

**Parashah 52 Tidbit**  
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VaYelek, is from the word Halak, הָלַךְ, which means, to go, going, went, follow, followed, walk, walked, travel, go away, disappear, continue, he went away, departed, he walked about, he proceeded, continued, he went reluctantly, was gone, moved to and fro, led, led away, he carried, he brought, traveller, wanderer, wayfarer, mood, frame of mind, road tax, it is related to the word Halakah, הַלְכָה, which means, law, rule, traditional law, something to go by, your personal day to day walk, and in the form that it is used here in *verse 1*, it means and he went.

*And Mosheh went and spoke these words unto all of Yisrael. And he said unto them, I am **a hundred and twenty years** old this day; I can no more go out and come in: also Yahweh has said unto me, You shall **NOT** go over this Jordan. Yahweh your Elohim, **HE WILL GO OVER BEFORE YOU**, and He **WILL DESTROY** these nations from before you, and you **SHALL** possess them: and Joshua, he shall go over before you, as Yahweh has said. And Yahweh **SHALL DO** unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom **HE DESTROYED**. And Yahweh **SHALL** give them up before your face, that you may do unto them, according unto all the Commandments which I have commanded you. Be strong and of a good courage, **FEAR NOT, nor be afraid of them**: for Yahweh your Elohim, **HE, IT IS, THAT DOES GO WITH YOU; HE WILL NOT FAIL YOU, NOR FORSAKE YOU.***

In *Genesis 6:3* Yahweh says: *My spirit shall **NOT** always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be **a hundred and twenty years***. As I have stated many times before, I believe that in *verse 3* of *Genesis 6* Yahweh is telling us how long He will contend with mankind. We have to understand that our heavenly Father measures time by His Jubilee years which of course is a span of fifty years. Therefore if we take the number fifty and multiply it by the one hundred and twenty years that Yahweh says that He will strive with mankind, we arrive at a figure of **SIX** thousand years, which is when Messiah will return to usher in the seventh Millennium of Shalom, Peace, and the end of this world as we know it:

In this section of *Deuteronomy 31* Mosheh speaks to the children of Yisrael and tells them that he will **NOT** be going with them over the Jordan. This is only one little sentence in this Parashah, but it packs a lot of meaning. Mosheh was viewed as a god by the majority of the children of Yisrael, and he had been in that position as their leader for forty years. They had seen miracle after miracle performed under his watch, and many thought, that they had been done by Mosheh or that he had a hand in it. They also saw him enter the tent of the Tabernacle, and then they saw the glory of Elohim descend on the Tabernacle and commune with Mosheh. They were witnesses to Mosheh prophesying what would happen to Korach for his rebellion, and as you know, the prophecy did indeed come to pass, exactly as Mosheh had prophesied, and Korach, His tent and all his people, were swallowed up whole by the ground; furthermore, they had also seen how they won the battle when Mosheh was up

on the mount with His hands stretched out to Elohim in prayer, they saw Mosheh come down from the Mount after he had spoken with Elohim with shining or glowing Ram's horns superimposed upon his face and forehead, therefore, it is no wonder that many saw him, as a manifestation of Elohim. In their eyes, Mosheh was a most holy person and their cherished leader, and as I said before, in some of their eyes, he might even have been like a god to them. Don't forget, Scripture describes us as sheep, for a reason, and that is because we need direction, and Mosheh had been their strong Air Traffic tower operator that had directed them, and kept them out of trouble for the past forty years.

The Scriptures tell us that he never wavered from the pure Word of Elohim, and that he kept the Torah with all of his heart, mind, soul and strength. The people of Yisrael looked up to Mosheh as their leader, their Priest, their provider, even though it was actually Yahweh that had provided all the food and water they had needed; they still looked to Mosheh as their saviour and provider.

Now they are being told that he, Mosheh, will **NOT** be going into the Promised Land with them, and Mosheh told them why he would **NOT** be crossing the Jordan, and the reason that Yahweh did **NOT** permit him to go into the Promised Land, **IS** because he disobeyed Elohim when he drew water from the rock.

What message was sent to all of Yisrael when they realized that even Mosheh, their leader, was **NOT** going to be allowed to go with them into the Promised Land? I believe there are two very strong messages here in this small portion of Torah. In *Leviticus 11:44* we are told, *You, Yisrael shall be holy for I am holy*. If Mosheh was holy, as **ALL** of Yisrael believed he was, and he didn't make it into the Promised Land, then, they may have thought to themselves, what chance do we have to make it to the Promised Land? Elohim had showed them, how to enter the Promised Land and that is, they were to be holy as Elohim Himself is Holy. There are different standards that have to be met by those in leadership, than the standard for the average believer. Mosheh spoke to Elohim face to face, and for that privilege and that honour, there was **ZERO TOLERANCE** for error. However the man on the cross next to Yeshua who led a life that is the polar opposite of Mosheh's life, simply repented from his sins, and Yeshua promised him that he would be in the Kingdom with Him at a later date.

