

## VaYelech 2022

VaYelech/"And He Went", Deuteronomy 31:1-30, one short chapter (often paired with Nitzavim), always strategically occurring in the midst of the Fall festivals season! Currently we are in the midst of the 10 days of awe, leading up to Yom Kippur. Does this chapter perhaps reveal the significance of the season we find ourselves in not only in regards to the festival calendar but also the prophetic events currently unfolding? It is quite interesting as the transition is taking place from Moses to Joshua/Yahoshua, there is a warning issued regarding a future time when Yahweh will hide his face – the hester paniym!

### **Deuteronomy 31:16-18**

The Hester Paniym or hidden face of Yahweh is seen referenced in Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Micah, and woven throughout the entire book of Esther (the hidden one)! It is always associated with judgment, devastation, and great ruin coming upon a rebellious people. When looking at the state of the world today, it seems a very apt description of the current state – the hester paniym, a concealing and hiding of His face as great devastation seems imminent. We must ask then, where does this leave those of us who are walking in Covenant?

\*An interesting connection emerges here seeing as this portion is read directly before Yom Kippur/Yom HaKippurim, which could also be read as “a day like Purim” – where we see the manifestation of the prophecy of the hester panim. Yet Yom Kippur was the one time that access was granted into the Holy of Holies by the High Priest! Could it be revealing that while access is cut off for some, it is granted for others?

Here the phrase “I will surely hide” is actually a grammatical anomaly. Many have grappled with the proper way to translate it. In Hebrew it is “Ve’anoki haseter ‘astiyr” אֶסְתִּיר אֶתְּפִנִּי וְאֶנֶכִּי הַסֵּתֵר הַסֵּתֵר the root word satar סָתַר meaning to hide, conceal, or to guard or defend, is seen twice (haseter ‘astiyr). In fact due to this, it seems to point to two hidings that are taking place! Let’s look further!

The numerical value of satar = 660, the same as mitsnepet מִצְנֶפֶת turban (of the High Priest) which held the golden plate/crown engraved with Qadosh L’Yahweh (Holy to Yahweh); from the root tsanaph צָנַף to wrap or wind up together; cognate of tsaphan צָפַן to hide, keep secret, to conceal something – describes the secret place of His Tabernacle where He promises to hide His people in the day of trouble (**Psalms 27:5** – “For in the time of trouble he shall hide/tsaphan me in his pavilion/sukkah: in the secret/seter of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.”)

\*The Holy of Holies, the place where His Presence resides, is also referred to as Yahweh’s secret/tsaphan habitation!

With the Tabernacle laid out in the form of a man, the Holy of Holies represents the mind of the man! It is mirrored in the Priestly attire with the turban concealing/covering that which is Qadosh L'Yahweh – Holy to Yahweh! It seems with these connections that perhaps the 2 hidings that are taking place simultaneously have to do not only with Yahweh hiding His Face from the rebellious opening them up to great devastation, but at the same time He is marking and hiding (guarding and defending) those who are His! Those who have compromised the Holy of Holies – the Tabernacle of their minds have His Presence removed/hid, while those that are seen as a fit dwelling place are hid within His Sukkah in the midst of great devastation!

In fact it seems it is the very concealing – the hester paniym is what causes the revealing/identifying of his nation of kings and priests (just like in the scroll of Esther!)

**Esther 2:20** – “Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people...”

Shewed: Strong's #5046 nagad נָגַד to tell, make known, report, announce, to manifest or bring to light; it's the root of the phrase 'ezer k'nedgdo describing the proper helpmeet to Adam! Could it be that the focus is now shifting from the identity of the Deliverer/Husband as His face is hidden, to who it is that will be a proper helpmate – who is able to tell, declare, make known, and manifest/display who Yahweh is in the midst of the hester panim?

\*It seems that in the midst of the coming devastation, the ezer k'negdo (His people), are now charged with declaring and manifesting His Name and by doing so this creates the Refuge/Place of protection that identifies you as one who has rightful access to His Sukkah!

**Proverbs 25:2** – “It is the glory/kavod of Elohim to conceal/satar a thing: but the honor/kavod of kings is to search out a matter.”

**Isaiah 8:17** – “And I will wait upon Yahweh that hideth/satar His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him.”

