How Has Adonai Revealed Himself To You?

I want you to go back in time to when you first became a believer.

I want you to recall how your journey began. How it began and ultimately led you to Messiah.

What prompted you to take that first step of faith that you had no idea as to where it would lead you.

What were you doing at the time.

How did God reveal Himself to you.

Was it a bold moment in your life such as we experienced in last week's Parsah..

Exo 3:1 Now Moshe was tending the sheep of Yitro his father-in-law, the priest of Midyan. Leading the flock to the far side of the desert, he came to the mountain of God, to Horev.

Exo 3:2 The angel of Adonai appeared to him in a fire blazing from the middle of a bush. He looked and saw that although the bush was flaming with fire, yet the bush was not being burned up.

Exo 3:3 Moshe said, "I'm going to go over and see this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't being burned up."

Exo 3:4 When Adonai saw that he had gone over to see, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moshe! Moshe!" He answered, "Here I am."

Exo 3:5 He said, "Don't come any closer! Take your sandals off your feet, because the place where you are standing is holy ground.

Exo 3:6 I am the God of your father," he continued, "the God of Avraham, the God of Yitz'chak and the God of Ya`akov." Moshe covered his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Were you just going about your business as Moshe was doing, tending the sheep of his father-in-law.

When something catches your attention?

In the case of Moshe, God revealed Himself directly to him with a specific intention...

- **Exo 3:7** Adonai said, "I have seen how my people are being oppressed in Egypt and heard their cry for release from their slavemasters, because I know their pain.
- Exo 3:8 I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that country to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey, the place of the Kena`ani, Hitti, Emori, P'rizi, Hivi and Y'vusi.
- Exo 3:9 Yes, the cry of the people of Isra'el has come to me, and I have seen how terribly the Egyptians oppress them.
- Exo 3:10 Therefore, now, come; and I will send you to Pharaoh; so that you can lead my people, the descendants of Isra'el, out of Egypt."

Did you ever question once God revealed Himself to you?

- **Exo 3:11** Moshe said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and lead the people of Isra'el out of Egypt?"
- Exo 3:12 He replied, "I will surely be with you. Your sign that I have sent you will be that when you have led the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."
- Exo 3:13 Moshe said to God, "Look, when I appear before the people of Isra'el and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you'; and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"
- Exo 3:14 God said to Moshe, "Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh [I am/will be what I am/will be]," and added, "Here is what to say to the people of Isra'el: 'Ehyeh [I Am or I Will Be] has sent me to you.' "
- Exo 3:15 God said further to Moshe, "Say this to the people of Isra'el: 'Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh (יהוה) [Adonai], the God of your fathers, the God of Avraham, the God of Yitz'chak and the God of Ya`akov, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how I am to be remembered generation after generation.

God Specifically called Moshe to be a witness to the people. He would equip and teach the people in the ways of God so that they would be equipped to teach others.

In a similar manner, Yeshua introduced Himself directly to 12 men who would become the one's who He would teach.

Just as Adonai got the attention of Moshe, so to Yeshua got the attention of the men who would become his Talmidim...

Mat 4:18 As Yeshua walked by Lake Kinneret, he saw two brothers who were fishermen—Shim`on, known as Kefa, and his brother Andrew—throwing their net into the lake.

- Mat 4:19 Yeshua said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers for men!"
- Mat 4:20 At once they left their nets and went with him.
- Mat 4:21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers—Ya`akov Ben-Zavdai and Yochanan his brother—in the boat with their father Zavdai, repairing their nets; and he called them.
- Mat 4:22 At once they left the boat and their father and went with Yeshua.

The light of the world like the burning bush would attract them...

