

## Eikev 2022

Eikev/"On the Heel of" ("Because"), Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25, continues on in Mosheh's final speech to the children of Israel. Over and over again we find emphasized that Israel accessing and entering the land of their inheritance is a covenant promise from Yahweh! This entire passage speaks directly to the importance of one's faith! Translators differ on the best translation of this Hebrew opening phrase "ve'hayah eikev" – whether it should be "and if you listen" or "and because you listen". Eikev refers to action – literally walking out what you have heard! So whether you are currently in the category of "if you listen" – waiting to see if you will be obedient, or the category of "because you listen", affirming your obedience that leads to these very blessings, the reminder is that faith without works is dead. [James 2:17](#) – "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." You must walk out what you have heard!

[Deuteronomy 7:12](#) – once again we must take a closer look at this opening phrase "ve'hayah eikev".

Wherefore: Strong's #1961 hayah (ve'hayah) הָיָה to be, become, exist, הָיָה is an encoded version of the name Yahweh! And it is from this root that comes the remarkable phrase – " I AM that I AM - I was, I am, and I will be who I will be; the NAME and promise that first started Israel's journey out of Egypt, Mosheh was instructed at the burning bush in Ex. 3:13-15, 'Ehyeh 'Asher 'Ehyeh – I AM THAT I AM, sends you. It opens with a promise and a reminder! Yahweh purposefully connected the revealing of this Name with not only the promised deliverance of Israel from Egypt but the promised inheritance as well!

\*In fact, in Hebrew the verb to be is usually omitted. It is only used when a behavior is specified that defines whatever is doing the behaving. So that means when Yahweh declares and calls Himself I AM – it's revealing He is busy working and moving in this role! What a powerful intro to start with – Yahweh is I AM, He is moving and working, not still or complacent regarding His promises!

If: Strong's #6118 'eqev עָקַב consequence, as a consequence of, that because; the end, the latter part of anything, unto the end; the cognate roots mean the end, the last reason for something, the goal, the chronological end of a process - do you think this passage is speaking not only to those standing before Moses, but to those at the end, the last generation, the final, lowest, last group – the heel, who also stand waiting to access exceeding precious promises, an inheritance, the goal of the Covenant, a full restoration?

From the root #6119 'aqev אָקַב heel, rear, footprint, hinder part, extreme rear; stems from #6117 'aqav אָקַף to supplant, circumvent, take by the heel, follow at the

heel; this term is directly connected to the name Jacob/Ya'akov! The first reference of this root stem is found in **Genesis 3:15** – “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel (‘aqev).”

\*This prophetic statement is multi-layered! Ultimately it is a prophecy of the Messiah Yahshua who will bruise the head of the serpent, it describes an ongoing war between the seed lines from this moment throughout the entire Scriptures that is still raging today, but also perhaps intentionally revealing the serpent's attempt to bruise the 'eikev – the last, final generation at the end? A generation posed and ready to take possession of the inheritance, a generation posed and ready to bruise his head (kingdom and authority)?

Bruise: Strong's #7779 shuph שׁוּפַח to bruise, to crush, to gape upon, seize, or strike out; but also can infer to cover, to overwhelm, envelop, engulfing; gematria = 386, the same as lashon (#3956) לָשׁוֹן tongue, language, speech – it's revealing the method of the enemy, just as he did with the woman/'ishshah in the Garden, he will attempt to overwhelm you, engulf, and cover you with words meant to confuse and deceive specifically in regards to the 'aqeb/heel/footsteps – your walk!

\*Hence, the first instructions within this passage to this generation is first to hear, then to keep and do! You must walk out what you've heard!

It seems the Hebrew is revealing much more than meets the eye! This becomes a prophetic declaration reaching through time all the way to our day with a Covenant promise and reminder to the generation that would deal with the brunt of this attack, that Yahweh has declared “I AM THAT I AM, and I will be who I will be” – I AM moving and working on your behalf as a consequence/because of your walk, your ability to hear, and your obedience! It seems that we're having revealed to us the Covenant framework of how to see the manifestation of His NAME and presence in our lives, specifically when faced with insurmountable odds regarding that promise/inheritance!

Let's look closer at what it means to have an inheritance, or to inherit! **2 Peter 1:4** – “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

Inherit: Strong's #3423 yarash יָרַשׁ to seize, dispossess, to drive out, take possession of, inherit, or be an heir; Yahweh's covenantal promise and relationship is directly related throughout the Scriptures with Israelite possession (and thereby foreign dispossession) of the Promised Land. Possession of the land was directly connected to a person's relationship with Yahweh, breaking the covenantal relationship led to dispossession!