Therefore, because the thief confessed his sins from a contrite repentant heart, even though it was at the last minute of his life, Messiah still promised this man, that he would be with Him in Paradise, Elohim's eternal kingdom, and that can only happen, because of the Grace, Mercy, Forgiveness and Elohim's great love for His created human beings.

I know that these two incidences, are two extremes, but they are the reality. Therefore **IF** you fancy yourself as a teacher of the Word of Elohim, or if you feel like advising people that they should listen to and believe the Words of Elohim, then, when you open your mouth to speak the Word of Elohim, I would suggest that you do it only with a loving surrendered obedient and humble heart, and with only one purpose in mind, and that is to win souls for the Kingdom, and not so that you can be puffed up, and show off, how much you think you know. That is an attitude that only you can control.

The second message that I want to convey, is found in *Psalms 118:8-9* *It is better to trust in Yahweh than to put confidence in men. 9 It is better to trust in Yahweh than to put confidence in Princes.*

As we know, Mosheh was a man and he was considered a prince of Yisrael. The lesson that we have here is, regardless of who your leaders and teachers are, we are commanded to **TRUST** Elohim and not man. The attitude we should have with all of our teachers and leaders is that of the Bereans, *trust and believe, but always verify*. The only place to verify what comes out of a leader's, or teacher's mouth, **IS** the Holy Scriptures, the Torah of the Living Elohim, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions.

We have to understand that **IF** a person mistakenly chooses to put all of their trust in one man, and he goes astray, then, you can bet, that the person that relied on that man's teaching, will more than likely follow him, and go the way that he is going. The same is true **IF** the man that is your teacher, dies, and you have put all your trust in him, then your belief may be shaken beyond repair.

We learned in last weeks Parashah, in *verse 1 of Deuteronomy 30* that there is no **IF** in the statement that says, *when all these things are come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations, where Yahweh your Elohim has driven you.*

This means that Mosheh actually prophesied what Yisrael would do in the future, and, as history has shown us, Yisrael did indeed depart from the Word of Yahweh, and they were spewed out of the Land and scattered throughout the whole world, because of it. In *verse 2 of chapter 30* there is a **BUT implied**, and that word **BUT**, gives me great hope, because it shows the great Mercy, Grace, Forgiveness and love of our heavenly Father. He says, **BUT**, *when you SHALL RETURN unto Yahweh your Elohim, and SHALL OBEY His Voice according to all that I command you this day, you and your children, with ALL your heart, and with ALL your soul;* then Mosheh assures the people of Yisrael and, those that will join themselves to Yisrael in the future, in *verse 3* with the words, **THEN** *Yahweh will go with them and be with them and fight their battles for them and return them back home from their captivity.*

Yisrael is therefore commanded by Yahweh *to be strong and of good courage*. That directive or Commandment, **IS FOR US ALSO**, since we have been grafted into Yahweh's Yisrael, for *Elohim has not given us the spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and a spirit of love and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7.*

What we read last week in *Deuteronomy 30:6* is very encouraging, for Yahweh Himself says, *He will circumcise our heart, and the heart of our seed, to love Yahweh our Elohim with all our heart, and with all our soul, that we may live.*

As I said above, *verse 1 of Deuteronomy 30* is prophetic as to what Yisrael will do after Mosheh departs from them, but *Deuteronomy 30:8* is also very prophetic, for it says, **And you shall RETURN and OBEY the voice of Yahweh, and DO ALL His Commandments which I command you this day.**

**IF** we analyze this statement very carefully, we find that it is a statement of fact. The fact is that Yahweh, for His own Name's sake and by His mighty power, will indeed **BRING** the remnant of His people **BACK, HE WILL HAVE THEM RETURN** to Yisrael, and furthermore He says, that we, who are members of His family, Yisrael, will obey His Voice and actually **KEEP** and **DO ALL** of His Commandments, and in case you are not sure which Commandments He is talking about,

Mosheh says, *the Commandments that I give you **this** day*; and the Commandment that Mosheh gave them that day, **IS** obey the Words of the Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh on Mount Sinai, for it says in *verse 9 that Mosheh wrote the Torah and that he delivered it unto the priests, the sons of Aharon, the son of Levi*. Furthermore, not only are we told that Mosheh wrote the Torah and gave it to the priests, **BUT** we are also to be very aware of the fact, that it says, **THAT MOSHEH ADDED NOTHING TO IT**. In other words, there is no mention of Mosheh making any changes or adding anything to, nor taking anything away from the Words of the Torah that Yahweh gave him at Mount Sinai. Additions to the Torah of Yahweh, such as man made oral laws, which is a claim that the Rabbis make, saying that Mosheh also passed down a man made oral torah to the Pharisees and Sadducees, is a claim that is **NOT** at all supported in Scripture. It is false, and neither is there any mention of adding **ANY** type of man made denominational doctrinal teachings, that the Christian and or Catholic church fathers teach. We have to **UNDERSTAND, BELIEVE and KNOW** in our heart of hearts, that **THE WORDS of the Torah** of our infinite, omnipotent and omniscient Elohim **IS PERFECT** just the way that He gave it to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, and therefore, it does **NOT** need any additions or subtractions to it, and especially **NOT** from created finite beings, such as any human beings, because, as I said above, **IT IS PERFECT** just the way it was given to Mosheh at mount Sinai.