- Joh 1:35 The next day, Yochanan was again standing with two of his talmidim.
- Joh 1:36 On seeing Yeshua walking by, he said, "Look! God's lamb!"
- Joh 1:37 His two talmidim heard him speaking, and they followed Yeshua.
- Joh 1:38 Yeshua turned and saw them following him, and he asked them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi!" (which means "Teacher!") "Where are you staying?"
- Joh 1:39 He said to them, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and remained with him the rest of the day—it was about four o'clock in the afternoon.
- Joh 1:40 One of the two who had heard Yochanan and had followed Yeshua was Andrew the brother of Shim`on Kefa.
- Joh 1:41 The first thing he did was to find his brother Shim`on and tell him, "We've found the Mashiach!" (The word means "one who has been anointed.")
- Joh 1:42 He took him to Yeshua. Looking at him, Yeshua said, "You are Shim` on Bar-Yochanan; you will be known as Kefa." (The name means "rock.")

Just as Adonai gave Moshe signs to show to the people...

- **Exo 4:1** Moshe replied, "But I'm certain they won't believe me, and they won't listen to what I say, because they'll say, 'Adonai did not appear to you.' "
- Exo 4:2 Adonai answered him, "What is that in your hand?" and he said, "A staff."
- Exo 4:3 He said, "Throw it on the ground!" and he threw it on the ground. It turned into a snake, and Moshe recoiled from it.
- Exo 4:4 Then Adonai said to Moshe, "Put your hand out and take it by the tail." He reached out with his hand and took hold of it, and it became a staff in his hand.
- Exo 4:5 "This is so that they will believe that Adonai, the God of their fathers,

the God of Avraham, the God of Yitz'chak and the God of Ya`akov, has appeared to you!"

Exo 4:6 Furthermore Adonai said to him, "Now put your hand inside your coat." He put his hand in his coat; and when he took it out his hand was leprous, as white as snow.

Exo 4:7 Then God said, "Now put your hand back in your coat." He put his hand back in his coat; and when he took it out, it was as healthy as the rest of his body.

Exo 4:8 "If they won't believe you or heed the evidence of the first sign, they will be convinced by the second.

Exo 4:9 But if they aren't persuaded even by both these signs and still won't listen to what you say, then take some water from the river, and pour it on the ground. The water you take from the river will turn into blood on the dry land."

Yeshua gave to the Talmidim signs and miracle that only Messiah would do.

Mat 11:4 Yeshua answered, "Go and tell Yochanan what you are hearing and seeing—

Mat 11:5 the blind are seeing again, the lame are walking, people with tzara`at are being cleansed, the deaf are hearing, the dead are being raised, the Good News is being told to the poor—

Mat 11:6 and how blessed is anyone not offended by me!"

Yeshua's answer is also in code. He refers to prophecies in the book of Isaiah of six signs which the Messiah will give when he comes:

He will make the blind see (<u>Isa_29:18</u>, <u>Isa_35:5</u>),

Isa 29:18 On that day the deaf will hear the words of a book, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.

Isa 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped;

• make the lame walk (<u>Isa 35:6</u>, <u>Isa 61:1</u>),

Isa 35:6 then the lame man will leap like a deer, and the mute person's tongue will sing. For in the desert, springs will burst forth, streams of water in the `Aravah;

Isa 35:7 the sandy mirage will become a pool, the thirsty ground springs of

water. The haunts where jackals lie down will become a marsh filled with reeds and papyrus.

cleanse lepers (<u>Isa 61:1</u>),

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of Adonai Elohim is upon me, because Adonai has anointed me to announce good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim freedom to the captives, to let out into light those bound in the dark;

- make the deaf hear (<u>Isa 29:18</u>, <u>Isa 35:5</u>),
- raise the dead (implied in <u>Isa 11:1-2</u> but not made specific),

Isa 11:1 But a branch will emerge from the trunk of Yishai, a shoot will grow from his roots.

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of Adonai will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and power, the Spirit of knowledge and fearing Adonai—

• and evangelize the poor (<u>Isa 61:1-2</u> in the light of <u>Mat 4:23</u> above).

Isa 61:2 to proclaim the year of the favor of Adonai and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn,

These miracles are only documented as being done through Yeshua in the New Covenant writings.

The ultimate and most powerful sign...

Joh 11:38 Yeshua, again deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying in front of the entrance.

