

Naso – Elevate: 6/11/22  
**Numbers 4:21–7:89.**

- I. This week's Parsha follows on the heels of the last of the Holy Spring Convocations: Shavuot. The title of the Parsha is Naso, translated in the KJV as 'Take', but which literally means to lift, bear up, support, carry and to bear continuously. Not coincidentally, this one word sums up the vocational charge given the House of Levi in regards to the Tabernacle. As such, it behooves us to examine this vital connection embedded in the Hebrew language. Written, H#5375, **נָסָא**, Naso, it is cognate with H#5254-5256, **נָסָה**, nasah, which also has a wide meaning such as: To test, try or prove, to tear down or out, to pull out, to remove. It is seen in **Ezra 6:11** indicating to remove a beam of wood from the house of an offending person and have them hung or impaled, crucified upon it! Again, this link pulls back the curtain to reveal a deeper dimension of Levi's service!

Again, we need to look closely because traditionally, this singular word is emphasized in regard to the taking of the sum or numbering of – the sons of Levi. Especially as Levitical obligations and hierarchy are the central focus of our parsha; therefore, why Naso these Sons of Levi?

That in mind, take note that the same letters for **נָסָא** when rearranged also give us: **אֲנֹשׁ**, Enosh, indicating a frail, weakly man in need of healing. Could this Parsha have secretive information regarding the 'lifting up of the Enosh-Frail Man' as well as, who this 'Man' was/is? Moreover, we should take into account that the Wilderness Tabernacle was designed in the form of, or patterned after, this 'Fallen Man' – Enosh - in need of healing! Comprehending this should help us understand the role of Levi as 'caretaker' of this Tabernacle - Tent-of-Skin - Man and how long his custodial responsibility to the Tent Man would endure. Many argue that role was eternal; indeed, as long as the Fallen Tabernacle Man is the pattern *Levi is his caretaker!* Nonetheless, if Yahshua took on the Body of that Fallen Tabernacle Man and destroyed the powers of sin, death, hell and the grave – The Example or Pattern is now one of a Resurrected Tabernacle Man and as a result, requires a new Officiant – A new PRIESTHOOD - a new order in the guise of or after the order of - Melchizedek! How can I say that? We will try to move cautiously, as this is a delicate subject fraught with indignant opposition! So, let's discuss...

The Levitical duty, role and Heritage:

We will begin at **Numbers 1: 53** *But, the Levites shall pitch round about the Tabernacle of Testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: And the Levites shall keep the charge of the Tabernacle of Testimony.*

As we've taught before, we believe the Tabernacle was indeed fashioned in a circular Pattern. Thus, based on tribal alignment, the Levites would have formed a circle around *The Circle-Tent* – adding clarity to Ezekiel's "Wheel Within a Wheel"! **This would have effectively closed off access to the Wilderness Tent!** Granted, the other 11-tribes would have also encircled Levi around the Tabernacle, perhaps even completely enclosing it, being outside the boundaries of the Levitical circle and camping in the 4-compass points: North, South, East and West. Take note of the following highlighted words from our above text:

- **Pitch**, H#2583, **הנה**, Chanah - this word is translated in a variety of ways meaning to incline, encamp, bend down, to decline. Primarily it conveys the idea of the sun's rays declining, decreasing or deteriorating as the evening progresses! \*Note the latter, as you've never connected this definition to their camping order! Likewise, Chanah is closely related to H#2603, **הנן**, Chanan, to be gracious, favored, pitied, shown consideration. To bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior. Shown compassion.
- **Round about**, H#5439, **סביב**, Sabib, a circuit, circle. From the root Sabab, indicating to turn about, around, aside or back. It can hint at changing, reversing, returning.
- **Wrath**, H#7110, **קצף**, qetsef. This word means wrath, anger, a splinter or broken off twig.
- **Charge**, H#4931, **משתרם**, mishmeret, defined as: To guard, watch, preserve. In this context, the root mishmar hints at a place of confinement, a guard post. Hinting that the Levites had the custody of the Tabernacle Man during his confinement (In the flesh) until such time as he is RELEASED!

Correct me if I'm wrong, but doesn't this sound as if the Levites are camped – encircling – embracing if you will – a Tabernacle that represents a corrupted, frail, Enosh man with death working in him and in need of redemption? Unquestionably, this 'Tabernacle Man' is a temporal vessel, shown in a declining, deteriorating condition; he has death working in him just as the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam! To argue against this is to decry the 'temporary booth pattern' inherent in the 7<sup>th</sup>- month festival of Sukkot!

