

One Word at a Time Series Pt. 3 – Fire

The word fire in the Scripture has its beginning in **Genesis 15:17** – “And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between the pieces.”

The second time fire is used is in **Genesis 19:24** – “Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven.”

1. Fire and burning is the word ‘esh Strong’s #784 עֵשׂ

a. meaning a flame, supernatural fire

b. fire (for cooking, roasting, altar fire, of God’s anger)

2. Burning in **Gen. 15:17** is speaking of the covenant between Yahweh and Abram, a covenant of fire. An altar fire covenant, a sweet fragrance. It’s adding another layer of commitment between Yahweh and Abram.

3. Fire in **Gen. 19:24** is ending what should have been a sweet fragrance between Yahweh and Sodom and Gomorrah but because of their wickedness, Yahweh’s fire became a weapon against them. As we all know, fire has the ability to get everyone’s attention. As when Moses kept the flock of Jethro (**Exodus 3:1**). Fire also has the ability to slowly relax you causing a deep relaxing sleep. It’s like the frog being slowly cooked in a pot of boiling water. The frog is comfortable at first!

Let’s look at the fire of Exodus!

Moses on the backside of the desert...

Exodus 3:1 – “Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.”

Desert: Strong’s #4057 midbar מִדְבָּר meaning wilderness; it’s from Strong’s #1696 davar דָּבַר meaning to speak, declare, to promise

Horeb: Strong’s #2722 Chorev חֹרֵב meaning desert; it’s another name for Mount Sinai, the Mountain of God. Sinai means thorny. It has the value of 130

the same as the word “affliction of” - **Ex. 3:7** – “And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmaster, for I know their sorrows.”

*Israel was the frog slowly being cooked! Remember, David spoke on how Egypt took everything that Israel had, forcing them into poverty and bondage.

Affliction: Strong's #6040 'oni עָנִי poverty, misery; from the root Strong's #6030 'anah עָנָה to answer, respond, speak, shout, or respond as a witness

Yahweh had seen the affliction and heard the cry and now He's responding! Egypt's fire is now being turned down as Yahweh shows up!

Horeb has the value of 210, the same as the phrase “in Isaac” Beyitschaq בְּיִצְחָק in **Genesis 21:12** – “And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice, for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.”

Horeb is the mountain of Yahweh, in which the Promised Seed of Abraham – Isaac – shall be proclaimed once again! Sinai also has the value of 130 and is the same value as 'ayin – the eye! The mountain with the eye or the mountain that sees!

Exodus 3:2 – “And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.”

1. Angel: Strong's #4397 mal'ak מַלְאָךְ means messenger, representative, ambassador of God
2. The word angel has the same 3 letter root as Malai מְלֵא Strong's #4390 means to fill, to be full, to be complete, to finish.

This angel brought completeness to Israel, meaning Israel's bondage had come to an end. At the same time, the Covenant Yahweh made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is beginning to bring life to what looked like and felt like a dying situation.

The word angel also has a value of 91. The same as the word Aman אָמַן Strong's #539 meaning to support, confirm, be faithful, to believe, to trust; so when we say 'aman we are saying it is finished!

Isaiah 53:1 – “Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

*Believed is 'aman!

Our Report: Strong's #8052 shemu'ah שְׁמוּעָה means report, news, tidings, doctrine, instruction, teaching, especially a message from God; from Strong's #8085 shama' שָׁמַע means to hear, listen, to obey

Who has believed the angel/messenger of God and who will hear and obey? Isaiah 53 is all about Yahshua the King, the Suffering Servant. Who will obey His voice and 'amen His words?

Who's report will you believe, we shall believe the report of the LORD. Tell me who's report will you believe? We shall believe the report of the LORD. His report says I am healed, His report says I am filled, His report says I am free, His report says victory!

Exodus 3:2 – “And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him a flame of fire”

Flame: Strong's #3827 labbah לָבַח means flame, but it has the same 3 letter root as the word heart levav Strong's #3824 לֵב meaning heart, and mind, and the 2-letter root is lev לָ meaning heart as well.

Heart Levav means to be totally committed to the LORD with all your heart!

Deuteronomy 6:4 – “Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD”

Deuteronomy 6:5 – “And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”

Note: Look when Yahshua was asked what the greatest commandment was!

Matthew 22:35 – “Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, (**vs. 36**) Master, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?

(vs. 37) Yahshua said unto him, Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (vs. 38) This is the first and great commandment. (vs. 39) And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (vs. 40) On these two commandments hang all the law, and the prophets."

The lawyer tempting...

