh promised Abraham, his descendants would have, **IS**, a shadow picture, of us entering into a very close and intimate relationship with our heavenly Father, because, the Land, and everything else for that matter, that we inherit, **IS a GIFT** from Yahweh. How do you suppose the people of Yisrael, who **ARE** Abraham's promised descendants through Yitzchaq, the son of Promise, got to the Promised Land, in the first place? And, **who** is it, that gave them that Promised Land? They, along with all people that profess to be part of Yahweh's one and only family, Yisrael, were redeemed out of the self imposed slavery they were in, in Egypt? I say, **self imposed**, because it is their rebellious disobedience to the Words of the Father's Torah, that Yoseph taught them, and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, which they had become accustomed to, because of Yoseph's excellent Torah obedient leadership, for Yoseph's heart, was totally surrendered to our heavenly Father, in loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Ways and the Words of our heavenly Father, and in Egypt, the people of Yisrael, were blessed because of Yoseph surrendered obedience to the Ways of Yahweh. Once Yoseph died, they forgot Yahweh, and fell in love instead, with their material things, and while their guard was down, they were slowly but systematically enslaved, without noticing it, until it was too late. Their sinful behaviour, caused Yahweh to remove His protective covering from them, and that resulted in them, putting their trust in their material wealth, and their so called position in the community. It is their love for the material things, that caused them to abandon the Ways of Yahweh, and they apparently started to believe that they no longer needed Yahweh in their lives, and so, they drifted away from Him, His Words and His Ways.

In a very short period of time, they went from being, the most prosperous nation on the face of the earth, for Yahweh made everything that they put their hands to prosper, because of Yoseph's Torah obedient Ways, and when Yoseph died, instead of them relying on, and living by Yoseph's Torah obedient teaching, they chose to rely on their prosperity, which by then, they had come to believe that they and they alone had acquired it, by their own efforts, and they totally forgot, that it was Yahweh that made them prosper, because of Yoseph's Torah obedient Ways.

Therefore, the lesson that we are to learn from all of this, **IS**, that once we accept, and take advantage of Yahweh's redemption from slavery, for all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of Elohim, we are then given a choice, an opportunity to enter into an intimate relationship with our heavenly Father or **NOT. AND IF** we do indeed accept His offer, from loving surrendered contrite obedient hearts, we are offered **the Road Map**, of the Path to eternal salvation, **the special righteous pathway**, that will eventually lead all people who willingly and lovingly chose to follow that pathway, **AND**

obey the signs along the Way, for they are there to lead all who willingly and lovingly choose to obey those signs, to Yahweh's Promised eternal salvation, His Promised Land, **which is here on earth**, **NOT** in heaven. Scripture makes it very clear, that on **Judgment Day**, Yahweh will usher, **ALL** people who willingly chose to **FOLLOW AND STAY ON**, His designated Path of Righteousness, which is a metaphor for obeying the Words of His Torah of Life, He will usher **ALL** of them into eternal salvation in His Promised Land, which **IS**, the Garden of Eden, **here on earth**. Please remember, that Eternal Salvation **IS A PROMISE TO ALL** the people, who choose to willingly and lovingly believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and the promise **IS, IF** we do indeed follow and obey Yahweh's Torah, His Road map, we **WILL Live in the presence of Yahweh forever**, and be in an intimate relationship with Him, and furthermore, we are told that He will be our husband, our provider and protector for eternity, and that we will rule and reign with Him for eternity. That is the picture that I believe Yahweh is painting in this chapter.

Next, we are told that Abraham went down to Egypt and that eventually Abraham became a great Nation. Abraham's Nation is called Yisrael, and because the people of the nation of Yisrael, chose to rebel and disobey the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, they were eventually placed in bondage to the task masters of Egypt, for centuries. In His timing, however, Yahweh delivered them from the bondage of Egypt, which is a picture of us being delivered from our **SINFUL Ways**, the ways of the world, the lusts of our flesh, the transgressions of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Then we are told that Yahweh brought Yisrael, which is a picture of **ALL** people, who have surrendered their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Yahweh, in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of His Torah of life, He brought them into the Promised Land, which is a land filled with milk and honey, which represents all that **IS GOOD AND NOURISHING**, from the Hand of Yahweh. Next we are told that Yahweh set some conditions and Laws or directives, that we, the people of His family, absolutely have to follow and obey, **IF** we are to remain in His Promised Land. Part of what Yisrael was to do, since they were an agricultural society, was, to bring the labour of their hands, their harvest, which Yahweh made grow out of the land, as a tithe for the Levite, the stranger, the widow, and the orphan. Yahweh is instructing us, through these words, that **WE ARE TO BE**, our brothers' keeper. In other words, we **ARE** responsible for our neighbour's well being, and as such, we **ARE** to provide for them, as Yahweh provides for us, and especially, **IF** they cannot provide for themselves. **We are to ENSURE, to the best of our ability, that ALL people who are in our communities feel safe and cared for, by providing for their needs and ensuring that they are protected from all people that would harm them.** I have highlighted this portion of the teaching because I think it is of paramount importance that we try to live by these words to the best of our ability.

