

## Counting the Omer 2022

In lieu of the normal weekly Torah Portion, as we've entered the Spring festival season and specifically the season of the counting of the omer, this will be our focus! Most are familiar with this season as the time frame from Passover to Shavuot. 7 complete Sabbaths are to be counted from Yom HaBikkurim. It is a unique command only associated with this season on Yahweh's festival calendar. Symbolically often associated with a season of preparation, transformation, and anticipation! We also find that before both life changing Shavuot encounters (Mt. Sinai & the Upper Room and outpouring of the Ruach), it seems this 49 day season was necessary to prepare the Body for what they were about to be entrusted with!

Joel 2 prophecies of yet another future outpouring in the end days upon the people once again, **Joel 2:28** – “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:”

\*Could this season of the counting of the omer play a role in preparing you and I to receive this outpouring?

**Pour Out:** Strong's #8210 saphak שָׁפַךְ to pour out or spill; often used to describe something being poured out on the altar! Remember this, it becomes key in regards to who will receive this future outpouring of the Spirit and lends insight into what's supposed to be taking place in this season of the counting.

Altars function as doorways between the spiritual and the natural, causing blessings or curses to be made manifest, depending on whose altar we've joined to! It should come as no surprise that in the end days there is both a promise of judgment (the plagues) as well as the outpouring of the Ruach/Spirit! Perhaps the altars we're joined to determine which we partake of? But what does this have to do with the season of the counting of the omer?

**Leviticus 23:15** – “And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:” This season is known in the Hebrew as Sefirat Ha'omer ספירת העומר both Hebrew words containing a depth of meaning and significance that can't be seen outside the Hebrew language!

**Count:** Strong's #5608 saphar סָפַר to count, recount, relate, rehearse, declare, to speak or utter words, in the sense of the communication of important information and truths; also describes a scribe, learned man, muster-officer. Cognate of other terms meaning a book or scroll – seeming to indicate that the one in the office of a scribe/learned individual has the ability to read, understand, and communicate/declare the important information contained within the scroll!

Here this root saphar is conjugated as usefartem וּסְפַרְתֶּם breaking it apart – פס root stem means threshold, doorway, thresholds are the oldest and most ancient form of an altar; the second half of this phrase סָפַר is the root (#7573) to bind, to harness, to hook up or connect, and to attach. This Hebrew phrase then seems to infer that this is the season of becoming bound and connected to the threshold/ALTAR!

With this season connecting Passover to Shavuot, it immediately seems to point towards what took place at the doorway/threshold (the Covenant and the blood covering). The altar throughout Scriptures represents the authority and power of Yahweh, as well as the sacred space of intersection between the spiritual and natural, between Heaven and earth.

The Hebrew language seems to indicate that far more took place at this encounter than meets the eye! Not only is the blood applied to the threshold/altar, but Israel had an intimate encounter with their deliverer as He was made manifest before their eyes by way of the altar that was created. In **John 1:14** it is clearly stated that our Deliverer Messiah Yeshua, is also the Word made flesh (the Scroll)! Is this the “scroll”/sepher that Israel is given to read and understand? They must now saphar – declare and speak forth the important information and message that was revealed at this altar – who their King is!

Further connecting these points, this same language is used in the Messianic Psalm – **Psalms 22:17** – “I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.” Tell = Saphar! Read, declare, and recount the scroll that is His very body! Simultaneously as they are reading this Scroll that has appeared to them, the Messiah is also sapharing – reading, telling, identifying those who are His bones!

Bones: Strong’s #6106 ‘etsem עֵצֶם bone, essence, substance; ‘etsem has the same value as the term yiphqod (200) from the phrase paqod yiphqod – “surely visit” – the phrase Joseph instructed the children of Israel to listen for regarding the time of their deliverance! It’s also interesting to note that ‘etsem first seen regarding the Woman/Ishshah made for Adam – “She is now bone of my bones/’etsem, and flesh of my flesh...” (**Gen. 2:23**) – it’s a description of the Bride!

