

Parashah 51 Tidbit
Nitzavim: נִצָּבִים, You are Standing.
Deuteronomy 29:10-30:20
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These words at the beginning of this Parashah are so beautiful that I truly cannot add anything to the thought that is transmitted by them, but, let me try to bring out the **TRUTH** and the **DEPTH** of Yahweh's wonderful Words as best I can. Would you please stand up and join me in repeating the words of *verses 10-11*. It can be confusing because in the Hebrew Scriptures it is *verse 9-10*, but in most English Scriptures it is *verses, 10-11*

I have taken the liberty of changing some words of *verses 10-11* to make it more personal for all of us present here today.

Verse 10 We stand here, ALL of US today, before Yahweh our Elohim; the Elders, the leaders, with ALL the men and women of our congregation, our little part of Yahweh's family, Yisrael. 11 WE stand here for and with our wives, our children, our families, our friends and the stranger that we will minister to in the future.

So after reading these two beautiful *verses*, I have to ask You, **WHY** are we standing here today?

Before I answer that question, would you please close your eyes for a moment and picture yourself at Shechem, standing between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim, and listen as I paraphrase what Mosheh is saying.

We stand here today, to confirm that we **ARE** in Covenant with Yahweh, our Elohim, the Creator of the universe, and that we believe **ALL** of His wonderful, glorious promises that He made to our forefathers, to Abraham, Yitchaq and Ya'aqov, which He has confirmed to us through the Words of His beautiful Torah of Life, here in *Deuteronomy 29*, which we are reading today.

We realize, that at this very minute, on this Shabbat, that **WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF STANDING IN YAHWEH'S PRESENCE and we do so, WILLINGLY, in order that Yahweh** might establish **ALL OF US HERE TODAY, AS A PEOPLE UNTO HIMSELF**, in order that He may be an Elohim unto us, as He has sworn onto *our* fathers, to Abraham, Yitzchaq, and Ya'aqov, that He would be. We also understand that **IT IS NOT ONLY** with us, that Yahweh makes this Covenant, **BUT**, He is also making this Covenant, with the person that **IS NOT HERE TODAY, THE PERSON THAT YOU AND I WILL BE SPEAKING TO ABOUT YAHWEH AND HIS WAYS IN THE FUTURE**; for *verse 16* tells us, our Saviour, our Redeemer, our **Aleph Tav, STANDS** between us and the world, to protect us and defend us, and **TO URGE US TO GO FORWARD** in total compliance and obedience to His Word, the Words of His Torah, His Directives for everlasting Life, so that through His infinite wisdom and knowledge, contained in the Words of His Torah of Life, we, you and I, may go forth and share Messiah/Yahweh, who **IS**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Living Torah of Life made flesh, **boldly** with others, as Paul and all the Apostles did, and taught us to

do. Scripture makes it very clear, that **IF** we willingly choose to lovingly believe, follow, obey, and implement His Words of **TRUTH**, His Commandments, the Words of His Torah, His Directives for everlasting Life, into our own daily lives, that we **WILL** have the mind of Messiah.

Therefore, let us surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, in loving obedience, and share the knowledge that Yahweh has imparted to us, in His beautiful Covenant, with **ALL** people that have an ear to hear, and listen to us, thereby becoming, what Yahweh created us **ALL TO BE**, and that **IS, A LIGHT UNTO THE PEOPLE OF THE NATIONS of this world of ours that are mired in darkness**. Amen! Please sit down now.

We read in Scripture, that all of Yahweh's blessings, are automatically poured out upon the people who willingly and lovingly chose to surrender their hearts minds, souls and strength to Him in loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. **HOWEVER, IF** and **WHEN** people willingly decide to **disobey** and or **reject** the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **IF** they reject the Words of His Torah of Life, and willingly choose to disregard all the warnings that He has given the people of Yisrael, and the people of the world, throughout the ages, **THEN ALL** the **CURSES** that come from that disobedience, which are delineated throughout the Torah of Mosheh, will be poured out upon them.