Tempting: Strong's 3985 peirazo

1. Meaning to try whether a thing can be done
2. To make trial of (okay that's what lawyers do right?)
3. To prove – 1 Kings 10:1 – "And when the Queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove (nassah) him with hard questions."

To love thy Neighbor: Strong's #4139 Playseeon in the Greek

1. A neighbor, a friend
2. There are 2 Hebrew words that could be used for neighbor
 - a. They are rea' Strong's #7452 רֵעַ
 - b. 'Amit Strong's #5997 עֲמִית

Note: I want to look at the word 'Amit meaning neighbor! It's connected to the Hebrew word for truth – emet – meaning a friend was to be dealt with in truth!

Truth: Strong's #571 'Emet אֱמֶת meaning sureness, true doctrine, faithfulness of divine instruction; to walk in truth is to conduct oneself according to God's holy standards.

From Strong's #539 'aman אָמַן meaning to believe, to trust, to support

*Genesis 15:6 – "And he (Abram) believed in the LORD: and he counted it to him for righteousness."

"Believed" is 'amen! Remember 'Amen has the same value as the word "angel" (91).

Now let's look at Leviticus 25:13 – "In the year of this Jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession"

*Yahshua came on a jubilee year to set the captives free!

Jubile: Strong's #3104 Yovel יוֹבֵל it's the year of releasing, restoring, and a time of resting.

Leviticus 25:14 – “And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbor, or buyest ought of thy neighbors hand, ye shall not oppress one another.”

Oppress: Strong's #3238 Yanah יָנָח to oppress, treat violently, vex, do wrong

Another: Strong's #251 'ach אָח meaning brother – ye shall not oppress one's brother!

Leviticus 25:17 – “Ye shall not therefore oppress one another but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God.”

*Another here is 'amit – neighbor! Ye shall not therefore oppress one's neighbor. He covers both neighbor and brother!

Notice the word “oppress” is the same root as the name Jonah! The book of Jonah is traditionally read at Yom Kippur – the same day the Jubilee is declared!

The Book of Jonah

Jonah 1:1 – “Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying (**vs. 2**) Arise, go to Nineveh that great city, and cry against it, for their wickedness is come up before me.”

Jonah: Strong's #3124 יוֹנָה Yonah meaning a dove, a gentle term of endearment.

Jonah's father was Amittai: Strong's #573 אֱמֵתִי My truth, from 'emet! Remember 'emet is connected to the Hebrew term for neighbor ('amit).

Jonah was sent to Nineveh to cry against their wickedness. Nineveh was oppressing not just Israel but other nations as well.

Nineveh: Strong's #5210 Nineveh נִינְוֶה meaning abode of Ninus; it's also connected to Nimrod in Gen. 10:11,12

We know that they repented and received mercy from Yahweh at Jonah's coming.

Nineveh has the 3 letter root of the words navah (Strong's #5115) נָוָה and naveh (Strong's #5116) נָוֶה

Navah means to dwell, to abide, to rest; a word referring to the safety and security given to a person. It is used in describing the LORD as this rest and security. **Exodus 15:2** – "The LORD is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation (navah) my father's God, and I will exalt Him." This is the song of Moses and the children of Israel.

Naveh means a shepherd's abode, a camp, a flock. It refers to green pastures in the beloved Psalms 23:2!

Pastures: Strong's #4999 na'ah נָאֵה to be comely, to be beautiful, the feet of a messenger (Blessed are the feet of those who bring good tiding), to be at home, to be pleasant

*Note: In **Luke 7:11** there is a city there called Nain and it's the Hebrew word Na'ah נָאֵה pastures (Ps. 23:2 – to lie down in green pastures).

Luke 7:11-15 – "And it come to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain, and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. (**vs. 12**) Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and much people of the city was with her. (**vs. 13**) And when the LORD saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, weep not. (**vs. 14**) And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. (**vs. 15**) And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother."

Continuing on this thought of loving your neighbor – the Book of James speaks of loving your neighbor as thyself!

James 1:1 – "James, a servant of God and of the LORD Yahshua Messiah, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greetings."

James 2:8 – “If ye fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well.”

*Why should this matter to the twelve tribes that are scattered in need of a yovel?

If ye Fulfill: Strong's #5055 teleo

1. To bring to a close, to finish, to end
2. To make an end, to complete something not merely to end it, but to bring it to perfection or to carry it through.