Joh 11:39 Yeshua said, "Take the stone away!" Marta, the sister of the dead man, said to Yeshua, "By now his body must smell, for it has been four days since he died!"

Joh 11:40 Yeshua said to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you keep trusting, you will see the glory of God?"

Joh 11:41 So they removed the stone. Yeshua looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

Joh 11:42 I myself know that you always hear me, but I say this because of the crowd standing around, so that they may believe that you have sent me."

Joh 11:43 Having said this, he shouted, "El`azar! Come out!"

Joh 11:44 The man who had been dead came out, his hands and feet wrapped in

strips of linen and his face covered with a cloth. Yeshua said to them, "Unwrap him, and let him go!"

The purpose of Adonai calling Moshe and Yeshua the 12 was to prepare a people, to show them the power of God and the path of salvation. Salvation through the Exodus from slavery to freedom. The power of Salvation through Yeshua and the exodus from the bondage of sin.

Hence the instruction of Yeshua is really no different then the instruction to Moshe...

Mat 28:18 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mat 28:19 Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,

Mat 28:20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."

and thus the purpose of the nation of Israel...

Isa 49:5 So now Adonai says—he formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Ya`akov back to him, to have Isra'el gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the sight of Adonai, my God having become my strength—
Isa 49:6 he has said, "It is not enough that you are merely my servant to raise up the tribes of Ya`akov and restore the offspring of Isra'el. I will also make you a light to the nations, so my salvation can spread to the ends of the earth."

Exo 6:1 Adonai said to Moshe, "Now you will see what I am going to do to Pharaoh. With a mighty hand he will send them off; with force he will drive them from the land!"

Exo 6:2 God spoke to Moshe; he said to him, "I am Adonai.

Exo 6:3 I appeared to Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov as El Shaddai, although I did not make myself known to them by my name, Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh (יהוה) [Adonai].

Exo 6:4 Also with them I established my covenant to give them the land of Kena`an, the land where they wandered about and lived as foreigners.

Exo 6:5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Isra'el, whom the Egyptians are keeping in slavery; and I have remembered my covenant.

Exo 6:6 "Therefore, say to the people of Isra'el: 'I am Adonai. I will free you

from the forced labor of the Egyptians, rescue you from their oppression, and redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

Exo 6:7 I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am Adonai your God, who freed you from the forced labor of the Egyptians.

Exo 6:8 I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov—I will give it to you as your inheritance. I am Adonai.' "

Exo 6:9 Moshe said this to the people of Isra'el. But they wouldn't listen to him, because they were so discouraged, and their slavery was so cruel.

The people were discouraged and didn't believe nor trust.

Were you once in that place too?

What did Adonai do to show you who He is. What did He do to show you the truth of Messiah?

Who did He use to guide you?

Exo 7:1 But Adonai said to Moshe, "I have put you in the place of God to Pharaoh, and Aharon your brother will be your prophet.

Exo 7:2 You are to say everything I order you, and Aharon your brother is to speak to Pharaoh and tell him to let the people of Isra'el leave his land.

Mat 16:13 When Yeshua came into the territory around Caesarea Philippi, he asked his talmidim, "Who are people saying the Son of Man is?"

Mat 16:14 They said, "Well, some say Yochanan the Immerser, others Eliyahu, still others Yirmeyahu or one of the prophets."

Mat 16:15 "But you," he said to them, "who do you say I am?"

Mat 16:16 Shim`on Kefa answered, "You are the Mashiach, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17 "Shim`on Bar-Yochanan," Yeshua said to him, "how blessed you are! For no human being revealed this to you, no, it was my Father in heaven.

People are responsible to be His witnesses yet it is ultimately Adonai who opens ones eyes.

Thus it is important for us to be equipped for we never truly know when a divine appointment intended for us with an individual will occur.

Luk 24:44 Yeshua said to them, "This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled."

Luk 24:45 Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh,

Luk 24:46 telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day;

Luk 24:47 and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim.

Luk 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.

Always be prepared to be His witnesses for the person that came into your life was a witness to you. Who will you be a witness to when that person comes into your life.