Now that you know, or have been made aware of this fact, I truly hope you can see, **THAT IT IS** of paramount importance, that we choose to walk in loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, and thereby, **BECOME** a Light onto the people of the nations of the world, that are mired in darkness, because, **IF WE DO NOT BECOME YAHWEH'S LIGHT UNTO THEM, THEN** what follows, **IS** what is in store for those people, and Yahweh says, their blood, **WILL BE UPON US**. Starting in *verse 17*, Yahweh warns us about the abominations that **ARE** in the world, and that we are surrounded by these abominations, and He tells us, how the people of the world have created their own man made idols, be they actual idols, graven images, money, power, lusts of the flesh etc. In *verse 18* Yahweh warns us, to be careful and **NOT partake** of what the world has to offer. You might say to yourself, well, I wouldn't do that, **I WOULD NEVER PARTAKE** of the **SINS** of the world, because I love Elohim too much to do that! Did you know that according to Scripture, that **tolerating SIN**, or **political correctness**, or **NOT speaking out against SIN**, when we encounter it, because we don't want to rock the boat or be classified as a **religious activists** or worse, as **religious fanatics** or religious zealots, **IS THE SAME AS PARTICIPATING IN THAT SIN, IN THE EYES OF YAHWEH**. That is exactly what *Leviticus 5:1-4* tells us. Therefore, instead, of choosing **NOT** to rock the boat, or not to get involved, let us learn to be like Phinehas, who slew Zimri and Cosby in front of the whole congregation, let us learn to be **ZEALOUS** for the Word of Yahweh and **STAND UP AND DEFEND IT AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY**.

Please be aware, that Yahweh's warnings do **NOT** stop there, Scripture goes on to tell us, that **IF** we partake of the ways of the world and what it has to offer, then **OUR HEARTS, WILL BE HARDENED**, and according to Yahweh, our hardened hearts, **WILL** cause us to **slowly but systematically** walk away from Elohim, walk away from Yahweh's Ways, walk away from the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, which are His Directives for everlasting Life, and unfortunately, we will probably start believing and or rationalizing that everything we have, **IS BECAUSE OF OUR OWN STRENGTH** and **NOT BECAUSE** of Yahweh's grace and blessings.

IF and **WHEN** someone gets to that stage, *verse 20* tells us that Yahweh will **NOT SPARE HIM OR HER**, and that **ALL THE CURSES** that are written in His book, the book of the Law, the book of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the **Book of the TORAH, WILL BE PUT ON** that person, and as bad as that is, **IT IS NOT** the only punishment they will receive. Yahweh says that that particular person's name, **WILL ALSO BE BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE, BY ELOHIM HIMSELF.**

These words, to me, are the most **FRIGHTENING words found anywhere in Scripture.** We have to realize, that Scripture makes it very clear, that Yahweh does **NOT CHANGE**, which means that He is consistent, which in turn means, that the message that we see here in *Deuteronomy 29* **IS** the very same message that Yahweh has spoken to us from the very beginning of time, and that message, my friends **IS**, obey and **be blessed**, disobey and **be cursed**. The people may have changed over the years **BUT YAHWEH'S MESSAGE HAS REMAINED CONSTANT.** Just as He **IS** constant and everlasting, **OBEY AND LIVE, DISOBEY AND DIE.**

From *verses 21-28* there is more elaboration and explanation of what happens to those who choose **NOT to Obey**, and to those who choose **to rebel against Yahweh's WAYS**, rebel against the Words of His Torah of Life. As you read it, you will see for yourself, that rebellious disobedience to the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, **IS a very very selfish and self centred attitude**, because, it **NOT** only hurts the person that is being disobedient and or rebellious, **BUT, it ALSO** hurts his family, **ALL** of his offspring, His land, and yes, his whole life also. The key *verses* to me are *verses 25 & 26* that explain why these curses happen.

Verse 25 **Because they have FORSAKEN THE COVENANT of Yahweh Elohim of their fathers, which He made with THEM when He brought them forth out of the land of Egypt: 26 For they went and served the gods of others, and worshipped them, they worshipped man made imaginary gods whom they did NOT know, and whom He had not given unto them.**

