
The Hidden Message in the 10 Plagues

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The **44th** President of the United States has just been sworn in (twice, the second time without the Bible), about **66.6** jubilee years (Biblical **50-year** interval) years after the **10** plagues and **8** years shy of the year **5778** when the *tzaddikim* have prophesied *Moshiach* and the *geula* (final redemption) will come.

It's mandatory to celebrate Passover (*Pesach*) every year and recount the story of the exodus, including the explicit listing of the **10** plagues. Why? Is it just so we don't forget? Wouldn't it be better to instead concentrate on the **10** miracles G-d performed for the Israelites on their way to receiving the **10** Commandments and the Torah in **2448**?

A most common form of Torah analysis performed by the sages is to examine the first letters of key word groupings, phrases, or verses. And for what it's worth, the sum of the nominal value of the initials of our **44th** President, **Barak Hussein Obama** (B,Ch,E) is **11**, but certainly more significant is the sum of the nominal value of the initials of the **11** words that comprise the **10** plagues, which is **541**, the numerical value of the name **Israel**.

Israel is not only the last word in the Torah, but Israel was arguably formed out of the end of the exile immediately precipitated by the **10** plagues, especially the last plague, the killing of the firstborn, whose initials are *Mem-Bet*.

Mem-Bet is not only the Name of the **42**-Letter Name of G-d, profoundly associated with the time of redemption, but it is named justly because it has the numerical value of **42**, as in the **42** places the Israelites traveled through on their way out of Egypt to the Promised Land. And according to *chazal*, including the Baal Shem Tov, as in the steps our souls make on their way to redemption.

It's very important to note that the **10** plagues were executed just as much to wake up the Israelites as the Egyptians. The Egyptians had to let go of their physical belongings, but the Israelites had to embrace the spiritual, a step that is just as hard. The **10** plagues were signs for them, just as we are receiving signs ourselves today

That said, the first letter of the **40** letters in the **10** plagues is *dalet*, with the numerical value of **4**, as in the number of letters in Tetragrammaton (YHVH) and in the Name of G-d, *Ehyeh*, the Name used in "**I am that I am**."

"**I am**" was what President Obama answered when sworn in for the 2nd time--when he wasn't using a Bible. When the fuller progressive form of *Ehyeh* is calculated "**I am**" has a numerical value of **44**. And by the way, *Asher* (*EShR*) as in "*Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh*" ("**I am that I am**") has the same numerical value as Barak Hussein Obama (??? ?????? ??????) which is also the same as the initials of the 10 plagues if the last one is considered a single letter (??? ???? ????").

Is this all coincidence?

The first plague, *dam*, blood, is spelled *dalet-mem*, which is numerically 4 plus 40 or 44.

The deeper secret is in the blood. The first plague is *Dam* (*dalet-mem*), whose first letter is *dalet*. The first letter of the last plague is *Mem*, thus the whole **10** plagues can be collapsed in abbreviated form into *dam*, the first plague. Not only does *mem*, complete the word *dam*, but it in effect encompasses and represents the full **40** letters in the **10** plagues. Please note that that

means that there are an exact average of $40/10 = 4$ letters per plague, the numerical value of *dalet*.

We use the word encompasses here because the final *mem* is not only shaped like a closed womb, but according to the sages it is supposed to represent one as well, and if we subtract the numerical value of *dam* (blood) from that of *Da'at*, we get $474 - 44$ equals 430 , both the numerical value of *nefesh*, (the animalistic or lower part of the soul), which the sages tell us is housed in the blood, and the number of years the Jews were in exile through the end of the **10** plagues in **2448**.

And from the womb flows both the blood of judgment unto the Egyptians and the mercy to the Jews in the birth of the Israel. Please note that the bleeding or menstruating womb is considered the height of serious judgment, according to the *Zohar (Shemot)*. The bleeding womb also refers to the death of the first born.