\*Yarash is a cognate of the root of the name Israel יִשְׂרָאֵל containing the root yashar יָשַׁר meaning straight, upright, often used to refer to the straight (and narrow) path we are admonished to stay on, compared to the crooked path.

With this word connection, Israel could also infer the one who is the heir (yashar/yarash) of Elohim ('El)?

Interesting that there is a connection to the two names of Jacob & Israel! Jacob – the footsteps, and Israel – the straight path! It seems to connect that this admonishment found within Eikev – Jacob, is instructions regarding the path that will transform the seed of Jacob (this generation) into Israel, into one whom is a capable heir of Elohim in order to rightfully access those promises and inheritance!

1<sup>st</sup> reference of yarash is found within **Gen. 15:3-8** in regards to Abram's discussion with Yahweh regarding both having an heir (one capable of inheriting and carrying on the Promise), as well as the Promise/Possession itself- referred to as the land.

Land: Strong's #776 'erets אֶרֶץ land, earth; that which was first created in **Gen. 1:1** – “In the beginning, Elohim created the heaven and the earth/'erets.” Yet the erets becomes waste and desolate (tohu v'bohu) in **Gen. 1:2!** Could the land (synonymous with the inheritance/promise) have the potential to become waste and desolate if there is not one to yarash – to inherit, to possess it and therefore dispossess that which brings devastation?

\*Hence Abram's concern regarding having an heir! The promise can be made desolate if there is not one capable of possessing it! I believe Abram also understood that while in this flesh, that has death (tohu v'bohu – waste and desolation) working in it due to the fall and compromise of Adam, he is incapable of being the heir outside of a divine encounter! Hence at the close of Gen. 15, Abram is put into a deep sleep, and the smoking furnace and burning lamp (the MESSIAH) walks between the pieces, cutting the covenant with Yahweh!

Remember the opening word of this passage – ve'ayah! I AM THAT I AM has cut a covenant with Himself! And for His NAME's sake, this covenant will be honored! As long as we are in Messiah, as long as we walk on the yashar/straight path, then we too can be recognized as Yashar-El – an heir of Elohim! **Galatians 4:7** – “Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of Yah through Messiah.”

Jacob must become Israel, Eikev – the heel (both this generation Moses is speaking to, and our generation, the heel/last generation) in order to access their promises/inheritance!

\*Now you can understand why the enemy will do everything in his power to overwhelm and confuse you – as long as you're walking and standing in this place, it's the I AM that manifests on your behalf, because he's dealing with Yashar-El an heir who has the right to call on that NAME!

In fact, BeYisra'el בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל “In Israel” has a numerical value of 543, the same as the phrase “Ehyeh 'Asher 'Ehyeh” – I AM THAT I AM!! When we are within Israel, within this place of Covenant and intimate walk, we have direct access to call upon and see

this NAME made manifest, and this NAME resides or is housed in Israel! **Psalm 22:3**  
– “But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”

Numerous times throughout the Scripture is found the phrase “for your name’s sake” lema’an shimka לְמַעַן-שִׁמְךָ lema’an comes from the root #4616 ma’an מַעַן purpose, intent, for the sake of, to the end that; from the root #6030 ‘anah אָנַח to answer, respond, testify, speak, shout, to sing – Yahweh causes His NAME to answer, respond, testify, speak, and shout when His NAME is at stake!

Back to Eikev – “if you hearken”

Hearken/Hear: Strong’s #8085 shama’ שָׁמַע to hear, listen, obey; to hear from a Hebraic mindset is to do/to obey; the two cannot be separated! You cannot say you’ve heard and then do the opposite; it’s an indicator you didn’t truly hear! The 2 letter root stem forms Shem שֵׁם Name (the character and authority of Yahweh) and the ׀ = to see, experience, and know – when we shema’, truly hear, then we see and experience His NAME which will answer on our behalf!

Breaking this term down further: ש = to destroy & מ = Chaos – His Name destroys the chaos (the tohu v’bohu waste and desolate condition) that attempts to take possession of our promises! When we shema’, when we hear and do (walk it out), this is the key that unlocks the yarash/inheritance He has for us!

\*In fact, to do the opposite, leads to removal from that same inheritance!

