

TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

**#15 Bo (בּוֹ)– in Hebrew, the
command form “come in,”
or “Go in”**

Torah: Exodus 10:1 - 13:16
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28



TOPICS IN THE PARSHA

THIS WEEKS TORAH PARASHAT

The last three of the Ten Plagues are visited on Egypt: a swarm of locusts devours all the crops and greenery; a thick, palpable darkness envelops the land; and all the firstborn of Egypt are killed at the stroke of midnight of the 15th of the month of Nissan.

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Elohim commands the first mitzvah to be given to the people of Israel: to establish a calendar based on the monthly rebirth of the moon. The Israelites are also instructed to bring a “Passover offering” to Elohim: a lamb or kid goat is to be slaughtered, and its blood sprinkled on the doorposts and lintel of every Israelite home, so that Elohim should pass over these homes when He comes to kill the Egyptian firstborn. The roasted meat of the offering is to be eaten that night together with matzah (unleavened bread) and bitter herbs.

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The death of the firstborn finally breaks Pharaoh's resistance, and he literally drives the children of Israel from his land. So hastily do they depart that there is no time for their dough to rise, and the only provisions they take along are unleavened. Before they go, they ask their Egyptian neighbors for gold, silver and garments—fulfilling the promise made to Abraham that his descendants would leave Egypt with great wealth.

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The children of Israel are commanded to consecrate all firstborn, and to observe the anniversary of the Exodus each year by removing all leaven from their possession for seven days, eating matzah, and telling the story of their redemption to their children. They are also commanded to wear tefillin on the arm and head as a reminder of the Exodus and their resultant commitment to God.

Timotiyos Bět/ 2 Timothy 2:19-21 “However, the solid foundation of Elohim stands firm, having this seal, “יהוה knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the Name of Messiah turn away from unrighteous-ness.” 20 But in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some unto value and some unto no value. 21 If, then, anyone cleanses himself from these matters, he shall be a vessel unto value, having been set apart, of good use to the Master, having been prepared for every good work.”

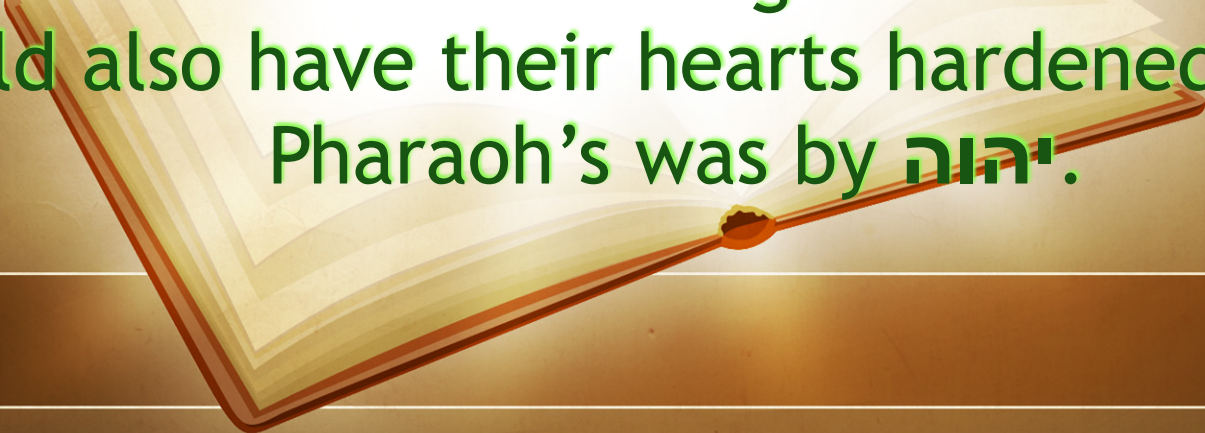
Tehillah/Psalm 95:7-8 “For He is our Elohim, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice: 8 “Do not harden your hearts as in Meribah, and as in the day of Massah in the wilderness”



Tas'loniqim Bět/2Thessalonians 2:9-12 “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood, 10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth, in order for them to be saved. 11 And for this reason Elohim sends them a working of delusion, for them to believe the falsehood, 12 in order that all should be judged who did not believe the truth, but have delighted in the unrighteousness.”

There comes a time when there is a 'point of no entry', so to speak!

Some of the Yisra'ēlites who refused to heed the call to be gathered in Goshen, and stubbornly held fast to Pharaoh and his regime of enslavement, would also have their hearts hardened, just as Pharaoh's was by יהוה.



