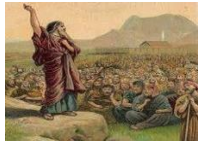


47: Re'eh (See/Behold) D'varim/Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

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In this week's parasha, we are moving further in Moshe's *'speech'* to Am Yisrael. Let us take a moment to refresh ourselves on how this *'speech'* breaks down. It will help keep us acclimated to where we are, as YHWH is preparing Yisrael (**and us**) to cross over the Yarden/Jordan, to begin to *'possess their inheritance'*.

- 1) The Introduction- Chapters 1-4
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As you see, we have entered fully into the Main Body of the speech and in our parasha today, we will reach just over the half-way point. Moshe opens with a very intense word... 'See'. The word in Hebrew is 'Re'eh/רָא'ה' ****[read right to left- heh-alef-resh]**. It can be pronounced as 'ray-ay' or 'rah-ah'. It means, 'to see, behold or look at'. It can also mean, 'to perceive, consider, understand and to have vision'. It can further have the meaning, in a 'causative sense', of when something is being 'done to us'. In other words, it is when our 'seeing is being caused to happen to us through the ministry of YHWH's HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness'. It is when YHWH Himself is 'opening the eyes of our spirit'. As a result, we are 'seeing or beholding something that has been hidden', but now is 'being made to appear to our understanding'. This 'seeing' is very much 'connected to our actions', in the 'sense of our **EXPERIENCING** what is being seen'. It is much like what Iyob/Job said at the end of YHWH's dealings. In the past he had 'heard', but **NOW** he was **SEEING YHWH** with the 'eyes of his own heart'!

"I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ozen [ear], but now mine eye hath SEEN THEE."
(Iyob/Job 42:5 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

YHWH is not 'merely speaking' about some sort of 'theoretical mental or philosophical attainment'. The 'knowledge' He wants us to have is 'intimate'. Therefore, it comes by our 'experiencing Him spirit to spirit'. In most instances, this is not in the confines of a 'sterile educational or religious classroom'. It is in the 'real world environment of life experience'. It is much like the 'Hebraic idiom' that says, 'In doing you shall know'. It may begin with 'learning the spiritual principle involved', **BUT** it is **NOT UNTIL** the 'principle' is **APPLIED** in 'real time experience' that the 'reality contained' is released. This is when we may honestly say we **KNOW THE TRUTH!**

Now, I must stop right here. While all that we have said above is 'true', we must **NOT FORGET** that as much as this 'seeing' we are talking about does have its 'spiritual essence'; that **DOES NOT** 'close the door to the natural realm of actually seeing with our own physical eyes'. This has been the 'mistake of the church of Christendom'. In an effort to reach the 'realm of spirit', they have 'vilified

the realm of the natural/physical. This is called *'dualism'*. It's an *'old lie'*, but one in which the *'Greek mindset'* is steeped. It's why the *'main thrust of Christendom is to escape the natural'*. It's the reason so much emphasis is laid upon making *'heaven as the end goal'*. It is why there can be *'no room'* in that mindset for a *'literal/physical'* rebuilt Heikhal/Temple. A *'literal/physical'* restored *'Levitical priesthood'* or that the *'literal/physical, possession of The Land of Yisrael has any real value.'*

The *'Hebraic mind'* has no problem with the *'physical'* existing **TOGETHER** with the *'spiritual'*. The two simply **MUST BE ALLOWED** to exist *'in the 'reality of their own spheres of influence'*. If ever we can attain to the *'oneness or unity of the nature of YHWH'*, then **BOTH** of these realms may exist together in our own experience too. Our *'physical eye will learn to be governed by the eye of our spirit'*. Our spirit will *'see through the natural physical eye'*. Then, we will **KNOW AND REJOICE** in what it means to be *'echad'*... **ONE**, as all our parts *'come into synch'*. This alone is the *'work of redemption'* that YHWH is doing in us by the *'power of His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness'*.

Understanding The Blessing And The Curse

*“See, I set before you today a berakhah [blessing] and a kelalah [curse];
A berakhah [blessing], if ye obey the mitzvot Hashem Eloheichem [the commandments of
YHWH your Mighty One], which I command you today;
And a kelalah [curse], if ye will not obey the mitzvot Hashem Eloheicha [the commandments of
YHWH your Mighty One], but turn aside out of HaDerech [The Way] which I command you
today, to go after acharei elohim [strange/false mighty ones], which ye have not known.”
(D'varim/Deuteronomy 11:26-28 OJB- definitions mine)*

The first thing Moshe says to Am Yisrael is... **RE'EH/SEE**. What is to follow is *'pivotal'*. It is **IMPERATIVE** that they *'see/perceive AND understand'* what YHWH is saying. The Torah is given by YHWH to us in order to *'reveal the realms of life and death, blessing and cursing, clean and unclean'*. In order to go into The Land and *'successfully possess it'* as YHWH's given inheritance, Yisrael **MUST** *'keep these realms clear'*. If the lines *'get blurred'*, then **DISASTER IS NOT FAR AT HAND**. As we learned in chapter nine of last week's parasha, the reason Yisrael is going to be able to *'dispossess the seven nations'* that dwell in The Land is... **THESE NATIONS LIVE ACCORDING TO THE REALM OF DEATH!** Their time has run out and therefore, YHWH has *'given the order for their removal'*. The Land is to be the *'wedding gift of inheritance'* to His bride, Yisrael. YHWH is saying, **SEE** what is about to happen to these nations? It is **ALL CONNECTED** to the *'blessing and the curse'*!

First off, we must make a *'very important correction'* that is present in most of our translations. In verse 27 of chapter 11 it reads... *'A blessing IF you obey *[shema- hear and do] the commandments'*. However, the preposition **IF IS NOT THERE** in the Hebrew! Below are the words in Hebrew with their transliteration and literal translation.

את תברכה אשר תשמע [read left to right]

'et habrachcha asher ti'shema'un'

'The blessing when you hear/obey...'

