

THE YEAR 5781

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I. TODAY, WE ARE LIVING IN THE MOST SIGNIFICANT, PROPHETICALLY CHARGED MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND ———

A. This past Monday, the world watched in wonder as the ***Lord God of Israel*** was worshipped in Yom Kippur (***Day of Atonement***) —

B. *At-One*-ment ———

1. The culmination of 10 Days of Awe — this special appointed time begins with **Rosh Hashanah** has ended on **Yom Kippur** —

2. The ***Kohen Gadol*** (High Priest) has been incredibly busy performing his task —

a. He's immersed himself for days in the preparation of ministering in the **Holy Temple** on the ***Day of Atonement*** (**Yom Kippur**) —

b. We at once are filled with appreciation for the devotion with which the **Priest** exercises the discharge of his duties —

i. he has worked with the utmost celerity & precision, from the first moments of its commencement to the final seconds of **Yom Kippur** —

ii. The **Priest** has had no breaks, no time-out, no do-overs —

iii. No, the **Kohen Gadol** must be completely & utterly focused.

iv. **His** *mind, body, & soul* must move in unison as he advances through the day, completing one vital task after another.

c. The **Priest** bears upon his shoulders the ultimate responsibility for himself, for his family, for his people, & for the world.

C. While it is true that we are not the **Kohen Gadol**, we are t/ N. T.'s **new creation Priest** whose task & responsibility are no less weighty than that of the priestly order of old -

- D. And while it is true that **God's** extravagant grace has allowed us to live within the width & breadth of **God's** Love without regard to our performance —
1. We are still invited to meet **God** in **His** notable Days & set Feasts — to present to **Him** ourselves - the total man: **physical, mental & spiritual** —
 2. **Yom Kippur** provides for us an unparalleled opportunity for correction & recalibration, for realignment, recommitment & redirection in our lives —
- E. Here's what happens on **Yom Kippur** — **Opportunity** literally knocks on our door as the **Gates of Teshuva** (*repentance, return*) open, & remain open from start to finish —
- F. **God's** fastens his attention on each & every one of us —
1. This is the Moment (the *Day of Atonement*) our golden moment for rectifying our past mistakes & starting again in life —

2. You see, the *Rabbi's* taught that this moment was so significant that it affected **TIME** —
- The *Jews* do not believe that **TIME** is like a train of cars hitched to one another, with one year being dragged along by the one before it —
 - To the *Jew*, **Yom Kippur** announced that a **New Year** arrived with *fresh, new energy & new blessings* —
 - HaYom Haras Olam** — the day the entirety of creation is renewed with all the possibilities of a grand, transformative **new beginning** —
- G. Just like the **Kohen Gadol**, we are tailor-made for the ministry assignment before us —
- "For it is God who works in you to will & to act in order to fulfill His good purpose."**
Phil. 2:13 NIV
 - In this **holy** moment, this prophetic day, we can enter into worship with a sweeter understanding of **God's** *Grace & Love* for us.

3. **Yom Kippur** (*Day of Atonement*) exists for one reason & one reason only: **God loves us!**

II. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURES ARE REplete WITH THE SIGNS & WONDERS OF REVELATION** —

- A. It is in the **Word of God** that we find treasures of *truth* about **Life!** —
- B. It is in **Daniel 8**, that we discover **God's Angel of Secrets** — **"Then I heard one saint (Angel) speaking, & another saint (Angel) said to that certain saint which spoke, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, & the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary & the host to be trodden under foot?"** **Daniel 8:13**

1. The **Daniel 8:13** vision is recalling **Daniel 7:16** — where an *Angel* is speaking to a higher-ranking *Angel* — specifically, the **Numberer of God's Secrets** (*Palmoni*) —

2. So, we see here that **God** has an *Angel* who is **His Guardian of Numbers** —

C. When we study languages, it is interesting to note that *Paul* emphatically states in **Acts 26**, ***"And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, & saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecute thou Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads."*** **Acts 26:14**