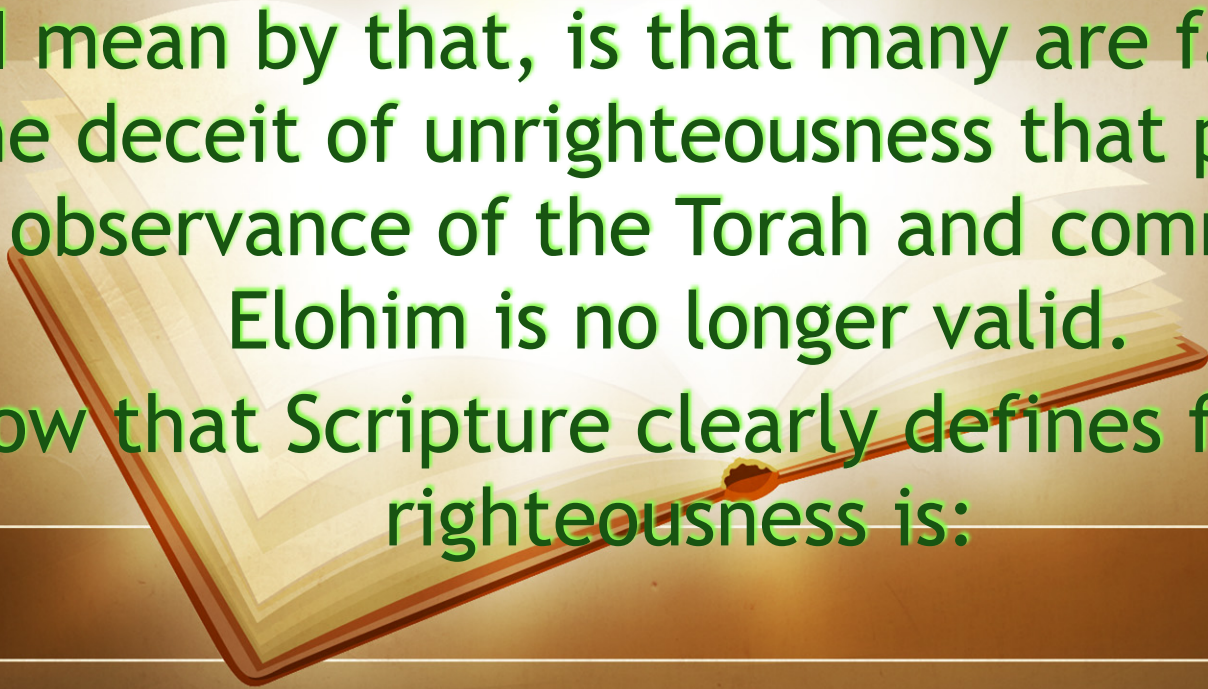
So many people today, are sadly refusing to 'let go' of, and 'come out' of, 'Mitsrayim' (worldly ways and traditions that feed the flesh) and/or 'Babelon' (religious traditions and systems of man-made worship) - be it due to the fear of man, or simply by stubbornly believing that the 'church system' that they were born into is not wrong and, as a result, will therefore be consistently stubborn and hard hearted, in not being willing to change, as they hold fast to the traditions of men that cause one to forsake the commands of Elohim, despite the reality of them being born into inherited lies, which having been very clearly presented to them through the mirror of the Truth of His Word, they still refuse to hear and see as they should!

Some will hold fast to the twisted and false beliefs of people that they know well and who also refuse to come out and be set-apart! So many will remain loyal to ear tickling doctrines and the vain traditions of man, that have falsely 'comforted' them, rather than take the necessary time to earnestly look at the truth of the Word of יהוה, without all the added theologies of man; and sadly, this will be the downfall of many who have been handed over to the delusion of lawlessness, due to a lack of the proper love for Elohim, in the Day of יהוה's wrath!

Lawlessness is promoted by the deceit of
unrighteousness!

What I mean by that, is that many are falling prey
to the deceit of unrighteousness that promotes
that observance of the Torah and commands of
Elohim is no longer valid.

We know that Scripture clearly defines for us what
righteousness is:




Debarim/Deuteronomy 6:25 “And it is
righteousness for us when we guard to do all this
command before יהוה our Elohim, as He has
commanded us.”



With righteousness being clearly defined for us as the guarding of the commands, we are then able to clearly understand that unrighteousness involves defiance toward the guarding of the commands and therefore, promotes lawlessness and is sin!

Sha'ul warns us in his letter to the believers in Thessalonica about the deceit of unrighteousness, as already quoted from Tas'loniqim Bět/2 Thessalonians 2:10! In this verse the Greek word that is translated as 'deceit' comes from the root word ἀπάτη apatē (ap-at'-ay)- Strong's G539 which means, '**deceit, delusion, deception**', and is also used in:

Kěpha Bet/2 Peter 2:12-13 “But these, like natural unreasoning beasts, having been born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheme that which they do not know, shall be destroyed in their destruction, 13 being about to receive the wages of unrighteousness, deeming indulgence in the day of pleasure, spots and blemishes, revelling in their own deceptions while they feast with you”



In speaking of the clear fate of the wicked, Kěpha highlights how the unrighteous revel in their own deceptions, even while they feast with you!

This is a sobering thought indeed, as we take note that there are many who are 'feasting with the righteous' yet they themselves are revelling in deceit.

This goes to show how assemblies can be greatly affected by the deceit of many who may be able to put on a 'religious show' before others yet their deceptive revelling in compromise will not go unrewarded as they will receive their wages for unrighteousness!