To better understand what people are forsaking, when they willingly choose to forsake the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, and His Covenant, let us look at Yahweh's Covenants and see what they are forsaking? Let's look at the Mosaic Covenant, which was built on the foundation of the Abrahamic Covenant, and the Mosaic Covenant my friends has a constitution, and that constitution **IS, THE WORDS OF TORAH OF YAHWEH THAT HE GAVE TO MOSHEH**, at Mount Sinai. They are the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and the sign that indicates to us, that we are indeed **IN COVENANT** with the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, **IS** the **SHABAT**. The very day that our heavenly Father **HAS HALLOWED AND SET APART**, for the very specific purpose of meeting with us, His Children, and He told us that His **Shabat**, the Day that you and I are celebrating today, **IS a SIGN**, between Himself, and us, His people, His family, Yisrael, that shows us, **that we are in Covenant with Him.**

Just in case you are concerned as to whether the **Shabat** is indeed from Elohim, let's read what Yahweh says in *Leviticus 23:2-3* **Speak unto the children of Yisrael, and SAY unto them, Concerning the Feasts of Yahweh, which you SHALL proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are MY FEASTS. 3 Six days, shall work be done: BUT the Seventh day is the SHABAT of rest, it is a Holy Convocation; you shall do NO work therein: it IS THE SHABBAT OF YAHWEH IN ALL YOUR DWELLINGS.**

In verses 28 & 29 we have two anomalies and they are verse 28 *And cast them into another land*, the words *cast them* is translated from the Hebrew word, VayaShlikem, וַיִּשְׁלֶכְם, and the middle letter of this word, the letter *Lamed* was enlarged by Mosheh. The *Lamed* is a picture of a *shepherd's staff*, which in turn means *authority*. The staff or rod of Mosheh, was used to lead the sons of Yisrael out of the bondage that they were in, in Egypt. The staff or rod of Mosheh was raised up in the wilderness to symbolize how our Messiah, would be raised up on a cross. Therefore, the letter *Lamed IS* enlarged and *made bold*, to remind us, that the **GREAT SHEPHERD** Yahweh/Messiah, will be the One who gathers us from wherever we have been scattered in the world, because of our rebellious and disobedient behaviour. This passage of Scripture, explains how Yisrael was prophesied, to one day, be cast into all the Nations (just as we have been), and therefore, the enlarged *Lamed*, reminds us that the **GREAT SHEPHERD** will bring us back to the Promised Land, that our heavenly Father has prepared for us.

In verse 29 we have the phrase, *To us and to our sons*. In Hebrew it is pronounced, Lanu UIBaneynu, לָנוּ וְלִבְנֵינוּ. As you can see, above and or below each of these letters, depending on which Hebrew Tanach (Hebrew Scriptures) you have, there are **DOTS**. The verse begins with, *The secret things belong to Yahweh our Elohim and the revealed things belong TO US*, לָנוּ, Lanu *and to our sons or children*, וְלִבְנֵינוּ, UIBaneynu. The dots that are placed over Yisrael and the future generations, are called Nikud, נִקּוּד, or נִקּוּד, which means, to point, to mark with points or dots, and I believe these dots are placed there, by and through Yahweh's influence, and that they are meant to direct our attention to the story of Nikudemus, spelled Nicodemus in our english Scriptures. What is it that Yahweh has revealed to us by the placements of these dots, the Nikud on the words Lanu UIBaneynu, לָנוּ וְלִבְנֵינוּ, which means *to us and our children*?

Well lets read *John 3:1-21* and see if the story of Nicodemus gives us the answer. *There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Yeshua by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we KNOW that You are a teacher come from Elohim: for no man can do these miracles that You do, except Elpohim IS with him. Yeshua answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man is born again*

(Strong's number G1080 γεννάω, gennāō, pronounced, ghen-nah'-o, it is from a variation of 1085; which means to procreate, properly, of the father, but by extension of the mother; figuratively, it means **to regenerate**, bear, beget, be born, **bring forth, conceive, be delivered of**, gender, make, spring),