It is also important to note, that **NOT** only are we to provide for their physical needs, **BUT** we are also **tasked with providing them with the spiritual nourishment that is found in the Words of Yahweh**, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. We have to understand, that Yahweh works on the principle of balanced scales, and therefore, when Yahweh provides what we need, then, we in turn **MUST** learn to share what Yahweh has provided for us, with others, we must learn to share what Yahweh has provided for our lives here on earth and our eternal life in His kingdom, and hopefully save many in the process.

Scripture makes it very clear, that **SALVATION IS A GIFT, THAT COMES AT A COST.** I know that to some people, this statement **will sound blasphemous, BUT** before you render judgment on

what I have just said, let me tell you what **THE COST IS**. The cost of Yahweh's salvation, **IS LOVE; TO BE SAVED, WE MUST HAVE LOVE IN OUR HEARTS**. Even the thief who was on a cross next to Messiah, repented and had love in his heart for Messiah, who was suffering on the cross, even though Messiah had not committed any Sins.

We have to understand that for **Salvation** to take effect, we must have **LOVE** in our hearts for the Father and for **ALL** of His created beings, as He loves them all. Understood in the **love** that we are to have for our heavenly Father, **IS** obedience to His Word, His Commandments, the Words of His Torah of Life; **NOT** because we have to, **BUT** because we love Him and we **WANT** to please Him by obeying Him. We have to know and understand that **BOTH** our heavenly Father and Messiah, who **IS** His only begotten Son, have said **IF you LOVE ME, keep, guard and obey My Commandments**.

Everything you are going to read about in these *verses* of *Deuteronomy 26* is a picture of salvation. What we receive, **IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to **OBEY** Yahweh from our hearts, and what we will receive **IF** we choose **NOT** to obey the Commandments of Yahweh.

In the Promised Land, which is a picture of the Eighth Millennium, we are blessed with peace, prosperity, abundance, joy and happiness, and all we have to do, **IS OBEY** our heavenly Father with loving, surrendered, humble, obedient hearts. Why do I say that it **MUST be obedience out of love?** It is because, **IF** we obey the Words of our heavenly Father, for any other reason, we will learn to **resent** the Commandments of Elohim, **and begin to view them as restraints, rather than the blessings that they truly are**. Salvation is an ongoing process while we are alive, with a guaranteed outcome, **BUT** only **IF** we choose to surrender our wills to our heavenly Father in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life, His Commandments, as best we can, out of Love for Him. There is also a guaranteed outcome **IF** we choose **NOT TO OBEY**. Let me quote some Scripture here, some verses that will help to illustrate that salvation **IS an ongoing process:** and **NOT just a one time event, as Christianity has falsely proclaimed and taught**

Ezekiel 18: The Word of Yahweh came unto me again, saying, 2 what do you mean that you use this proverb, concerning the land of Yisrael, saying, the fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? 3 As I live, SAYS Adonai Yahweh, you shall NOT have occasion any more to use this proverb in Yisrael.

Behold, ALL souls (not just some) are MINE;

As the soul of the father is MINE,

So also the soul of the son is MINE:

The soul that SINS, the soul that transgresses My Torah, IT SHALL DIE.

5 BUT:

- *If a man is just,*

- *If a man does that which is Lawful, and right*

(if a man keeps the Words of the Torah of Yahweh that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai)

- *If a man has not eaten upon the mountains*

(eaten or partaken from altars of the gods of others)

- *If a man has not lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Yisrael,*

(if they have not worshipped idols, or the man made fabricated gods of other)

- *If a man has not defiled his neighbour's wife*

(if a man has not committed adultery)

