
Ezekiel's First Vision; How Explosive!

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I have a special fondness for the Baal Shem Tov and all the stories about him, so this past Shabbat as I read yet another of them I realized the he too, as a youth, along with his teacher had tried to bring the revelation of Moshiach (the Messiah) before his time. His teacher died that very night and we nearly lost the Baal Shem Tov as well. Every tzaddik, including the Arizal, who has tried to bring the geula and/or the H'Mashiach before his understood manifestation in **5778** has met with quick tragedy.

These were the highest-level souls. They knew exactly when Mashiach was supposed to come, so why did they tempt fate? The easy answer is that they knew our suffering, that of their day and that of the future, and they wanted to relieve it, but they also knew better.

In our last article ("The Book of the Wars of the Lord") we advised that the numerical value of "speak to the rock" is **848**, or **2 x 424**, the numerical value of Moshiach Ben David, so when Moses struck the rock twice, he was trying to bring the geula (final redemption) with the revelation of Moshiach. And indeed, Moses was trying to shorten the time frame by half. Half of **5778** is the year **2889**, the midpoint in the life of King David, and exactly **441** years after the Tree-of-Life was first offered to us at Mt Sinai in **2448**. The value **441** is that of Emet, Truth, as in the Torah, which is known as Truth. Moses was trying to make David H'Moshiach, rather than making us wait another **2889** years for Moshiach Ben David.

G-d's answer to Moses was found in the beginning of Pasha Pinchas with the broken vav (the staff) in the words Et Briti Shalom, the Covenant of Peace, where the letter vav in Shalom is broken, representing among other spiritual things, the incompleteness of the Torah that must wait until the end-of-days. The gematria of Briti Shalom including the kolel for the 2 words is **1000**. We can look at that vav with the hairline split as a 6 missing a sections and come up with **6000** less a hair, and as we'll see Ezekial showing us later, it was **222**. Nevertheless, in our last article we spoke once again about the **408** missing letters necessary to complete the perfect **600,000** and **408** vavs or **408 x 6 = 2448**, the year we received the Torah, but also the year the first set of tablets were broken, like the vav in Shalom.

That said, the word before the Covenant of Peace is Lo, "No" (using an unconventional spelling) and the value of the word Et added between "No" and "Covenant of Peace" is **401**, which only makes sense if you add **401** years to the year Moses struck the rock, **2488** and get **2889**, the year he tried to bring the geula.

If that vav in "LO" normally spelled "LE" is added to the article "ET" we get **407** whose square root is **20.17424**, or graphically the year **2017 (5778 HC)** with **424**, Moshiach Ben David. In other words, G-d's reply.

But the tzaddikim were the closest humans to G-d and no one was closer to Him than Moses and yet not even Moses could change G-d's Will on this matter. Moreover, who understood better than he and them the futility in trying? In the last article we also pointed out that the gematria with the kolel of the "Book of the Wars of the Lord" (BSPR MLChMT YHVH) was **888**, and that the value of the spelled out letters plus their kolel in the word Moshiach (MShYCh) is also **888**. Now, we'd also like to point out that, as revealed in Parsha Pinchas, the Mountain were G-d told Moses to go to see the Land he would not be entering because he struck the

rock, Israel , and where he would be gathered up unto his people, Mt. Avarim (HABRYM), was also 888, when the kolel of 1 was added.

G-d was making a statement here. Moses was punished immediately for trying to foreshorten the time of the geula, but G-d already knew he would attempt it. Even before Moses went to Pharaoh to obtain the release of the Israelites, G-d stated that He wanted to kill Moses. Yet He let it all play out.

Discussing these thoughts with a friend this Shabbat, it struck me why Moses, the Baal Shem Tov, the Arizal and so many other brave and knowledgeable tzaddikim attempted this. Ask this question of yourself: what would motivate such a high level and caring soul to risk the wrath of G-d Himself.

It wasn't because they had a lapse in ego, it was because they were at such a level and understood their sacrifice.