The Messiah is there to visit/paqod the one who is bone of his bone, the proper helpmate to the Adam, and as she saphars – reads, understands, and declares the Scroll (the Body broken for her) then she in turn is set free – paqod yiphqod! This goes beyond what we’ve been taught as the basic salvation message...Israel sees this, the disciples see this, yet are given 50 days to saphar – to understand, repeat, and declare it before they themselves are capable of being entrusted with the outpouring of that power! This is the intimate season of truly knowing Him and becoming qadosh/holy by being placed on that altar!

We are to become walking living altars with the ability to have that connection and receive a divine download that will direct the course of our house! And as this living altar we give voice/declare and cause His Name to be made manifest and known!

\*This is why Shavuot is a Feast associated with Fire! The fire on Mt. Sinai and the cloven tongues in the upper room of Acts – it's the fire falling upon the altars that have been presented! Remember Joel?

Sheaf/Omer: Strong's #6016 'omer עֹמֶר omer, sheaf, dry measure equaling the 10<sup>th</sup> part of an ephah (Ex. 16:36); from the root 'amar (#6014) עָמַר to bind closely together (as in to bind sheaves), the root idea of this term is on binding, gripping, or being in the grip of something or someone; it seems to convey that the words released during this season reveal whether or not Israel has become bound to the Altar of the King or if they are still in the grip and bound by something or someone else to another altar!

It's no accident that 'omer has the same value and Hebrew letters as the term 'aram אֲרָם often translated in the beginning chapters of Genesis as "naked" describing the condition of Adam and the woman before the fall, yet the meaning is subtle, shrewd, crafty, prudent, one who takes careful thought of his ways, seems to infer a condition of the mind – while in this condition they were not ashamed (Gen. 2:25). While in this condition they were holy walking altars until they became bound to another!

Ashamed: Strong's #954 buwsh בּוֹשׁ to put to shame, be disappointed, when applied to the mind can indicate troubled, disturbed, or confused, as well as to be put to silence – they were not confused, troubled, disturbed, shamed, or silent as long as their mind was prudent and shrewd – astute and sharp!

It seems to connect together that when Israel receives access to the scroll/message at Passover (the LIVING WORD made flesh) if they were obedient and capable of deciphering the message, it would be instrumental in restoring the condition of their minds – from a troubled and disturbed slave mentality, the fallen condition of the mind passed on from Adam, to one who was astute and prudent, and therefore not silenced, but able to declare forth with authority and power the message, releasing life! The Messiah paid the price for our deliverance, healing, provision, peace, and our restoration, yet if we are incapable of understanding the WORD that was given, we'll remain in bondage.

The word ephah אֵפָה as well gives insight here (remember an omer is a tenth of an ephah), translated as meaning a measure of grain, thought to be of Egyptian origin, yet written exactly the same as the Hebrew term 'eyphoh אֵפָה where? Breaking it apart א root means where? Attached to this is the פה mouth – in other words where is the mouth that speaks?

\*This season the question is asked, where is the mouth that speaks and declares the message that's been written? Who has understanding – a restored mind? Only one in this condition is capable of speaking forth life, a carnal fallen mind is silenced, troubled, and shamed!

The first reference of this term saphar in the Torah is in Genesis 15:5 – “And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell/saphar the stars, if thou be able to number/saphar them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.”

\*From the basic English reading of the text, this would seem to infer that Abram was being instructed to attempt to count the number of the stars, indicating the numerous amount of his descendants. Yet this is not what is inferred in the Hebrew!

He was commanded to saphar – to read, understand and declare forth the message that was written within the scroll of the heavens, just as Israel must read the living Scroll of the Messiah! Further connecting the dots here, Abram is told not only to saphar but to “look” – (#5027) nabat נָבַט to look, regard; this same term is also seen in **Psalms 22:17** – “I may tell/saphar all my bones: they look/nabat and stare upon me.” – Abram is being shown the price that will be paid by the one who will re-gather and restore his house!

If Abram was capable of understanding that message, then so shall thy seed be – they will be bone of his bone! The constellational signs are one of the scrolls where the redemption plan of Yahweh is written, in addition to revealing the times and the seasons! For one who was able to read it and understand the message, it reveals important information and truths that would give direction regarding the next step needed to take!

