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## We Were Told to Count to 50!

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We were told to count to **50**, yet every year we count to **49**, and let G-d count the 50th day for us? But that's not what we were told to do.

As an adjunct to our last Article on the splitting of the Torah at Bamidbar (Numbers) Chapter 1 into the precise **Phi** proportions and to the connection to the year **5778 (2018 CE)**, we'd like to add a secret about the **12** tribes, actually 13, listed in the **54** verses of Bamidbar chapter 1. They appear to be listed haphazardly, but that is anything from the truth. The sages and the Zohar tell us that they are listed in a specific in order for us to connect through them to the stars and to destiny, but there is a deeper, never been revealed secret about them as well.

The 13 initials in there order of appearance are **R** for Reuben, then **Sh** for Shimon, then **G** for Gad, then **Y** for Yehuda, then **Y** for Issacar, then **Tz** for Tzebelun, then **E** for Ephraim, then **M** for Menash, then **B** for Benjamin, then **D** for Dan, then **E** for Asher, then **N** for Naphtali, then finally **L** for Levi.

As you may have noticed the initials **M-B** as in the **42-Letter Name** (MB Shemot) appears in the middle of them, the Name the sages have said is necessary for bringing about the *Geula* (final redemption), but what the true secret is that that the first 11 Names add up to **577** and the final 2 to **80**, a well-conceived allusion to **5778-0**, especially considering that the prior two portions in the Torah had **57-78** verse respectively.

They are further arranged so that the 6 tribes numbered 4 through 9 would add up to **70**, as in the **70 Nations**, the **70 years** of King David, and the last **70 years** from when Israel became a Nation in **5708 HC**.

In his commentaries on this portion (Bamidbar) the Arizal discusses the reason that the Levites were counted from age **30** and everyone else from age **20**. In essence, it is because the Levites represent the left side of the Tree-of-Life, the side of *Gevurah*, which is comprised of the 5 crowns (or proto *Gevurah*) within the *sefira* (dimension) of *Da'at*; the 5 *midot* (emotional expressions) of *Gevurah* within *Zeir Anpin* that are the dimensions of *Chesed*, *Gevurah*, *Tiferet*, *Netzach* and *Hod*; and the 5 manifesting stages of *Gevurah* within the dimension of Yesod, for a total of 15. Since there are male and female aspects to each, the total is 15 plus 15 or **30**. **30** is also the numerical value for the letter *Lamed* (**L**), the initial of the tribe of Levi.

Not coincidentally, Lamed is one of the two central letters of the Hebrew *alef-bet*, the other being *Caf* (**C**), nor is it coincidental that that complete numerical value (standard plus ordinal) is **42**; or that the complete value of *Caf*(**C**)is **31**, that of *El* (G-d); or that the complete value of *Caf-Lamed* (**CL**), spelling *Kol*, meaning "All (everyone)", is **73**, the same as *Chochma* (wisdom). And using a little known, but highly revelatory form of ancient gematria we see at the essence of the letters *Caf-Lamed* (**CL**):  $(42 \times 31)/(42+31) = 26.04$ , the sum of the **4** letters of the Tetragrammatom (YHVH), which oddly enough is the same as **2 x (42 x 31)**, which is also = **2604**, further emphasizing this important connection.

## The Beginning

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Nevertheless, the letter *Lamed(L)* as seen from above starts out as a point, becomes a straight line and spirals into a circle, a metaphor for the formation of the universe as described in Rav Ashlag's *Ten Luminous Emanations*. It's one of two letters that spiral; the other being the letter *Pe(P)*, and as we're told by Abraham, The Patriarch in his *Sefer Yetzirah (The Book of Formation)* these are the two letters (**PL**) that control (have dominion over) the month of *Tishrei*, which begins with Rosh HaShannah. This is also why the sequence of the counting of the tribes begins with the word for counting (*Pekudaihem*) and ends with Levi, thus (**PL**).

Now, the letter (**P**) forms a more natural recognizable spiral, and thus is associated with the spiraling numerical constant **Phi**, as opposed to the Letter (**L**), which is associated with the mathematical constant **Pi**, as would be appropriate for a line becoming a circle.

What both these letters also have in common is that they are both composed of the letters *Caf(C)* and *Vav(V)* as in (**CV**), representing the number **26**, associated with the Tetragrammaton (*YHVH*). Nevertheless, it's their association together within the letter *Alef(ELP)* that is significant to our discussion. The letter *Alef(E)*, as prototypical energy, existed before the Torah and thus physical existence began and it was comprised of an upper and lower *Yud(Y)* with two *Vavs(V)* splitting apart the two *Yuds(Y)*. It was from the lower *Yud(Y)* that a sea of energy emanated and formed the skeletal structure of our universe, and within that sea were the mathematical constants **Pi** and **Phi** (represented by **L** and **P**) to guide the currents of physicality. Thus was completed the *Alef(ELP)* prior to the *Bet(B)* of the Torah.

We spoke earlier of the 15 aspects of *Gevurah* (the filter of judgment) represented by the *Lamed(L)*, but there are also 15 aspects of *Chesed* (loving kindness) to balance them out, making **30** aspects in total, which happens to be the ordinal value of **E-L-P** (the letter *Alef* spelled out). Now the letter *Alef(E)* has a letter value **1** and the spelled out letter's numerical value is **111**, or Oneness in every sense of the word. And from that oneness came everything (*kol*).