This is a very sober warning that must cause us to make sure that there is NO DECEIT found in us!!!

So many are revelling in the deception of lawlessness and have no concept or idea of the severe punishment that is coming upon the unrighteous.


Deceit is falsehood disguised as truth and very threatening to those who have no knowledge of Elohim, due to their adherence to teachings of lawlessness and what we are to make sure, as set-apart treasured ones of the Most-High, is that we put off the false and put on the Truth and be dressed in righteousness, with the full armour of Elohim being the only true dress code that guards against deceit.

Above all we must make sure that no deceit is found on our lips as we are to make sure that we meditate on the Torah day and night in order for us to be firmly planted in our Rock, Messiah, who is the Truth!!!

The Greek word that is translated as 'delusion' in Tas'loniqim Bět/2Thessalonians 2:9-12 comes from the root word πλάνη plane (plan'-ay)- Strong's G4106 which means, 'wandering, deception, error, deluding, deceitful' and is simply understood in the Greek as 'wandering out of the right way', which is figuratively used to describe being in error!

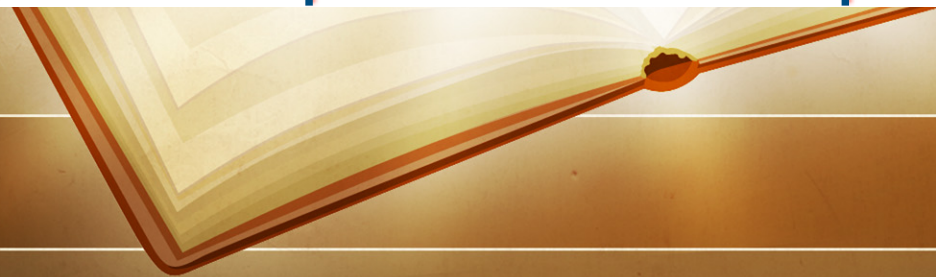
A derivative of this word is πλανᾶω planaō (plan-ah'-o)- Strong's G4105 which means, 'to cause to wander, deceive, mislead, misled, led or gone astray', which is translated as 'led astray' in:

Galatyiim/Galatians 6:7 “Do not be led astray: Elohim is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he shall also reap.”



We see this word $\pi\lambda\alpha\nu\acute{\alpha}\omega$ planaō used in the Greek text in the account when, answering the Sadducees over their dispute about the resurrection, יהושע Messiah said to them:

Mattithyahu/Matthew 22:29 “... You go astray, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of Elohim.”



These words are so true for so many today, as they go astray, simply because they do not know the Scriptures, and if they do not know the Scriptures it is impossible for them to know the power of Elohim!!!

Because of this sad reality of most people who claim to know Elohim, yet do not know Scripture, we see how so many are easily led astray, misguided and deceived as they wander aimlessly away from the Truth, instead of running in the way of His commands as Dawid declared in:

Tehillah/Psalm 119:32 “I run the way of Your commands, for You enlarge my heart.”

2Pe 3:17 You, then, beloved ones, being forewarned, watch, lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the delusion of the lawless,

Many are being led astray because they do not know or properly understand the Scriptures and as a result, they are being led astray by crafty doctrines of man that do not follow the clear order, pattern and witness of the Word of Elohim.

The Greek word that is translated a 'lawless' here in Kěpha Bět/2 Peter 3:17 is ἄθεσμος athesmos (ath'-es-mos)- Strong's G113 which means, '**lawless, unprincipled men, wicked**', and is understood as 'one who breaks through the restraint of law and gratifies his lusts'.

This word comes from the two root words:

- 1) α alpha (al'-fah)- Strong's G1 which is the first letter in the Greek alphabet that is used as a negative prefix, and
- 2) θεσμός thesmos which means, '**law, custom**' and is a derivative of the word τίθημι tithēmi (tith'-ay-mee)- Strong's G5087 which means, '**to lay up, lay aside, appoint, establish**'.

Therefore, the 'lawless' is being described here as one who is against that which has been established and appointed!

This word ἄθεσμος **athesmos (ath'-es-mos)**- Strong's G113 is used twice in Kěpha's second letter and the other verse we see it being used in is describing the indecent behaviour of the lawless that Lot was oppressed by:

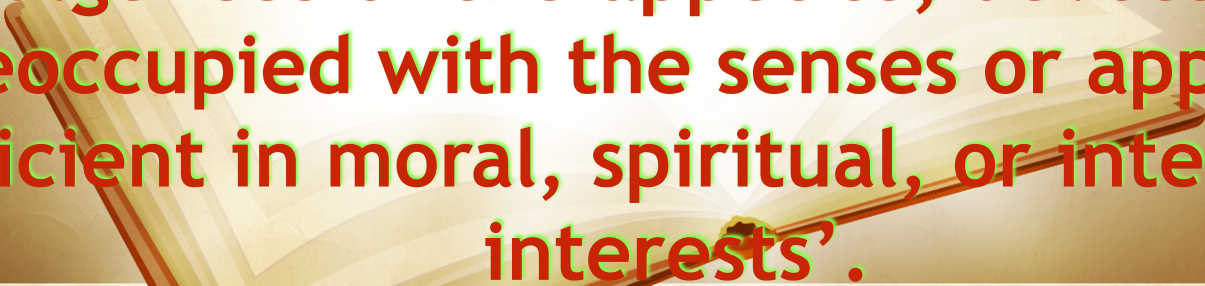
Kěpha Bět/2 Peter 2:7 “and rescued righteous Lot,
who was oppressed with the indecent behaviour of
the lawless”

Indecent behaviour of the lawless!