1. **God** spoke to **Paul** in **Hebrew** —

2. **Hebrew** itself is often considered sacred, & is referred to as *lashon ha-kodesh* - **the holy language**.

a. According to Rabbinic tradition, **Hebrew** is considered to be the **language** of *Angels*, & indeed, of **God** —

b. According to the Rabbinic teachings, **Hebrew** is thought to be the original **language of humanity** & was the **original language** spoken by all mankind before the ***Tower of Babel*** —

- c. It's also important to note that it is the **Hebrew** language that is thought to be the language that **God** used to create the world.
- d. The midrash states that, "*Just as Torah was given in **lashon ha-kodesh**, so the world was created with **lashon ha-kodesh**.*"

III. **IN BIBLICAL HERMANUETICS, WE FIND THE HEBREW LANGUAGE FILLED WITH A "SIGN & WONDER" REALITY — REVEALING TRUTH ABOUT LIFE.**

- A. The **Hebrew** word for "*letter*" is *ot* (אֵת), which can also mean "*sign*" or "*wonder*."
 1. Each letter in the *Aleph-Bet*, called *otiyot yesod* ([אֵתֵי יְסוּדֵי] foundational letters) contains *signs* that point to wonderful truths about life!
 2. Through *otiyot yesod* **God** formed substance out of chaos & brought forth existence from nonexistence —
 - a. The entire universe is created & sustained by the divine language (the **Word of God**).

b. When the **Lord** spoke the universe into existence, **His** Words still echo throughout all creation, sustaining it & preserving it in being —

3. *Yeshua the Mashiach* (**Jesus the Messiah**) is called **devar Elohim** (דְּבַר אֱלֹהִים), the *Word of God*, & the *Aleph & Tav* (אלפתו) —

B. For the purposes of our study, this chart of the **Hebrew Alphabet** will help us navigate our study. Remember, the Hebrew alphabet starts with *Aleph* & proceeds from right-to-left —

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|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 8 Chet ח | 7 Zayin ז | 6 Vav ו | 5 Hey ה | 4 Dalet ד | 3 Gimmel ג | 2 Bet ב | 1 Aleph א |
| 70 Ayin ע | 60 Samekh ס | 50 Nun נ | 40 Mem מ | 30 Lamed ל | 20 Kaf כ | 10 Yod י | 9 Tet ט |
| 400 Tav ת | 300 Shin ש | 200 Resh ר | 100 Qof ק | 90 Tsade צ | 80 Pey פ | | |

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C. *Yeshua HaMashiach* (***Jesus the Messiah***) is called ***devar Elohim*** (דְּבַר אֱלֹהִים), the ***Word of God***, & the ***Aleph & Tav*** (אלפתו), who upholds all of the created order by the Word of His power.

1. It is the ***Messiah Jesus*** (*Mashiach Yeshua*) alone ***Who*** is the true *yesod* (foundation) of life itself.
2. Every holy utterance can be traced back to ***Him***, & ***He*** is the *Source & Origin* of all that is good, lasting, & righteous.
 - a. In fact, ***Jesus*** (*Yeshua*) is called ***"the zohar of His glory,"*** that is, ***the radiance of the glory of God Himself,*** who ***"upholds all things by the Word of His power"***

Hebrews 1:3

- a. Since ***He*** is the ***First & the Last***, we can see that the *otiyot* (Heb: letters) all reveal something about ***Him***.

