
The Final 3 Plagues and the Final Redemption

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At the end of the *parsha VaEra* we've completed 7 of the 10 plagues, leaving 3 more to go in *parsha Bo*, as in "Come (*Bo*) to Pharaoh" when logic would dictate that G-d would say to Moses "Go to Pharaoh" That there are 3 plagues left was signaled (heralded) by the value of the word *Bo (BE)*.

More significantly, this reversal of the action word seems to indicate a reversal in direction and also if G-d meant that He would accompany Moses; it indicates a new urgency.

The sum of the initials of the first 7 plagues is 490 or 7 x 70, reflecting the 70 sub-sefirot of the 7 sefirot (dimensions) of *Zeir Anpin-malchut* (collectively known as heaven and earth). These are the only levels we can access at all in any sense. Above them are the 3 upper sefirot *Binah, Chochma, and Keter* (Understanding, Wisdom and Crown) from which inspiration is drawn but not perceived.

These first 7 plagues were to sway the Egyptians, but G-d needed 3 more to reach the souls of the Israelites who, according to *chazal*, were mired in the 49th gate of negativity and not able to break free of their desires and ties to the world of material illusion, not unlike the situation we find ourselves in today.

At this point in the narrative, Pharaoh was willing to let the men go, but not the women. As women are far more anchored in *malchut*, the material world, (not to say that they can't be very spiritual, but kabbalistically this the *sefira* associated with women, the vessels) they were not yet willing to let go, pack up and move. You see that in life today: A man gets an inspiration and tells his wife we're moving. His wife tells him not on your life, requiring him to explain what his plan is, why, where, when, what, all the details, a hundred reasons not to go, when all he has is a vision.

The reversal of the direction in the logical wording is also indicated in the word *Bo (B-E)*, which is *Av (E-B)*, father, or even the Supernal father, when spelled in reverse. As is, by coincidence surely, it is the initials of Barack Obama (*BE*), and pronounced as such as well. Then again the initials play an important part of the understanding of the 10 plagues. But don't read into this, as it may just mean Barack Obama as our 44th president is a sign for us to pay attention to the signs.

And one sign is surely found in the gematria of the first 8 words (24 letters) of *parsha Bo, Shmot 10:1*. Not coincidentally, this is the 8th plague, 10th chapter and 24th paragraph of the Book *Shmot* (Exodus). Including the *kolel*, the first 13 letters add up to 666, which we know from the *tzaddikim* is connected with the arrival of *H'Moshiach*, and the next 11 letters (as in the 11 initials of the plagues that add up to 541, Israel) (*H BE EL PRYH CY*) add up exactly to 424, the numerical value of *Mashiach Ben David*.

These are signs of what's to come, what we'll need to go through, and the explanation of the process that both the Israelites in their exile and we in ours (had) have to grapple with in order to free ourselves.

To free the Israelites to choose for themselves the Tree-of-life reality, G-d had to complete all 10 of the plagues, akin to the 10 sefirot of the tree-of-life structure.

The 8th plague, Locusts, laid waste to the land, as only a locust could, eating and devouring everything in sight, leaving not a crumb in their path of devastation, totaling vacuuming even the essential material from their existence, leaving only dust to be consumed.

Even so, by the 9th plague, as the darkness descended, the Israelites were at the 49.9th gate of negativity since they still could only see the desperation of their situation and not the solution. We can emphasize because we see for ourselves that as our circumstances become more difficult, we get further drawn into the problems and less able to see our way out. When our savings are decimated, we're beside ourselves. When food runs low, we naturally start panicking. And the more crazed we get, the less able we are to see clearly. In other words, the darker the situation, the less we see.

And thus we see that the sum of the initials of the first 9 plagues is 499, the numerical value of *Tzva'ot*, another of the Biblical Names of G-d. Instead of our plight, this is what we should be focusing on within the darkness: the source of the Light.

Given the desperation of the situation one more plague was required. And given that the initials of last plague are *mem-bet* (42-Letter name of G-d) not only does the total value of the 11 initials equal 541, that of Israel, we see that the Torah seems to be insinuating that the powerful aspect of G-d, called the *Shem Mem-Bet* (42-letter Name) was required for effecting the paradigm shift necessary in the Israelites vision and reality. This is just as it was with the great flood, *Mabul*. and just as it will be for us today, as *chazal* has explained that it is through the understanding of the *Shem Mem-Bet* that the *geula* (final redemption) will come about. To better understand the *Shem Mem-Bet* and how it can shift reality and your vision, we suggest you read *The Genesis Prayer*.

Another way to view this is that after we go through 9 *sefirot* (*chochma*) we still need to utilize the *Mem-Bet* to break through to the level of *Keter*. The sages are quite clear that the 10 plagues correspond to the 10 *sefirot* and that the final one is at the level of *Keter*(crown), but we can also see the word *Keter* (*Caf-Tav-Resh*) within the permuted letters of the final plague. The letters *MCT BCVRVT* become *CTR MB CV TV*, or *CTR* (*Keter*), *MB* (42-Letter Name) *CV* (26, an appellation of the Tetragrammaton) and *TV* (the final letter *Tav*, signally the end and also representing *Malchut*).

So the final plague, the killing of the first born, a circumcision (*brit milah*) and a *pinyon ben*, to remove the negativity and all connection to it for the good in us, stretches from *malchut* to *keter*, all the levels (steps) in the final process. And who is present at all *brit milah*? Elihayu Hanavi, the one who will also herald the arrival of *Mashiach*.

The final plague was the hardest to bear, but was necessary to make a clean break, just as Abraham had to get circumcised in order to receive the 3 angels and get the blessing to have Isaac. And just as Ishmael had to be born first before Isaac, and just as Esau before Jacob, all the bad seed and chaff had to be removed before the Light could shine through. This is what the Israelites in Egypt had to endure and us today as well. But we've been given powerful tools such as the *Shem Mem-bet* (*Ana B'koach*). We need to learn how to use it and use it to awaken ourselves quickly.

This blog will be continued with the explanation of how the gematria of the 10 plagues spells out the date of the final reception and more....