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Passover and the Aleph Tav – 2

Last Shabbat I shared with you the presence of the Aleph Tav in the Passover and the promises of Adonai known as the "Seven I Wills" found in Exodus 6.

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.' "

Thus the actions of Adonai from here on out in relation to what will transpire based on verse four where the Aleph Tav appears...

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

associate with Yeshua, for everything that occurred during the Passover relates to Yeshua.

And to remind you of the "Seven I Wills" specifically, they are...

1. I will free you from the forced labor of the Egyptians
2. Rescue you from their oppression

3. Redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.
4. I will take you as my people
5. I will be your God
6. I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov
7. I will give it to you as your inheritance

In order to free Israel from bondage and forced labor at the hands of the Egyptians, Adonai enlists Moshe as His representative to do so. Going to Pharaoh, Moshe would be speak on behalf of Adonai, in essence, His words are the Words of Adonai...

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."

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."

After much apprehension on the part of Moshe, he finally relented and would go as Adonai had instructed him. Moshe was not alone in that he would have his brother Aharon by his side.

Consider these next verses and the prominence Adonai has instilled upon Moshe...

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.

Adonai has put Moshe in the place of Himself. What is about to transpire is an interaction between Kings. Pharaoh the King of Egypt and Adonai the King of Kings. This is not about Moshe but about the words inspired by Adonai, the source and spoken by Moshe the vessel.

We see Yeshua in this manner based on what Adonai would reveal to Moshe in Deuteronomy...

Deu 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kinsmen. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I order him.

Yeshua conveys the following...

Joh 12:47 If anyone hears what I am saying and does not observe it, I don't judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

Joh 12:48 Those who reject me and don't accept what I say have a judge—the word which I have spoken will judge them on the Last Day.

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken on my own initiative, but the Father who sent me has given me a command, namely, what to say and how to say it.

Joh 12:50 And I know that his command is eternal life. So what I say is simply what the Father has told me to say."

Thus, throughout the interactions between Moshe and Pharaoh it is not his own words but it is as if Adonai is standing there speaking directly. When Aharon and Miryam were critical with Moshe, Adonai intervened and responded to their pettiness...

Num 12:6 He said, "Listen to what I say: when there is a prophet among you, I, Adonai, make myself known to him in a vision, I speak with him in a dream.

Num 12:7 But it isn't that way with my servant Moshe. He is the only one who is faithful in my entire household.

Num 12:8 With him I speak face to face and clearly, not in riddles; he sees the image of Adonai. So why weren't you afraid to criticize my servant Moshe?"

The impact Adonai would impose through Moshe was not to be taken lightly by anyone, King of Egypt or Brother and Sister, let alone countrymen who also would come against Adonai's chosen leader for His people.

I share all of this to convey the impact Adonai would have through one man, Moshe and how He is still using His creation to be impactful.

Consider the eighth plague Locusts.

Exo 10:1 Adonai said to Moshe, "Go to Pharaoh, for I have made him and his servants hardhearted, so that I can demonstrate these signs of mine among them,

Exo 10:2 so that you can tell your son and grandson about what I did to Egypt and about my signs that I demonstrated among them, and so that you will all know that I am Adonai."

Exo 10:3 Moshe and Aharon went in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Here is what Adonai, God of the Hebrews, says: 'How much longer will you refuse to submit to me? Let my people go, so that they can worship me.

Exo 10:4 Otherwise, if you refuse to let my people go, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory

Here is the impact of what is to be felt by the Egyptians through this plague...

Exo 10:5 One won't be able to see the ground, so completely will the locusts cover it. They will eat anything you still have that escaped the hail, including every tree you have growing in the field.

Exo 10:6 They will fill your houses and those of your servants and of all the Egyptians. It will be like nothing your fathers or their fathers have ever seen since the day they were born until today.' " Then he turned his back and left.

Exo 10:8 So Moshe and Aharon were brought to Pharaoh again, and he said to them, "Go, worship Adonai your God. But who exactly is going?"

Exo 10:9 Moshe answered, "We will go with our young and our old, our sons and our daughters; and we will go with our flocks and herds; for we must celebrate a feast to Adonai."

Exo 10:10 Pharaoh said to them, "Adonai certainly will be with you if I ever let you go with your children! It's clear that you are up to no good.

Exo 10:11 Nothing doing! Just the men among you may go and worship Adonai. That's what you want, isn't it?" And they were driven out of Pharaoh's presence.

Exo 10:12 Adonai said to Moshe, "Reach out your hand over the land of Egypt, so that locusts will invade the land and eat every plant that the hail has left."