First off, notice the *'highlighted'* words. Remember, when the Hebrew letters אב (Tav/Alef- read right to left) appear together in the Torah scroll alone, there are two reasons...

- 1.) **Grammatically**, those two letters appear as *'markers'* to point to the *'direct object'* of the sentence
- 2.) **Spiritually**, the letters appear to cause the reader to understand, YHWH is wanting the reader to know *'The Mashiach/Anointed One/Adon Lord Yeshua'* is present within what is being said!

In the Hebrew it reads, *'A blessing OF/WHEN hearing AND doing (shema) the commandments'*. The *'conditional'* **IF**, will **ONLY BE PRESENT** regarding the curses! There is no **IF FACTOR** when it comes to *'obedience'* to YHWH's blessings. **IT IS AUTOMATIC! WHEN** we *'hear hebraically'*, it means to **HEAR AND DO**. When that happens, **THEN WE ARE BLESSED! IF** we choose **NOT** to *'hear and do'*, **THEN WE WILL EXPERIENCE THE CURSE!** This isn't rocket science folks. **YHWH MEANS WHAT HE SAYS!**

The Importance Of Community

The Torah is meant to be a *'community effort'*. This is why brother Judah requires that there be at least two people present when studying Torah. The idea that we can study Torah *'exclusively'* on an *'individual level'* **ONLY** and *'walk out'* what is being *'learned'* alone is a **MISCONCEPTION**. The Torah was given to **ALL OF YISRAEL**. While we *'each are required'* to be responsible as *'individuals'* to learn Torah, it **TAKES A COMMUNITY** with *'interaction'* for there to be any *'true spiritual growth'*.

There is always the exception along the way. In this restoration, there may be times when a *'Torah based community of fellowship'* may be hard to come by. In that case, there may of necessity be times when individuals and families may have to *'walk alone'* for a period of time. However, **THE EXCEPTION IS NOT THE RULE. WE NEED ONE ANOTHER!** We **NEED** the love. We **NEED** the support. Sometimes we just **NEED** the aggravation! **TOGETHER** is where we get *'challenged to walk in love'*. It's where we *'learn to deal with the authority'* that YHWH has *'set within each congregation'*. As the *'returning house of Yosef-Ephraim'* there is a very *'strong underlying current of rebellion and stiff-necked stubbornness'*. **COMMUNITY IS WHERE WE LEARN TO DEAL WITH THAT.** This is where we learn *'how to submit to the godly Leadership'* that has been *'given responsibility to oversee the congregation'*. **WE ALSO LEARN HOW TO YIELD AT TIMES TO ONE ANOTHER!** It's where our *'self-will can be broken and restored'*. **YOU WILL NEVER BECOME WHAT YHWH HAS PURPOSED IN YOUR LIFE... ALONE!** This is made clear here, in the very opening verses of our Torah portion. There is a verse in the *'Messianic Writings'* that speaks clearly to this also.

“OBEY your manhigim [leaders] and SUBMIT to them; for they are being shomer [watching over/guarding] over your neshamot [souls], as those who have achraius (answerability, accountability) [to Hashem/YHWH]. Let them do so with simcha [rejoicing] and not with agmat nefesh [grieving/broken soul], for that would not be profitable for you.” (Ivrim/Hebrews 13:17
OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

Strong, Ruach/Spirit led leadership, will be profitable for any local congregation. They are *'equipped and anointed to guard and feed the flock'* which YHWH has set them in. The enemy is always prowling about. Looking to *'entice to independence and self-willed reactions'*. The leadership must lead by example. Daily, moment by moment, *'embracing the path of the execution stake'* in their own lives. Calling those in their care to that same lifestyle of *'loss of the soul-life'* to find the *'well-spring of ruach/spirit-led anointing'* that comes **ONLY BY THE PROCESS** of experiencing *'life out of death'*. Pray for your leaders. Be like Aharon and Hur who *'lifted up the arms'* of Moshe in battle as Yisrael fought through to victory. This *'walk of restoration'* isn't about *'individual stars'*. It's about **EACH MEMBER** of the body feeding off one another's strengths and overcoming one another's weaknesses. **HARUACH HAKODESH/THE SPIRIT OF HIS HOLINESS ANOINTED LEADERSHIP IS IMPERATIVE!** Those who understand this will find and reap the profit from this *'secret to overcoming'*.

Also, here is an important distinction. In verse 26 of our opening passage above from D'varim/Deuteronomy chapter 11, the verb *'re'eh/see'* is in the *'singular'*. However, the *'before you'* ****[Heb. לפונס / final mem-kaf-nun-peh-lamed/read left to right... 'lifneikhem']** is *'plural'*. What is YHWH wanting us to see? The *'inference'* is, while **EACH INDIVIDUAL YISRAELITE** is called to **SEE** the *'reality of the blessings and curses'*, **THE SEEING** is something that **EFFECTS THE WHOLE COMMUNITY**. The **INDIVIDUAL SEEING MUST ALSO BECOME A CORPORATE EXPERIENCE FOR THE WHOLE NATION... NONE OF US AS YISRAEL ARE MEANT TO BE ISLANDS TO OURSELVES**. There is a *'Hebrew idiom'* that states this so clearly.

Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh...
All of Yisrael is responsible for one another

This idea of *'mutual responsibility'* is the reason the *'house of Yehudah/Judah'* has been able to survive through so many terrible and awful circumstances. **THEY DID IT TOGETHER!** Each Jewish person helped the other and so **THEY** were able to *'retain their identity'*. They survived and found strength in a *'corporate nation'* to maintain their *'personal call'* to remain righteous and faithful in holiness to YHWH.

"And an eye is unable to say to the hand, "I have no need of you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."" (1 Corinthians 12:21 New American Standard Bible- NASB)

Yisrael, here in our present parasha, is about to go into The Land. The seven nations who were the *'former inhabitants'* were completely consumed in wickedness beyond imagination. Their worship of idols was driven by the *'presence of dark demonic powers'*. It would take *'all of Yisrael'* **TOGETHER**, to help *'keep one another from falling under the influence'* of these things and the *'spiritual entities behind them'*. The *'power to help combat this influence'* was to be found in the *'Hebrew letters'* of the word *'re'eh'* itself.