The Greek word that is translated as ‘indecent’ is
the word ἀσέλγεια **aselgeia** (as-elg’-i-a)- Strong’s
G766 which means, ‘*licentiousness, sensuality*’.

Licentiousness means, 'lacking legal or moral restraint, disregard sexual restraint, disregard for strict rules of correctness'.

Sensuality means, 'gratification of the senses or indulgences of the appetite, devoted to or preoccupied with the senses or appetites, deficient in moral, spiritual, or intellectual interests'.



Those who are deficient in spiritual or intellectual interests have no regard for the order and instructions of Elohim and they therefore are against the appointed and established order of Elohim and can be easily led astray to doing whatever 'feels' right in their own eyes!

Sha'ul warns us, in Tas'loniqim Bět/2Thessalonians 2:9-12, of the coming of lawlessness and tells us that those who do not receive a love for the truth, will be handed over to the delusion in order for them to believe the lies!

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood,

2Th 2:10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth, in order for them to be saved.

2Th 2:11 And for this reason Elohim sends them a working of delusion, for them to believe the falsehood,

2Th 2:12 in order that all should be judged who did not believe the truth, but have delighted in the unrighteousness.

This is a sober warning against not loving the Truth, as it is Elohim who will send the working of a delusion to those who will not love His Torah and love the guarding of His commands!

Delusion is a very powerful thing indeed, for the one who is handed over a working of delusion does not know that they are being led astray!

How then can we watch and be on guard?

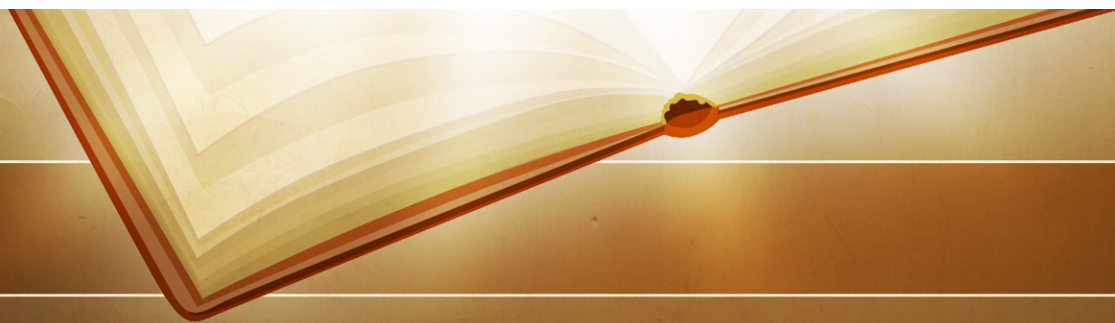
By loving the Truth and guarding the commands of
Elohim!

Dawid loved the Torah and ran in the way of the
commands of Elohim, and so should we, as His
Beloved Bride!

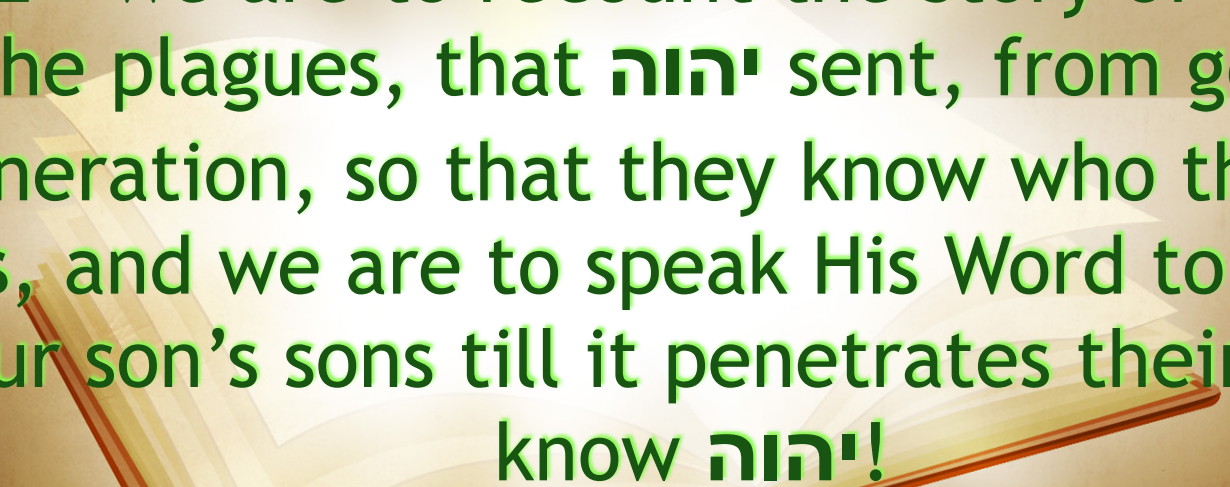
**Tehillah/Psalm 119:97 “O how I
love Your Torah! It is my study all
day long.”**