Exo 10:13 Moshe reached out with his staff over the land of Egypt, and Adonai caused an east wind to blow on the land all day and all night; and in the morning the east wind brought the locusts.

Exo 10:14 The locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and settled throughout Egypt's territory. It was an invasion more severe than there had ever been before or will ever be again.

Exo 10:15 They completely covered the ground, so that the ground looked black. They ate every plant growing from the ground and all the fruit of the trees left by the hail. Not one green thing remained, not a tree and not a plant in the field, in all the land of Egypt.

Consider the devastation that occurred. What the hail didn't damage the locusts did. Consider this more recent event...

*The [desert locust](#) (*Schistocerca gregaria*) is probably the best known species owing to its wide distribution ([North Africa](#), [Middle East](#), and [Indian subcontinent](#)) [\[22\]](#) and its ability to [migrate](#) over long distances. A [major infestation covered much of western Africa from 2003 to 2005](#), after unusually heavy rain set up*

favorable ecological conditions for swarming. The first outbreaks occurred in Mauritania, Mali, Niger, and Sudan in 2003. The rain allowed swarms to develop and move north to Morocco and Algeria, threatening croplands. [26][27] Swarms crossed Africa, appearing in Egypt, Jordan and Israel, the first time in those countries for 50 years. [28][29] The cost of handling the infestation was put at US\$122 million, and the damage to crops at up to \$2.5 billion. [30]

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Locust>

The presence of the Aleph Tav is found in two places in Exodus 10...

Exo 10:2 so that you can tell your son and grandson (Aleph Tav) about what I did to Egypt and about my signs that I demonstrated among them, and so that you will all know that I am Adonai."

I believe the Aleph Tav here relates back to the Aleph Tav of Exodus 6:4 and the Covenant.

How?

The Covenant made with Avraham was not only to him but to his descendants. As such, the Passover is based on the promise of that covenant while building upon it through Moshe.

Gen 17:7 "I am establishing my covenant between me and you, along with your descendants after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting covenant, to be God for you and for your descendants after you.

Gen 17:8 I will give you and your descendants after you the land in which you are now foreigners, all the land of Kena`an, as a permanent possession; and I will be their God."

Hence the connection to the covenant and the land referenced in Exodus 6:4

Exo 10:12 Adonai said to Moshe, "Reach out your hand over the land of Egypt, so that locusts will invade the land and eat (Aleph Tav) every plant that the hail has left."

I have shared with you that in order to understand Revelation you must view it through the lens of Passover. It is the Passover that unlocks our true understanding to the prophecy that is revealed to us in Revelation.

Rev 9:1 The fifth angel sounded his shofar; and I saw a star that had fallen out of heaven onto the earth, and he was given the key to the shaft leading down to

the Abyss.

Rev 9:2 He opened the shaft of the Abyss, and there went up smoke from the shaft like the smoke of a huge furnace; the sun was darkened, and the sky too, by the smoke from the shaft.

Rev 9:3 Then out of the smoke onto the earth came locusts, and they were given power like the power scorpions have on earth.

Rev 9:4 They were instructed not to harm the grass on the earth, any green plant or any tree, but only the people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

Rev 9:5 The locusts were not allowed to kill them, only to inflict pain on them for five months; and the pain they caused was like the pain of a scorpion sting.

Rev 9:6 In those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

These locusts are even more devastating than the locusts of the Exodus and thus even more destructive.

We as believers should not be disturbed by what is to transpire, but should be more resolute in our faith in Yeshua. Just as the plagues did not touch the Jewish people who resided in Goshen, so to we are protected by Adonai.

Let me close with this...

1Th 5:1 But you have no need to have anything written to you, brothers, about the times and dates when this will happen;

1Th 5:2 because you yourselves well know that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

1Th 5:3 When people are saying, "Everything is so peaceful and secure," then destruction will suddenly come upon them, the way labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there is no way they will escape.

1Th 5:4 But you, brothers, are not in the dark, so that the Day should take you by surprise like a thief;

1Th 5:5 for you are all people who belong to the light, who belong to the day. We don't belong to the night or to darkness,

1Th 5:6 so let's not be asleep, like the rest are; on the contrary, let us stay alert and sober.

1Th 5:7 People who sleep, sleep at night; and people who get drunk, get drunk at night.

1Th 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us stay sober, putting on trust and love as a breastplate and the hope of being delivered as a helmet.

1Th 5:9 For God has not intended that we should experience his fury, but that we

should gain deliverance through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah,

1Th 5:10 who died on our behalf so that whether we are alive or dead, we may live along with him.

1Th 5:11 Therefore, encourage each other, and build each other up—just as you are doing.