The word *'re'eh'* in Hebrew is spelled **רה** ****[heh-alef-resh- read right to left]**. In *'Paleo Hebrew'*, the oldest form of the Hebrew language, each letter of the Alef-Bet was a picture. Each picture can be used to *'devise meanings'* for each letter. The *'first letter'* in *'re'eh'* is a **ר**... *'resh'*. Its *'picture'* is that of a *'head'*... **ר** and means *'beginning'*. The *'second letter'* is an **ה**... *'alef'*. Its *'picture'* is,

that of an 'ox... ב and means 'strength'. The 'last letter' is ה ... 'heh'. Its 'picture' is a 'window... ח and means 'revelation'. So, when all this is put together you have: 'The **BEGINNING** of **STRENGTH** is in **REVELATION**'. YHWH, through His Torah words, is showing Yisrael the way 'to have strength against the realm of darkness' is to **OBEY THE REVELATION** He is giving them of His 'Kingdom of light'. By their **HEARING** they will be 'blessed'. By their **DOING** what is **HEARD** they will 'keep themselves' from becoming 'unclean' and from 'being defeated in battle'. Beloved... let this **SINK DOWN** 'in your hearing': **THIS IS A COMMUNITY EFFORT!** Each of us taking it upon ourselves to 'care for and encourage one another' along the way.

"But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called 'Today', so that NONE OF YOU **[the corporate/plural nation of Yisrael] WILL BE HARDENED BY THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN." (Ivrim/Hebrews 3:13 New American Standard Bible- NASB- emphasis/comment mine)

The Mount Of Blessing And Curse... And More



YHWH 'instructs' Yisrael that when He brings them over into The Land, they are to have a ceremony. They are to take the 'blessing and the curse' and place them on 'two mountains' in The Land where the nation of the 'Kena'ani/Cana'anites' dwell. The 'mount of blessing' is called 'Har/Mt. Gerizim'. The 'mount of curse' is named 'Har/Mt. Eibal'. Those 'two mountains' are to be a 'constant memorial' to Yisrael to 'remain obedient to the instructions' they are given in the Torah.

If you look at the image above, you can see both mountains in contrast. Both mountains are rough and rocky. However, 'Har/Mt. Gerizim' does have some green foliage. 'Har/Mt. Eibal' on the other hand, is covered with whitish stones and there is nothing growing on it. It is barren. In fact, the name 'Eibal' means 'stone, bare or literally without leaves'. YHWH 'instructs' Yisrael to commemorate their entrance into The Land by 'physically' using these 'two mountains to remind them' of the 'blessing and the curse'. They were to physically 're'eh/see' them. The actual ceremony is recorded for us in the sefer/book of Yehoshua/Joshua 8:30-35.

Now, here is something very interesting about the 'mountain' upon which the 'blessing' was to be placed. In the Hebrew the word for blessing is 'b'racha'. So, you would think that the 'name' of the mount would be 'Har/Mt. B'racha or Blessing' right? But it isn't. YHWH said to name it 'Har/Mt. Gerizim'. Oddly, the name 'Gerizim' means 'cutting off or those cut off'! So, the 'mount of blessing' is actually named the 'Har/Mt. Of Those Cut Off'! How awesome is our YHWH! In His foreknowledge, He knew Yisrael's 'future experience' both houses. The 'northern house of Yosef-Ephraim' would be 'scattered and cut off' for our failure to keep His Torah. Yet, He predetermined

that even through this, He would use those events to 'bless us'. In 'Yom HaHu/That Day of Restoration', He would 'bring us back' to The Land.

With this in mind, let us take a look at another 'secret' YHWH has 'hidden' in the Hebrew text. It gives to us as a 'prophetic picture of our future destiny and The Land'. We will quote verses 30-31 in our opening passage.

“Are they not on the other side of the Yarden [Jordan], in the direction of the setting shemesh [sun], in the Eretz Kena’ani [Land of the Cana’anites], which dwell in the Aravah [Desert Plain] opposite Gilgal, near the oak of Moreh?

FOR YE SHALL PASS OVER YARDEN [JORDAN] TO GO IN TO POSSESS HA’ARETZ [THE LAND] which Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One] giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.” (D’varim/Deuteronomy 11:30-31 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

As we read above, the promise of Yisrael’s 'possession of The Land', let us keep two things in mind:

- 1.) Yisrael, that was passing over in Moshe and Yehoshua’s/Joshua’s day, in reality, **NEVER POSSESSED** The Land as originally promised. They failed to fully 'do/obey' YHWH’s commandments!
- 2.) The wording of verse 31 is in the 'future tense': 'For ye **SHALL** pass over Yarden/Jordan to go into possess the land'. The 'day' spoken of here **WAS NOT** that 'present day'. It is, in fact, still a 'future day'! It will be realized during the time of 'The End'. This will be 'the time when the future restored nation of the Whole House of Yisrael will be awaiting their reunion' in The Land as promised by YHWH. The 'hidden message' in the 'Hebrew word structure above' gives us that 'picture and timeframe'. Watch closely.

The name 'Yarden/Jordan' means 'to descend down like a river'. This is followed by the words, 'setting of the sun'. In Hebrew, 'sun' is spelled שֶׁמֶשׁ [read right to left- sheen-mem-sheen], using an 'eh' vowel sound it is pronounced, 'shemesh (shay-mesh). However, by replacing the 'eh' vowel sound with an 'ah' sound, the same 'three Hebrew letters' may now be pronounced 'shamash (shah-mash) meaning 'servant'. By doing this, it 'subtly allows' the word 'shamash' to point to the 'Mashiach'. In Mattityahu/Matthew 20:28 we are told that our blessed Master Yeshua HaMashiach/The Messiah came to **SERVE... NOT TO BE SERVED!** Then, the word for 'setting' is the Hebrew word 'mabow'. It means 'to set, settle or come in or enter'. One of the meanings of 'Kena’an/Cana’an' can mean, 'to be low, lowland or to be humble'.

