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## The Journeys of our Lives

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These are the journey(s) of our lives. In the Torah portion Masei, we encounter the list of the **42** journeys the Israelites took during their 40 years in the desert including exiting the exile in Egypt at **Pi**-Haratha to entering the Promised Land. The tzaddikim, including most notably the Baal Shem Tov, have told us that these journeys parallel the journeys each of us must undertake to return our souls to G-d in purity, and also that these mimic the journeys that we all take collectively from the moment of Creation to the geula (final redemption).

The **42** places were separated from each other by the prefixes to (**B**et) and from (**M**em) and also by the word journey (VYSAV). The prefixes **M** and **B**, together have the value **42** and also reference the **42**-Letter Name (the Shem MB), while the word journey (VYSAV) is repeated **42** times in this section of the Book of Numbers, chapter 33. It is repeated another 17 times, the numerical value of the Hebrew word tov, meaning good, throughout the rest of the Torah, for a total of **59** times.

The word journey (VYSAV) is interestingly constructed, as it can be split into VYS of numerical value **76** and then AV also of numerical value **76**, and when we multiply **76 x 76** we get **5776**, plus 2 for the kolel of the two **76**'s gives us **5778**, the year the tzaddikim have indicated for the arrival of the Moshiach (Messiah) and the geula.

This makes sense to readers of this blog and of "**The Divine Calendar**" and "**There's Nothing Random in the Universe**," as we've already seen a preponderance of evidence for the date **5778 (2018 CE)**, but within the context of the 42 journeys, let's look back to Creation, where the **42** Letter Name comes from (the first verse of the Torah and the first **42** letters of the Torah).

Before we do that we should mention that when we add the **14** times the word "will journey" without the final vav (VYSA) to the **59** times the word journeyed (VYSAV) is used, we get a total of **73** times in the Torah that the word "journey" is mentioned, which is interesting because the small gematria value of the upper **42** Letter Name is **159** and that of the lower one is **173**, and the unification of the two brings about the redemption.

This is significant for several reasons: 1) **73** is the numerical value of the sefira/dimension of Chochma (wisdom); 2) The total gematria of the Torah's first verse is **2701**, which is equivalent to the sum of all the positive integers through **73**; and 3) The number **9** divided by the written out small gematria of the **42** letters is equal to **73.1415777**, a graphic combination of the number **73**, the mathematical constant **Pi (3.14159...)** and the year **5777 (5778)**.

Thus through the **73** times the word journey is utilized in the Torah, the journey is anchored at the moment of Creation, and extended outward from there, theoretically ending in **5778**. So let's take the year **5776** derived directly from the word "journeyed (VYSAV)" and we see that when we take it back to Creation through **5776/42** we get **137.5238...** with **137** being the numerical value of Kabbalah, meaning "to receive" and both **52** and **238** (Rachel) represent Malchut.

It's all connected, as explained in "**The Genesis Prayer**," **137** and **73** are both reciprocals of one another as **1/73 = .0137** and visa-versa, and the total gematria value of the torah's first verse, **2701** is **73%** of that of the **42**-Letter Name, **3701**.



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realized the error of our ways and are ready to embrace G-d (Our Father) and the tree-of-life reality when it ends.

When the Israelites, left Egypt and stood at Sinai, and last had the opportunity of receiving immortality and the Tree-of-life reality through a reprieve in the time-out, the year was **2448**, **66.6** jubilee years before **5778**, and **42.4%** of the way to **5778**. **424** is the numerical value of Mashiach Ben David. There are no coincidences in G-d timetable, His actions, or His Torah. Let's not let doubts overcome us as they did our ancestors at Sinai.

Spirituality (the realization of the tree-of-life reality) doesn't just happen; it takes work and time, which is why G-d gave us so much of both. So let's not find ourselves staring down at **5778**, and looking back, saying, "if only He had given us more time."

Chodesh Tov.

It's Rosh Chodesh Av, the month controlled by the influence of the Sun, as explained by Abraham, the Patriarch, in the Sefer Yetzirah. This is the Sun, whose surface temperature is **5778 K**. Let's connect to the energy that G-d has given us, and come out of our time-out better for having had lived through it.

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