

Lekh Lekha 2022

Lekh-Lekha/"When You Go Forth", Genesis 12:1-17:27, begins with Abram's call to come out of the land of the Chaldees/Haran (aka Babylon) to the land that Yahweh would show him. This same call is echoed in **Revelation 18:4** – "...Come out of her my people..." Abram's journey then seems to set the example and precedent regarding what it means to do just that! Notice that both here in Abram's example as well as in Revelation, it starts with hearing the Voice! The promise is not seen/made manifest, until after the hearer has been obedient to the word that was given.

It would seem then that our ability to come out of her my people – exit from the clutches of Babylon, is contingent upon our ability to hear, and be obedient to what we have heard! To hear/shema' 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!

With one of the most repeated phrases by the Messiah being "he that hath an ear, let him hear", and our ability to extricate ourselves from Babylon prior to great devastation depending upon our ability to hear, then we must look closer at exactly what does it mean to do so? Looking closer at shema' שְׁמָעַיִת it contains the 2 letter root of Shem שֵׁם Name, represents one's character, authority; it also functions as a remembrance or memorial, and to continue the name of someone through a family lineage is symbolic of that name living and being ongoing.

In other words, what you hear carries within it the character and authority of the speaker, and our obedience to hear and do – be obedient to that word, functions as a memorial and remembrance of the word that was given causing the Name of the one who spoke the Word to live on! The same letters that form shema' rearranged form the Hebrew word 'amas אָמַס to carry, to load, the task of carrying a load or burden.

*Do you realize the significance of your hearing?? You literally carry that word, give life to it, and it becomes a memorial established in your life to function as a constant reminder that the acceptance of this word was the start of the journey! **Romans 10:17** – "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of Yah."

It's no accident that our hearing is the first sense compromised during the fall in the Garden of Eden, the Nachash spoke to the woman not only releasing a word with all the same abilities as we've just went over, but also questioning what they had previously heard/been instructed from Yahweh Himself! The consequences of their compromised hearing is made evident when the Voice comes walking (halak – root stem of lekh lekha), the Voice that is carrying/giving life to the WORD reveals the drastic difference from what Adam is now carrying/garmented with – remember

your garments are directly connected to your status, they have taken on another word!

The compromising of our hearing is what first enslaves us, and yet is also the key to being set free and coming out of her my people! Yahshua Himself declares the Shema' as the greatest commandment (Mark 12:28-30)

Luke 8:18 – “Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.”

The ability to hear is quite significant especially in light of the location that both Abram is coming out of, as well as where we're being called out – Babylon/Babel, where the language is confounded, therefore the ability to hear and understand is hindered!

Confound: #1101 balal בָּלַל to mix, mingle, confuse, confound, to pour over or anoint; indicates something that is being mingled/poured together as in the mixing of the counterfeit with the genuine; can also infer something that is saturated, to fill something until it is so full that it cannot possibly absorb anything else!

*This is the method of Babylon – to intermingle and mix the truth with the lie, to genetically modify the seed of His WORD as well as the vessel where that Word has been deposited, and then to inundate the masses with it. To cause it to be so overwhelming and for them to drink so much of what is being offered that the people now are incapable of absorbing or HEARING anything else!

Yet it's evident Abram is still able to Shema'! The numbers here lend insight, the difference between shema' (410) and balal (62) = 348, the same value as mowshav מוֹשָׁב (#4186) dwelling place, to inhabit, dwell or abide, indicating where we choose to dwell, sit/abide affects our hearing! It is also the value of mashach מָשַׁח to anoint, smear, or consecrate! Abram has chosen to abide and dwell in the place where the true anointing of the Presence of Yahweh is!

