

Beha'alotekha 2023

Beha'alotekha/"When You Set Up", Numbers 8:1-12:16, follows on the heels of the dedication of the Tabernacle and the offerings brought by the tribes of Israel. Gears now shift as Israel prepares to disembark from Mt. Sinai, having been camped here for almost a year! Yet as details are given that all seem to connect to the mobility of the camp (camping and departure order, the fashioning of the Silver Trumpets which communicate with the camp, the moving of the pillar of cloud/fire), the first point that is addressed regards the lighting of the Menorah! It begs the question, what does that have to do with the preparation of the moving of the camp? Perhaps is there a connection found here regarding the journey Israel is about to embark on, one that is still pertinent to the direction of the scattered house of Israel today?

Numbers 8:1-4

It is not hard to make the connection that the Menorah as the light/lampstand of Elohim foreshadows Messiah, the Light of the World ([John 8:12](#)), as well as symbolizing the Tree of Life. Yet just as the Tree of Life in Eden was protected from anyone that would attempt to access it in an untoward manner, could this Menorah as well follow the same pattern? Therefore how it is approached or handled affects the journey and direction of Israel?

Here the focus is on how one approaches this Menorah.

When thou lightest: Strong's #5927 'alah אָלַח to go up, ascend, climb; carries with it the connotation of an upward motion and denotes an ascension to a higher place. It is also significant to note that this verb is used in relationship to a person's appearance before Elohim! One must go up to stand before Yahweh ([Exodus 34:24](#))!

*When breaking apart this Hebrew phrase beha'alotekha it literally infers in your goings (plural) – as the Menorah was tended to daily, it seems each day there was a scheduled divine appointment as the priest appeared to stand before Yahweh that had the potential to affect the goings/journeys of the entire house!

Hmm...remember it seems there's something here regarding the lighting of this Menorah and the coming journey of Israel!

[1 Peter 2:9](#) reminds us that we are a royal priesthood – this then reveals that we too are charged with approaching and ascending to this Menorah for the express purpose of determining the course of our next steps and the future of our house and generations!

According to the Talmud, there was always one candle that remained lit of the 7 to allow for the daily servicing of the Menorah, this particular candle is called the Ner Maarivi (the Western Lamp). The Hebrew term maarivi (West) comes from the root stem 'arab (#6148) אָרַב to pledge, exchange, to become a surety for; 1st seen in [Gen. 43:9](#) where Judah becomes a surety for ('arab) Benjamin in order for Jacob to agree to release Benjamin to travel to Egypt at the behest of Tsaphnath Paneach (Joseph)!

Digging further, 'arab is written with the same root letters that form 'abar (#5674) עָבַר to cross over or to go beyond, the root of the term 'ivriy – Hebrew! On the opposite end of the spectrum, 'arab is the same root stem of 'arov – swarms עָרַב the 4th plague upon Egypt, serving at the line of demarcation where Israel/Goshen was separated! It seems there's something about the way the Priest approaches the Menorah that has the potential to either unleash the swarms (a devastating plague) upon his house, or to stand and be counted as an 'ivriy – one who has crossed over and has stood against all opposition in regards to the promises he has been given!

This connection of 'arab and the scenario of Judah and Israel seems insignificant until further digging is done! The numerical value of the phrase Ner Maarivi נֵר מְעַרְבִי = 572, the same value as the phrase “and concerning our kindred” וְלִמְוֹלַדְתֵּנוּ ulmowladtenu, seen in this exact same passage in **Gen. 43:7** regarding Judah's explanation of Tsaphnath Paneach asking regarding their kindred, hence the need for Benjamin!

The connection to Joseph, Judah, and Benjamin cannot be ignored! Judah – foreshadowing the Lion of Judah, the Messiah, becomes the surety for the debt in order for Benjamin – the Son of the Right Hand, to appear enabling Israel to have access to Joseph/Tsaphnath Paneach – meaning Savior of the World in the midst of great devastation! This seems to be the hidden message behind this eternal flame – the ner maarivi!

Benjamin functions as a shadow picture not only of Messiah as the Son of the Right Hand, but of the Bride! Benjamin is the ONLY son of Jacob that does not bow to Esau, he is the last of the 12...perhaps referring to the last generation who will not bow or release the claim to the promises we've been given to another, but will be presented and gain access to salvation in the midst of great devastation!