The reason for me expanding on the clear and present dangers that many people face, regarding the deceit of lawlessness and the threat of being handed over to the delusion, is to let the example of the hardening hearts of Pharaoh, his servants and others, which even included some of the Yisra'ēlites, be a clear mirror of warning to us, against falling into the same trap due to a lack of a true love for Elohim and the called for seeking first of His Righteousness.

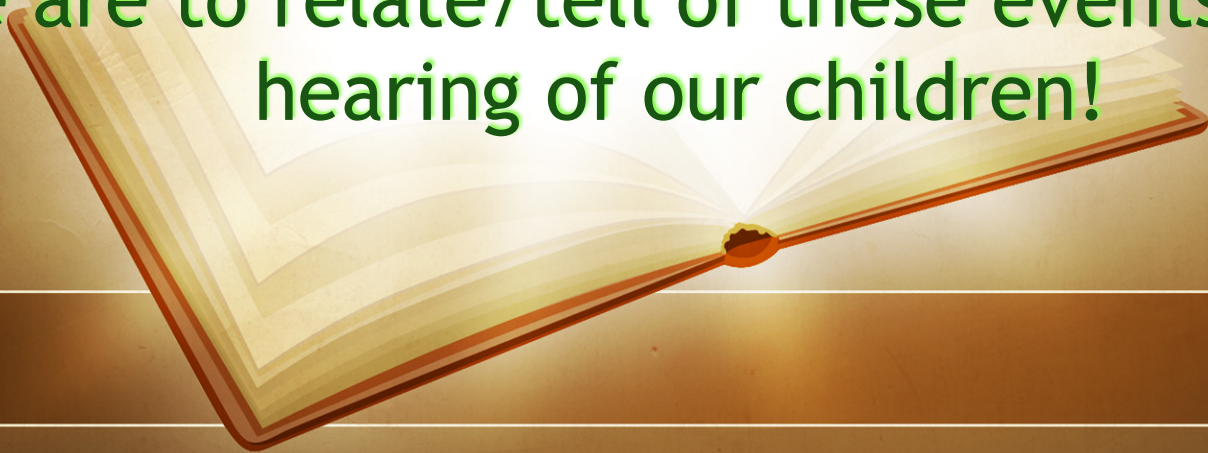
Exo 10:2 and that you relate in the hearing of your son and your son's son what I have done in Mitsrayim, and My signs which I have done among them. And you shall know that I am יהוה.”





Verse 2 - we are to recount the story of the exodus and the plagues, that **יהוה** sent, from generation to generation, so that they know who the **Great I AM** is, and we are to speak His Word to our son's and our son's sons till it penetrates their hearts to know **יהוה**!



We do well to learn from both those who oppose
יהוה, as well as those who obey Him - may we
learn and too find ourselves being obedient!
We are to relate/tell of these events in the
hearing of our children!



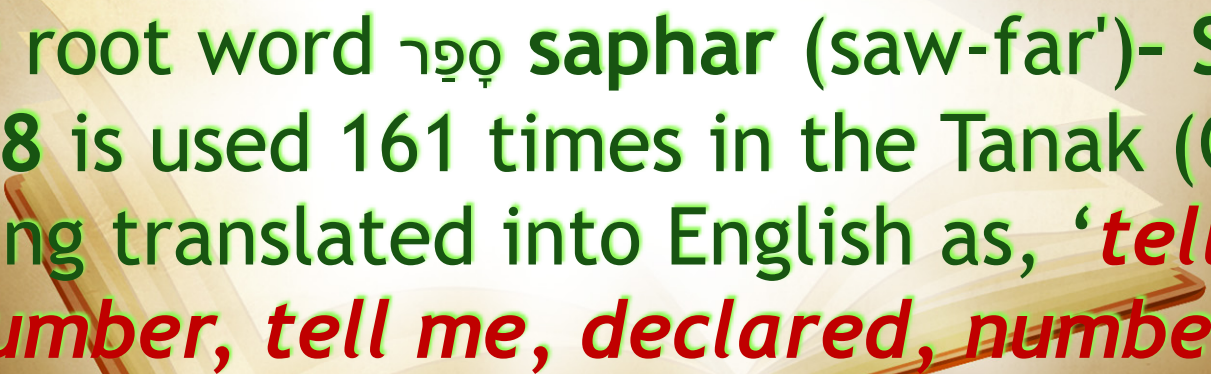
The Hebrew word that is translated here as 'hearing' comes from the root word  ozen (o'-zen)- Strong's H241 which means, '*an ear, hear, attentive, closely, recite, reveal*' and this comes from the primitive root verb  azan (aw-zan')- Strong's H238 which means, '*to give, ear, listen, pay attention, perceived by ear*', and while this also carries the meaning to listen and listen attentively, it literally means to '*cup the ear*' - in other words give your complete attention and be obedient to take it all in.