That my friends is why we should believe Mosheh when he says *Be strong and of a good courage, DO NOT FEAR, nor be afraid of them (the world): for Yahweh your Elohim, HE IS THE ONE THAT DOES GO WITH YOU; HE WILL NOT FAIL YOU, NOR FORSAKE YOU*.

As we move along in today's Parashah, we see that upon giving the Book of the Torah (Law) to the Levites, Mosheh commanded them, saying, *at the end of seven years, in the Shabbat year of release* that they, the Priests, would read the Words of the Torah, when everyone was at the Feast of Tabernacle celebration. Why were they to do this? First of all, few if any would have a copy of the Torah scroll for it was a long, arduous and expensive process to have one made, and in *verse 12* we learn that the people were to:

1. Shema, they were to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Torah.
2. Learn how to be holy as Elohim is holy.
3. Learn to fear Yahweh, for the fear of Elohim is the beginning of wisdom.
4. Learn to observe and **DO** all the Words of the Torah (Law), *become doers of the Word*.
5. They were to do this so that their children, which Scripture says did **NOT** know anything, could indeed learn to Shema the Word of Yahweh, learn to fear Yahweh also, and obey **ALL** of His Commandments and thereby perpetuate the Torah throughout their generations.

We, the believer's of today, no longer have the presence of Mosheh to show us the way, **BUT** we have something better, we have the written Torah of our heavenly Father that was given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai **AND** we have the example of the fully surrendered Torah obedient Life that Messiah Lived while He was here on earth with us, an example of **HOW WE**, Yahweh's children, are to live our lives in obedience to all the Words of the Father's Torah, as Messiah did and taught us to do.

*1John 2:3-6 And hereby WE DO KNOW that we know Him, IF we KEEP His Commandments. He that says, I know Him, and does NOT Keep His Commandments, IS a LIAR, and the TRUTH (the*

*Torah) is **NOT** in him. But whosoever **KEEPS** His Word, in him verily **IS the love of Elohim PERFECTED**: hereby we know that we are in Him. He **THAT SAYS HE ABIDES IN MESSIAH, OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO WALK, EVEN AS MESSIAH WALKED.***

Scripture emphatically states that Our Messiah willingly and lovingly followed and obeyed all the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father. He willingly and lovingly followed and obeyed the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions in order to show us, the sheep of His pasture, that we are to walk the very same Torah obedient Path that He, our Messiah walked, when He was here with us. We are to mimic His Torah obedient Life. Therefore, **IF** we want to inherit the Father's kingdom and spend eternity with our Messiah, **THEN, ALL** we have to do **IS** do what Yahweh has instructed us to do when He spoke to Mosheh and said in *Exodus 19:9* *And Yahweh said unto Mosheh, Lo, I come unto you in a thick cloud, that the people may **HEAR** (Shema) when I speak with you, and **BELIEVE YOU, Mosheh FOREVER** (believe the Words of the Torah of Mosheh **FOREVER**). And Mosheh told the words of the people unto Yahweh.*

**IF** Yahweh admonishes us to **BELIEVE** Mosheh for ever, then it stands to reason that He also wants us to obey and follow the Words of the Torah that were given to Mosheh, by Yahweh, at Mount Sinai.

As we read these Scriptures, the Torah, the Prophets, the Writings and the Apostolic Scriptures, we have to understand that Yahweh has made them available to us, in order that we could, and would believe, and **OBEY** them forever; and we also have to understand that **IF** we say we believe Yahweh, **THEN** according to *Deuteronomy 4:1-2* we **CANNOT** add anything to the Words of Yahweh, **NOR** can we take anything away from His Words, **BECAUSE IF we DO**, we are being disobedient, for Scripture makes it very clear that **IF** we add to, or take anything away from, the Word of Yahweh, we are transgressing the Torah and John tells us in *1John 3:4* that *Sin **IS** transgression of the Torah* Amen

The only possible conclusion, that we, or anyone else for that matter, can arrive at my friends, according to Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **IS**, that we, as finite beings **ARE NOT** to presume that we can add anything to nor take anything away from our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His directives for everlasting Life, for **it IS PERFECT.**

We simply have to learn to follow Yahweh's advice and *Be strong and of a good courage*, and we are to do that because: *Yahweh, He it is, that does go before us; He will be with us, He will **NOT** fail us, **NEITHER FORSAKE US**: therefore fear not, neither be dismayed.*

Instead, let us learn to **OBSERVE TO DO ALL THE WORDS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S TORAH (Law)**: *so that our children, who have **NOT** known any thing, may hear (Shema, may hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey), and learn to fear Yahweh your Elohim, as long as you live in the Land where you go over Jordan to possess it.*

*Verses 14-18* contain some of the saddest words that can be found anywhere in the Scriptures and they are a warning to us, so that we do not fall into the same trap.