*This is all encapsulated in this daily tending to the lamps of the Menorah! It was a daily rehearsal and pattern waiting for Benjamin בְּנֵי־יָמִין which contains the 2 letter root יָם yam (#3220) sea, or WEST! Yahweh was waiting on the Ner Maarivi the WEST flame – Benjamin, to present himself!

The value of Benjamin = 162, the same value as the phrase betselem בְּצֶלֶם in the image – referring to Adam created in the image of Elohim! Tselem צֶלֶם image, likeness, but it implies not the appearance but the function! Elohim placed within man a representation of His own function (character, mindset, purpose)!

The Menorah/Messiah is waiting on the Benjamin – the one created in His image, who functions in the same manner. In **Gen. 1:27**, the function that has been placed within Adam is elaborated upon with the terms male/zakar & female/neqebah. The concept behind these two roles being that the female is one equipped with a facility designed to receive something not of itself yet integrate it into itself, where the male is designed to submit its own reflection – in other words the ability to release seed (a reflection of oneself) and the ability to womb/nurture that seed to produce life!

*The one who is both able to speak forth the Word and also hear and womb the Word till it is brought to fruition!

This becomes an earmark of one operating as mature sons/daughters of the Right Hand, who are capable of 'alah – ascending before Him in order to gain insight and wisdom regarding the direction of their house, where to approach in a different manner results in unleashing great devastation as they have mishandled the role and responsibilities of the Priesthood!

The value of Benjamin (162) is also the value of 'al hamizbe'ach על המזבה “on the altar” – the only way to stand before Yahweh as Benjamin, one in His image (Betselem), is to have spent time on the altar! **Romans 12:1** – “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Elohim, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Elohim, *which is your reasonable service.*”

In fact the root of beha'alotekha is a cognate of the Hebrew term 'olah (#5930) עֹלָה whole burnt offering, but it can also infer ascent, stairway, or steps! How do you ascend to stand before the Menorah – by first offering yourself up as a living sacrifice, an 'olah offering, representing total consecration of the presenter to Yahweh! Yet Psalms 51 makes it clear that the physical animal offering is not what Yahweh was seeking...

Psalms 51:16-17 – “For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering/'olah. The sacrifices of Elohim *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O Elohim, thou wilt not despise.”

Both the spirit and the heart are required to be “broken”.

Broken: Strong's #7665 sabar שָׁבַר to break, break in pieces; can also describe to bring to birth and is a metaphor for deliverance expressed figuratively by the breaking of a yoke!

*Cognate of #7663-#7664 seber שִׁבַּר hope, indicates a feeling and a conviction that something is going to come to pass, to expect with hope and patience, to tarry or wait upon; as well as to inspect, examine, to look at or view, to dig out and explore; in other words searching out what your hope is based on!

Could this be revealing how we are to approach the Menorah? He seeks the 'olah offering of the seber ru'ach – the one who has approached and come seeking the source of their hope and promise! Remember to tend to the Menorah deals with receiving direction and insight regarding your “goings” – you've come to seek the one who first gave you the promise with the understanding and expectation that it is going to come to pass, but seeking the right direction regarding that very promised word! It's as if you're reorienting yourself as the Menorah functions as the compass to give proper direction and instructions.

It's interesting to note that seber is formed with the same letters as basar (#1320) בָּשָׂר flesh; remember that the basar of Adam would originally have been something composed of the light and fire of Elohim just like the flame of this Menorah, once again emphasizing that He's waiting upon the one in His image (betselem) to approach!

Basar comes from the root meaning to bear news, the good news of Salvation or to bear tidings. It is also used often within the military settings – a messenger coming from the battle lines to report the news or victory! Do you see the significance of what's being

revealed here? A daily encounter where the Priest (remember we have been given the opportunity to operate in this role) approaches the Menorah on behalf of the entire house both seeking direction as well as reporting the news or victory regarding the very message and promised word that they carry and have been given!

Continuing to build upon this foundation, remember the shape and positioning of the Menorah in the Tabernacle? The stand of the 7 lamps is positioned across from the table of shewbread containing 12 loaves in the Holy Place. The significance of these 2 numbers can't be ignored! The number 7 is the number of covenant cutting, an oath, but it is also the number of the 7 luminaries visible to the naked eye studied throughout antiquity across multiple cultures that move across the celestial sphere relative to the fixed stars. The 7 luminaries being the sun, moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn.