So, here is what we have so far: The 'descending down' is a picture of the 'revelation knowledge' that will come about 'towards the setting of the sun'. This tells us, that the 'time' of this 'revelation' will be in the 'Acharit HaYamim/Latter Days or End Times'. Those who will be 'seeing' this 'revelation' will be those in the 'wilderness' who are 'looking/contemplating' these things across from 'Gilgal', which means 'wheel, turning or cycle'. The verse ends speaking about the 'terebinth trees near Moreh'. 'Terebinth' means, 'righteous, and Moreh' means 'Teacher'.

So, now, what YHWH is saying when we put all this together is:

Those who are studying YHWH’s Torah toward the 'End Times' will begin to 'see'. This 'revelation knowledge' will begin to 'flow down' from heaven while they are in the 'wilderness'. **[reference Ezekiel 20- 'wilderness of the peoples'] This will be just as Mashiach is 'about to

enter ****[RETURN- AS MASHIACH BEN DAVID]**. If we remain *'humble'*, **THEN** we will SEE the *'cycle'* of YHWH's Torah *'making us ready to be among the righteous'* of our Teacher, *'M'lekh Mashiach/King Messiah'*! AMEIN! BARUCH HASHEM YHWH!

Beloved, there are those in this hour who are *'pushing for a departure from studying the Torah'* in the *'cycle'* as established by our elder Brother Yehudah/Judah. This is **NOT** a Word from YHWH! It is a *'subtle ploy of our enemy'*... Hasatan! ****[may his memory be blotted out forever]** He knows *'if we are studying Torah'* according to the *'cycle'* YHWH has established, **THEN** we will be *'positioned strategically'* in the **ACHARIT HAYAMM/THE LAST DAYS**. From there, YHWH will be able to add **THE ANOINTING** of His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness. **THEN**, those who are being faithful with His Torah, will **RECEIVE** the next *'most essential ingredient'*... **DA'AT ****[In Hebrew]- HIS INTIMATE REVELATION KNOWLEDGE!**** This will *'prepare us'* for our Master Yeshua's return **AND** our *'entrance into the Kingdom of YHWH'*!

Complete Removal Of The Seven Nations

It is hard for us to *'wrap our mind around the complete means'* by which evil can *'destroy the psyche'* of a human being. It is not just evil in that sense, but it is the **POTENTIAL** of that wickedness' when it is being *'driven by malevolent entities... demons or shedim'* in Hebrew. These *'spirits of the dark realm'*, in league with their *'fallen angelic leader'*, Hasatan ****[may his memory be blotted out forever]**, seek to *'wage war'* against YHWH and the *'realization of His eternal purpose'*.

The level of wickedness that had been reached by these seven nations, which were inhabiting The Land of Cana'an, was unfathomable! They, by reason of their evil practices and trafficking with demonic entities, had reached a *'point of no return to any semblance of humanity'*. It is what Rav Sha'ul referred to in his letter to the Roman assembly as having a *'reprobate mind'*. (**Romans 1:28**) A state where the *'hope of redemption is NO LONGER VIABLE'*. Thus, it was YHWH's decree to *'completely eradicate these nations'* from The Land and destroy everything that had to do with their *'collaboration with the demonic realm'*. All *'articles and images'* used in the worship of these false mighty ones **MUST BE** *'completely destroyed'*. There could be **NO** exceptions. Thus, we have YHWH's word in the opening of chapter twelve,

“These are the chukkim [ordinances] and mishpatim [judgments] over which ye shall be shomer [careful to guard] to do in ha'arets [in the land], which Hashem Elohei Avoteicha [YHWH the Mighty One of your Fathers] giveth thee to possess it, kol hayamim [all the days] that ye live upon ha'adamah [the earth].

Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the Goyim [nations] which ye shall possess served their elohim [false mighty ones], upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree;

And ye shall overthrow their mizbechot [altars], and break their matzeivot [standing pillars], and burn their Asherim [Female false mighty ones associated with sexual, ritualistic worship] with eish [fire]; and ye shall hew down peselim [graven images] of their elohim [false mighty ones], and destroy the names of them out of that place.

*Ye shall not do so unto Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One].
(D'varim/Deuteronomy 12:1-4 OJB definitions mine)*

YHWH knew the danger of leaving anything of the Cana'anite nations behind. Every vestige of their occult practices and their attachments to the demonic realm of darkness must be utterly destroyed.

Even the names of these false mighty ones were to be destroyed. Only the Name of YHWH, **THE** ****[ONLY TRUE] MIGHTY ONE OF YISRAEL** was to be honored. His most holy Name was not to be treated with disdain, but handled with the utmost reverence and holiness.

YHWH's Name To Be Established In The Land

As we go into the rest of chapter twelve, Moshe begins to 'give instructions' to Yisrael concerning their entry into The Land. One of those instructions has to do with 'the place' that YHWH will 'establish for His Name'. They are not told 'where the place will be', only that 'the place' will be established and known. When that happens, there will be 'certain practices that will change' as a result. One of those 'changes' will be, 'where the korbanot/offerings', according to the instructions received earlier in the sefer/book of Vayikra/Leviticus, will be made.

Yisrael has spent their time 'wandering in the midbar/wilderness' for almost forty years. During that time, the 'offering of their animal and grain korbanot' were always offered at the Mishkan/Tabernacle on the Mizbe'ach/Altar in the 'many places where Yisrael encamped'. However, when they cross over the Yarden/Jordan the 'how to offer the korban' would remain the same, but the **WHERE** would become established in **ONE CERTAIN PLACE**. This 'place' would be 'identified', and it was there that YHWH would 'place His Name'. There and nowhere else was Yisrael to offer their korban. The 'impetus for this instruction' was to keep Yisrael from falling into the temptation of the 'sin of idolatry' like the nations who resided there before them. These nations offered their sacrifices to all manner of false mighty ones ****[idols and the spirit entities behind them]** and in a myriad of different places. ****[hills and mountains]** We need to remember, that just because the people in whom these demonic powers manifested were utterly destroyed, the 'demonic spirits themselves' were not! **DEMONS/SHEDIM DO NOT DIE!** They may be 'driven out' of their human hosts, either by the power of YHWH's Ruach/Spirit or by death. Regardless, they remain 'in the area of their habitation'. Therefore, YHWH 'instructs Yisrael' **NOT** to act like their predecessors. They were to bring their korbanot **ONLY** to **The Place** where He would 'establish His Name'.