Yet, based on our extrapolated definition, the Levites are to embrace, encircle 'Him' until He turns back, is changed, His condition reversed and He returns to His Edenic Form? From the succeeding text we glean that Levi is to function as an intermediary until this happens else should Israel come in contact with this 'Tabernacle Man' they encounter the anger of YHVH and be broken off the Branch! WHY???

What Exactly was Levi's Role and has it Changed?

- II. Before proceeding, let me reiterate. The consensus of most scholars is that Moshe was given the pattern of the Tabernacle, which I believe to have been fashioned in the form of the Fallen Adam in need of Redemption (Ex. 25:9). From the linguistic structural context it would seem that everything that had to do with the Tabernacle, its' furnishings, function, officiates or priesthood, would be found within the influence and affect of this pattern and to separate one from the other an exercise in futility! Nevertheless, for many, the idea of broaching this subject outside their traditions and asking them to view – The Levitical Priesthoods' future (Especially as it relates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple) as one still CONNECTED TO THAT DEAD MAN'S PATTERN (Wilderness Tent) of Dead Works — and NOT the RESURRECTED TEMPLE MAN YAHSHUA – is regarded as an attack on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple, the Kohanim, the Levites, the 'Altar' and other foundational traditions of the Jews, Messianic/Hebrew Roots and Christians alike. Moreover, to offer a new Melchizedek perspective of A Living Stones Tabernacle and a new Priestly system is nothing short of heresy and wholly confrontational to many Believers. Frankly, almost all end-time prophecy is viewed through the lens of this 're-establishment' of the Levitical system and the 3<sup>rd</sup>-Temple sacrificial temple. But, what if this has been wrong all this time?

It is my contention, the answers lie within the buried treasures of truth, which, are able to withstand our scrutiny [Unlike most religious traditions] and are especially enthralling when released from the confinement of those religious customs. For example consider the words of the following text and let me offer you one of those Scandalous opinions regarding the consequence of Levi's role that I've never heard broached before: Numbers 1:53b...*That there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel...*

Doesn't it sound as if Levi - by '*pitching round about the Tabernacle to prevent wrath upon the B'nei Yisra'el*' - is being asked to offer Himself as the object of the above wrath in the stead of the Sons of Israel? Why? Was the daily contact with this 'Tabernacle Man' (Whom the Pattern reveals in need of a blood atonement and

is shown deteriorating steadily) somehow a scourge of sorts that unless Levi shields Israel from it the wrath of YHVH will fall upon the entire camp? Hard questions need straight answers. Though this may sound foreign to you there is indeed precedent in Torah for just such a thing and found in **Numbers 19:1-14** regarding the Ordinance of the Red Heifer where one contaminated by contact with death must appear before the High Priest who himself is clean, yet once he sprinkles the ash mingled with cedar wood, hyssop, scarlet and water upon the contaminated person, that person is now clean while the Priest himself now becomes impure!

Some may argue: The Tent was not an unclean place! Yet you cannot argue against the fact that death worked inside the Tabernacle in the form of animal sacrifice! Therefore, the Tent, in effect, represented a Dead or Dying Man – The First Adam! Now, given this, please consider **Numbers 19:14** *This is the Torah, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. ONCE AGAIN – WHAT???*

If the Tabernacle Man Tent had death working in it, and this is certainly the PATTERN OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ADAM - then anyone who came into that tent would be unclean 7-days – 7,000-years until death is finally purged from the FLESHLY SKIN TENT of MAN! This is precisely the same picture of **Gen. 3:21** where YHVH makes a Skin Tent for Adam and Chavah called the Flesh and from that time forward no man who would enter the realm of the Carnal, Fleshly Man - born inside that dying tent - was considered clean – with the Exception of Yahshua! From Adam forward, the DNA helix was broken, severed, breached if you will!

Perhaps Isaiah saw something far more than a physical version of our future! Look at. **Is. 30:26** *Moreover, the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that YHVH bindeth up the breach of His people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.* \*Note the connection with the Sun and Moon, because I'll address that later!

- Breach, **H#7667**, **שבר**, sebar, (We get the English sever from this root!) a fracture, breaking as in the breaking of a dream! YHVH will repair the breached DNA shown to Jacob in His Dream – and we will become ‘repairers of the breach’!

Please observe the following for more evidence!

