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## **Moshe on the Mountain and The Aleph Tav**

Parshah Ki Tisa contains the nations first scandal what I call "Calf Gate". It is a young nations fall from the Grace Adonai had provided through the Exodus from the land and people that once enslaved them. The many awesome things Adonai showed both Moshe and the people and the things that He did in freeing them from their slavery was ultimately thrown back in the face of Adonai (and Moshe) when upon the absence of Moshe for an extended period of time the people became anxious and I would even say restless. The one who had led them out of their familiar enslaved environment and into the unfamiliar and uncharted territory of freedom had been gone for many days.

They people would concoct a plan to address Moshe's absence.

**Exo 32:1** When the people saw that Moshe was taking a long time to come down from the mountain, they gathered around Aharon and said to him, "Get busy; and make us gods to go ahead of us; because this Moshe, the man that brought us up from the land of Egypt—we don't know what has become of him."

The only mindset the people had ever known, the Egyptian mindset was the basis for their action. This is all they truly understood and as such believed what they were doing was not any different then what they had witnessed. I believe in their mind Adonai was just "another god" considering how many of them there were within the Egyptian culture. There was a god for everything.

They had heard the words that Adonai would bring forth through Moshe...

**Exo 20:1** Then God said all these words:

**Exo 20:2** א "I am Adonai your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery.

**Exo 20:3** ב "You are to have no other gods before me.

**Exo 20:4** You are not to make for yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below the shoreline.

**Exo 20:5** You are not to bow down to them or serve them; for I, Adonai your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

**Exo 20:6** but displaying grace to the thousandth generation of those who love me and obey my mitzvot.

They heard these words, accepted them yet I don't believe they fully understood them thus did not fully embrace them

This is what was going on while Moshe was away. Where was he, but on the mountain with Adonai when "news broke out by Adonai conveying to him...

**Exo 32:7** Adonai said to Moshe, "Go down! Hurry! Your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have become corrupt!

**Exo 32:8** So quickly they have turned aside from the way I ordered them to follow! They have cast a metal statue of a calf, worshipped it, sacrificed to it and said, 'Isra'el! Here is your god, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!' "

**Exo 32:9** Adonai continued speaking to Moshe: "I have been watching these people; and you can see how stiffnecked they are.

**Exo 32:10** Now leave me alone, so that my anger can blaze against them, and I can put an end to them! I will make a great nation out of you instead."

It would be here that Adonai regretted taking this people to be His own and was intending to start over again with Moshe. Yet, Adonai was bound by His Word that is His Promise and Moshe reminded Him of just that...

**Exo 32:11** Moshe pleaded with Adonai his God. He said, "Adonai, why must your anger blaze against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and a strong hand?

**Exo 32:12** Why let the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intentions that he led them out, to slaughter them in the hills and wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger! Relent! Don't bring such disaster on your people!

**Exo 32:13** Remember Avraham, Yitz'chak and Isra'el, your servants, to whom you swore by your very self. You promised them, 'I will make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky; and I will give all this land I have spoken about to your descendants; and they will possess it forever.' "

**Exo 32:14** Adonai then changed his mind about the disaster he had planned for his people.

Upon Moshe's reminding Adonai of His promise, he returned to the people and the matter before him, the peoples transgression.

**Exo 32:15** Moshe turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets inscribed on both sides, on the front and on the back.

**Exo 32:16** The tablets were the work of God; and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

**Exo 32:17** When Y'hoshua heard the noise of the people shouting he said to Moshe, "It sounds like war in the camp!"

**Exo 32:18** He answered, "That is neither the clamor of victory nor the wailings

of defeat; what I hear is the sound of people singing."

**Exo 32:19** But the moment Moshe got near the camp, when he saw the calf and the dancing, his own anger blazed up. He threw down the tablets he had been holding and shattered them at the base of the mountain.

It would as a result of this scandal Moshe would return to Adonai, empty handed, that is without the stone tablets. Having smashed them in his own anger. He returned to the mountain and to Adonai's presence.

The first set of tablets were 100% Adonai in that they were given to Moshe. He did nothing nor contribute anything in their creation. Yet, in returning without the tablets, Moshe would now be responsible for their replacement.

**Exo 34:1** Adonai said to Moshe, "Cut yourself two tablets of stone like the first ones; and I will inscribe on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.

Thus it would be a return to the mountain for Moshe. A return to the presence of Adonai.

**Exo 34:4** Moshe cut two stone tablets like the first. Then he got up early in the morning and, with the two stone tablets in his hands, ascended Mount Sinai, as Adonai had ordered him to do.

**Exo 34:5** Adonai descended in the cloud, stood with him there and pronounced the name of Adonai.

**Exo 34:6** Adonai passed before him and proclaimed: "YUD-HEH-VAV-HEH!!! Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh ( יהוה ) [*Adonai*] is God, merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in grace and truth;

**Exo 34:7** showing grace to the thousandth generation, forgiving offenses, crimes and sins; yet not exonerating the guilty, but causing the negative effects of the parents' offenses to be experienced by their children and grandchildren, and even by the third and fourth generations."