In light of this, there were 'certain instructions' that would also change in regard to their 'eating of meat'. While on their journey through the midbar/wilderness, the eating of meat was associated with the offering of korban. The 'Sh'lemim Korban or Peace Offerings' were a 'community function'. The person making the offering was 'giving thanks to YHWH' for some 'measure of goodness' received. In turn, the 'meat of the korban' would be 'shared' among the invited guests. The offering of the 'Chata'at or Sin Offering' was also where the 'meat of that korban' would be given to the Levi'im, and they would eat it before YHWH. The only stipulation was, anyone who had been made 'tamei/unclean' in some way could not share in that meal. Being in that 'status of being' meant that they could not 'physically come near' the Mishkan/Tabernacle. The 'Sh'khinyah/Manifest Presence' of YHWH would consume them. One who had become 'tamei/unclean' by their having touched the 'realm of death', had to 'pass through the cleansing process' in order to be restored to the 'state of being tahor/clean'. Afterwards, they could be 'restored to the community' and approach the Mishkan/Tabernacle safely and **LIVE**.

Now, that Yisrael was about to cross over into The Land, part of the above-mentioned prohibition would change somewhat. The only reason one must be in the 'state of being tahor/clean' in order to share in the korban meal was that it was 'eaten in proximity' of the Mishkan/Tabernacle in the wilderness. Thus, because of the dwelling of YHWH's 'Sh'khinyah/Manifest Presence' was there, that person would not be able to approach that 'holy ground and live'. Why? Because in The Land,

Yisrael would be spread out by tribes. As long as the one who was 'tamei/unclean' did not approach the place where YHWH 'set His Name' ****[the Mishkan/Tabernacle]**, that person would be safe. They had 'passed through the process' of becoming 'tahor/clean' again.

YHWH also gave them permission to hunt and prepare meat that was on the 'clean list' (**Vayikra/Leviticus 11**) anywhere they lived. The only prohibition was the animals must be drained of the blood. There was 'no blood' to be consumed. As we learned in Vayikra/Leviticus, the 'soul-life' is in the blood. ****[not the soul itself... but it's 'life force']** (**Vayikra/Leviticus 17:11; 14**)

Do Not Add Or Take Away From YHWH's Torah

“What thing soever I command you, be shomer [on guard] to do it; thou shalt not add thereto, nor take away or diminish from it.” (D’varim/Deuteronomy 12:32 [13:1- depending on translation] OJB- definitions mine)

Yisrael is given 'further warnings' about the dangers of letting their curiosity 'open doors' that will end badly. They were **NOT** to 'wonder' at the many articles used in worship of the false mighty ones among the Canaanite nations they would come across. They were **NOT** to 'enquire' about these false mighty ones or 'delve into the practices' surrounding their worship. The measure of evil practiced by those seven nations is almost incomprehensible. They even resorted to offering their children in fire to these false mighty ones. YHWH simply commands Yisrael to 'guard His instructions' and **DO NOT ADD OR TAKE AWAY** from them.

In reality, both the religion of Christendom and Rabbinic Judaism have become guilty of that very thing! The church of Christendom has 'taken away' from YHWH's Word by 'rejection of His Torah'. On the other hand, Rabbinic Judaism has 'added to the Torah' by the 'written compendiums of the Traditional Writings' known as the 'Torah Sh'bichtav/Oral Torah' (**Talmud/Mishnah**). In many cases, these writings have become more important than the written Torah itself! This leads us into our next section of the 'Navi Sheker', the 'False Prophet'.

The Test Of The Navi Sheker/False Prophet

If there arise among you a navi [a prophet], or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee an ot (sign) or a mofet (wonder),

And the ot (sign) or the mofet (wonder) come to pass, whereof he spoke unto thee, saying, Let us go after elohim acherim [strange/false mighty ones], which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

Thou shalt not give heed unto the D’varim [words] of that navi [prophet], or that dreamer of dreams; for Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One] is testing you, to know whether ye love Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One] with all your lev [heart] and with all your nefesh [soul/being].

Ye shall walk after Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One], and fear Him, and be shomer [guard] over His mitzvot [commandments], and obey His voice, and ye shall serve Him, and have deveykus [cling to/rely] unto Him.

And that navi [prophet], or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One], which brought you out of Eretz Mitzrayim [Land of Egypt], and redeemed you out of the bais avadim [house of

slavery], to entice thee from HaDerech [The Way/Path] which Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put harah [the evil] away from the midst of thee.” (D’varim/Deuteronomy 13:1-5 [6] OJB- definitions mine]

Now, we look at a very important ‘Torah concept’ given to us here in our present parasha. We will also examine a verse in the Messianic Writings (**Matthew-Revelation**) that ‘mirrors this principle’. The first thing has to do with one of the main reasons why Judaism ‘rejects our Master Yeshua’ as Mashiach. The second has to do with why YHWH ‘allows the navi sheker/false prophet’ to come among His people to begin with.

In this restoration of the ‘Whole House of Yisrael’, we have come to understand the importance of developing a ‘Hebraic mindset’. This ‘concept filters everything’ through the ‘eyes of Torah’. Unfortunately, developing this ‘mindset’ is costly. It will require ‘adjusting’ or in some instances, ‘completely rejecting’ many of the doctrines of the church of Christendom which are, in their essence, anti-Torah. History has proven, there was a definite bias against Yisrael as a whole by the scribes of the church of Christendom. This prejudice can be seen in their ‘transliteration of certain words, verses and key passages’ in the Messianic Writings (**Matthew-Revelation**) from Greek to English. Subsequently, there was an attempt, which was for the most part successful, of removing our blessed Master Yeshua Himself from His ‘Jewish/Hebraic heritage and culture’. As a result, Master Yeshua has come to be viewed from a ‘definitive Gentile mindset’. The very art of the church shows this aberration. Master Yeshua, a Jew, is painted with ‘alabaster skin tones, blue eyes, hair and facial features’ favoring non-Semitic representations. Even His Hebraic name, ‘Yeshua’ ****[which is, in actuality, of Aramaic origin, His true Hebrew name is ‘Yehoshua/Joshua’]**, was changed to the ‘Greek nominative... Jesus’. In time, the ‘non-Jewish transformation’ was complete.