We are to relate these events in the hearing of our children and this emphasises how important it is to train up our children to have ears that hear attentively!!!

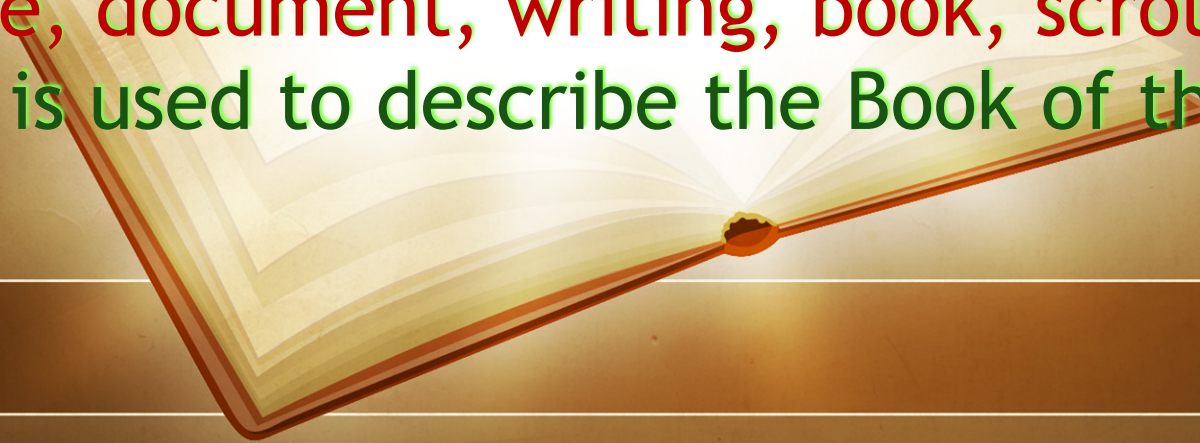
The Hebrew word that is translated here as 'relate' is תִּסְפֹּר tesapper - which comes the root word סָפַר saphar (saw-far')- Strong's H5608 - meaning, 'to score, mark as a tally, record, inscribe, recount, celebrate, commune'.

This root word is also translated as 'count' in our instruction to count 50 days to Shabuoth!

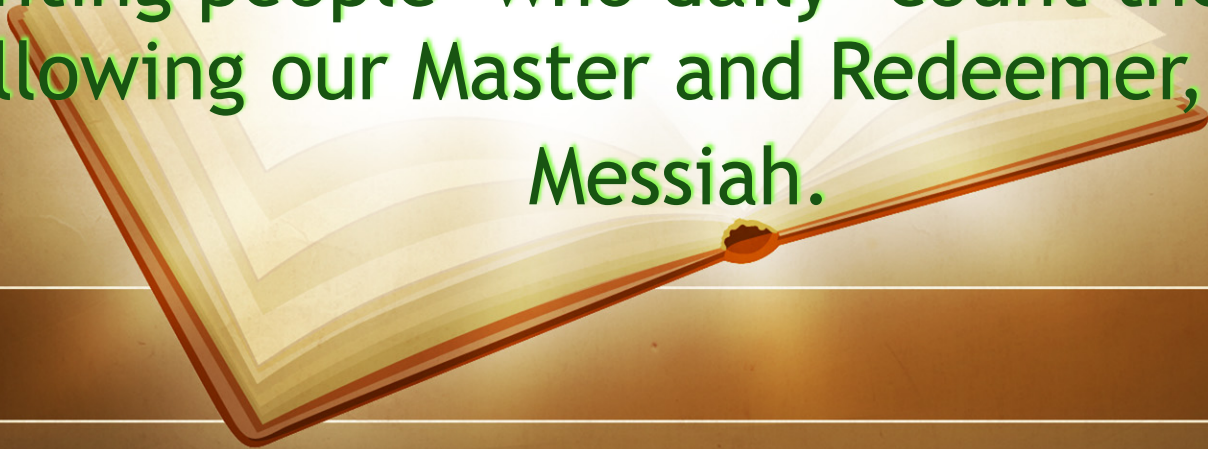
The root word סָפַר **saphar** (saw-far')- Strong's H5608 is used 161 times in the Tanak (O.T), also being translated into English as, '*tell, told, number, tell me, declared, numbering*'.



This word סָפַר saphar (saw-far')- Strong's H5608 is the denominative root verb of the word סֵפֶר sepher (say'-fer)- Strong's H5612 which means, 'a missive, document, writing, book, scroll, letters', and is used to describe the Book of the Torah!