This 7-branched luminary patterned seemingly after the heavenly pattern, shines onto the 12 loaves – representing the 12 Tribes of Israel who as well correspond to the 12 zodiacal houses of the constellations! Every time the priest was obedient to tend to the Menorah it was a reminder of the continuation of a covenant promise and oath regarding the house of Israel – and the message written in the Heavens (Menorah) would illuminate and shine etching and revealing His plans and purpose regarding the 12 Tribes/houses (shining upon the loaves)!

Genesis 15:5 – “And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.”
*It seems like Abraham, the priest too is challenged with being able to cipher – read, understand, and declare the message written in the Heavens regarding the course of His house!

Leviticus 24 reveals that each row of the Table of Shewbread also had pure frankincense upon it. As the light warms the frankincense, it releases its aroma, the smell associated with the presence of Yahweh and the doorway through which the worshipper drew near. This is the setting for the revealing of the message! In Hebrew the phrase “pure frankincense” is lebonah zakah לבנה זכה – with a numerical value of 119, the same value as Ben'onni בן־אֹנִי Son of my sorrows, the name Rachel first gives to Benjamin!

Looking closer at the word frankincense itself, lebonah לבנה, the ל prefix means to or for, it designates the direction or goal of the action, as well as the goad of that action. It is attached to the בנה banah root – meaning to build, cause to continue, to restore, specifically in regards to family or children, sons and daughters! In other words, it reveals the whole purpose of this ritual, which took place in the Holy Place! It was a continual declaration of the covenant promise and intent of Yahweh to transform the ben-onni, the son of sorrows, into the Benjamin – the Sons of His Right Hand, in order to restore and build His House!

*When looking at some of the health benefits of Frankincense (which are VAST), it aids in helping with anxiety, fear of the future, nervous tension, and stress related conditions! A priest who comes to tend to the Menorah, seeking direction for his house, has no fear of the future or need to be anxious because he knows the source

of his hope and promise! Frankincense helps to fortify the mind, assists in indecision, and eliminates blocked personal growth by dealing with the mind. It also contains sesquiterpenes, which enable it to go beyond the blood brain barrier to assist in increasing oxygen around the pineal and pituitary glands, not only supporting these glands but also serving as a detox!

The pineal gland is highly susceptible to environmental toxins, which our generation is currently bombarded with (aluminum, fluoride, glyphosate, & EMF's)! Why the attack on this area of our brain? Symptoms of a compromised pineal gland include mental issues, depression, anxiety, mood disorders, brain fog, difficult with sense of direction, blurred lines between good and evil, as well as hormonal and neurological issues.

This area is associated with the domain of our soul, and is often referred to as the "third eye". Isn't it interesting that the occult world is constantly attempting to open and gain access to this third eye, yet in order to do so in regards to the masses, they have launched an all out assault in order to keep the people from being able to think properly, make decisions, have any sense of direction, leaving most in a fearful anxious state and therefore open and easy pickings.

This is why we find references in the Scripture to both Yahweh and the anti-messiah marking/sealing in the forehead - pineal gland (**Rev. 7 & Rev. 13**)! This location also represents the Holy of Holies, which is supposed to be the throne and seat of the Presence of Yahweh! Do you think perhaps the ritual of the lighting of the Menorah is the pattern we're given of how we are sealed by His Name?

As one called to be a nation of kings of priests, we are tasked with seeking His Face, understanding that as we approach and come before Him, we're being given the opportunity to receive and in turn declare a WORD that will direct and change the course of our house and future generations! It's a time when our mind is renewed, fortified, and recalibrated!

Philippians 2:5 – "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Messiah Yahshua:"

When Israel journeyed forth, following the pillar, upon resting Mosheh would declare – "Return, O Yahweh, unto the many thousands of Israel." (**Numbers 10:36**)

Thousands: Strong's #505 'eleph אֶלֶף thousand; from the root #502 'alaph אֶלֶף to learn, to accustom oneself, or to be familiar – the Presence returns to those who are familiar with Him, who are accustomed to being in His Presence, who have taken the time to learn the message and in turn declare it forth!

When was the last time you appeared before the Menorah for the purpose of seeking direction and guidance for your house?

Psalms 119:105 – "Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

*This is the first verse of the letter Nun נ passage in Psalms 119, the same letter that surrounds the passage in Numbers 10 regarding the arising and return of Yahweh to the people...sounds like He returns to those who have kept the lamps burning!