We know from the sages (*chazal*) that the Passover passage out of Egypt was about *Da'at*, the *serifa* (dimension) of balance and knowledge, and that it was represented in the *dalet of dam*, the first letter of the first plague. Furthermore, *dalet*, when spelled out, has the numerical value of 434 , while *da'at* has the numerical value of 474 , leaving a difference of 40 , between them, the numerical value of *mem*, showing us that the full word *dam*, blood, is included in *Da'at*.

It's all about Four (4)

While many of the significant mandated elements of *Pesach* (Passover) including the **4** questions, the **4** cups of wine, the **4** sons, the **4** aspects of the Tetragrammaton and the **4** letters in it, and also in the name *Eyheh*, we been told by the sages that they correspond to the **4** exiles, which are finally coming to a close, the last one after 1948 years.

The first plague, blood (*dam*), is spelled *dalet-mem*, with the first letter having the numerical value of **4**, and the next letter having the value of **40**, or 10×4 . Meanwhile, not only does the first letter of the last plague, the killing of the first born, also have the value of **40**, but there are **40** letters in the **10** plagues, making **4** the exact average number of letters per plague. And while the final letter of the **10** plagues is **400** or 10×40 , the second plague, frogs, has a numerical value of **444**, or 4×111 , the numerical value of *Alef*, the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet and *Ehyeh*, (and in Obama for that matter).

Moreover, as mentioned earlier, the **4** letters of the Name *Ehyeh*, (*EHYH*)—the Name revealed to Moses just prior to the plagues--can be expanded to **10** letters through progressive method--sometimes called squaring--to (*E, EH, EHY, EHYH*), which is numerically equivalent to **44**, the same as *dam*, blood, the first plague.

The connection to **4** for *Pesach* and the **10** plagues at the end of the 1st exile is interesting because **10** is an extension both numerically and spiritually of **4**. Numerically, the 4th triangular number has a value of **10**, just as **10** is the sum of the first **4** integers, as in $1+2+3+4 = 10$. Spiritually, both the **4** letters of the Tetragrammaton and of the Name *Eyheh* when expanded by

spelling them out have **10** letters each. Moreover, as we mentioned earlier, Passover is about *da'at*, which begins with the letter *dalet*, of numerical value **4**, while *da'at* is a *sefira* or dimension that combines the dimensions of *Chochma* and *Binah*, whose numerical values of its initials (*Bet* and *Chet*) **8** and **2** add up to **10**. And which also happens to be the initials of **Barak Hussein** (*Bet* and *Chet*).

So in a sense we see the **10** plagues extending throughout the **4** exiles, for a total of **40**, as in the **40** letters in the **10** plagues., yet another reason it's mandated we read the *haggada* and review all the plagues, etc every year throughout the various exiles.

The plagues didn't just happen **66.6** jubilee years ago, they've been reoccurring continually throughout the **4** exiles in one form or another. Just witness the example of the first plague, *dam*, blood, there have been many times in these past **3330** years when tens and even hundreds of thousands have died and rivers of blood have flowed.

The 10 Plagues were Planned at the Beginning of Time.

While the **11** words of the **10** plagues correspond to the **11** unique letters in the first verse of the Torah, the first **4** letters of the Torah have an ordinal value of **44**, the same as *Dam*, the first plague. It's broken down to **2** for the first letter, *Bet* (**2**) and **42** for the next 3 letters (*Resh*, *Alef*, *Shin*), which spells *Asher* yet again, as in the **42**-letter Name.

The next 2 letters, completing the entire first word of the Torah, *Bereshit*, "In the Beginning" have an ordinal value of **32**, as in the value of the **4** components of the letter *Alef*, connecting, as we've discussed in other blogs, to the **32** Paths of Wisdom that define the structure of the universe and that house the **10** *sefirot* (dimensions).

When we add them together, we get numerically **76**, square root of **5778**, and the value of the fully expanded Tetragrammaton at the highest level of *Av* (*chochma*), but alphabetically they spell out *Alef-Dalet-Mem*, or Adam.

Adam (*Alef-dam*) represents the first flesh and blood incarnation of the Jewish soul, the source of which, as we've written about in other articles, is in the primordial *Alef* that exists before the Torah, and *dam*, or blood, represents both the flesh and the flow of the lower soul (*nefesh*) throughout time, throughout the generations.