Along with this also came the ‘Christian theological concept’ that by ‘Jesus’ (**Master Yeshua’s**) fulfillment of YHWH’s ‘redemptive plan’, the Torah, referred to in a ‘derogatory manner as Law’, was said to be ‘no longer viable’. Thus, the Torah became ‘Law’. It was said to be about ‘bondage’ and has become the ‘anthem’ held almost universally by the church of Christendom (**Catholic and Protestant**)... **DON’T PUT ME UNDER THE LAW!**

This non-Jewish/anti-Hebraic evolution was followed by a ‘concerted effort’ to impose this ‘fragmented mindset’ of Christian theology onto the ‘newer volumes’ of the Messianic Writings. (**Matthew-Revelation**) known by the unfortunate name... ‘New Testament’ ****[THERE IS NO SUCH THING IN THE HEBRAIC MINDSET OF A CONCEPT KNOWN AS A ‘TESTAMENT’. THIS ‘CONCEPT’ IS AN ERROR INSTITUTED BY THE LATER TRANSLATERS OF THE LATIN VULGATE. THEY PURPOSEFULLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY EXCHANGED THE WORD ‘TESTAMENTUM’ FOR BOTH THE HEBREW AND GREEK WORDS FOR COVENANT! WHY? BECAUSE BY DOING SO, YOU DELIBERATELY FORCE AN UNINTEDED MEANING... THE ‘END OR PASSING AWAY’ OF THE SO-CALLED ‘OLD TESTAMENT’ AND THE ‘SUPREMACY’ OF THE SO-CALLED ‘NEW TESTAMENT’! THUS, WE HAVE THE UNFORTUNATE, YET CLEARLY INTENDED, PURPOSE OF THE ‘MIND OF DARKNESS’ IN SUBVERTING YHWH’S CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF ‘COVENANT’ THROUGH THOSE WHO TRANSLATED THE LATIN VULGATE. WHAT CAN BE DONE THROUGH THE CONCEPT OF A ‘TESTAMENT’, CANNOT BE DONE THROUGH THE CONCEPT OF A ‘COVENANT’]****

Further, this also resulted in introducing a ‘deeper schism’, by giving these writings an ‘independency’ from their earlier counterpart, the ‘TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures’. ****[Torah- first 5**

books, Nevi'im/Prophets and Kethuvim/Writings] This terminology succeeded in 'continuing to fragment' the Scriptural record, while at the same time also 'fragmenting the church of Christendom' itself. Today, from this 'fragmented matrix' has come a 'church system' of over 30,000 Christian denominations! At the same time, the 'nation of Yisrael' has been subtly removed from its 'prophetic and central role' in YHWH's 'eternal purpose'! So-called 'New Testament' believers are 'instructed' to be 'led solely by the Holy Spirit' ****[which is seen as an 'individual entity, separate in its existence', though somehow one, as God. This is in 'contradistinction' to the 'true Hebraic understanding' of YHWH, who 'manifests' Himself in 'distinction NOT separation' as ECHAD/ONE COMPLETE UNIT OF DIVINITY; 'manifesting' Himself in 'distinction' (Father-Son-Spirit of Holiness) as THREE MEASURES OF HOLINESS ****[Heb. Kedusha Meshuleshet]. Each able to move freely in 'distinction', while remaining ONE in essence]**. In turn, the only Scriptures that are of any relevance for 'doctrine and practice' are the so-called 'New Testament/Scriptures'. **(Matthew-Revelation... the right side of the book)** This may be a somewhat 'simplified assessment' of the 'church of Christendom's' present-day 'multi-faceted denominational/non-denominational structure and doctrinal system'. However, having this as a foundation, will help us understand what is about to be said.**

The concept of the 'navi sheker/false prophet' is laid out very plainly. This is an 'individual' who has certain 'powers in the realm of the ruach/spirit'. He has a 'prowess in the realm of otot/signs of a spiritual/heavenly origin and moftim/wonders - miraculous powers over earthly laws of physics and physical dynamics'. He also 'manifests' the ability by 'words' as well as 'dreams and visions' to make predictions. These so-called 'prophetic predictions' (**foretellings**), may 'seemingly' provide a 'degree of validity' in that they would 'actually come to pass'. However, **NONE** of the foregoing were to be used to 'answer the question' of whether the navi/prophet was 'true or false' in YHWH's estimation. As we will see, there was only **ONE** 'underlying factor' that YHWH 'instructed Yisrael' to look for in that determination. The 'lack of or violation of this **ONE** factor **NEGATED EVERYTHING** that was said and done! Therefore, the one purporting himself to be a navi/prophet in question was likewise to be solely rejected! What was this all-important factor? **WHAT WAS HIS/HER RELATIONSHIP WITH YHWH'S TORAH?** Did what was said or done, result in 'leading the community' of Yisrael and those involved 'away from the Torah and faithfulness' to YHWH's commands? If so, then that one in question was to be **COMPLETELY REJECTED** and 'suffer the penalty of death' for his/her attempt to 'subvert Yisrael away' from their faithfulness to YHWH! Now, in 'light of this', let us consider our Master Yeshua.