It is sad that Mosheh had to die, yes, but the real sadness comes from the people of Yisrael turning

away from Yahweh and His Life giving Torah. Elohim in His foreknowledge, tells Mosheh, that the people of Yisrael **WILL** break Yahweh's Covenant. Yahweh says, *this people WILL rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, where they go to be among them, and they WILL forsake Me, and BREAK My Covenant which I have made with them.*

Scripture quite clearly states that Yisrael did indeed **BREAK** Yahweh's Covenant, as Yahweh prophesied to Mosheh, that they would, and, because of their rebellious disobedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, because they rejected the Torah, that Yahweh Himself, gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, Yahweh scattered the people of Yisrael throughout the whole world. Furthermore, Yahweh said that He would **HIDE HIS FACE from them**. Now that I have come to a Hebraic understanding of the Scriptures, and have gotten to know Yahweh on this new and different level, I believe that I would rather die, than have Yahweh turn His face away from me. The utter sadness and despair that I feel, for those people, our forefathers, and all the people who willingly chose to change and or reject the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, is beyond words, **BUT**, I want to ensure, for myself, my family and all the people that I talk to, these peoples' mistakes, and their suffering, which resulted in them being dispersed throughout the world, **IS NOT IN VAIN**, and that we, the people that have been grafted into the family of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, Elohim's Yisrael of today, do not repeat the same mistakes that our forefathers did. That is one of the reasons why I teach the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life to as many people as will listen to me.

What do you think happens when Yahweh hides His face from the people of Yisrael? It is imperative and of paramount importance that we understand the ramifications of such a decision, what happens when Yahweh turns His Face away from Yisrael, because, we, you and I, have become part of Yahweh's one and only family, Yisrael, and therefore, since Scripture makes it very clear that Yahweh does **Not Change**, these instructions apply to all of us today. Yahweh says: *They shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles SHALL befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our Elohim is NOT among us?*

We have to understand that Yahweh turned His Face away from the people of Yisrael, because of what **WE, Yisrael** have done, because we, as corporate Yisrael, willingly chose to rebel against Him, and therefore it is now up to us, as corporate Yisrael, to make the conscious decision to Teshuvah, to return to the Words of His Torah of Life, return to our heavenly Father, as the prodigal son returned back to his father, with contrite hearts, and then, both corporately, and individually, fall on His Mercy and **ask forgiveness** for all the wrongs that we and our forefathers have done, by choosing, in the past, to believe in, and follow man made doctrines and theologies for thousands of years, rather than the pure Word of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Yahweh **IS** our Creator, and as our Creator, He knows how we learn, and therefore, He instructed Mosheh to write a song, and teach it to the people of Yisrael as a witness for Yahweh, against Yisrael.

Since this song is directly from the mouth of Yahweh, I believe that we should learn it, memorize it and meditate on it, so that we **do not make** the same mistakes that our forefathers, the forefathers of the people of Yisrael did back then.

When we read *verse 20 For when I shall have brought them into the Land which I swore unto their*

fathers, that flows with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; **THEN, THEY WILL TURN UNTO THE GODS OF OTHERS, and serve them, and provoke Me, and BREAK My Covenant;** It should automatically bring us back to what Yahweh told us in Deuteronomy 8:10-20, Let's read these verses and see what message Yahweh is conveying to us.

Please open your Scriptures or watch the screen and read along with me, *10 When you have eaten and are full, THEN you shall bless Yahweh your Elohim for the good Land which He has given you. However, 11 Beware, that you DO NOT FORGET Yahweh your Elohim, in NOT keeping His Commandments, and His Judgments, and His Statutes, which I command you this day: 12 Lest, when you have eaten, and are full, and have built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; 13 And when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14 THEN, your heart be lifted up, and you FORGET YAHWEH your Elohim, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 Who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought forth water for you, out of the rock of flint; 16 Who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did NOT know, that He might humble you, and that He might prove you, to do you good at your latter end; 17 And you say in your heart, MY POWER and the MIGHT OF MY OWN HAND has gotten me this wealth. 18 BUT you shall remember (Zakar, speak and at on behalf of the fact that) Yahweh your Elohim: is He, that gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His Covenant which He swore unto your fathers, as it is this day. 19 And it shall be, IF you do at all FORGET YAHWEH your Elohim, and walk after the gods of others, and serve them, and worship them, I testify AGAINST YOU (Yisrael) this day, that YOU SHALL SURELY PERISH. 20 As the nations which Yahweh destroyed before your face, SO SHALL YOU PERISH; BECAUSE you WOULD NOT be obedient unto the Voice of Yahweh your Elohim.*

As you can see, it is a solemn warning to all that would listen, how relatively easy it is, for mankind, in his prosperity, to walk away from Yahweh and convince themselves, that they have acquired all this wealth, by their own efforts. Let us, the people here today and all of you that will be reading this in the future, be doubly diligent in our own pursuit, to ensure that we choose **to FIRST, SEEK the Kingdom of Elohim AND His Righteousness** (a metaphor for obeying the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, Deuteronomy 6:25), and not fall into the same trap that our forefathers did, and choose to believe that we became successful without the assistance of Elohim, but rather, let us have the mindset, that apart from Yahweh, we can do nothing.