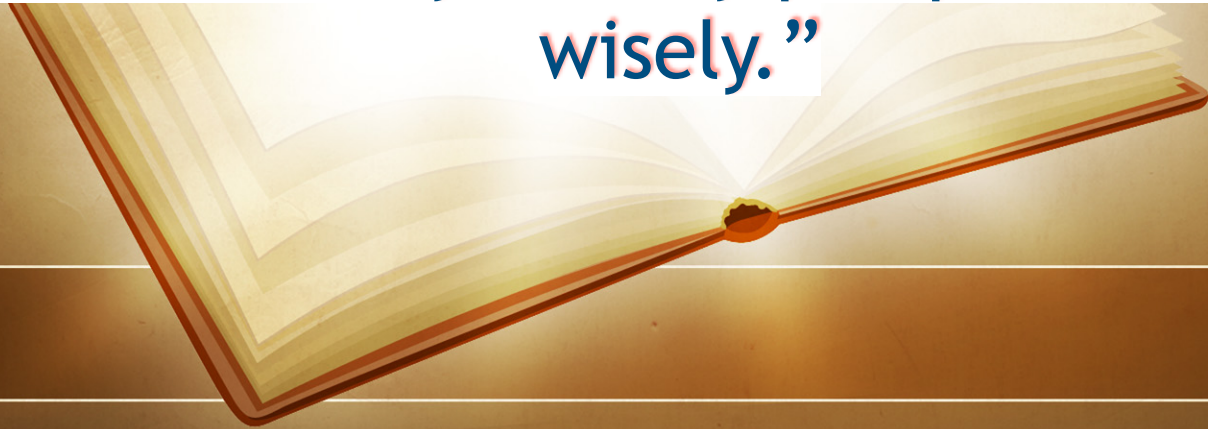
As we consider the clear importance of the commanded 'counting period to 50' from Matzot to Shabuoth we recognise how this is a great season that teaches us to continually be a 'counting people' who daily 'count the cost' of following our Master and Redeemer, **יהושע** Messiah.



And to be faithful in being a 'counting people', we need to realise that we cannot do this without the Word of Elohim - as we are to meditate on His Torah day and night and allow this סֵפֶר or Book of the Torah to lead us each and every day, relating it to our children too:



Yehoshua/Joshua 1:8 “Do not let this Book of the Torah depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you guard to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and act wisely.”



If we do not count, we cannot be cleansed!
To count means to reflect on where we are and
repent of our sin.

This Hebrew word סָפַר saphar (saw-far')- Strong's
H5608 (spelt from right to left) is with a ס -
samek, פ - pey, ר - resh).

Now, when we see these symbols as written in the
ancient pictographic script, we get a wonderful
picture of what it means to truly count the cost of
being built up in righteousness:

THE ANCIENT FORM OF WRITING THE WORD “COUNT/RELATE/TELL” - SAPHAR!



Samek - օ:

The ancient script has this letter pictured as



, which is a thorn and has the meanings of ‘**pierce and sharp**’ and can also carry the meaning of ‘**a shield**’, as thorn bushes were used by shepherds to build a wall to enclose their flock in the night against the attack of predators.

Another meaning would be ‘**to grab hold of**’ as a thorn is a seed that clings to hair and clothing.


The Word of Elohim is sharper than a doubled edged sword and when we find that we do not grab hold of His Word and allow His Word to be our shield of faith, we may find ourselves being pierced through with sin and compromise!

Our praise we have for our Master is that in Him we are upheld forever, for He is the shield of our Help, as He Himself took the crown of thorns upon His head, bearing our sin and shame that we may be found to be shielded in Him!

It can also give a meaning of '**turning**', for it is the thorn that turns us away from danger to that which is secure.


Pey - پ:



This is the letter ‘**pey**’, which is pictured as , which is an ‘**open mouth**’ and carries the meaning of ‘**speak and blow**’, from the functions of the mouth, and can have the meaning of ‘**scatter**’ by blowing. It can also mean sword or beard as in things with edges, as well as a region in depicting a place with edges or boundaries. It also can represent that which has been spoken forth from the words of one’s mouth, as being established!

Resh - ר:



The ancient script has this letter pictured as , which is '**the head of a man**' and carries the meaning of '**top, beginning, first, chief**', as in being the top of the body or the head of a tribe and the one who rules; and also speaks of possession or inheritance that is decided by the chief. Our true life of praise unto יהוה, our Head, begins when we fear Him, for

He is the beginning of our strength, and true separated praise entails a true fear of the One who is Chief over us!