He cannot see the kingdom of Elohim. Nicodemus said unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Yeshua answered, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born of water (physical birth) and of the Spirit, (Regenerated and drawn near to the Father, by totally surrendering his will to the Father's will) he CANNOT enter into the kingdom of Elohim. That which is born of the flesh IS flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit IS spirit. DO NOT marvel that I said unto you, You must be born again. (Regenerated and drawn near to the Father, by totally surrendering your will to the Father's will). The wind blows where it lists, and you hear the sound thereof, BUT you cannot tell from where it comes, nor where it goes: SO TOO, IS every one that is born of the Spirit, (Regenerated and drawn near to the Father, by totalling surrendering their will to the Father's will). Nicodemus answered and said unto Yeshua, How can these things be? Yeshua answered and said unto him, You ARE a master (teacher) of Yisrael, and you DO NOT KNOW these things? Verily, verily, I say unto you, We (Messiah and His

disciples) *speak of what we do **KNOW**, and **Testify** to what we have seen; and you **DO NOT receive our witness**. If I have told you earthly things, and you have chosen **NOT to believe**, **HOW** then shall you believe, **IF I tell you of heavenly things?** And **NO MAN HAS ASCENDED UP TO HEAVEN, EXCEPT He**, that came down from heaven, even the Son of man, who is in heaven. And as Mosheh lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, **even so, MUST** the Son of man, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, Yeshua, **BE LIFTED UP**: That whosoever believes in Him **should NOT perish, BUT** have eternal life. For Elohim so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, (the Words of His Living Torah made flesh) that whosoever believes in Him, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **should NOT perish, BUT**, have everlasting life. For Elohim did **NOT** send His only begotten Son, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh into the world **to condemn the world**; No, **NO**, a thousand times **NO**, He sent the Words of His Living Torah, that became flesh, and was manifested in the flesh, as Messiah, **SO THAT** the world, through Him, the Words of Living Torah made flesh, **MIGHT BE SAVED**. He that believes on Him, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **IS NOT CONDEMNED: BUT, he that DOES NOT believe, IS condemned already**,*

WHY?

Because he has **NOT** believed in the Name, the Shem, the reputation, the character, the essence of the only begotten Son of Elohim, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh. And this **IS** the condemnation, that Light, **IS** come into the world (in the form of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh, also known as the Light of the World), and men loved **darkness rather than LIGHT**, because their deeds were **evil**. For every one that does evil (everyone that transgresses the Words of the Father's Torah of Life) **HATES THE LIGHT**, neither do they come to the **Light, BECAUSE their deeds would be reproved. BUT, he that DOES TRUTH** (he that follows and obeys the Words of the Torah, our heavenly Father's eternal **TRUTH**, Psalm 119:142, therefore, Yeshua is telling Nicodemus and us, that the person who willingly chooses to believe, follow, and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life) **actually comes to the Light**, (comes to Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, the Light of the World) so that his deeds **MAY BE MADE MANIFEST, that they ARE wrought in Elohim**.

By sovereignly choosing to place these dots, the Nikud on the words Lanu UIBaneynu, לָנוּ וְלִבְנֵינוּ, which means *to us and our children*, I believe that Yahweh is revealing to **ALL** people, that the Words of His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **ARE** for **ALL** people. Would it surprise you, **IF** I told you, that in the phrase, *to us*, לָנוּ, which speaks of the people of Yisrael, that were there at the time, and *to our children*, UIBaneynu, וְלִבְנֵינוּ, which represents future generations, that there are **TEN** letters, **THREE** letters in the word Lanu, לָנוּ, which means, **to us**, along with **three** dots on those letters, and as you know, the number **three** in Scripture represents the resurrection of Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, it represents His death on the cross in our stead, and His resurrection, coming from death to Life, as the First Fruit of many to follow, and there are **SEVEN** letters and **seven** dots on the word UIBaneynu, וְלִבְנֵינוּ, and the number **SEVEN** in Scripture, represents, completeness and rest; therefore the combined **TEN dots** are telling us, that to take advantage of the Sacrifice that Messiah gave us, by sacrificing Himself for us on the cross, **WE** are to take this event as a learning experience, **to start to believe, follow, and obey ALL the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life**, that are represented by these **Ten Dots?**

The number **Ten** in Scripture represents the **Ten** Commandments, Yahweh's Living Words, or as we have come to learn, they are the inerrant and everlasting Words of the teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, His **Ten** Living Realities, His Living Torah, His Directives for everlasting Life. The number **TEN** also represents the whole body of His Commandments, just like when Abraham sent Eliezer to get a wife for his son Yitzchaq, and he sent Eliezer with **TEN camels loaded with gifts**, and the gifts that those **TEN** camels were carrying, *represented ALL of Abraham's wealth that would be passed down to Yitzchaq.* **Genesis 24:10** *And Eliezer the slave took ten camels of the camels of his master Abraham, and departed; for ALL THE GOODS OF HIS MASTER ABRAHAM WERE IN HIS HAND.*