We need to be like Joshua, and present ourselves before Yahweh in the Tabernacle of the congregation. You may ask, how do I do that, since there is no Mosheh and no Temple or Tabernacle? That is a good question, and the answer is, Elohim did not leave us destitute, for He did indeed leave Mosheh for us, when He gave Mosheh the Words of His Torah of Life, to give to us. For the Torah **IS**, the Living Word of Elohim, and that living Word, has been guarded and preserved for us, by our brother Judah for millennia, and all we have to do, is willingly and lovingly choose to obey the Words of the Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, to give to us.

Let's read John 5:46-47 *For had you believed Mosheh, you WOULD HAVE believed Me: for he wrote of Me. 47 But IF you DO NOT BELIEVE Mosheh's writings (the Torah), HOW shall you believe My Words?*

These **ARE**, or **SHOULD BE** very devastating words to anyone that believes that the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father have somehow been changed and superseded by a man made oral torah, or for anyone that believes that the Torah of our heavenly Father, has somehow been done away with, in whole or in part, for Messiah, who **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, says: therefore, **IF** you do **NOT** believe the Words of the Torah of My Father, who is in heaven, **THEN HOW** will you believe Me, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.

Earlier, I asked you, what are we to do, since we do **NOT** have an erected Temple in Jerusalem, to bring our sacrifices to. To answer the question as to what we are to do, since we do **NOT** have a temple, Yahweh has seen to it that each and every person has access to the temple of Elohim, when He made the Temple that is built without hands, and that Temple my friends, **IS** your own body. Therefore, go to your prayer closet, wherever that is, and present yourself there with Mosheh, for the name Mosheh, **IS** a metaphor, for the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, and, when you are in your prayer closet, tell Yahweh that you are eager to obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life and that you want to learn **ALL** of His Ways, and I guarantee you, that He will indeed teach you, for He has promised it in His Word. *Matthew 7:7-8 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that ASKS, RECEIVES; and he that SEEKS, FINDS; and to him that KNOCKS, IT SHALL BE OPENED.*

*Verse 24-26 tells us: And it came to pass, when Mosheh had made an end of writing the Words of this Torah in a book, until they were finished, 25 That Mosheh commanded the Levites, which bare the Ark of the Covenant of Yahweh, saying, 26 Take this Book of the Torah (Law), and put it in the side of the Ark of the Covenant of Yahweh your Elohim, that it may be there for a witness against YOU.*

The Book of the Torah, is put *in the side of the Ark*. Is that inside the Ark to one side, or is that outside the Ark to one side? The Scriptures do not tell us, so all we can offer is opinions, but we do know that the Son of Elohim, sits at the Right Hand of the Father, and the Scriptures tell us, that *in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word WAS Elohim*, therefore, we can easily deduce, that the Book of the Torah (Law), the Written Word of Elohim, is on the Right Side of the Ark, forming part of the Ark, for like the Father and the Son, they are One, they are inseparable, they are Echad.

In *verse 27* Mosheh, who is about to die, tells the people of Yisrael, that he knows their rebellious hearts, and that they are a stiff-necked people, and he tells them, your rebellious Torah disobedient ways, will be even worse after I Mosheh die. He then gathers together the Elders and the Captains of the Tribes, and speaks the Words of the Torah to them, and, he tells them of his intention to teach all the sons of Yisrael a song, so that it can be a witness onto all generations of the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and **POWER** of Yahweh.

*Verse 29* to me, is very sad statement, for it is a prophecy of Yisrael's **rejection** of Yahweh, and Scripture makes it clear, that, that prophecy, did indeed come to pass, and now, by the Grace of Yahweh, Yisrael, and that includes us, you and I, are offered another chance to Teshuvah, return to Yahweh. Let us not make the same mistakes that our forefathers did, **BUT** instead, let us take full advantage of the Grace and Mercy that is offered to us by our Redeemer and Saviour, and learn what it means to be in Covenant with our Elohim. We have to understand, that to be in Covenant with the Creator of the universe, we absolutely have to learn to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words that Yahweh passed down to Mosheh, on Mount Sinai, the Words of our heavenly Father's beloved

Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the very same Torah that became flesh and dwelt among us, the very same Torah, that we are told in Scripture, is filled with **GRACE AND TRUTH**.

There are two stand-alone Aleph Tavs in this chapter

*Verse 26 Take this **Aleph Tav** book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of Yahweh your Elohim, that it may be there for a witness against you.*

*Verse 28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, **Aleph Tav** and call heaven and earth to record against them.*

There are also another thirty two Aleph Tavs that are attached to word with a Maqef, and there are thirty four words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The presence of Messiah represented by the letters Aleph and Tav, is absolutely everywhere in Scripture, and that is why Messiah Himself says, in the scroll of the Book it is written of ME.