There are many among the 'church of Christendom that condemn brother Judah' for his rejection of our Adon/Lord Yeshua as the Mashiach of Yisrael. However, when you 'examine the criterion' presented in D'varim/Deuteronomy 13 for determining whether a navi/prophet is true or false, you are struck with 'quite an uncomfortable conclusion'. It is true that signs and wonders 'were performed' by our Master. His prophetic words 'did come to pass' and those that were not fulfilled in His day are still in the 'process of being fulfilled'. Nonetheless, because of the 'way' Master Yeshua has been 'portrayed by the church of Christendom', as a 'Torah rejecting Mashiach/Messiah', there can only be **ONE** conclusion: Hebraically, according to the Torah... **HE IS A NAVI SHEKER/FALSE PROPHET**. Therefore, He **MUST** be rejected!

Beloved, if this startles you **IT SHOULD!** Is it the Truth? The answer? **ABSOLUTELY NOT!** But, the 'way' in which the 'church of Christendom' **HAS PRESENTED** our Adon/Lord Yeshua, leaves us silent. The 'one important factor' in determining the 'true or false navi/prophet' is: **WHAT POSITION DOES HE TAKE IN REGARD TO THE TORAH?** If the one bringing the 'signs and

prophetic words, dreams and visions, deviates in any way from the Torah', **THEN THEY ARE FALSE!** Master Yeshua's *'signs, wonders, prophetic words and visions'* have all either come to pass or are in the *'process of doing so'*. However, the point is mute! We are told by the church, that represents Him to the world, that **HE REJECTS THE TORAH!** Supposedly, according to His words and those of His followers, the *'Torah is Law, leads to bondage* and therefore **MUST BE REJECTED!** Oh, the Law *'served a purpose'* once, but now it is **NO LONGER NEEDFUL**, so they say. It's all about **GRACE!** While **NOTHING** could be further from the Truth, those are the words that have been put in our Master Yeshua's mouth. Here's the unfortunate fact... **HE IS NOT HERE TO DEFEND HIMSELF!** What can be done?

Those of us within the ranks of the *'returning house'* of Yosef-Ephraim, **MUST RAISE AFRESH THE BANNER OF YHWH'S ETERNAL TRUTH.** We **MUST** see to it that our blessed Adon/Lord Yeshua is **DEFENDED AND RESTORED** to His *'proper place'* among the Whole House of Yisrael that is being regathered at this very hour. Brother Yehudah/Judah **MUST NOT** any longer be condemned for his rejection of our blessed Master as his and our Mashiach. The *'church of Christendom has declared Him to have rejected the Torah'*. If this is true, then in accordance with the *'instructions given in the Torah'* in the 13th chapter of D'varim/Deuteronomy, **BROTHER JUDAH HAS THE RIGHT TO REJECT MASTER YESHUA FROM BEING MASHIACH!** Yet, we know, our blessed Master Yeshua **NEVER DENIED THE TORAH!** (**Mattityahu/Matthew 5:17**) He **NEVER** taught anyone to reject it. (**Mattityahu/Matthew 11:28-30**) He **NEVER** taught that the Torah *'passed away'* or that *'some other body of written work'* (**the so-called New Testament or the Messianic Writings**) **REPLACED** the *'Hebrew Scriptures'*. (**TaNaKh**) **THE WORD OF YHWH IS ONE!** The Hebrew Scriptures (**TaNaKh**) and the Messianic Writings (**Matthew-Revelation**) are **ALL** Scripture. They **TOGETHER** are **ONE VALID UNIT OF YHWH's Word.** We, of the *'returning house'* of Yosef-Ephraim, **MUST 'hoist the banner of this Truth'**. Our brother Yehudah/Judah has been faithful to **KEEP** the Torah *'available and valid'* for us to return to. If he hadn't, then we would have had **NOTHING** to return to! We, the *'returning house'* of Yosef-Ephraim, **OWE OUR ELDER BROTHER** the same favor when it comes to our blessed Master Yeshua. We **MUST** see that our Adon/Lord Yeshua is *'restored to His rightful place in His Hebraic identity'*. Our elder brother Yehudah/Judah will have their *'partial blindness'* removed one day soon to come. (**Zecharyah/Zechariah 12:10; also, Romans 11:23**) Just like the *'partial blindness of the eyes of our hearts'* were removed and we *'began to see'*. We *'came to understand'* that the written Torah **WAS** valid. It **IS** to be a *'vital part of our walk'* as believers! So, their eyes will be opened too. They will come to **SEE** their Mashiach! **MAY WE BE READY AT THAT DAY.** Let us *'return the favor'* our elder brother Yehudah/Judah gave to us in Torah by giving them their Mashiach in **ALL HIS HEBRAIC GLORY. AMEIN!**

Understanding Paul's Words To The Corinthians

"For it is necessary also for kitot (sects) of minut (heresy), of kefirah (heresy, denial) to be among you that also the approved ones may become manifest among you."
(1 Corinthians 11:19 OJB)

As we close, I wish to share something of *'grave importance'* to those of us whom YHWH has blessed to be a part of the *'restoration of His Whole House of Yisrael'*. Here above, we have the words of Rav Sha'ul to the Corinthian assembly. The principle he is putting forth here is in the *'same spirit'* of what we have been looking at here in our present Torah parasha. He is speaking to the *'divisions'* present in the *'congregation in Corinth'*. Please read the following slowly and with great patience.

These 'divisions' Rav Sha'ul is speaking to are identified by the Greek word 'hairesis- (**hy-ree-sis**)'. It means, a 'sect or disunion'. It is where we get our English word 'heresy' from. ****[Please note, the use of the word 'hairesis/heresy', as it is used here, is not the same as the way we use it today in English. It doesn't mean to simply 'propagate false doctrine']** There were 'segments within the Corinthian assembly' that were pressing 'certain ideas' to an extreme. The situations were dangerously close to going beyond a healthy banter of a difference of opinion, to causing 'divisions' in the local body. Rav Sha'ul 'sounds a warning' to the Corinthians. If those involved were doing so with a 'hidden agenda' to gather others 'in opposition to the established leadership', then their efforts would end in a 'sectarian spirit' and finally in 'division'. This 'type of spirit' when detected, must be dealt with immediately.

