

Vayakhel Pekudei 2023

This week we have a double portion as we close out the book of Exodus/Shemot, Vayakhel – “And He Assembled” (Exodus 35:1-38:20) and Pekudei – “Accounting Of” (Exodus 38:21-40:38). These two portions also close out the 5 dedicated to the Tabernacle details and construction, and seem to be a close repetition of the instructions given in the previous passages. Yet we know there is no idle word given in the Scriptures. There is also a serious breach of covenant that takes place between the initial instructions being given and Israel walking out said instructions – the Golden Calf! Much like today as the building materials are being gathered (the lost sheep of the house of Israel), we too wait with bated breath to see if this Body will live!

Exodus 35:1 – “And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them...”

Gathered: Strong’s #6950 qahal קָהַל to assemble, gather, to call together; the same letters rearranged form HaQol – the Voice קֹל, this identity of “the voice” is first seen in **Gen. 3:8** walking in the Garden. It is seen again in **Exodus 19-20** on Mount Sinai (**Ex. 20:18** – “And all the people saw the thunders/qol - voice...”). On both occasions, when the Voice appears it is interesting to note that the response is the same. Adam hides, and Israel removes and stands far off, choosing to send Mosheh to speak and listen.

Qahal/HaQol has a numerical value of 135, the same as hasullam הַסֵּלָם the ladder, seen by Jacob in Gen. 28, a winding ladder or staircase connecting heaven and earth, the DNA of Yahweh with the ability to transform, rejuvenate, and repair the house of Israel! The Messiah Yahshua reveals Himself as this ladder in **John 1:51**, and through the numerical connections we see that this ladder is synonymous with HaQol – the Voice. What did Adam see walking in the Garden – the Ladder/DNA Helix, the WORD! This is also what Israel sees on Mt. Sinai, and now as they are gathered (qahal) they anticipate to be seen again!

Do you realize the significance of it being the persona of the voice/ladder that is the one appearing at these specific times? Adam has just compromised His standing and literally his DNA! Israel upon arriving at Sinai, have just exited from Egypt, also seen in a compromised position in need of restoration, rejuvenation, and transformation! Do you see a pattern emerging? Upon closer inspection when Yahshua makes this declaration revealing Himself as the ladder in John, it is in response to the question posed by Nathanael in vs. 46 – “And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?”

The town of Nazareth can be quite puzzling as there is no previous mention of this location, nor is it referenced in any of the rabbinic literature or historical Roman records. Yet when studying the Hebrew roots of this term, some linguists believe it is a Niphal participle of either the verb zarah זרה meaning to scatter, disperse, or to winnow, or zara' זרע meaning to sow or scatter seed. It seems at the very beginning Yahshua is being associated with and derided (at first) for walking among those who were the scattered seed, the diaspora of Israel! Can anything good come from the dispersed scattered house?

This Hebrew root of Nazareth is interestingly seen in **Numbers 5:28** – “And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive - nazar’ah נזרעה seed.” Numbers 5 is the passage regarding the adulterous woman who must drink the bitter waters. Yet if she is proven innocent, she will nazar’a/Nazareth, sow or scatter seed (conceive). Yahshua reveals Himself as the Ladder/Hasullam (the VOICE), in direct connection to a question regarding His status! He reveals He alone is the one capable and able to restore the DNA of the lost scattered seed of Israel, the adulterous woman, and cause them to live again and be fruitful!

Israel is shown the same pattern at the start of the Exodus journey! **Exodus 15:23-26** Israel arrives at Marah, the place of the bitter waters. They CANNOT drink the water...they themselves are guilty having compromised while in Egypt. Yet there is a tree that will make the waters sweet – the Messiah! The once bitter cursed waters are now healing and life giving. It is here that Yahweh reveals Himself in the character of Yahweh Rapha/Ropheka – Yahweh our Healer!

*Rapha’ (#7495) רָפָא to heal, or to sew together, to mend, to restore something to its intended state; could He have been revealing how He would mend - sew together and re-stitch their very DNA with His Name, bringing healing and restoring Israel to their intended state – the very power, authority, and level that Adam walked in?