Continuing to dig here, setar/hiding is a cognate of #5642 setar סָתַר meaning to hide but also to destroy! It's used only once in this secondary meaning in **Ezra 5:12** describing the actions of King Nebuchadnezzar who destroyed/setar the temple! Though this was in regards to the physical temple, what's taking place to the physical temple is a reflection of what's happening to the people! In this coming hester paniym – the hiding of His Face, it seems to indicate there is a coming destruction to the minds of those who are outside the place of protection/outside of His sukkah who have not guarded/sealed their minds with Qadosh L'Yahweh!

This root (setar - to destroy) stems from #8368 satar סָתַר to break out, refers to skin eruptions (boils, tumors) seen only once in connection with the Philistines when they mishandle the Ark of the Covenant (**1 Samuel 5:9**)! It seems the destruction of the mind as well will manifest itself in physical sores as a sign/indicator of those who have mishandled the Ark – His Presence!

**Revelation 16:1-2** – “And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.”

Sore: Strong’s #1668 (Greek) *helkos* ἕλκος wound, sore, ulcer; connected to the root stem #138 *haireo* αἰρέω to choose, to prefer, to choose by vote, to elect for oneself; from the root meaning to raise up, to elevate, to take upon oneself and carry; comes from the Hebrew *nasa’* נָשָׂא to lift, bear, or carry, describes the lifting up/carrying of the Tabernacle!

\*In other words, as the judgment is poured out, and the physical manifestations are seen of that very judgment, this is what the people elected, chose for themselves, preferred (voted for), this is the Tabernacle they chose to carry and take upon themselves – an ichabod dwelling!

Quite a sobering thought as we see a huge push for the institution of a third temple, which regardless of what one may think is its initial purpose, the Scriptures make it very clear it will manifest a covering of Ichabod! Ichabod אִי-כָבוֹד “no glory”, the אִי root stems from the root (#36) ‘*iyin* יָיִן nothing, not, nought, to have not (of possession), for lack of, emptiness; 1<sup>st</sup> seen in **Gen. 2:5** – “...there was not/’iyin a man to till the ground.” Seeming to connect that this ‘ichabod mantle will go beyond the physical temple that has been desolated, and will cover the masses so that it will seem that there is not a man to house the glory! Instead they have chosen, voted, elected for them selves to take upon this ichabod dwelling!

An interesting connection because the Hebrew letters אִי are added to the Hebrew root for “hide” *satar*, forming the word ‘astir the latter part of the phrase *haster* ‘astir אֶסְתִּיר הַסֵּתֵר. The first part of the phrase “haster” has the added prefix הַ representing the breath! The two hidings are revealed here – the hiding of His Glory from those who are ichabod, and the hiding or guarding/defending of those who have His Breath within them – the bones which have been made to live again!

**2 Thessalonians 2:11** – “And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:”

Delusion: Strong’s #4106 *plane* (plan’-ay) πλάνη a wandering, a straying about, a mental straying; from the root meaning wandering, roving, to be a vagabond

The first vagabond is seen in Cain...which so happens to be the first time we see the hiding (*hester paniym*) of Yahweh’s face as well!

**Genesis 4:14** – “Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid/satar; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.”

\*Go back and study the events of Genesis 3, Cain was the seed of the serpent, a hybrid nephilim offspring (Get "THE SERPENTS SEED"!), why then is he so concerned regarding being hid from the Face of Yahweh?

The hiding of Yahweh's face is directly connected here with also being driven or separated from the "face of the earth" – 'adamah! The strategic choice of 'Adamah instead of 'erets reveals that this is not about Cain being driven from a physical location where he has lived, but the 'adamah represents the Altar of Yahweh, the place of His Presence, the source of life and all of creation! The 'adamah is the doorway through which the word of Yahweh was released and made manifest – the connection between the spirit and the natural!

The purpose of man is to till the 'adamah (Remember **Gen 2:5?**)

Till: Strong's #5647 'abad אָבַד to work, serve, also describes priestly service; breaking it apart into its individual roots & letters א = to see, understand, discern; ב = threshold; & ד = to separate – Man is charged with standing at the threshold, guarding the altar (access point) and separating/distinguishing that is allowed to cross the threshold and be made manifest!