**Exo 34:8** At once Moshe bowed his head to the ground, prostrated himself

**Exo 34:9** and said, "If I have now found favor in your view, Adonai, then please let Adonai go with us, even though they are a stiffnecked people; and pardon our offenses and our sin; and take us as your possession."

I am reminded of this verse Adonai inspired Sha'ul to write...

**Rom 8:28 Furthermore, we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called in accordance with his purpose;**

Rom 8:29 because those whom he knew in advance, he also determined in

advance would be conformed to the pattern of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers;

Rom 8:30 and those whom he thus determined in advance, he also called; and those whom he called, he also caused to be considered righteous; and those whom he caused to be considered righteous he also glorified!

It is in this moment that it is made known to us what are identified as the 13 attributes of Adonai in verses 6 and 7. Revealed to Moshe and realized through Yeshua the Aleph Tav.

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It is in this moment where these attributes are revealed and Adonai reaffirms the covenant He is making with the children of Israel that the standalone Aleph Tav is present...

**Exo 34:10** He said, "Here, I am making a covenant; in front of all your people I will do wonders such as have not been created anywhere on earth or in any nation. All the people around you will see the work of Adonai. What I am going to do through you will be awesome!

**Exo 34:11** Observe (Aleph Tav) what I am ordering you to do today. Here! I am driving out ahead of you (Aleph Tav) the Emori, Kena`ani, Hitti, P'rizi, Hivi and Y'vusi.

**Exo 34:12** Be careful not to make a covenant with the people living in the land where you are going, so that they won't become a snare within your own borders.

The impact of Moshe's experience in the presence of Adonai was not felt by the people while he was there, but when he returned. For when one is truly in the presence of Adonai it can not be hidden or concealed.

**Exo 34:29** When Moshe came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, he didn't realize that the skin of his face was sending out rays of light as a result of his talking with [*Adonai*].

**Exo 34:30** When Aharon and the people of Isra'el saw Moshe, the skin of his face was shining; and they were afraid to approach him.

**Exo 34:31** But Moshe called to them; then Aharon and all the community leaders came back to him, and Moshe spoke to them.

**Exo 34:32** Afterwards, all the people of Isra'el came near; and he passed on to them all the orders (Aleph Tav) that Adonai had told him on Mount Sinai.

**Exo 34:33** Once Moshe had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

**Exo 34:34** But when he went in before Adonai for him to speak, he would take the veil off (Aleph Tav) until he came out; then, when he came out, he would tell the people of Isra'el (Aleph Tav) what he had been ordered.

**Exo 34:35** But when the people of Isra'el saw Moshe's face, that the skin of Moshe's face shone, he would put the veil back over his face until he went in again to speak with [*Adonai*].

Again it is here in these verses that we see the Aleph Tav and thus the presence of Yeshua hidden for a time, yet revealed to us, connecting Adonai and Yeshua and this time Moshe together with an occurrence revealed to us in the New Covenant writings.

It is in this Parsha, in the midst of the Golden Calf and the reaffirming of the covenant that Moshe makes this request...

**Exo 33:17** Adonai said to Moshe, "I will also do what you have asked me to do, because you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

**Exo 33:18** But Moshe said, "I beg you to show me your glory!"

**Exo 33:19** He replied, "I will cause all my goodness to pass before you, and in your presence I will pronounce the name of Adonai. Moreover, I show favor to whomever I will, and I display mercy to whomever I will.

**Exo 33:20** But my face," he continued, "you cannot see, because a human being cannot look at me and remain alive.

**Exo 33:21** Here," he said, "is a place near me; stand on the rock.

**Exo 33:22** When my glory passes by, I will put you inside a crevice in the rock and cover you with my hand, until I have passed by.

**Exo 33:23** Then I will remove my hand, and you will see my back, but my face is not to be seen."

it isn't until much later that Adonai answers his request.

**Mat 17:1** Six days later, Yeshua took Kefa, Ya`akov and his brother Yochanan and led them up a high mountain privately.

**Mat 17:2** As they watched, he began to change form—his face shone like the sun, and his clothing became as white as light.

**Mat 17:3** Then they looked and saw Moshe and Eliyahu speaking with him.

**Mat 17:4** Kefa said to Yeshua, "It's good that we're here, Lord. I'll put up three

shelters if you want—one for you, one for Moshe and one for Eliyahu."

**Mat 17:5** While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them; and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

**Mat 17:6** When the talmidim heard this, they were so frightened that they fell face down on the ground.

**Mat 17:7** But Yeshua came and touched them. "Get up!" he said, "Don't be afraid."

**Mat 17:8** So they opened their eyes, looked up and saw only Yeshua by himself.

**Mat 17:9** As they came down the mountain, Yeshua ordered them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**Mat 17:10** The talmidim asked him, "Then why do the Torah-teachers say that Eliyahu must come first?"

**Mat 17:11** He answered, "On the one hand, Eliyahu is coming and will restore all things;

**Mat 17:12** on the other hand, I tell you that Eliyahu has come already, and people did not recognize him but did whatever they pleased to him. In the same way, the Son of Man too is about to suffer at their hands."

**Mat 17:13** Then the talmidim understood that he was talking to them about Yochanan the Immerser.