It’s no accident that it is Nathanael who asks this question, whose name comes from the Hebrew root Natan (#5414) נָתַן to give, put, set; but it can also infer to make or constitute something to be like something else, an exchange of tangible property; the 2 letter root forms tan תַּן (#8565) dragon or jackal, the jackal is specifically associated with one who scavenges and dwells in the ruins and desolate places. From this same root stems tanah (#8566) תָּנָה meaning to hire, or to sell oneself as a harlot.

*Nathanael’s very name was a prophetic declaration of the work of Messiah who would transform the DNA of Israel, shaping and making them into something else – a restoration of who they were meant to be, restoring life to the desolate ruins they had become, a dwelling not for Yahweh but for the jackals that roam among the dead places having willingly sold themselves – an apt description of the house of Israel then and now!

John 1:48 – “Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Yahshua answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.”

The fig tree throughout the Scriptures is used quite often in a symbolic way, even as a symbol of the nation of Israel. Here the Greek term for fig tree is from the Hebrew root #8384 te'enah תְּאֵנָה fig tree; notice it contains the same תן root as the name Nathanael – meaning dragon, jackal, or a harlot's wages, one who sells oneself.

*First seen in **Gen. 3:7** – “And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”

Israel's condition is revealed as the same of Adam in the Garden, having compromised his authority with the nachash/serpent/dragon, no longer a fit habitation for the Presence, and attempting to cover that desolation with a fig leaf covering! This is why Yahshua chooses to reveal Himself here in the character of the HaSullam/the ladder! He not only exposes Israel's condition – a place of desolation attempting cover their nakedness with fig leaves, but reveals the Voice walking in order to bring restoration, life, and transformation! Can anything good come from the scattered lost tribes of Israel? Yahshua's response is basically just watch and see! This woman (Israel) will nazar'ah, she will conceive and bear fruit!

This then directly correlates to the cursing of the fig tree by Yahshua in **Mat. 21/Mark 11** who had no fruit! Immediately after he cleanses the Temple connecting the cursed fig tree, which produces no fruit to the religious counterfeit temple system who had sold the people to Rome as a harlot! Simultaneously the fig tree parables reveal the restoration of the scattered of Israel as well as the judgment of the harlot system that masquerades as holy! One encounters the VOICE and receives Him, bringing life, the other rejects Him choosing the wages of the harlot!

The full phrase Vayakhel (“And He Assembled”) וַיִּקְהַל has a numerical value of 151, the same as the phrase/name Lo'ammi לֹא עַמִּי Not My People, as well as 'Ammi'el עַמִּי אֱלֹהִים Elohim's people! The gathering of Israel to once again encounter the Voice had everything to do with those who were “not my people” undergoing a transformative encounter to once again be called “My people” hand in hand with the construction of this Tabernacle Man!

It is paired with the parshah Pekudei פְּקוּדֵי “Accounting of”, from #6485 paqad פָּקַד to attend, to muster, number, visit, appoint; famously found in the code phrase Israel is given by Joseph regarding the time of their deliverance (**Gen. 50:24/Ex. 3:16** – “Yahweh will surely visit you” – Paqad yiphqod). In other words, it seems that the fullness of this visitation, the fullness of being set free from bondage is only accessible when they not only come out of Egypt, but are transformed into My People! Outside of this, there is nothing and no way to be truly set free from bondage, either physical or spiritual or to be seen as distinct from the harlot system!

There must be a rapha' – a sewing and intertwining of the DNA with the HaSullam, a restoration of what is first compromised by Adam!

***Rev. 18:4** – “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, **my people**, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

Now the voice appears again in connection to the building of the Tabernacle, which is a pattern for the building of this living stones tabernacle in our day! Does the pattern hold true, has there been a compromise regarding the DNA of Israel and their standing?

It's no accident that the first reference of the root qahal is **Exodus 32:1** – “And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together/qahal unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us...” – and they build the molten calf!

Molten: Strong's #4541 מִטְּכָה a pouring, libation, a drink offering, an alliance or the sealing of a covenant relationship; but also has the sense of to weave a web, a covering, a veil; it literally infers they entered into an alliance and sealed a covenant relationship with the fallen deity represented by that calf and that becomes their garment sown into their very DNA!

*Just like Adam, Israel has compromised their status and are in need of the only one capable of bringing restoration to the desolate dwelling they have become!