With *Alef* as the source, we can note that the **11** initials of the **10** plagues have an ordinal value of **100** and if we add **11** as the *kolel* to **100** we get **111**, the numerical value of the name of the letter *Alef*. And once again, we have the union or fusion of the primordial *Alef* as the head of the *Dam*, just like *ADAM*.

Another analogy to the connection between the *Alef*, whose sum total of its **4** components letters is **32**, and the **10** plagues and moreover to the initials of the final plague, *Mem-Bet*, is provided by Rabbi Chaim Vittal of blessed Memory. The eminent sage explained that the **10** *sefirot* (dimensions) plus the **32** Paths of Wisdom that link them together form the structure of the greater universe and together they comprise the **42**-Letters of the **42**-Letter Name, the *Shem Mem-Bet*.

As explained in detail in *The Genesis Prayer*, the first verse of the Torah is where the *Shem Mem-Bet*, or the **42**-Letter Name of G-d, is derived from, and if we take the sum of the numerical values of the first letter of each of the **7** words of that first verse, **22**—obviously representative of the **22** normal letters of the Hebrew alphabet—and add it to the ordinal value of those same **7** letters, **22**, we get **22 + 22 = 44**, once again, the value of the first plague, *dam*, blood.

Incidentally, and again as discussed in detail in *The Genesis Prayer*, the first verse of the Torah is integrally connected in multiple ways to both the numerical value of *Mashiach*, the Messiah, **358** and to the mathematical constant PI to an astounding precision. One of the simplest ways

is through the average value of those 7 letters, $22/7$ or **3.14**.

Now, if we think this is coincidence we need only examine the full first 10 letters of the Torah and see that the sum of their ordinal values also equals **100** (*keter*, the crowning highest dimension), the exact same **100** as the sum of the ordinal values of the first letters of the 10 plagues. And since the 10 plagues has 11 first letters, yet another connection to the Torah's first verse is found in that amongst the 28 letters of that verse, also an average of exactly $28/7 = 4$ letters per word, there are only 11 unique (non-recurring) letters.

Moreover, as mentioned earlier, the sum of the nominal value of those same 11 letters is **541**, the numerical value of the name Israel, the last word in the Torah.

The process of gematria computation allows us to subtract the *kolel* as well as add it and though I rarely use that approach, in this case if we subtract the ordinal value from the initial letters of the plagues from their standard numerical values they are equal to $(541 - 100) = 441$, which is the numerical value of *emet*, truth, an allusion to the Torah, to the 42-Letter Name of G-d, and to the Tree-of-life structure of the universe with its 32 paths and 10 *sefirot*.

Moreover, $441 = 21^2$, or as pointed out by *chazal*, is the square of the numerical value of the higher Name of G-d, *Ehyeh*. And the sum of the two *Ehyeh* that form *Emet* and that form "I am that I am" *Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh* add up to $21 + 21 = 42$.

Since the first letters of the final plague are *Mem-bet* and since the sum of all the first letters of all 10 plagues (11 words) is **541**, the numerical value of Israel, one interpretation is that the 10 plagues and 42 places lead to Israel.

Another is that it will take 10 plagues, corresponding to the 10 *sefirot* (dimensions), the existence of Israel, and the understanding of the *Shem Mem-Bet* (*Ana B'koach*) to reach the *geula* (final redemption), as *chazal* has suggested.

The 10 plagues today have as much significance for us today as they had for the Israelites 66.6 jubilee years ago and the signs around the 44th Presidency are just that: signs. We're not suggesting anything sinister (G-d forbid) we're saying that they are signs to help us take notice that immense pressures and changes our coming, and if history Bible are our guides they will come in increasing waves.

Let's read the signs and be prepared. As we did 3330 years ago, we need to let go and embrace the spiritual. **To be continued**, as we see what the 10 plagues mean for us today with the 44th President and how they connect to the year **5778 (2018 CE)**, the year the Covenant of Abraham gets fulfilled.