As you can see, Abraham did not withhold anything from the inheritance to his son, in the same manner that our heavenly Father does **NOT withhold any of the Life giving Words of His Torah from us.**

Therefore, that means that the number **TEN** represents **ALL** of His Laws, all the Words of His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and we are to take them as a whole, for they are not to be separated, they are One, they are Echad. Did Eliezer actually take **ALL** of Abraham's goods with him? The answer of course **IS NO**, he did **NOT, BUT** the **TEN** camels loaded with the Gifts of Abraham, that he did take with him, *represented the whole of Abraham's wealth*, just like the **TEN** Commandments represent the whole of Yahweh's Torah, they are His heart, His character and the essence of who our loving heavenly Father Truly is.

As I said above, there are two words in the phrase, Lanu UIBaneynu, the word Lanu, לָנוּ, which has **three** letters, and the word UIBaneynu, וְלִבְנֵינוּ, which has **seven** letters. Furthermore, as I said above, the Number **three** in Scripture, represents resurrection, coming from death to Life, and the number **seven** represents completeness, and rest, for Yahweh completed His Work of creation on the seventh day, and then He rested. Therefore, the only thing that anyone can honestly conclude after reading these *verses*, the message that I believe Yahweh **IS** conveying to us through the use of these the **TEN Dots** over the letters, **IS, HE IS ADMONISHING US, THAT IF** we willingly choose to become obedient children of Yahweh's family, the family that is called Yisrael, **THEN** we will be resurrected onto eternal life, and find eternal **Rest** in the kingdom of Elohim as the bride of Messiah, for eternity.

The conclusion therefore **IS, IF** anyone chooses to willingly and lovingly follow what Yahweh has revealed to you in the Words of His Torah of Life, which contains **ALL** of His Commandments, **THEN, ALL** things will eventually be revealed onto you. **Mark 4:22-23** *For there IS NOTHING HIDDEN, that shall NOT be manifested, NEITHER was anything secret, BUT that it should be REVEALED. 23 If any man has ears to hear, let him shemah, let him hear, understand, believe, obey and do ALL that Yahweh has commanded him.*

In **Deuteronomy 29:29** we are told that the secret things of Yahweh will be revealed to those who **OBEY**, to those who shemah the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life. Let us therefore determine in our hearts, right here, and right now, that we, you and I, **WILL** indeed Shemah His Words, which means that we will hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey, and keep **ALL** the Words that Yahweh spoke to us, all the Words of His wonderful Life giving Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, given to us at Mount Sinai, from His loving Heart.

Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of Elohim to conceal a thing (davar, a word): but the honour of kings, IS to search out a matter (davar, a word).

*Colossians 2:2-7 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the **full assurance of understanding**, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of Elohim, and of the Father, and of Messiah (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh); 3 In Whom are **HID ALL the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge**. 4 And this I say, **LEST** any man should beguile you with enticing words. 5 For, though I Paul, am absent in the flesh, **YET** am I with you in the spirit, rejoicing and beholding your order, and the **steadfastness** of your **Belief** in Messiah (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh). 6 As you have therefore received Messiah Yeshua the Master (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh), **so WALK YOU IN HIM** (walk in obedience to the Living Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made Flesh): 7 Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the **belief as you have been taught**, by Messiah, abounding therein with thanksgiving. **Amein***

There are four stand-alone Aleph Tav in this section of *Deuteronomy 29*

*Verse 14 But with him that stands here with us this day before YHVH our Elohim, and **Aleph Tav** also with him that is not here with us this day:*

*Verse 15 For you know **Aleph Tav** how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and **Aleph Tav** how we came through the nations which you passed by;*

*Verse 16 And you have seen their abominations, and **Aleph Tav** their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them:)*

There are also another thirteen Aleph Tav that are attached to words with a Maqef and there are nineteen words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number thirteen in Scripture speaks of rebellion and the number nineteen speaks of belief. Therefore I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tav that **IF** we will **believe** and **trust** Him, **IF** we put our **Belief and Trust** in Him, and turn from our rebellious ways, **THEN** He will lead us into everlasting life in the kingdom of Elohim, where we will become the bride of Messiah, to rule and reign with Him forever. **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***