We have established the pattern, the Voice/HaSullam appears when there has been a severe compromise of the one designed to be the living tabernacle/dwelling place and of the authority that had been entrusted with that role. It is clear that the VOICE is there in order to repair and restore. Let's looker closer at Adam's encounter, perhaps then it will shed some more light on what's happening here with Israel as they build the tabernacle, as well as in our day!

Adam's response to the Voice is seen in **Gen. 3:10** – “And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” The phrase “was naked” in Hebrew is ki-'eyrom כִּי-עֵירוֹם with a numerical value of 350, the same as 'aphar עָפָר (#6083) the dust of the ground, what Adam was formed from! The word picture of 'aphar is the revealed/seen (ע) fruit (פֶּרֶ), the manifestation of the Word of Yahweh! Adam was the manifestation of the Word of Yahweh, he is the revealed fruit!

*This is what he is now “naked” of! He no longer looks like the Word that created him! There has been a drastic change and compromise. The VOICE arrives carrying the creative power of the DNA of Yahweh, with the ability to restore and heal the broken damaged DNA of Adam – notice 'aphar and rapha' are mirror image words!

350 is also the value of reyqam (#7387) רַיקָם vainly, emptily, in an empty condition without effect; seen in **Isaiah 55:11** – “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void/reyqam, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

*Adam was a container of the Word! And that WORD will not return void, or without effect! So in the midst of what seems like the greatest devastation, this promise still holds true! The VOICE is on the scene to ensure the word that has been entrusted and placed within Adam is not idle.

Adam is then given instructions, **Gen. 3:19** – “...unto dust/'aphar thou shalt return.” Return to the 'aphar, you'll be restored when you turn back and once again become the revealed manifestation of the WORD! The method for how to do so is revealed in the garments Adam is given – Coats: Strong's #3801 kethonet כֵּתוֹן tunic, same term is used to describe Joseph's coat, as well as the garments of the priest!

Adam is given a priestly garment! The root stem forms tanut תָּנוּת meaning stipulations, condition, or terms. Could the language be revealing that Adam is being given the terms and conditions that define this priestly role he is being allowed to be garmented with? It also seems that it is only while wearing this “garment” is he capable of being the revealed fruit or manifestation of the Word! It is only within this garment that he is mended and repaired.

Along with this, Adam is commanded to eat bread – lechem לֶחֶם first referenced here, and not seen again until **Gen. 14:18** when Melchizedek brings bread to Abraham! When Melchizedek offers bread and wine to Abraham, it was an initiation of Abraham into the role of the high priest after the order of Melchizedek. Is this what the VOICE is doing here with Adam? Adam is clothed with the garment of the Melchizedek priesthood, initiated into this role with the understanding that as long as he remains within this boundary line, he is able to operate in dominion, life and health looking forward with hope!

Exodus 29:35 reveals that the consecration of the priests lasts 7 days, a day is as a thousand years (**2 Pet. 3:8/Ps. 90:4**), for 7,000 years this garment of the Melchizedek – righteous King and Priest is given to Adam as a means by which he is able to operate and be recognized as “My People”, having his DNA intertwined with that of the HaSullam/the VOICE! All in anticipation of the 7th day when the fullness of that promise is seen!

Israel in this Torah portion rejects this role as they compromise their walk as a kingdom of priests. Yet the remedy remains the same, there must be one capable and willing to wear this garment that in turn brings life, restoration, and healing to the house! And so they build the Tabernacle...laid out in the form of a man, just like Adam, and the HaSullam/the Voice garments this man!

Exodus 40:34 – “Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of Yahweh filled the tabernacle.”

Covered: Strong’s #3680 kasah כָּסָה to cover, conceal, hide, but also to clothe one self, to put on a garment!

Isn’t it interesting that the dragon/jackals will once again seek to build a desolate habitation to roam among (the 3rd Temple), thinking that it is this structure once again that will be clothed and receive the Melchizedek mantle when there is none found capable of wearing it. This is why right now you are bombarded on a daily basis with every tool the enemy has at his disposal to break down and compromise your DNA both from the physical level as well as the spiritual and mental. He’s studied the pattern! Yet the VOICE has the ability to repair and restore - this time, it will be the scattered tribes of Israel re-gathered whom will be clothed by this mantle!

And the question again is asked, can anything good from Nazareth – from the scattered, dispersed tribes of the house of Israel? And once again the VOICE answers just watch!

Hosea 2:23 – “And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my Elohim.”