- *If a man has not come near to a menstruous woman*

- (if a man has not had intercourse with his wife during her period)
- *If a man has not oppressed any, but has restored to the debtor his pledge*
(if the man treats the poor, and those that are indebted to him with love in his heart)
- *If a man has not spoiled anyone by violence*
(if a man has not purposely harmed another human being for gain)
- *If a man has given his bread to the hungry*
(if a man has chosen to willingly take care of the poor as Elohim commanded us to do)
- *If a man has covered the naked with a garment*
(clothed the poor and the downtrodden)
- *If a man has not given forth upon usury*
(if a man has **NOT** charged exorbitant interest, over and above the stipulated interest in the Scriptures)
- *If a man has not taken any increase*
(if a man has done good deeds and did not want nor expect money for it)
- *If a man has withdrawn his hand from iniquity*
(if a man willingly chose in his heart **NOT** to transgress the Words of the Torah of Yahweh)
- *If a man has executed true judgment between man and man*
(applied just judgement in every situation, no matter what or who they are judging)
- *If a man has walked in My Statutes*
(if a man has obeyed the Words of My Torah of Life)
- *If a man has kept My Judgments, to deal truly*
(if a man has kept Yahweh's Commandments to deal in Truth only)
- *If a man is just*
(If a man chooses to judge any and all things by the Words of My Torah of Life)
- **HE SHALL SURELY LIVE**, says Adonai Yahweh.

We have to understand that the attributes mentioned above, which are, just, lawful, obedient, etc. are **ALL** Torah Commandments, and there are seventeen **IFS** mentioned here, and the number seventeen in Scripture represents victory and resurrection.

NONE of the above conditions, can be fulfilled, unless a person has a deep seated **LOVE** for our heavenly Father and His Son, whom, Scripture confirms, **IS** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life made flesh, in their heart. Yahweh says, that a man that has this kind of heart, **SHALL LIVE**. The word **LIVE** is a picture of spending eternity with our heavenly Father, and what I have outlined from the book of Ezekiel, is the condition of the man's heart, that will be welcomed to enter the kingdom of Yahweh Elohim for eternity.

Verses 14-20 of Ezekiel 18 states, that the son IS NOT responsible for the Sins of the father and neither is the father responsible for the Sins of the son, therefore that means that in the eyes of Yahweh, we are all rewarded or punished, based on OUR OWN DEEDS. The son SHALL NOT BEAR the iniquity, the Torah transgressions of the father and NEITHER SHALL THE FATHER BEAR the iniquity, the Torah transgressions of the Son, the righteousness of the righteous (their Torah obedience, Deuteronomy 6:25) SHALL BE upon him and the wickedness (the Torah transgressions) of the wicked SHALL BE upon him.

Now I want to get to the point I am trying to make here, and that is, that salvation **IS** an ongoing process. *Verses 21-24 of the book of Ezekiel explains it all, 21But IF the wicked will turn from his*

Sins, from his transgressions of the Words of My Torah of Life, that he has committed and **WILL WILLINGLY AND LOVINGLY KEEP ALL** My Statutes, the Words of My Torah, **AND IF HE DOES THAT WHICH IS LAWFUL AND RIGHT, (IF** he will obey the Words of My Torah of Life) **HE SHALL SURELY LIVE, HE SHALL NOT DIE.** 22 **ALL** his transgressions (his Torah transgressions) that he has committed, **THEY SHALL NOT BE MENTIONED UNTO HIM, in his righteousness** (in His Torah obedience, Deuteronomy 6:25) that he has done, **HE SHALL LIVE.**

Now in verse 23 Yahweh shows us the loving heart that He has for **ALL** of His creation, when He says, *Have I any pleasure **AT ALL that the wicked** (those who willingly transgress the Words of My Torah) **should die?** Says Yahweh our Elohim, and **NOT THAT HE SHOULD RETURN FROM HIS WICKED WAYS AND LIVE.***

Now comes the defining verse, verse 24 **BUT**, when the **RIGHTEOUS** (those that are keeping and doing the Words of our heavenly Father, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting Truth, the Words of His Torah of Life) **URNS** away from his **Righteousness** (turns away from obeying the Words of My Torah of Life) and **commits iniquity** (Transgresses the Words of My Torah as a way of Life) and does according to **ALL** the abominations that the wicked man does, **SHALL HE LIVE?**

Then Yahweh answers His own question, He says:

ALL his righteousness (all of his past Torah obedience) that he has done **SHALL NOT BE MENTIONED**, in his **trespass** that he has trespassed, and in his **Sin** that he has sinned, (in his Torah transgressions) **IN THEM SHALL HE DIE.**

In these verses we can see that we have a choice, and that choice **IS, very simple, OBEY AND LIVE** (salvation), or **DISOBEY AND DIE** (the second death in the lake of fire). This is not talking about a one time error that a person repents for and is forgiven, for we all make mistakes, this is talking about a lifestyle change, a change from obeying the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, to rebelling against and rejecting **ALL** of Yahweh's teaching and instructions, the Words His Torah of Life.

