
Sukkot is Upon Us.

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We're going in a new direction soon and will begin explaining the meaning and significance of the dimensions of the Third Temple. All the proportions we've learned about through the Torah, the Names, and the universal constants will have new meaning as we explore the place where all the Shefa (life-force) flows through into our world. Before the Third Temple can be constructed we must understand it. It already exists spiritually, but just knowing the dimensions and erecting stone walls won't do it. We have the knowledge and it's coming time to apply it. When we take the process and the knowledge run it through our hearts we will connect to the Tree-of-Life, the greater universe, the Cosmos, and the Holy Third Temple. And then it will be time.

A long time ago, I promised to explain and expand on Abraham Avinu's layout of the Cosmos first delineated in his Sefer Yetzirah, and now we will do so in the context of the Holy Temple's design. G-d willing, we will all understand.

When Noach sent out the dove **3** times to find dry land it was an allusion to the 3 Holy Temples, and to the **3** times the numbers **5778** and **2019** appear in the first **1000** (*Aleph*) digits of Pi (See *There's Nothing Random About the Universe*).

It's almost time to let the dove loose again. There is a lot of work to be done this year and the holiday of Sukkot is almost upon us. They are calling for rain in New York and that's not good. We're going to need the power of the sukkah and of the unifications we can make in it in order to do our work properly so we're going to need everyone's consciousness in a place of unity, love, and sharing to stave off the rain this year. Let's all spend the next few days thinking, speaking, and listening through our hearts and the blessings will come to all.

I'm repeating and updating below an article posted a year ago to explain many of the secrets and kavannot of the shakings of the lulav within the sukkah. This year, if we shake with our hearts we will shake the world awake. Let's do it together.

The Shakings

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. Lamed has the numerical value of **74** or **70 +4**, which as you'll see later, representing the **70** Nations and **4** species.

That *Lamed* connects to the *Lamed* of *Lulav*. It's also the *Lamed* that along with the letter *Pe* controls the month of *Tishrei* (Libra), according to Abraham Avinu, in which we do both the *shofar* blowings and the shakings. It's also the *lamed* of the word *aleph* (*ELP*, the first), and when the controlling letters of Tishrei are completed with the letter *Aleph* (*Aleph-Lamed-Pe*), they connect to both *keter* and the beginning, as in *Aleph B'Tishrei* (permuted to spell

Bereshit, the beginning).

With the **3** shakings per 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 teh all-important unification 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 *Y-H Shmo* (the Name of YH), 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*. But the three sides of the *sukkah* itself forms the shape of the letter **Bet**, completing the **B'Y-H ShMV** sequence.

The missing **Bet** from the **B'Y-H ShMV** sequence would also appear to be the **Bet** in *lulav* (*LVLB*), since the word *lulav* represents teh whole Torah in two different ways in that it begins with (**L**) and ends in (**B**) and also ends in the letter combination **Lamed-Bet (LB)**, as in the first (**B**) and last (**L**) letters of the Torah. This letter reversal 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 read from *Bereshit*.

Moreover, the numerical value of *Hadas* and *Aravah* and *lulav* together = **414 (kaddish)** or **2 x**

207 (the numerical value of *Or/light*), and thus twice light, representing the running and returning light

And as is known from *chazal*, *etrog* has the value 610 as in *parnesa* (sustenance) and *ma'aser* (tithing) and their various meditations for drawing the *Shefa* into our lives. 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 x 4** with **256** being the value of the Ark of the Covenant (also Aaron) and **1024** being both **2¹⁰** as in the **210** years of exile yet again, and also **1024** represents the **1024** unique word values in the Torah, which is not coincidence and not coincidentally **32 x 32** which when we study the structure of the Third Temple, we'll understand how they all relate and relate to the **32** paths of the Tree-of-Life.

Furthermore, as we meditate on ending the **4th** exile by 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**, the numerical value of *Adonai*.

And it's almost needless to mention that the end of the **4th** exile is supposed to happen **70** years after Israel became a nation in 1948 (5708)

Interestingly, and not coincidentally, the sum of the ordinal value of the 16 x 4) 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 the numerical value of the letters **Lamed** and **Bet** (**LB**), which spells *Lev*, the Hebrew word for heart, and as previously mentioned the last and first letters in the Torah. Yet another connection to 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). And note that the Inner Courtyard of the Third Temple is **100** cubits by **100** cubits and the Alter in the center of it is **32 x 32** cubits, leaving space of **68** cubits all around.

Moreover, when we add *Lulav*'s standard value and its ordinal one, we get **68 + 32 = 100**, the value of, *sach* (SCC), the very important roof (covering) of the *Sukkah* and the representation value of *keter*, the highest sefira.

So when we shake the *Lulav* we not only want to bring it back to our heart but we want to mediate the light and love channeling back and forth through it, as we stand both in our succahs and in the center of the Third Temple

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 blessings 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 LShVNV*), corresponding to the **70** nations for whom we're making the sacrifices. Also, **1214** is the exact value for the Hebrew phrase (*ZYRVP HEVTYVT*) meaning "permutation of the letters."

Now, while the last of the **11** letters in the words under the **11** dots is the letter *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 first 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 numerical value of **70**, has an ordinal value of **16**, as in the **16** letters of the **4** species discussed above.

In case it's not understood, it is our *responsibility* to mediate on sharing this light with the **70** Nations, and this is why we were blessed to be the channels and given these magnificent divine tools to use. As it says in Isaiah 56:7, " I will bring them to My holy Mountain and make them rejoice in My House of Prayer...For My House will be called the House of Prayer for **all** the nations."

Sukkot is the time of joy, when the energy of rejoicing is drawn down upon us by our actions within the sukkah for the whole year. Let's do all we can to spread that rejoicing to the entire world.

Chag Sameach

With Love

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