While the above is true, there is a 'positive aspect' to this process. It requires the leadership to be **ACTIVELY INVOLVED** in 'setting parameters in order to guide and guard' that process. It also requires that those involved 'respect the leadership and their authority'. When things become unhealthy or divisive, then the leadership **MUST** 'put the brakes on'. If a 'right spirit' is maintained within the 'process', then it can actually lead to a 'deepened perspective' of YHWH's Word.

It is interesting, because Dr. Phil Goble who compiled the 'Orthodox Jewish Bible', uses 'two Hebrew words' to describe the situation happening here in the Corinthian assembly. The first word is 'minut' (**mi-noot**). It describes when 'a person or group begins to stand in opposition to a defined whole'. While they 'do take issue' with what is 'held to be true or accepted' among the congregation, there is, in fact, 'nothing wrong' with this on a 'particular level'. The 'Hebraic mind' understands the importance of being able to 'intelligently engage in differences of opinions' over certain Torah concepts. Yet, there **MUST NOT BE** an attempt to 'discredit or annul the Torah itself or attack the leadership' YHWH has 'established within the congregation'. Those arguing an 'opposing view' could be said to be a 'minut'. In fact, when the 'process' is allowed to be kept within 'healthy parameters', then 'deeper insights' into how a congregation 'learns to express' their love and obedience in keeping YHWH's Torah may be allowed to emerge.

Unfortunately, the problem arises when someone, (**individual or group**) arises, who has little or no 'respect for the leadership' that is set within a local congregation. They become 'defiant and determined to force their particular issues' as **THE** truth. The 'command to love one another, be submissive to the leadership' YHWH has established for the profit of the entire local congregation, is all but lost. The end experience will not be good. Those who have 'entertained this spirit', in time, will 'separate themselves' from the whole. They will 'continue to press their point of view' all the while moving from 'mere disagreement to a demand that their perspective be accepted' not only by the congregation, but by the leadership also!

This is where the other Hebrew word for 'heresy' used by Dr. Goble... 'kefirah' (**kay-fee-rah**) comes into play. 'Kefirah' is when the 'minut' **mutates** and becomes a 'source of separation' that ends in 'division'. Given time, the 'underlying spirit behind the doctrinal controversy' will reveal itself. In almost every instance, the worst-case scenario comes. Those who have 'fallen prey to this spirit' leave the local congregation to pursue their 'supposed truth'. In time, many who have made this choice gravitate to smaller and smaller groups. Most remain isolated and static. Worst case scenario, some actually end up 'denying their faith' altogether. Others take the ultimate step and 'deny Yeshua' as YHWH's 'manifestation of Himself in the flesh/humanity'. Sadly, some even go so far as to 'convert' to some aspect of Judaism, putting their 'hope of realizing their eternal salvation' in jeopardy.

Both the principle given in D'varim/Deuteronomy 13 and here in 1 Corinthians 11 are similar. YHWH says He allows the '*navi sheker/false prophet*' to come in order to **TEST OUR HEARTS**. It is meant to '*reveal the true condition*' of our hearts... **TO OUR OWN SELVES!** The navi/prophet Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah in chapter 17 verse 9 of the prophetic book bearing his name tells us a very profound principle... **NO ONE CAN KNOW THEIR OWN HEART!** It takes '*situations, circumstances, relationships*'...etc., over which we have no actual control. When these suddenly bring '*unexpected conflict*' **THEN WE ARE BROUGHT FACE TO FACE WITH THE REAL CONDITION OF OUR HEART!** Any area of our heart that has not been '*transformed by the indwelling Mashiach*' remains a source of '*possible deception*'. We must '*stay close to the principle of the execution stake*'... **DAILY. (Luke 9:23-24; 1 Corinthians 15:31)** If we are '*being transformed*' **DAILY** by the '*continuous process of life out of death*' to love YHWH with **ALL OUR HEART, SOUL AND STRENGTH**, then the impetus of the '*navi sheker/false prophet*' will have no success. We will escape the traps laid by the enemy. But, if we give place to the '*inordinate demands of our soul-life*' and its '*refusal to yield to the call of YHWH through His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness to embrace the 'principle of the execution stake'*', **THEN** we will '*fall prey to our heart's underlying deceitfulness*'. In turn, YHWH will see to it that we are '*removed from the local body*'. Read the following fragment from the verse that was quoted above from First Corinthians slowly...

“...that also the approved ones MAY BECOME MANIFEST among you.”
(Read this again... and again!)

Did you get that? At the end, those who were '*unyielding, determined and wholly intent on forcing their will at all cost*'... **WILL BE REMOVED!** Here's a further thought. **THEY THOUGHT THEY LEFT OF THEIR OWN ACCORD!** They felt that YHWH '*approved of their efforts*'. When, in fact, their leaving only caused those who were **TRULY APPROVED OF YHWH TO BE MANIFEST!** Beloved, I have seen it time and time again here in our local congregation over the years. We have had those who have risen up, passionately pursuing their agendas. I have watched as their '*minut*' slowly became a '*perverted expression of kefirah*'. The '*sect*' mutated and became '*sectarian*'. In the end, they left to pursue their self-impassioned doctrine, calendar, ideal... etc. For the most part, they are no longer heard from. **SOME ARE BUSY PADDLING AROUND IN THEIR OWN TRIBUTARIES THINKING THEY ARE IN THE OCEAN!** Our congregation has remained through these seasons of testing. **IT IS AS MUCH A TEST FOR US, AS IT WAS FOR THEM.** YHWH has taken us from '*ensmallment to enlargement*' many times. In time, we see '*steady levels of growth in maturity and physical number*'. **OUR GOAL IS TO BE FAITHFUL TO YHWH.** Passionate in our faith and expression of His Torah. As leaders, we strive to '*shomer/guard*' over those YHWH has sent our way. Our heart is: **TO GUIDE NOT GOVERN.** They are His sheep not ours. We allow for '*diversity of understanding*', **BUT** we also reserve the right as leadership to '*keep an eye on the pressure and intervene when necessary*'. YHWH's love is our great motivator both as leadership and as a congregation. To Him be the glory. Amein!

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