**Ps. 51:5** *Behold, I was Shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

- Shapen, H#2342, חוּל, chool, to twist, to turn round, a circle or spiral. We were created in a Circle – A Round Tent Womb in the twisted DNA helix of the first Adams' sinful condition! For 7-days or 7000-years we will be unclean until the final DNA of that Curse is reversed at the close of the Millennial kingdom!

Subsequent to that same pattern, that of a Fallen Man and his need for a Redeemer - the Levites – likewise, it would seem, became a living sacrifice offered in the stead of Israel! A foreshadowing of the role of the coming Messiah! They alone could prevent the Scourge of Death – The Wrath of YHVH - from enveloping the Nation by taking on the Nations' uncleanness for a season! However, clearly unlike Messiah, the difference being that they are custodians of a fleshly body themselves, known as the Tabernacle, and as such, the death working in Levi could not ever expunge the Sin debt, only set the punishment off for a season until Yahshua arrived in the same Skin Tent! He who alone bore the Light/Blood of YHVH in His DNA, was thus able to circumvent the curse and repair the breached DNA of ADAM!

In summation, the Levites and their sacrificial animal blood - death system could never completely atone for the Sins of the Nation and never break the power of death, hell or the grave from off the People. They could only mitigate or postpone the wrath of YHVH – as described above - for a short period and then the whole process of sprinkling with the ashes starts anew! Therefore, it became necessary for the Messiah to come and change the Process – by offering Himself in that same Tabernacle Pattern – A Skin Tent that would die – Yet be without Sin. Death could not hold Him and presented no threat of contamination to Him or those who would be sprinkled with HIS BLOOD/ASHES! He became the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Likewise, you could not have the institution of a new, perfect High Priestly Order – The Living Tabernacle Man – in the custody of a corrupt Levitical Priesthood presumed to be officiating along side if they still have death working in them! I'm not speaking as much of the carnal or fleshly body (Who lives by applying the Blood of Yahshua) because Levi could have embraced the Sacrifice of Yahshua and been absorbed into the Melchizedek System too! Rather, their demise came about from what was to become their firm adherence to their belief that a return to the former dead works of animal blood sacrifice and officiating in a DEAD 3<sup>RD</sup> TEMPLE MAN! This is in fact a declaration of DISBELIEF IN THE ATONING

WORK OF YAHSHUA! This wholly discredits them from Priestly service disgraced as one who has chosen to become tainted with death once again!

Without doubt, the coming of Yahshua required an entirely new Priesthood – who would officiate a Tabernacle NOT MADE WITH HANDS - after the Semblance or Order of Messiah and Melchizedek! This same Priesthood who in the fashion of Levi - would now encircle or encamp round about this New Tabernacle Man! Meanwhile, the most devastating distraction of the last days will be the simultaneous construction of the 3<sup>rd</sup>-Temple and re-institution of the Kohanim and Levitical system in order to officiate in that 3<sup>rd</sup>-Temple! Once again, reverting back to that DEAD TABERNACLE MAN and an impure Priestly system!

Never forget! Levi had a Noble and Holy calling as a mediator between the Nation of Israel and YHVH! That calling, though powerful, can never save the Nation, and the Nation can never be ECHAD with the Tent Man represented by that Fallen Tabernacle system and live! The sacrifice of Yahshua and His blood atonement is trampled under foot by this system! Consequently, just as in our text, the wrath of YHVH falls upon Levi all whom Levi presents to that system. Thus, their efforts only prolong the length of time the Nation must be separated from their MESSIAH – The Living Tabernacle – At the same time the Melchizedek High Priest and those after His order are able to officiate a new and living Tabernacle – completing the pattern where the Two are shown becoming One – Echad!

Did They Get A Raw Deal?  
Numbering the Levites – A contradiction?

- III. If you recall earlier in this book of Numbers (Numbs. 1:49 & 2:33) YHVH had instructed Moshe: *Only thou shall not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel:* But our text here in Naso and previously, that of Numbers 3:15 begins with what seems a contradiction to that statement or does it? Instead of a warning to not number, Moshe is now told to: **Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers.** Numbers 4:2 *Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi...*

Why the apparent change? Who were those sons of Levi? Gershon, Kohath and Merari. How do these names effect our presentation?

- Gershon, H#1648, גֵּרְשׁוֹן, translated most often as: ‘Exiled, divorced’, to drive out. Its’ root Geresh, hints at something thrust up or out of, the ground-Adamah. It is only found 1-time in Deut. 33:14 relating to the blessings

upon Joseph and to distinguish between fruit brought forth by the sun and those by the Moon. *Geresh yerachiyim*. \*Remember our Note previously concerning the role of the Sun and Moon? Here's a bit of meat to chew!