*Isaiah 10:27 – “...the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.” It's this anointing that destroys the bondage and the yoke of Babylon enabling him to hear/shema' the Word! Psalms 91:1 speaks of this dwelling – “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

Now that we understand Abram's journey is based first on his ability to hear, let's look at what he hears! Genesis 12:1-3

Get the out: Lekh Lekha לֶךְ-לְךָ from the root #3212 yalak יָלַךְ to go, walk, or come; the phrase Lekh Lekha infers to walk or go forth for yourself, for your own benefit, or that its in your best interest to do so!

Breaking it apart ל = toward, as moving something in a different direction; authority (the Shepherd's staff, the leader of the flock), and can also mean yoke, the staff on

the shoulders, to tie or bind to something; כ/ך = open palm of the hand, also means to bend or curve, as well as to tame or subdue as one who has been bent to another's will; this letter is also specifically connected with the power of the potential (what's promised/spoken) being made manifest (in your hand/grasp)!

*The call Abram hears and is obedient to, is that of taking on the yoke of that word, he becomes bound to it, his own will is subdued in order to honor Yahweh! And because of his obedience to hear and do, the promises that are first vocalized here will be seen manifest in his life!

It's quite interesting because it seems Abram's obedience to this word is quickly tested! **Genesis 12:10** – famine in the land! A physical famine is always directly connected to a spiritual famine as well!

There was: Strong's #1961 hayah הָיָה to be, become, come to pass, exist, or happen; to arise, appear, to be instituted or established, to abide; unlike English the Hebrew sentence structure does not require or depend on "to be" verbs! So the use of hayah here is quite interesting! Here conjugated as vayehi, seen quite often in this form throughout Genesis 1 during the Creation account – a word is released and then it becomes and is.

*Could this be our first clue that there is more than meets the eye in regards to this famine? It is a word that has been released that has now appeared, is being instituted and established and is abiding or dwelling in the very place of and contrary to the promise Abram has been given!

Famine: Strong's #7458 ra'ab רָעַב famine, hunger, scarcity (*this is the first reference of a famine!); from #7456 ra'eb רָעַב to be hungry, to be voracious; before looking closer at this concept of famine, it's significant to note that all of the patriarchs experience famine (Abram, Isaac, & Jacob), it is also prophesied of regarding the end days!

Once again Abram's journeys seem to set the pattern for his seed regarding future prophetic events! **Amos 8:11** – "Behold, the days come, saith Adonai Yahweh, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing/shema' the words of Yahweh:" – notice the famine is clarified as not being a famine of His WORD, but a famine of hearing/shema'!

*The significance of our ability to hear is paramount! In the midst of a famine, the word you were given, that you now carry and are yoked to, becomes a memorial constantly reminding and declaring the Word that was released, and it causes the WORD to live on and flourish in the midst of the famine – if you are able to hear!

Do you realize the time of the famine will expose the level of hearing – the level of commitment to the word you were given? Let's look closer at this word for famine! It's written with the same Hebrew letters as 3 other unique words

- 1) 'Abar עָבַר – (#5674) to cross over, specifically used to describe how one crosses over a river or stream, can indicate a passage or place of crossing

over, also indicates leaving or passing from one place to another, even in the sense of passing away; from this root we get the term Hebrew ('Ivriy)

It's describing a method to cross through something safely that could be detrimental otherwise! Can you see the picture being revealed? The WORD becomes a vessel that enables you to have safe passage through the rushing floodwaters or through the famine! The Word is your ark/tevah תֵּבָה – which happens to have a numerical value of 407, the same as 'oth תֹּא sign, distinguishing mark, but also can infer a standard, a physical emblem, monument or memorial for remembrance! Remember the Word you hear functions as a memorial? That same word becomes the very ark that will carry you through!

What's the connection between the idea of a famine and a flood/rushing waters? Remember Amos 8 clarifies that the coming famine is one of *hearing* the word! Water is synonymous with words/seed released! Could the coming famine of hearing be due to the overwhelming flood of words/seed that is released upon the earth (just like Babel/Babylon) that will hinder the majority from properly hearing instead they will be filled by this flood of words that arises and establishes itself?