## **Haftarah**

*Hosea 14:1-9*

In these *verses* Hosea speaks to the people of Yisrael and says:

*O Yisrael, return (שׁוּבָה), Shuvah, means, to turn back, return) unto Yahweh your Elohim;*

Since Hosea tells Yisrael to return to Yahweh your Elohim, it must mean, that the people of Yisrael, had left Him to begin with, they had left believing, following and obeying His Ways, the Words of His Torah of Life, and Hosea pleads with them to return.

Hosea says:

*For you have fallen by your iniquity, your Sin, your Torah transgressions.*

This confirms to all readers of these *verses*, that the Northern Kingdom of Yisrael, known as Ephraim, was **NOT** keeping **NOR** obeying the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father.

*Verse 2 Take with you words (דְּבָרִים), Devaryim, words, speech, matter, affair), and turn to Yahweh:*

What words do you suppose Hosea wants the people of Yisrael to take with them as they go before Elohim?

It should be obvious to anyone reading the Scriptures that Hosea is Commanding these people to take the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life with them, and willingly choose to enter into the presence of Yahweh, and Say unto him, *Take away all our iniquity, ALL of our Torah Transgressions, and receive us, by Your Grace:*

*So will we render the calves of our lips*

(וְנִשְׁלַחַם פָּרִים שֶׁפָּתֵינוּ), VeShalmah Parim Sephateynu, where the word VeShalmah is from the word Shalam or Shalom, which means, to be whole, complete, safe, at peace, entire, safe, healthy, unharmed, perfect, the word Parim, is from the word, Par, which means, bull, bullock, steer, a clean animal offered as a sacrifice on Yahweh's altar, the word, Sephateynu, is from

the word, Sapha, שפה or Saphat, שפת, which means, lip, language, tongue, edge, margin, rim, border, shore, mustache, he smoothed, to plane, trimmed, rubbed, polished, he compensated, he indemnified, he laid bare, to place set or put over the fire, he established, ordained)

Therefore, Hosea is telling the people of Yisrael, of whom you and I are a [part of, to **GO** before Yahweh, and plead with Him, to take away our Sin, our Transgressions of the Words of His Torah of Life, take away our rebellious behaviour, and then, offer Him this commitment as your sacrifice, VOW to Him that you will have the Words of His Torah of Life in your mouth and on your lips continually, with the added commitment, that from now on, You who are part of His family Yisrael, will willingly commit to believe, follow, and obey all the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, all that the Words of His Torah of Life Command you to do, out of love for Him, and because of what He has so graciously done for you in the past and continues to do for you today.

*Verse 3 Ashur (אַשּׁוּר, the Assyrians) shall **NOT** save us; We will not ride upon horses: Neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, You are our gods:*

Here Hosea is showing the people of Yisrael, that apart from Yahweh there **IS NO SALVATION**, your neighbours, your horses, your armies, your weapons, your man made idols, the images of your man made imaginary gods **WILL NOT SAVE YOU**, for it is **ONLY** in Yahweh, our Saviour, that the fatherless find mercy.

Next Yahweh tells us through Hosea, what He will do for a repentant Yisrael in *verse 4*

*I will **heal** their backsliding*

*I will **love** them freely*

*For **My anger is turned away from him** (Yisrael)*

*I will be **as the dew** unto Yisrael*

*He shall **grow as the lily**, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon*

*His **branches shall spread***

*His **beauty shall be as the olive tree***

*His **smell as Lebanon**.*

In these *verses*, Yahweh uses very beautiful analogies to paint a picture of what life **WILL** be like for all the people of Yisrael, **IF** and **WHEN**, they willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, obey, and commit to **Shamar, GUARD and KEEP** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions. First of all, He says I will **LOVE** them freely, **and**, My anger will be turned away from them. I know that these words roll off of our tongues quite easily, but, have you ever stopped to think about what the implication of that statement, and what it truly means, to have the omnipotent and omniscient Creator of the universe **POUR** His love upon us? Well, **IF** you haven't, it is high time that you did, **FOR, IF** He can create a whole universe, try and imagine what He is prepared to do for those that willingly choose to reciprocate His Love.

*1Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, **Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the THINGS** which Elohim has prepared for them that **love Him**. 10 But Elohim has revealed them unto us by His Holy Spirit: for the Spirit searches **ALL** things, yea, the deep things of*

*Elohim. 11 For what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so, the things of Elohim does **NO** man know, **BUT** the Spirit of Elohim.*

Whatever you can imagine in your wildest dreams of what Yahweh will do for **YOU**, and the people He **LOVES**, the people that have chosen to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, will still fall short of what He has in store for those who **LOVE** Him, and show their love for Him, by willingly and lovingly obeying all the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, as He has Commanded us to do for our good.

*Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such a heart in the people of Yisrael, that they **WOULD FEAR ME, AND KEEP ALL MY COMMANDMENTS ALWAYS**, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!*

*Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Yisrael, what does Yahweh your Elohim require of you, **BUT** to fear Yahweh your Elohim, (the fear of Yahweh is th beginning od wisdom) to walk in all His ways, and to **LOVE HIM**, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, To **KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS** of Yahweh, and His **Statutes**, which I command you this day for your good?*

And in case you have a problem with understand that Yahweh's Commandments are part of His Torah, let's read what it says in *1Kings 2:3* where David is talking to his son Solomon and says: *And **KEEP** the **CHARGE** of Yahweh your Elohim, to walk in His **WAYS**, to **KEEP** His **STATUTES**, and His **COMMANDMENTS**, and His **JUDGMENTS**, and His **TESTIMONIES**, **AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE TORAH OF MOSHEH**, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wheresoever you turn yourself*

Next, Hosea makes a promise and says in *verse 7*  
*They that dwell under His shadow **shall return**, they shall teshuva.*

What we have to understand, **IS**, that a shadow is a reflection of a person or an object, and **IF** you or anyone else for that matter want to remain in that shadow, then you must follow what created that shadow wherever it leads, for **IF** you do **NOT** move with the shadow, then you will soon be **OUT** of the shadow, and have no covering against the Sun and the elements. Here, we are told that the people of Yisrael, have decided to dwell under the **Shadow** of Yahweh, which means, that whatever Path Yahweh is on, they, the people of Yisrael, **MUST** follow, or else, as I said, they will soon find themselves **out of the Shadow** of Yahweh, and be exposed, and susceptible to the deceitfulness of the enemy, satan, who is an expert at deception. I am sure that you already know this, **BUT** it still must be said, and that is, that the Path that Yahweh **IS** on, **IS** of course His Path of Righteousness, and His Path of **Righteousness**, **IS** defined in Scripture, as His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Deuteronomy 6:24-25 And Yahweh Commanded us to do all these Statutes, to fear Yahweh our Elohim, for our good always, that He might **PRESERVE** us alive, as it is at this day.25 **AND IT SHALL BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL THESE COMMANDMENTS** (His Torah) before Yahweh our Elohim **AS HE HAS COMMANDED US.***

Yahweh through Hosea goes on to say:

*They shall revive as the grain*

(grain represents the bread of Life which of course is Messiah),

*And grow as the vine*

(the vine in Scripture is often described as Messiah, for He Himself says I am the **Vine**  
**YOU** are the branches)

*The scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon*

Again and again, Yahweh describes or paints a beautiful picture of what obedient Yisrael will be like. As a wine drinker, I can tell you, that the scent of a good wine, is extremely pleasant.

What is so beautiful about Yisrael choosing to obey the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, **IS**, that it means that they will have willingly turned away from their man made imaginary pagan gods, and that act, shall cause them to understand how fruitless their efforts to please their past imaginary man made gods **WERE**, and hopefully, turn to the One and only **TRUE** Elohim, the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, and Ephraim shall say, *What have I to do any more with idols?*

There are many Idols that men have made over the years, way too many to mention here, but they all have this in **COMMON**, they are **ALL** impotent, they **CANNOT DO ANYTHING**, for they are nothing **BUT FIGMENTS** of men's imagination and have **NO POWER WHATSOEVER**.

Yahweh says:

*I have heard Ephraim, and observed him*

*I am like a green fir tree.*

*From Me is your fruit found.*

Here Yahweh says that He hears Ephraim, and Ephraim my friends, **IS** us, out here in the Diaspora, and furthermore, not only does He **hear us**, **BUT**, He says that He is observing us, and then, He goes on to say, that our livelihood, our very lives come from, and are sustained by Him, and without Him, and His Word of Life, all that remains, **IS DEATH** and eternal damnation

*Verse 9 Who is wise (חכם, Chakam), and he shall understand (discern) these things?*

*Who is discerning (בין, Biyn, able to separate, to divide, distinguish, understand), and knows, Yada these things?*

Here Hosea poses all of us a question, and your answer to that question, **IS** very important, for it will determine your final resting place for eternity. He says who is **WISE**? What is wisdom or who is a wise person according to Scripture? We are told what wisdom is and who the people are that are **WISE** in *Deuteronomy 4:1-8* *Now therefore O Yisrael, hearken (shemah, which means, hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, and obey) Yahweh's Statutes and unto Yahweh's Judgments, His Torah of Life, which I teach you, AND DO THEM, that you may live, and go in and possess the Land which Yahweh your Elohim of your fathers gives you. You shall NOT add unto the Word which I Command you, NEITHER shall you diminish ought from it, that you may KEEP and DO the Commandments of Yahweh your Elohim which I Command you. Your eyes have seen what Yahweh did because of Baal-Peor: for all the men that followed Baal-Peor, Yahweh your*

Elohim has **DESTROYED** them from among you. But **YOU**, that **DID** cleave unto Yahweh your Elohim **ARE ALIVE** every one of you this day. Behold, I have taught you **Statutes and Judgments** (Torah) even as Yahweh my Elohim Comanded me, that **YOU SHOULD DO SO** in the land where you go to possess it. Therefore **KEEP and DO THEM; for this IS YOUR WISDOM and your understanding** in the sight of the nations, who shall hear all these Statutes (Torah), and say, Surely this great nation is a **WISE AND UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE**. For what nation is there so great, who has Elohim so near unto them, as Yahweh our Elohim **IS IN ALL THINGS** that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so great, that has Statutes and Judgments so **RIGHTEOUS AS ALL THIS TORAH**, which I set before you this day?