In this portion of Bamidbar, Moses counted all the Israelites over the age of **20** except the Levites, which he counted over the age of **30**, together they represented **20+30** or *Caf(C)* plus *Lamed(L)* making **CL** (*kol*), everyone. And **20+30 = 50**, as in the **50** days which we were told by G-d to count in preparation for receiving the Torah in marriage every year at Shavuot. This is just as it was when the **600,000** Israelites counted the **50** days in the desert (*bamidbar*) from the crossing of the "End Sea" (*Yam Suf*) to the reception of the 10 Commandments and the Tree-of-life reality (10 sefirot/dimensional existence beyond physicality) at Mt Sinai.

Of course, **600/50 = 12**, as in the **12** Tribes that Moses was counting.

And if you recall, Pharaoh sent and lost at sea his **600** choice chariots (governing angels) in that same sea crossing, so it's not coincidental that **20 x 30 = 600** or that "sea" (**YM**) has a numerical value of **50**. Nor is it coincidental that the Torah mentions the exodus 50 times ????? ?????, which literally means going out of the "straits of the sea" ??? ??.

## A Deeper Code

A clue to the depth of the Torah encoding is further found within the word which we broke down above "straits of the sea" ??? ??, since two of the first three letters (**Resh-Zaddi**) represent the central core (heart) of the **42**-Letter Name Matrix and the third letter **Mem** (numerical value **40**) represents the rest of the **40** letters. This was in the same way that **CL** was at the core/heart of the *alef-bet*. And since we know from the sages and tzaddikim, including the Baal Shem Tov of blessed memory that the **42**-Letter Name represents not only the **42** journeys that the Israelites made in the desert (**BMDBR**) but the **42** journeys we much make in life and the **42** journeys of our soul on the way to redemption, we may infer that going out of the "straits of the sea" ??? ??

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is also exiting through the **42**-Letter Name.

## Counting 50

As discussed in previous articles, the Torah repeatedly insists that we count the **50**-year jubilee cycle and first tells us to do so in the first chapter of the Behar-Bechukatai **57-78** connection. Nowadays, because there is no Temple, we pretty much ignore that command. Are we making a mistake?

Should we be counting **50**?

Yitro (Jethro), whose gematria value is 616, the same as “The Torah,” told Moses how to manage his **600,000** Israelites, which was an allusion to how the universe is managed from above. He told him that Moses should put leaders and sub-leaders over **1000’s, 100’s, 50’s and 10’s**? Thousands, hundreds and tens is logical and is more than suggestive of how the **10 sefirot** are divided and subdivided by **10’s**, but why subdivide by **50** as well?

It doesn’t make sense to have someone over essentially only two people (100/50) so there must be a secret in here, a hidden message Yitro was conveying to Moses, especially since it was conveyed to Moses moments (Torah time) before receiving the **10** Commandments.

The full answer to the meaning of counting **50** lies in the spiritual dimensions of time and space itself, but there are some simpler ones that we can grasp. For instance, if we count the jubilee years (**50**-year intervals) from the birth of Adam to the midpoint of the **70**-year life of King David (2854 HC – 2924) we get precisely **57.78** jubilee years. And from that pivotal midpoint (**2889 HC**) to the year **5778 HC**, when the Geula is prophesized to occur, we get another **57.78** jubilee years.

Of course, **2889 HC** is exactly **441** years after the Torah was received on Mt Sinai in **2448 HC** and **441** is the numerical value of Emet (Truth) and  $21^2$ .

And of course there are **66.6** jubilee years from **2448 to 5778** and **66.6** jubilee years from Adam to the destruction of the First Holy Temple in **3338**. But all this can be found in The Divine Calendar, except this new tidbit that there are **325,077.8** sidereal days in the 17.8 jubilee years from **2448 HC to 3338 HC**.

This doesn’t answer the question why we should count **50**; that deeper meaning, whose answer lies in the **32** sides of the **5th** dimensional hypercube, will take time to explain. But our time already seems to be marked, whether it’s the temperature of the surface of the Sun, **5778 K** or **57.78** jubilee years, the year **5778 (2018 CE)** is hurtling towards us. This is also why that first chapter in Bamidbar that split the Torah into the Phi proportion has **54** verses (like the **54** portions in the Torah and the **54** special letters in the Torah) because the sum of the positive integers through **107** is **5778** and  $107 \times 54 = 5778$ , and  $\text{Phi}^{18} = 5778.000$

It’s been said by the sages that the Israelites, stuck in Egypt (**MZR YM**), were at the **49th** gate of negativity and counting by **50** we see that in **2448 HC** they were also in the **49th** Jubilee year from Adam. It’s also been said that if we reach the Tree-of-Life reality, we will have reached the **50th** Gate of Binah. Now that’s something worth counting.

## Physical Coincidence

It’s probably just coincidental also that Euler’s Constant is **.577215...** and that when we use Euler’s Number, noted as  $e$  (2.7182818...), which is the base of the natural logarithmic scale, in the equation  $e^{\text{Phi}}$  we get **5.277845**, which one could argue is not **5.778** and they’d be right, but there are also **5845** verses in the Torah, as in **5.277845**.

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Of course, counting is just math and math is just at the core of physics, so when we ignore God's Commandments in the Torah we are ignoring physics, not escaping them, as we would be in the Tree-of-Life reality.