Revelation 12:15 – “And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.”

Carried away of the flood: Strong's G#4216 potamophoretos ποταμοφόρητος carried away by a stream, overwhelmed, drowned in the waters; stems all the way from the root pino (#4095) πίνω to drink, figuratively to receive into the soul what serves to refresh, strengthen, and nourish; a derivative of phoreo (#5409) φορέω to bear constantly, to wear; from the root meaning to carry or to bear a burden

*It's revealing how the famine starts! The word of the serpent is presented as something that refreshes, strengthens, nourishes, and brings longevity! Yet once partaken of, this is now the word you bear and carry, you now wear this as your garment! Now that individual is no longer yoked to the promised word they were given, the hearing is compromised with devastating consequences! Just as it changed the physical nature of Adam, as well as his ability to communicate, think, and function in the role he was created for, so it will again!

Now back to the word for famine ra'ab and the next 2 words that are cognates, we've just looked at 'abar (root of Hebrew/'Ivriy) revealing one level of hearing.

- 2) Ba'ar בָּעַר – (#1197) to feed upon, to burn, consume, destroy, to be brutish or stupid, describes one who will not learn discipline! The second category that the famine exposes is those who have initially been given/heard a word, yet because they are undisciplined regarding the handling of that word by their own actions and choices its consumed, destroyed, eaten up in the midst of the famine/hard times and unable to sustain them or carry them through to the other side unlike the 'abar – the 'Ivriy where the Word becomes the Ark that carries them through!

To understand what is considered brutishly handling the promised word, the cognate words reveal a clearer picture! Ba'ar is a cognate of ba'ar (#874-877) בָּאָר meaning to dig out, explain, engrave, carries the sense of to dig out the meaning of the word in order for it to be explained and understood! This same root also infers a well or cistern indicating a source that one drinks and is sustained from! Hmm, could those who fall into this category of hearers be guilty of drinking from another well/source easier accessed than putting in the effort to dig out and gain the understanding regarding the Word sent to them from Yahweh?

***Jeremiah 2:13** – “For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns (ba'ar/bo'r), broken cisterns (bo'r), that can hold no water.”

- 3) 'Arav אָרַב – (#6148-#6158) to bind or combine, to interweave, mingle, idea of something mixed, to exchange, traffic or barter; yet this same root is also the word that describes the 4th plague of Egypt – the swarms. It's no accident that this plague was the dividing line between Israel and Egypt!

Could it be revealing that there will come a point where the famine will expose those who will exchange the promises and word they were given, and instead choose to sell or barter for what they think will sustain them, yet instead it will cause a mixing, intermingling, and cause them to be bound/in bondage! They've been caught in the tentacles of Babylon again!

Of this particular plague it is also said “...the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of the flies.” (**Exodus 8:24**)

Corrupted: Strong's #7843 shachat שָׁחַת to destroy, corrupt, go to ruin, decay, be rotted, a laying waste; used to describe the corrupt nature of the earth and man prior to the flood, also is seen describing the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah, as well as the 10th plague of the destroyer entering the houses!

Each scenario dealing with an intermingling of the seed lines, a compromising of the DNA of man that has encoded within the NAME/Shem שֵׁם of Elohim, and when we shema' שָׁמַע/hear and are obedient to His Voice, it reveals (ש) that we are one who is carrying/yoked to/adorned with His NAME!

Your ability to hear His Voice is an identifying factor as one who is not compromised by Babylon or the serpent's seed, by being obedient to the Word you have heard/Shema', you reveal His NAME and your very walk, your lekh-lekha causes His NAME to be made manifest and stand firm! This is why from day 1 the nachash has done everything in his power and will continue to do so, to compromise your hearing, it's the first step to compromising your very DNA and the Name of Yahweh that you're adorned with!

Shema' Yisra'el Yahweh Eloheinu, Yahweh 'Echad – Hear O Israel, Yahweh our God, Yahweh is One!