It was precisely because they saw what would happen in **5778**. And what wouldn't happen then. Moses saw not just the Land of Israel, but also the Land of all time. He knew how faith would deteriorate and how few of us would actually see the Tree-of-life. **Moses knew he had a better chance of bringing the Tree-of-life in the inappropriate moment than we would in its proper time.**

5778 is 9 years away; how many people today get it? Moses and the tzaddikim realized that those with any interest at all in our generation would sit around waiting for Moshiach to save them and that this was so futile because the only way to bring Moshiach into our lives and to receive the Tree-of-Life reality is to take action. They further realized that there was no one like them to lead the people into these final battles, so what choice did they have but to try to fight the battle on their own turf?

But they forgot that G-d knew that too. We can still prove them wrong and stand up for ourselves. Let not G-d ask of us, "Why you did not have enough faith in Me?"

We can yet complete his work.

Ezekiel's Vision

In Ezekiel 1:4, the prophet Ezekiel had his first of 10 recorded visions, and from this the Zohar and the kabbalists gleaned the four kinds of klipot (negative husks) that separate us from the Tree-of-life reality. The klipot nogah are the ones described as a translucent glow. They are in a state of both purity and impurity and can be converted into holiness or empowered into negativity, depending on our interactions with them. The other 3 are completely negative and can only be broken, not elevated. As they are completely metaphysical a physical description of them is misleading, but there is also something odd about it, considering that it was written 2500+ years ago.

Ezekiel describes the 3 completely impure klipot as "Stormy wind", "Big Cloud", "Igniting (or flashing) Fire," which if we put it all together sequentially with the glow of the klipot Noga, we have a nuclear explosion: the blast shock wave, followed by the mushroom cloud, followed by the fireball and flashing ignition, and finally the translucent glow (of radiation).

Books have been written about the spiritual depth of his visions and we won't even attempt to touch on them here, but the image is powerful as we see the immense forces that can be released from the separation of good and evil and can imagine the strength with which the evil is clinging to our world.

But there is an antidote, and a time frame built into it.

Like the bases of our DNA in Hebrew (ETGC), numerical values of the initials of the 4 types of klipot, (N, RS, AG, EM) add up to 424, Moshiach Ben David.

G-d wants to give us every possible chance.

And while that nuclear bond is so strong, the inverse of the exact atomic weight of Uranium238 is 42, as $1/42 = .0238095$. We have our ultimate weapon to win the wars of the Lord: the 42-Letter Name of G-d used in creation itself.

And we have the date built into that weapon. The small gematria value of the 7 lines of the **42** -Letters in the Name of G-d is 173, which we know from the Zohar were the **173** keys given to Moses. And the inverse of **173** is $1/173.07 = .00577800$.

In Parsha Pinchas, G-d has the Israelites take yet another tally and in the end there are 60**1730** of them or **600,000** plus (**173 x10**), and we know from the Arizal that the soul root of the Israelites is traced through the **600,000/70** Family Members/**12** Brothers/**3** Patriarchs/Adam or

$$1/(600000/70/12/3) = 42$$

and thus in the end the Torah is telling us to look to the **173** keys, to the **42**-Letter Name of G-d.

Zohar Pinchas 248. "When Ezekiel saw the Shechinah among the klipot, he saw with her ten sefirot, without any separation whatsoever, and these are the brain that is among all of them. He saw them within the earthly river K'var (CBR)," which Rav Ashlag explains is a permutation of the earthly Chariot (RCB). These are all tied to Metatron, but that is for another day. Just note that the gematria of CBR and thus RCB are both **222**.

A little later the Zohar explains about the next part of his vision where the four living creatures come out from the 4 klipot and the Chariot and Throne of G-d is described.

Zohar Pinchas 251: "He [Metatron] leads the four living creatures and includes 'The Throne has **six steps**' (I Melachim 10:19), which are six. Rav Ashlog explains that these are the **6** sefirot of Zeir Anpin of Atzilut. With the **6** steps we have **6000**.

And thus the vision reveals the combination of the steps to the Throne and the Chariot: **6000 – 222 = 5778**.

We'll get deeper into his visions later.

Shavua Tov

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