
To See...

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We've spent a great deal of time delving into the secrets of the Torah and increasing our awe of G-d (Hashem) and his unbelievably perfect and complex works. And we just recently explained that speaking and listening and "seeing" with the heart is the key to taking that awe and extending it to all His creations, and thus to truly become one with them and thus Him. That combination will elevate us to a very high level, but it takes one more ingredient to bring Mashiach. And that is CERTAINTY.

The word for certainty in Hebrew, Veda'ut (VEDEVT) has the numerical value of **418**, like that of the spelling of the letter chet, the **8th** letter, representing the Brit (Covenant), and the connection to all the significant Biblical dates, as we've seen in The Divine Calendar. But when we add the kolel for the 6 letters in the word, we get **424**, the numerical value of Moshiach Ben David—a hint of what certainty can really bring us.

When we add the numerical value of "unconditional love," Ahavatchinam, **506** to **424**, we get **930**, as in the **930** years of Adam, which we know from the sages is deliberately **70** years less than **1000**, and moreover, that **70** is the numerical value of Sod (secrets), as in the deeper Torah, and the **70** faces of the Torah as described by the sages. Therefore, the sefira of Keter, the highest possible crowning level (dimension), or **1000**, is achieved by combining the deeper study of Torah (Sod Torah) with unconditional love and certainty.

So what is certainty? We're not talking about having certainty in what we're doing, or that what we're doing is the right thing, or that we will succeed in what we are doing, but certainty that G-d is behind it all and that He wants the best for us at all times. And it is the certainty that when we go through rough times, G-d is there to see us through them and to help us out of them. But, of course, we must have certainty, and then we will be able "to see" our way clear.

Last week's Torah, portion is Reah, meaning "to see." In the first paragraph of the portion of Reah, after telling us that if we follow His ways, we will have all the blessings, we are told to have certainty that there is only one G-d and one spiritual path.

Devarim 11:28 "The curse [will come] if you do not obey the commandments of God your Lord, and you go astray from the path that I am proscribing for you today, following other gods to have a novel spiritual experience."

This goes for our individual lives and also for our collective life that spans all humanity and all generations. Tehilim (Psalm) **107** is about giving thanks to the Lord for delivering us from desolation, captivity, sickness, and the sea. It is about delivering us from the 4 exiles that have spanned the generations for 5778 years.

We've discussed in numerous articles that the sum of all the positive integers through **107** is **5778**, and that there are **54** portions in the 5 Books of Moses, the Torah, and that our brains operate on a frequency of **54** pulses per minute, and moreover, that **54 x 107 = 5778**, so let's look at Psalm **107** and Isaiah **54** to see what, if anything, they might have to do with **5778**, the date the tzaddikim have suggested for the arrival of H'Moshiach (the Messiah).

The number **107**, or in Hebrew KTz, can also represent the word Zak (KTz) meaning purify, or Zek, to chain (link) together, as in linking together the **107** integers that add up to **5778**.

Psalm **107**, the first in the **5th** Book of Psalms, written by King David, whose **70** year life marked

the exact midpoint from Adam to **5778**, begins with the verse “Hodu l’Adonai Ki Tov Hi L’Olam Chasdo,” which has the gematria value of **402** and with its 24 letters, it has a total value of **426-2 (kolel) = 424**, the numerical value of Moshiach Ben David.

The verse translates to “Give thanks to Hashem for He is good for forever endures His kindness.”

Before we break down the verse, we should note that the first letters of the first **4** of the 43 verses in this Psalm, (YHVT) also add up to **424**, when adjusted for the kolel, and initials of the first **5** verses spell our Yud Torah (Y-**TVRH**), and add up to **620**, the numerical value of Keter, when adjusted for the kolel, as in the **62** yuds(Y) of numerical value **10** each in the **10** Commandments (Utterances), which was the last time we stood before the offering of the Tree-of-Life reality.