\*This becomes the foundation for one of the key blessings consistently repeated throughout the Scriptures regarding the house of Abraham – to multiply thy seed as the stars (**Gen. 22:17, 26:4, Ex. 32:13, Deut. 1:10, 10:22, 1 Chron. 27:23, & Neh. 9:23**)

With the repetition of this statement “multiply as the stars” numerous times in the Scriptures, we must look further into these “stars” – because the authority and wisdom that Abraham’s seed is to walk in is likened unto them!

**Genesis 1:16** – “And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.” Once again the English waters down and confuses the wording – the lesser light is the stars, and they rule the night!

Rule: Strong’s #4475 memshalah מְשָׁלָה rule, dominion, to have jurisdiction; from the root #4910 mashal מָשַׁל to rule, have dominion, reign; to make like, to assimilate, to become like; מ prefix indicates to reveal, make manifest, or visible. In other words, the one who is able to rule and have dominion now makes manifest/visible the one has become like Yahweh (in His image), bone of His bone! This is who is seeking for!

The dominion and jurisdiction that these stars (seed of Abraham) are entrusted with concerns the night! They rule the night: Strong’s #3915 lailah/layil לַיִל night; from the root lul (#3833) וּלַל staircase, winding stair, or ladder – same description of a DNA Helix as well as root stem seen in regards to the winding ladder that Jacob is shown a vision of!

\*Could this be a reference to the first Adam’s charge over the DNA of creation, and now after allowing this position to be compromised, there’s a restoration taking place of this very authority/memshalah?

It’s interesting to note that lailah is written with the same letters as the title Heylel הַיְלֵל (#1966) Lucifer – the “light bearer”

\*We are charged with taking jurisdiction/dominion over handling the DNA of creation, which has been compromised by Heylel/Lucifer (Serpent)! The season of

the counting of the omer is not only about the restoration of the Bride in her position as one who has authority and power and declares/speaks forth with creative power, but it also restores all of creation as well as the position and authority of our Husband and King as the dominion is restored that has been challenged!

In fact, looking closer at the root word mashal (of memshalah/rule), it has a numerical value of 370, the same as qara' (#7167) קָרַע to tear or rend in pieces, as in a garment; figuratively tearing away or removing a King's authority! Isn't it interesting that Revelation 12:4 reveals that Heylel/the Serpent takes 1/3 of the "stars" – a message revealed in the Heavens regarding his attempt to tear away or remove the King's authority! These same letters form the Hebrew term 'aqar (#6135) עָקַר barren or sterile – first seen describing Sarah – Abram's wife!

Genesis 11:30 – "But Sarai was barren/'aqar; she had no child."

As long as the Bride is barren (has no ability to speak forth or release life – seeming to point towards a broken altar, something hindering the ability for that connection to be made and cause it to be made manifest), it is the King's authority that is being attacked or questioned as it hinders the multiplication of His NAME and character! Yet Abram has revealed to him that Israel would become as the stars – they would become the restoration of the King's authority on the earth if they will saphar!

Psalms 19 speaks of these same stars, but now we can understand that they serve a dual role! Not only is it describing the physical constellations, which declare the redemption message as the sun moves through, but it's also revealing the role of the seed of Abraham! 19:3 – "There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard."

Is not: Strong's #1097 beli' בְּלִי' wearing out, without or not; same letters form

Yobel/Jubilee יָבֵל – the 50<sup>th</sup> year of restoration, renewal, and return; every counting of the omer cycle is a mini rehearsal of the grander Jubilee cycle – and what we declare is heard!

\*From the root balah בָּלָה to wear out, become old, to use up completely; cognate of the term used in Dan. 7 describing how the anti-messiah will seek to wear out the saints!

It seems that his goal and purpose will be to silence these very voices that would declare/saphar! Yet in the midst of this all out attack from the enemy, we find that their voice will not be silenced, it will not be worn out or cease because they have experienced and declare the jubilee/yobel! That's what this season of the sefirat ha'omer is about! A season of the restoration of the mind of the Bride so that she can declare and speak forth the Living WORD in all power and authority, and she becomes an altar, creating the sacred space for the union of the King and His Bride! This is the season of the uniting of the Bride to the Messiah, having become bone of His bone!

Sefirat Ha'omer has a numerical value of 1,071 – the same value as the phrase hakallah 'eshet haseh – "The Bride, the Lamb's wife" (Rev. 21:9).

