
Shakings of the Lulav

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Regarding the daily shaking of the four species, they would seem to correspond to (5 sets x 6 directions) the **30** blasts of the *shofar*, and the numerical gematria value (**30**) of the large *Lamed* (connected to *Binah*) in the Torah. That *Lamed* connects to the *Lamed* of *Lulav*; the *Lamed* that along with the letter *Pe* controls the month of *Tishrei* (Libra) in which we do both the *shofar* blowings and the shakings; and the *lamed* of *aleph* (the first), when the controlling letters of *Tishrei* are completed (*Aleph-Lamed-Pe*) and connected to both *keter* and the beginning, as in *Aleph B'Tishrei* (permuted to spell *Bereshit*, the beginning).

With the 3 shakings/direction, corresponding to the 3 beats per type of blast of the *shofar*, there are **18** total shakings per set, and as Rav Abraham Brandwein points out, "The *Lulav* hints at the vertebral column that has **18** vertebrae and every movement indicates vitality. Thus all 4 species need to be damp and alive and not dry." The **18** corresponds to the value of the word, *chai*, (life). And straightening this connection is that the word value of *lulav* is 68, as in *chaim* (life)

With 18 shaking per each of the 5 sets there are 91 total shakings per day, which corresponds to *amen* and union of G-d's names that it represents (*YHVH-ADNY*) and to the value of the word *Succah* itself.

Moreover, at 30 daily shakings x 7 days, there are **210** total shakings, as in the **210** years of Egyptian exile. And when the 3 shakings per direction are considered, there are **210 x 3** or **630** total shakings in the 7 days. **630** is **10 x 63**, the value of the Tetragrammaton in the aspect of *Binah*. The **10** always corresponds to the **10 sefirot** (dimensions) and in this case to the **10** sub-dimensions (inner sefirot) within *Binah*. During the entire process of Sukkot, we're drawing down the energy from *Yesod of Ima (Binah)* so the *Binah* connections are very fitting and part and parcel to the technology involved in the shakings. Over the 7 days of Sukkot, we're making **70** sacrifices to share the energy with the **70** nations of the world. Each of these sacrifices corresponds to a specific one of the sub-*sefirot* in order as we descend through them during the 7 day period.

Regarding the four species: As we know from the Arizal, the four species correspond to the Tetragrammaton (YHVH): *Hadas* (*yud*), *Aravah* (*hei*), *lulav* (*vav*) and *Etrog* (*hei*). So since the numerical values of *Hadas* and *Aravah* = 346 (*Shmo*), the two species above correspond to *Yud-Hei Shmo* as in 5 of the 6 letters that occur at the top of the 248 columns of the Torah that are not *vavs*, excluding the initial *bet* of *bereshit*. The three sides of the *sukkah* itself forms a *Bet*. The missing *bet* from the *B'Yud-hei Shmo* sequence would appear to be the *bet* in *lulav* (LVLB), since the word *lulav* both begins and ends in and also ends in *Lamed-bet* as in the first and last letters of the Torah. This is an allusion to the recycling of the Torah that occurs during this period when we read the last verse of the Torah and immediately twist it back to the beginning and erad from *Bereshit*.

Moreover, the numerical value of *Hadas* and *Aravah* and *lulov* together = 414 (*kaddish*) or 2 x 207 (*Or/light*), and as in known from *chazal*, *etrog* has the value 610 as in *parnesa* and *ma'aser* and their various meditations. The *Etrog* corresponds to the *malchut* of *yesod*, the place where we earn our *parnesa* (sustenance).

But the total value of the 4 species = **1024**, which is 256 (2^8) x 4 with 256 being the value or the Ark of the Covenant (also Aaron) and **1024** being both 2^{10} as in the **210** years of exile yet again, and also the **1024** unique word values in the Torah.

Furthermore as we meditate on sharing light with the **70** nations through the **70** sacrifices, it's appropriate that the sum of the 4 final letters (B,G,H,S) in the names of the 4 species add up to **70**, while that of the *Hadas* and *Arava* alone add up to 65, *Adonai*.

Interestingly, and not coincidentally, the sum of the ordinal value of the 16 letters in the names of the 4 species is 151, as in the value of the Name, **Ehyeh** (EHYH) spelled out (*milui*) and also of the word, *mikve*. Moreover, The sum of the ordinal value of the letters in *lulav* is **32** as in *Lamed-Bet* (heart, and the last and first letters in the Torah) and the **32** paths of Wisdom, which is in essence the Tree-of-life, represented by the *lulav*, whose standard gematria value is **68**, that of *chaim* (life).

Moreover, when we add Lulav's standard value and its ordinal one, we get $68 + 32 = 100$, the

value of, *sach* (SCC), the roof (covering) of the *Sukkah* and the representation value of *keter*, the highest sefira.

Now, if we add all the elements of the holiday together, we get 100 (*Sach*) + 91 (*sukkah*) + 1024 (4 species) = 1215. There is a reason for 1215 but we won't go into it now, but when we take away 1 for the *kolel*, and get **1214**, much of the technology gets revealed:

For example the **11** unique letters used in creation of the first verse of the Torah connect with the **11** dots above the letters that occur in the same *parsha* (portion) as the large letter *lamed*, and together they help us convert curses into blessing through the **11** incenses (etc). These 11 unique letters have a complete value (ordinal plus standard gematria) of **1214**, and **1214** is the exact numerical value of "**70** languages" (ShBAYM LShVNVT), corresponding to the **70** nations that we're making the sacrifices for. Also, **1214** is the exact value for the "permutation of the letters" (ZYRVP HEVTYVT).

Now, while the last of the **11** letters under the **11** dots is *ayin*, with a value of **70**, the complete value (standard and ordinal) of all **11** letters under the dots is **422**, which is the exact numerical value of the word "seventy (**70**)" (ShBAYM). These, of course, connect to the destruction of the Two Holy Temples in **-422 BCE** and in **70 CE**, respectively, as is detailed and chronicled in *The Divine calendar*. It's also not a coincidence that the letter *ayin*, with a value of **70**, has an ordinal value of **16**, as in the **16** letters of the 4 species discussed above.

It's so beautiful how perfect the Torah and Hashem's tools are!