IV. IN THE HEBREW LANGUAGE, WE KNOW THAT EACH LETTER HAS A NUMERIC VALUE & A SYMBOL —

| Aleph | Bet | Gimel | Dalet | Hey | Vav | Zayin | Chet | Tet | Yud | Kaf |
|-------|-----|-------|--------|------|-----|--------|------|------|------|-----|
| א | ב | ג | ד | ה | ו | ז | ח | ט | י | כ |
| | | | | | | | | | | ך |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 20 |
| Lamed | Mem | Nun | Samech | Ayin | Pey | Tsaddi | Kuf | Resh | Shin | Tav |
| ל | מ | נ | ס | ע | פ | צ | ק | ר | ש | ת |
| | ם | ן | | | ף | ץ | | | | |
| 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 |

- A.** These numerical values are significant because they hold meaning. For ex: 7 = completion, perfection; 30 = Priesthood, 40 = testing, etc.
- B.** Let's review: the Jewish year **5780** (last year [our 2020]) was connected to two letters **Zayin** (7) & **Peh** (80) —
1. The letter **Zayin** means: **Sword** (weapon) &
 2. The letter **Peh** means: **Mouth** —
 - a. In 2020, we've seen tongues as swords & mouths used as weapons to attack others —

b. And, the *Believer* has had to use his/her **confessions of faith** to **overcome** with their mouth, the strategy of the enemy who decreed their silence, to shut their mouths of worship (which he knows is our warfare)

c. **Praise is our Weapon** ———— "*As they began to sing & praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon & Moab & Mount Seir who were invading Judah, & they were defeated.*" **2 Chron. 20:22**

d. Praise to **God** brings down **His** Presence & there **He** shows **His** Almighty power.

i. Your praise is disastrous for your enemy!

C. Now, on September 18-19, we entered into the year of **5781** —

1. The *Torah* reading for this year's *Rosh Hashanah* dealt with: Isaac's birth, God sparing Hagar & her son being saved, & Abraham & Abimelech digging wells —
2. Emphasis: Covenants & what **God** does for His people through His covenants —

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1. The 5th letter of the Aleph-bet is: **Hey**
2. The 7th letter is: **Zayin**
3. The 8th letter is: **Chet**
4. The 1st letter is: **Aleph**

E. So now we see in the 5, 7, 8, 1 these things:

1. **5** is symbolized by the "**Eye**" - window to the soul, eternity, to see, to experience —
 - a. The Eye — Watch ("*behold the ...*") —

Matt. 26:41: "*Watch & pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.*"

 - i. This is the year to keep your eyes open.
 - ii. This is the year to be very careful to guard (with your eyes wide open) yourself against the testing of the enemy!
2. **7** is symbolized by the "**Plow**" - weapon, cut off —
 - a. **Luke 9:62: "*Jesus replied, 'No one who puts a hand to the plow & looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of God.'*"**

- b. I'm not leaving the church —
 - c. I'm not getting mad —
 - d. I'm keeping my hand on the plow & working in the fields of the **Lord** —
 - e. Since **Zayin** also means weapon - it's a year to be sure that you are armored up; the whole armor of **God** — (covering heart, mind, soul, & strength)
3. **8** is **Chet**, symbolized by the "**Fence**" — separation, fence, —
- a. This is very important. **God** told us in **His Word** that there would be a separation of:
 - i. the *wheat* from *tares*, — **Matt. 13:24-43**
 - ii. the *sheep* from *goats*, — **Matt. 25:31-46**
 - iii. *good fish* from *bad fish* — **Matt. 13:47-50**
 - b. This year be sure your fencing is in place!
 - c. Put a *fence* between you & the person who wishes to speak contemptuously, that person who entices you to sin, the scoffers, mockers —

- d. Be careful to guard your hearts from negativity, deceit, & lies —
 - e. Put up guardrails of godliness — that guard you from wrong influences, from slander & gossip, etc.. — ***Separate Yourself*** —
4. **1** is **Aleph**, symbolized by the "**Ox**" —
- a. An **Ox** carries burdens. It's a sure four-footed beast that is able to bear up under the weight of faithful ministry —
 - b. The Bible says, ***"he that endures to the end shall be saved"*** & the word "***endure***" there means: ***"he who bears up under weight."***
Matt. 24:13
 - c. These next 12 months you have to be positioned to stand up under the pressure —
5. Now, the letter for **80** is **Pey**, which is a mouth/word/speak — & the letter for **1** is **Aleph**, which is also ***God*** (Leader/First)
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