Deuteronomy 27:26 Cursed is he that **DOES NOT CONFIRM** (Pleroo) **ALL** the Words of this Torah, **TO DO THEM.** And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day **AGAINST YOU**, that I have set before you **LIFE** and **DEATH, BLESSINGS** and **CURSES**; therefore choose **LIFE, CHOOSE SALVATION** that both you and your seed **MAY LIVE (ETERNALLY).**

Hebrews 6:4-6 For **it is IMPOSSIBLE** for those who were **once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit** (allowed the Holy Spirit to cause them to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, Ezekiel 36:26-27), 5 **And have tasted the Good (Tov) Word of Elohim** (the Words of His Torah), and the powers of the world to come, 6 **If they shall FALL AWAY, to renew them again unto repentance; SEEING** they crucify to themselves the Son of Elohim afresh, and put Him to an open shame.

Now in conclusion let's go back to Deuteronomy 26:16-19 **This day** Yahweh your Elohim has commanded you to **DO** these Statutes and Judgments: **YOU SHALL THEREFORE KEEP AND**

DO THEM WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL.

There is absolutely no way that anyone can misunderstand what Yahweh **IS** telling us to do here, **HE IS COMMANDING US TO OBEY ALL the WORDS OF HIS TORAH of LIFE, and HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE PART OF HIS TORAH OF LIFE.**

*Verse 17 YOU have declared Yahweh this day, **TO BE YOUR ELOHIM**, and declared that you would **WALK IN HIS WAYS, AND KEEP HIS STATUTES, AND HIS COMMANDMENTS, AND HIS JUDGMENTS, AND TO HEARKEN (SHEMAH) UNTO HIS VOICE:***

Here again there is no ambiguity, there should not be any doubt in anyone's mind for we can plainly see, that all of **US** who are part of Yisrael, Yahweh's one and only family, **have MADE a commitment and have AGREED through our forefathers**, that we would believe, follow and obey **ALL** of of the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, including **ALL** of His Commandments.

*Verse 18 And Yahweh has declared you, this day, to be His **PECULIAR PEOPLE** as He has promised you, and that you should **KEEP ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS;***

Here again, we can plainly see that we are only Yahweh's peculiar people, **WHEN we willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, obey and DO ALL of His Commandments with a loving surrendered contrite obedient heart**, as He has commanded us to do.

*Verse 19 And to make you high above all nations **which He has made, in praise, and in name, and in honour;** and that **YOU MAY BE A HOLY PEOPLE UNTO YHVH your Elohim, as He has spoken.***

To be put in the lofty position of being a Holy People, **IS NOT** for our glory, **IT IS SO** that when we willingly choose to obey **ALL** the Commandments of Yahweh, that the world will **SEE** the Light of Yahweh emanating from and through us. That my friends is **WHY**, Yahweh **LIFTS US HIGH ABOVE OTHER NATIONS**, so that they, the other Nations, **CAN SEE THE LIGHT OF MESSIAH, THE LIVING TORAH, EMANATING FROM US. BUT**, we have to realize, that He only does that, He only makes **OUR Light Shine, WHEN WE AGREE** with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, **to believe, follow, and obey ALL of His Commandments**. It isn't complicated my friends, **OBEY AND LIVE, DISOBEY AND DIE. Amein**

There is one stand alone Aleph Tav in this chapter.

*Verse 15 Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Yisrael, and **Aleph Tav** the land which You have given us, as You swore unto our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.*

We have to understand that our Messiah, who happens to be, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, represented by the letters Aleph and Tav, **IS** always at the side of the people who have willingly chosen to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, so that He can help those who have done so, those that have chosen to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, as He did; and that Path of Righteousness, the

Words of His Torah of Life, when obeyed, with loving surrendered hearts, will lead **ALL** who willingly choose to follow it, onto eternal Life. Amein!

Furthermore, there are **Ten** Aleph Tav letters that are attached to words with a Maqef, and there are **Twenty Two** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them, the number **One** in Scripture, always represents our heavenly Father, the number **Ten** represents, all of His Commandments and the number **Twenty Two** represents all the letters of the Hebrew Alephbet, which make up the words that Created all things. Therefore, I believe that Yahweh is reaffirming to us, through the use of these Aleph Tav letters, that He is the Creator of all things, and **IF** we want to spend eternity with Him, in His everlasting kingdom, here on earth, we had better learn to believe, follow and obey, all of His Directives for everlasting 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*