It is or should be very clear, to any person that is a serious student of the Scriptures, that the Scriptural definition of **A WISE PERSON, IS** a person who has willingly chosen to believe, follow, obey, and willing and lovingly Do the Torah of Yahweh, follow and obey His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, Yahweh's Directives for everlasting Life.

Hosea then says, that the reason the people that choose to willingly and lovingly obey Yahweh's Torah **ARE CONSIDERED WISE, IS BECAUSE**, *The ways of Yahweh are **RIGHT***

(יָשָׁר, Yashar, which means straight, upright, righteous, made straight, directed, guided, and it is the foundation of the word Israel, which is Yashar El, the straight, upright and righteous Path of Elohim)

And the **JUST**, צַדִּיק, Tzadiq, which means, to be just, to be righteous, and righteousness is defined in: Deuteronomy 6:24-25 as *And Yahweh Comanded **US TO DO ALL THESE STATUTES**, to Fear Yahweh our Elohim, for our good always, that He might **PRESERVE** us alive, as it is at this day. And **IT SHALL BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE CHOOSE TO OBSERVE TO DO ALL THESE COMMANDMENTS BEFORE YHVH OUR ELOHIM, AS HE HAS COMMANDED US.***

Therefore, we have to understand that Hosea is telling us, that the **JUST PERSON, IS** the person that willingly chooses to believe, follow and obey all the Words of Torah of our heavenly Father, that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, **WITHOUT** adding anything to it **NOR** taking anything away from it.

And when Hosea says: the **JUST SHALL WALK IN THEM**: what Hosea is actually telling us **IS**, since the Scriptural definition of the word **JUST**, is Tzadiq, which means righteous, or righteousness, and since Righteousness is defined in Scripture, as willingly choosing to **OBEY** the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, **THEN**, a **JUST PERSON, IS** a person who willingly chooses to lovingly walk in total surrendered obedience to the **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life.

However, there is a caveat, for, according to Hosea, the people that choose to disregard, abolish, discount or discard any of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, or anyone that somehow believes that His inerrant and everlasting Torah, has somehow been changed in any way, **ARE** actually **TRANSGRESSORS** of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, and Hosea says, *the transgressors of the Just Ways of Yahweh, the transgressors of the Words of His Torah of Life **SHALL FALL THEREIN***, which means, they shall **FALL, BECAUSE** of their Torahlessness,

their willingness to somehow change and or abolish the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, in their own lives.

Please understand the serious and far reaching implications of this statement; for this means that all people who **CONTINUE TO SAY** that the Torah of our heavenly Father, **IS** no longer applicable for their so called sophisticated society of today, those who willingly transgress the Father's Torah of Life, because they believe that it has somehow been done way with, **ARE** the **FALLEN ONES**, and Scripture makes it abundantly clear, that no one that is **FALLEN** and does not somehow remedy their **FALLEN** state, by fully surrendering their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, will, according to *Revelation 22:19* **And IF any man shall take away from the Words of the book of this prophecy, Elohim shall take away his part out of THE BOOK OF LIFE, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book** (the Torah).

Please understand, that these are **NOT MY WORDS**, they are the Words of Hosea who received them directly from Yahweh Himself, and that **IS WHY, IT IS** of paramount importance, that we understand that **IT IS** Yahweh that **IS the SOURCE** of all these warnings, and **IF** anyone chooses to **IGNORE** Yahweh's many warnings, it will have dire and eternal consequences for all of them. Amen

There are no stand-alone Aleph Tav in *Hosea 14* nor are there any Aleph Tav that are attached to words with a Maqef, however in the English version of *Hosea 14* there is one word that contains the Aleph and Tav letters, but in the Hebrew version there are two words that contain an Aleph and a Tav, and the reason for that, is that in the Hebrew Scriptures *Hosea 13 ends with verse 15, BUT* in our English bibles it ends at *verse 16 of Hosea 13*; and in the Hebrew Scriptures *Hosea 14 begins with the last verse of Hosea 13*. I know that it is confusing and I cannot give you an explanation as to why this happens once in a while between the Hebrew and English translations, but it does. The number one in Scripture represents our heavenly Father, and therefore I believe that Yahweh has chosen to have only one word that contains the Aleph Tav letters in our English bibles to show us that **IT IS HE** that is warning us, and He warns us that **IT IS HE** that we **MUST** turn to, in total loving surrendered obedience to The Words of His Torah of Life, **IF** we want to secure our eternal resting place in His kingdom as the Bride of Messiah. If we look at the Hebrew Scriptures, where there are two words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them, the message is still the same, for the number two in Scripture represents a witness, or testimony and it is very obvious that it is Yahweh Himself that is testifying to us through Hosea, His prophet, that we **MUST** return to Him and His Torah of Life to secure our final destination. Amen

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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! Amen*