\*'Abad is a cognate of #6-#8 'abad אָבַד to perish, be lost, wander, to destroy, to reduce to some degree of disorder (linked with death) – with every Hebrew word holding both a blessed aspect and a cursed, could this be revealing the effects of being cut off from the 'adamah? Instead of one who guards and therefore exercises authority over what crosses, they become the doorway to exile, destruction, and death!

I believe Cain understood that even though he was not functioning in the role of a righteous priest to the 'adamah altar, he was still in a position to be able to exercise a level of control over what crossed and manifested for his own devices. Yet now, what he once exercised control over, he would now be at the very mercy of! When Yahweh hides his face/hester panim, it is directly linked with access to the 'adamah being cut off – the threshold between the spirit and the natural! For all those who have operated in the seat of the powers that be and enjoyed for a season power and control, when the hester panim happens, they too will now be at the mercy of the very demonic entities they have previously unleashed on others!

\*Now you can understand why Cain was concerned! Yet at the same season this is being unleashed (isn't it interesting that 'abad is the root of 'abaddon?) those who have sought the Face of Yahweh will be hidden as well – secreted in His Sukkah!

As His Face is not hid from you and I, we still have access to the 'Adamah altar, we still are able to operate in authority as His nation of kings and priests who have authority to guard what's allowed to cross the threshold in our lives and homes! In fact 'Adamah = 50, the Yobel/Jubilee!! We are promised a Yobel/Jubilee in the midst of the greatest devastation the world has ever seen!

For those who are cut off, Cain's example makes it clear that they are in the category of a fugitive and a vagabond - ונד נע (na' vanad) = 180, the same value as 'ophel (#6076) עֶפְלִי tumors, hemorrhoids – the very term used to describe what the Philistines were afflicted with when mishandling the Ark! The enemy will do everything in his power to compromise the Holy of Holies – the mind of man! Yet there are two hidings! The hiding of His face and access cut off to the 'Adamah altar, the threshold between the spirit and the natural, therefore all the portals and gateways the powers that be have attempted to manipulate and unleash certain entities, will no longer be under their control. And the second hiding – the guarding, defending, and marking of those who are Qadosh L'Yahweh – Holy Ones to Yahweh whose role is to defend and guard His Dwelling Place!

Another interesting connection is found within the number of this parshah! It is the 52<sup>nd</sup> parshah of the year – 52 is the numerical value of ben בן son as well as behemah בְּהֵמָה beast, cattle - so called from being unable to speak or being mute! Once again, could the hester paniym be what reveals and divides those who are ben/banim – the mature sons (and daughters) of Elohim, marked as Holy to Yahweh, a dwelling place for His presence, versus those who are marked by the beast – cattle who have no voice, mute before the destruction coming.

'Astir אַסְתִּיר (the second part of the phrase "haster 'astir paniym") = 671, the same value as the phrase lashon nakriyah לְשׁוֹן נִכְרִיָּה tongue of a strange woman/harlot's speech (**Proverbs 6:24** – "To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman/lashon nakriyah.") What is the connection here to the hester paniym, the hiding of the face, and the harlot's speech?

The harlot immediately brings up the image of Revelation 17 – the great harlot who rides the beast! **Revelation 17:5** reveals that she as well has an inscription upon her forehead, but unlike the nation of priests marked with Qadosh l'Yahweh, her inscription is "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH"

Mystery: Strong's #3466 (Greek) mysterion μυστήριον hidden thing, secret, or mystery; from a derivative of the root muo meaning to shut the mouth!

Those who are lulled to sleep by the harlot's speech, entrenched in Babylon, deaf to the call "Come out of her my people!" will find themselves mute, mouths shut, before the coming destruction unable to release the WORD with the power and authority, they have no breath (ה) within them!

\*But this same season is a Yobel/Jubilee for His people! The root of the term Jubilee, has the basic meaning indicating to transfer something from one place to another. Israel is on the cusp of their Jubilee – a restoration of the inheritance, a time of setting free and release. It seems to indicate a spiritual gateway/doorway is about to be opened in order to release the blessings of Yahweh and to see His Presence manifested!