**Gen. 3:8-10**, Adam heard/shama’, the Voice, but does not obey and is removed from the Garden!

Keep: Strong’s #8104 shamar שָׁמַר to guard, keep, observe, give heed; incidentally it’s connected to the root #8105 shemer שֹׁמֵר hints at filtering, removing the dregs or waste. It’s building upon what it means to properly hear/shema’ – we must also remove the waste! The waste words that attempt to come in and overwhelm you contrary to the promise you heard!

\*In fact this term is used to describe one who won’t act, has no conviction, does nothing, and are stagnant in spirit. Once again, revealing what’s expected of you and I to be considered Yashar’El (Israel – an Heir of Elohim). When we hear, there must be a corresponding action on our part. To do nothing with the word you’ve been given allows that promise to become waste and desolate!

Do: Strong’s #6213 ‘asah אָשָׂה to do, fashion, accomplish, make, to attend or put in order, to act with effect – walk out what you hear, act with effect and purpose!

\*Moses is laying out the 3 keys steps to Israel (and you and I) going forward in victory, accessing the inheritance/blessings/promises! This is how Jacob becomes Israel, one who is able to stand upright and in opposition to the chaos and devastation, considered one capable of being an heir, a steward of the promises!

Sadly, the seed of Jacob has a long track record of not staying under the mantle of Israel, and therefore allowing the promises to become waste and desolate as we see referenced in **Jeremiah 16:16** – “Thus saith Yahweh, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the ancient paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.” – this challenge is now issued to the ‘eikev generation listening today!

In fact, when this covenant promise is first made in regards to the seed of Abraham (**Gen. 15**), Yahweh declares the inheritance is that of 10 specific nations (Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaims, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, & the Jebusites). Yet in **Deut. 7:1** only 7 nations are listed that Israel will possess/yarash! – Do you think perhaps there’s levels of this inheritance and promise that have yet to be possessed, and is waiting on this ‘eikev generation to do so?

The three specific nations mentioned only in the promise to Abraham are the Kenites, Kenizzites, and Kadmonites.

Kenites: Strong’s #7017 Qeni קִינִי smiths; stems from the root qanan קָנַן to make a nest, to form or to prepare; from this root stems the Hebrew word qen קֶן nest, cells, or rooms – describes the rooms or compartments built within the Ark by Noah. This root is also seen in describing how Yahweh led Israel in the wilderness!

\***Deut. 32:11, 12** – “As an eagle stirreth up her nest/qen, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings; so Yahweh alone did lead him and there was no strange god with him.”

Digging deeper here, the term fluttereth: Strong’s #7363 rachaph רָחַף to grow soft, relax, to hover, to tremble, vibrating; used only in 3 verses, the 1<sup>st</sup> in **Gen. 1:2** – “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim moved/rachaph upon the face of the waters.”

Could this whole promise of inheritance that Abraham is entering into, that Israel is now about to access, that this ‘eikev generation is challenged with accessing go beyond the scope of a physical plot of land? Its about His Spirit hovering, vibrating, fluttering over the place that has become waste and desolate (tohu v’bohu), once again restoring life to that promise and transforming the one who is found within this nest/ark into one who is capable of being the heir of Elohim! Abraham was being given a promise that was reaching all the way to the last final generation, a promise of restoration, a promise that there would be a generation raised up that would take on the mantel of Yashar-El, an heir to the promise!

Kenizzites: Strong’s #7074 Qenizzi קִנִּיזִי descendant of Kenaz; from the root (#7073) Qenaz קִנָּז hunter, hunting; same letters rearranged also form nezaq נִזָּק to suffer injury, or damage

Kadmonites: Strong's #6935 Qadmoni קדמוני Easterners; former, ancient; from the root qadam (#6923) קדם to meet, come or be in front, go before, or precede

Hidden within these names is the promise that when we return to the ancient paths (Remember **Jeremiah 16:16** – "...see and ask for the ancient paths..."), there is one waiting to meet with you – I believe it's the same Burning Lamp that first walked between the pieces making this Covenant Promise, and this divine encounter is about addressing the injury and damage that has been done to the inheritance/promise associated with this Covenant for HIS NAME SAKE. It's about finding yourself in the place where His Spirit hovers/rachaph over what has become waste and desolate, and see those promises restored!

Shema' – walk out what you have heard....it's the path that leads you to this divine encounter, the ancient paths, where we see HIS NAME manifest and answer regarding the injury and damage that's been done. And it's from this place the 'eikev – the last generation, the heel, the lowest and farthest from the promise, will become Yashar'El – the one who stands upright and is a fit heir to those promises!

**Isaiah 49:8** – "Thus saith Yahweh, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;"