Royal: Strong's #937 basileekos

1. Belonging to a king, kingly, royal
2. The royal law belonging to the King

It's connected to **Esther 8:15** – “And Mordecai went out from the Presence of the King in royal apparel of blue and white and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.” Royal – Strong's #4438 malkut מַלְכוּת a kingdom, royal power

The greatest commandment is the Kingdom commandment! Who owns that Kingdom? Yahweh and Yahshua – James calls it the royal law!

The word royal in Greek (basileekos) comes from the root Strong's #939 Basis

1. To walk, to go, to tread
2. The sole of the foot

Acts 3:7 – “And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet (#939) and ankle bones received strength.”

Healing the Lame Beggar (Acts 3:2)

Acts 3:2 – “And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the Temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the Temple.”

Lame: Strong's #5560 cholos – lame, deprived of a foot, maimed, cripple

It's connected to the Hebrew word pisecha (Strong's #6455) פִּסְעָה meaning lame, cripple; it disqualified a person from the priesthood! (**Lev. 21:18**); it's

from the root Strong's #6452 Pasach פסח means to pass over, spring over, to skip, to limp, to be lame

The first time it is used is in **Exodus 12:13** – “And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses, where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.”

*Special thanks to Covenant Calendar because now we understand that there were 2 Passovers being implemented at that time – the true timing and the religious timing. Knowing the correct timing brings you from death to life!

Acts 3:3 – “Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.”

Alms: Strong's #1654 eleh ay masoo nay – means mercy, pity, a donation to the poor.

*Yahshua speaks of giving alms in **Matthew 6:3** – “But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.” These simple alms we do not find among the worldly, for their giving is of such a character that the right hand gives, but the left hand takes...yes giving in such a way that one takes ten times as much in place of what he gives. (<http://English.stackexchange.com/questions>)

Acts 3:6 – “Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none: but such as I have give I thee: In the Name of Yahshua Messiah of Nazareth rise up and walk.”

Silver & Gold

Exodus 3:8 – “...to bring them up out of that land unto a good land...a land flowing with milk and honey...”

A land flowing

Flowing: Strong's #2100 Zuv זָבַח a flowing, issue, gush, or discharge; I believe flowing can also be currency/money. A land flowing with silver and gold. Why do I say that? Silver looks like milk and honey looks like gold and they are both good for the body having healing properties. There is no buying power in what we call money today. Silver and gold is God's money!

Haggai 2:8 – “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.”

Acts 3:6 – “Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none: but such as a I have give I thee: In the Name (Hashem) of Yahshua HaMaschiach (the anointed one) of Nazareth (the separated one), rise up and walk.”

Walk: Strong's #4043 per eepateh o in the Greek means to walk; in the Hebrew means to live! Rise up and live!

Acts 3:11 – “And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's greatly wondering.”

Porch: Strong's #4745 stoah – unlike the inner courts of the Temple, which restricted Gentile and women's access under threat of death by stoning, Solomon's Porch stayed open to everyone. Not only Gentiles and women, but the lame, the sick, and more could all gather there. (Christianity.com)

Solomon's name means Peaceful! He was born in Jerusalem meaning teaching of peace (**2 Samuel 5:14**).

The LORD instructed Nathan the prophet that the child was to be named Jedidiah, meaning “Beloved of the LORD” (**2 Samuel 12:24,25**). When Yahshua was baptized we read in **Matthew 3:17** – “And lo, a voice from heaven saying, This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Son: Strong's #5207 hwee-os – sons who are capable of handling the Father's business by way of loving one another as Yahshua has loved us!

Now let's talk about fire!

Genesis 50:16-17 – “And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, thy father did command before he died saying, So shall ye say unto Joseph, forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.”

Forgive: Strong's #5375 nasa' נָשָׂא meaning to take guilt or to forgive, to take away; nasa' has the two-letter root of fire 'esh עֵשׂ and the value of 301. In the Torah it reads “I pray forgive now” – ‘anna’ sa’na אָנָּה נָשָׂא עַתָּה

*See how fire is connected to forgiveness?

Joseph forgave, but he still had boundaries! When his brothers came into Egypt, he set those boundaries into motion – they were placed in Goshen. Previously his brothers had no boundaries.

Genesis 41:50-51 – “And Joseph called the name of the first Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father’s house. And the name of the second called he Ephraim: for God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.”

*Joseph set into motion Manasseh losing his birthright as the firstborn by choosing to forget his father’s house.

Genesis 48:13-14 – “And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand towards Israel’s left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand towards Israel’s right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim’s head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh’s head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.”

*The right hand gives, and the left hand takes away...Brother Herb always said folks make more withdrawals than they give!

What is love? Love is loving the LORD thy God with all thine heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might, and loving your neighbor as thyself!

Shabbat Shalom!