If we follow the pattern of Creation, The Sun represents the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam – The Tabernacle of Elohiym - with the LIGHT OF CREATIONS' DNA emanating from it-Him! While the Moon represents the fallen Man – Tabernacle – Tent that has no LIGHT of its' own, the original DNA of the Light has been breached! It can only reflect the light! Accordingly, following the pattern of redemption, Yahshua the Word – I.E. the Sun - took on Himself the fallen body Tabernacle with no light of its' own (The Moon) becoming a picture pattern where the Moons' cycles represent the death, burial and resurrection (Dark phase, Sliver, Full moon) of that Fallen Man redeemed. Gershon pictures that Fallen Man – the GER – stranger who is exiled from the Adamah and will only bring forth fruit through the offering of Messiah Ben Yosef!

- Kohath, [H#6955](#), **קֹהַת**, this root is normally defined as 'assembly', to ally oneself, to gather. The Qof-Vav root hints at a measuring line or cord that is made from weaving several cords into one. Etymologically, the Qof-Vav is related to the Chet-Vav of **חַוָּה**, Chavah the name given the Woman by Adam and which indicates to show or reveal life, to preserve life, to restore life. This root also hints at life being gathered into a tent – womb.
- Merari, [H#4847](#), **מֵרָרִי**, translated most often as 'bitter'. It hints at flowing or dropping and the root stem points toward a change or to 'exchange' that occurs after or out of bitterness. Further, the Mem-Resh root gives us myrrh, the spice associated with Tabernacle incense and the consummation of marriage, with half it's occurrences being found in Song of Songs.

These Sons collectively, were supposed to be a living blueprint before Israel demonstrating the active role of the Coming Messiah who would ransom the Fallen Man – Israel taking on his death in order to restore the Man to his Edenic condition! Israel, as a Redeemed Host could never truly appreciate that Restoration had they not experienced the bitterness of Exile in Egypt and the frailties of the Enosh Man! This Skin-Tent Man was in front of their eyes throughout the Wilderness! The Sons of Levi were to teach them how fragile life existed in the Carnal Tent Man and point them toward the eternal hope of becoming One – Echad with Messiah! Levi was to teach them of the Middle Wall of Partition and the breach of DNA. While they themselves could never breach that wall, they were to cultivate an expectancy of One Who Would Come by giving their own lives for

the Nation in rehearsal of His Coming! Please look at a better definition of Levi than I've seen before!

- Levi, H#3878, לוי, this word means: Joined, attendant upon (One who waits upon another). It hints at borrowing, lending. The ancient meaning indicates the uniting of two ends via a circular motion, to coil or twist together as in a crown or garland. This was to be the Eternal – Rewarded Gift called 'Levi'. He was never to usurp the Priesthood of Melchizedec nor hinder the transition of the Priesthood to Yahshua! In fact, Levi was to become the CONNECTOR – THE ONE WHO JOINS TWO PREVIOUSLY SEPARATED STRANDS OF DNA!

Levi had the singular distinction of being entrusted with the Covenant of Peace, as he attended the Tabernacle of Skin – The Tent Man. His ministry? Reconciling Israel to YHVH!

Levi could have ultimately given himself – lent himself to YHVH and the Nation as he served to unite the two – YHVH and His Bride inside the Circle of the Tent and it's pattern of Redemption, repairing the breach through the DNA of His Word – Yahshua! His (Levi's) was the charge of passing the two severed ends - of DNA to the High Priest of a Higher Order – Melchizedek Yahshua – He Who alone was able to join the two severed, breached ends – שרב, sebar - back together! Those same letters rearranged give us: בשר, BASAR – the flesh!

Levi instead became more focused on the animal Sacrifice and their 'ministry' rather than simple obedience to the pattern. Pride exalted his position similar to that of Hallel Ben Shachar in Is. 14:13. The value of Levi is 46, the same as H#519, אמה, emah, and the picture of the Alef-Mem, im, The Alef – Man with the Mem-Womb-Tent. Levi should have functioned as custodian of the Tent – Man – Tabernacle in need of the Redeemer who would come! Instead, they refused to relinquish their role after its' season and sought to become the source of redemption themselves, exalting their throne/ALTAR upon the Mount of the Congregation in the Sides of the North! The Place where only Yahshua's blood could go!

Shabbat Shalom!