That said, the middle 3 words of this **7** word semi-symmetrical verse add up to **77**, and the final word has the numerical value of **78**, which seems to spell out **5778**, starting with the **5th** Book, **7** words, **77** value in the middle, and ending with **78** as in the initials of the Tree-of-Life (**YZ, Ch** **YYM**).

And speaking of symmetry, while the standard gematria value of the verse is **402**, the ordinal value of the **24** letters is **204**. And while the last 2 words add up to **814** in gematria sofit, which is the numerical value of the paraphrased verse “Love thy neighbor as thyself,” the other 5 words add up to **148**, a reshuffling of the digits in **814**.

As explained in prior articles, the arrival of Moshiach and the final redemption in the end of days is the complete union of the 6 dimensions of Zeir Anpin with that of our dimension Malchut, also known as the fusion of the Names YHVH with Adonai (EDNY).

So to grasp what this means (intellectually, for we must then process it through our hearts). (YHVH + EDNI) = YEHDVNHY = 91, the numerical value of Amen, but when we spell out the **8** letters in (YHVH + EDNI) or YEHDVNHY and add them up we get **232** for the 4 aspects of the Tetragrammaton (YHVH) and **671** for Adonai (EDNY) spelled out ELP+DLT+NVN+YVD as explained by the Arizal. And **232 + 671 = 903**, which is immediately recognizable as the sum of all the positive integers through **42**, and as always, it’s a connection to the **42**-Letter Name of G-d that is the Tree-of-Life and that fuses Zeir Anpin with Malchut, and as the sages tell us, is as necessary for bringing about the geula (final redemption) as it was for bringing about Creation and the Torah.

But when we add **671** (the fully expressed Adonai) to **107**, we get **778**, as in **5778**.

671 + 107 = 778. And, of course, **107 + 65** (the simple Adonai) = **172**, the numerical value of Ekev, the Torah portion before Reah, and the word heel, as in the heel of Adam, which is what the sages tell us is our generation, the last one before the final opportunity to reach the Tree-of-Life reality.

As it states in the Midrash, “His heel threw a shadow on the orb of the sun.” Since we know the surface temperature of the sun is 5778 K, we have another cryptic allusion to the generation of heel connecting Malchut (heel) with the Sun (Zeir Anpin) in 5778.

Now, as for Isaiah 54, read as the Haftorah portion along with Reah, we see what the Lord says about the end of days, about what will come after we’ve brought the secrets of the Torah into our hearts and shared our love unconditionally, and reached out with certainty and after we have given thanks to the Lord for our deliverance:

Isaiah 54:11

“Unhappy, storm-tossed one, uncomforted!” Recall that Tehilim (Psalm) **107** is about giving thanks to the Lord for delivering us from desolation, captivity, sickness, and the sea.

Isaiah 54:11-17

“Unhappy, storm-tossed one, and disconsolate!

I will set your stones in fair colors,

And lay the foundations with sapphires.

I will make your pinnacles of rubies,

Your gates of precious stones,

And your walls of precious gems.

And all you children will be taught about God;

Great will be the peace of your children.

In righteousness you will be established.

You will be far from oppression,

For you will not fear,

And you will be far from ruin,

For it will not come near you.

They may gather to attack you, but it will not be from me;

Whoever comes to fight you shall fall because of you.

Behold, it is I who created the smith who blows the coals beneath the forge,

And makes a weapon for his work.

I have also created the ravager to destroy.

No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper,

And you will condemn every tongue that rises against you in judgment.

This is the heritage of God's servants, and their due reward from Me,

Says God.”

Rosh Chodesh Elul is almost upon us. This an important moment in the coming of the Messiah, and the shifting of the world consciousness that has already begun. On this 3321st anniversary of Moses' re-ascension of Mt Sinai to bring back the second set of tablets, as the Shofar sounds we must begin our work of tshuva, and go back into time, back into our hearts to remove all the blockages that is keeping the awe in our heads, and that is keeping us from expressing the unconditional love that is at the basis of our souls, and thus keeping us from knowing the certainty that comes from being One with G-d.

We have much work to do, but a glorious future to embrace. Now is the time to give thanks.

With love,

Ezra