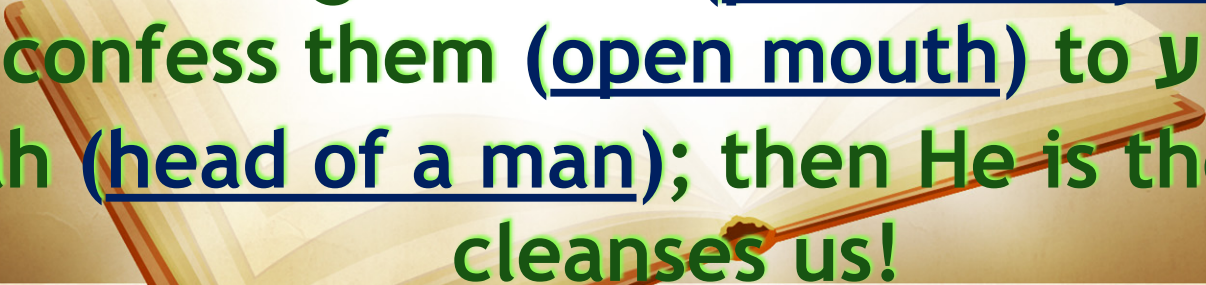
When seeing the construct of this word for count in its ancient form we have a clear picture of how cleansing entails true repentance through being able to correctly count and relate the Truth to others!

This ancient grouping of letters can carry various meanings for us, and in terms of being a people who count and who relate the Truth of the Word to our children, we realise that this can only be done when we:

GRAB HOLD OF THE WORD OF THE HEAD!

This picture, in terms of counting, teaches us that our shield and refuge is in our Head and Master, who teaches us through His Word to number our days and we recognise the following:

When we bring our sins (pictured by the thorn) and confess them (open mouth) to יהושע our Messiah (head of a man); then He is the one who cleanses us!

An open book with a thorn resting on its pages. The book is open, showing its pages, and a single thorn is placed across the center of the open pages. The background is a textured, light brown surface.

In our proper telling of the Word to our children and others, we shall enable them to be caused to know that יהוה is Elohim and Saviour!

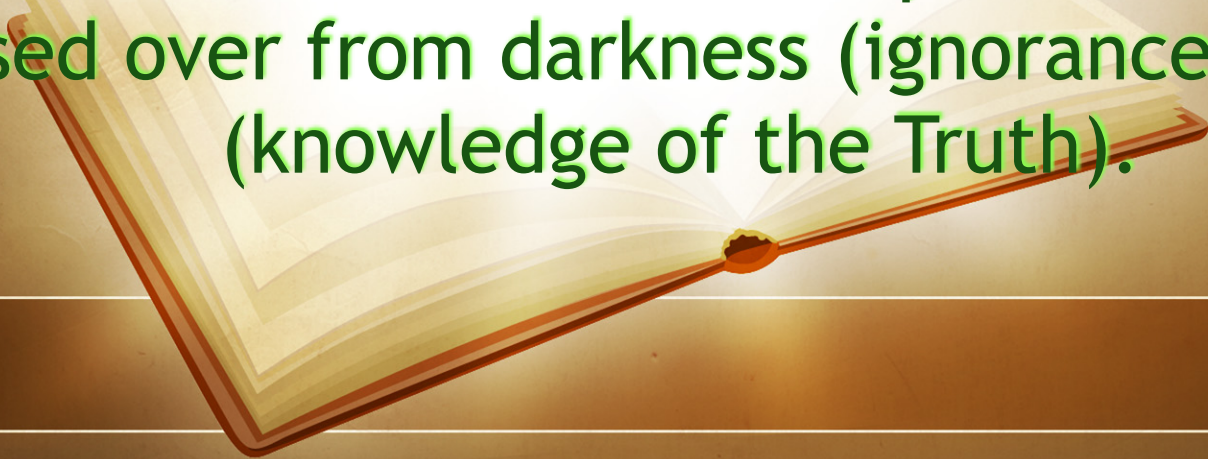
This 8th plague saw יהוה sending locusts, which is a clean insect, representing how יהוה will cleanse the land from all wickedness!

The locusts represent, in one sense, the army of יהוה bringing judgement upon this wicked and adulterous land.

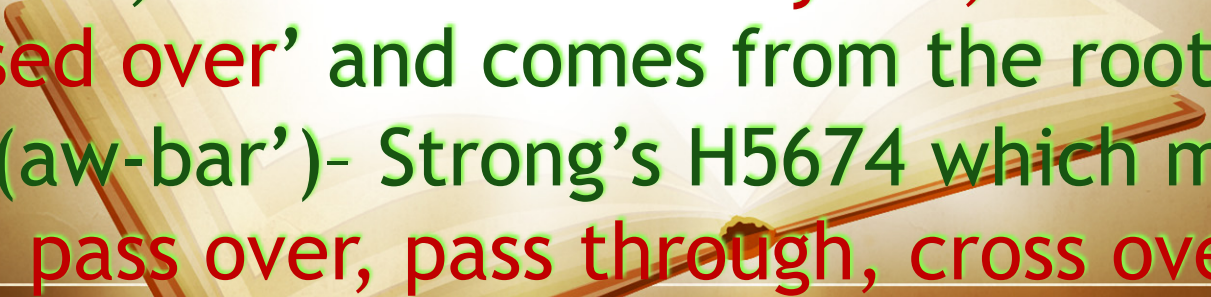
Exo 10:3 And Mosheh and Aharon came in to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus said יהוה Elohim of the Hebrews, ‘Till when shall you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, so that they serve Me.’



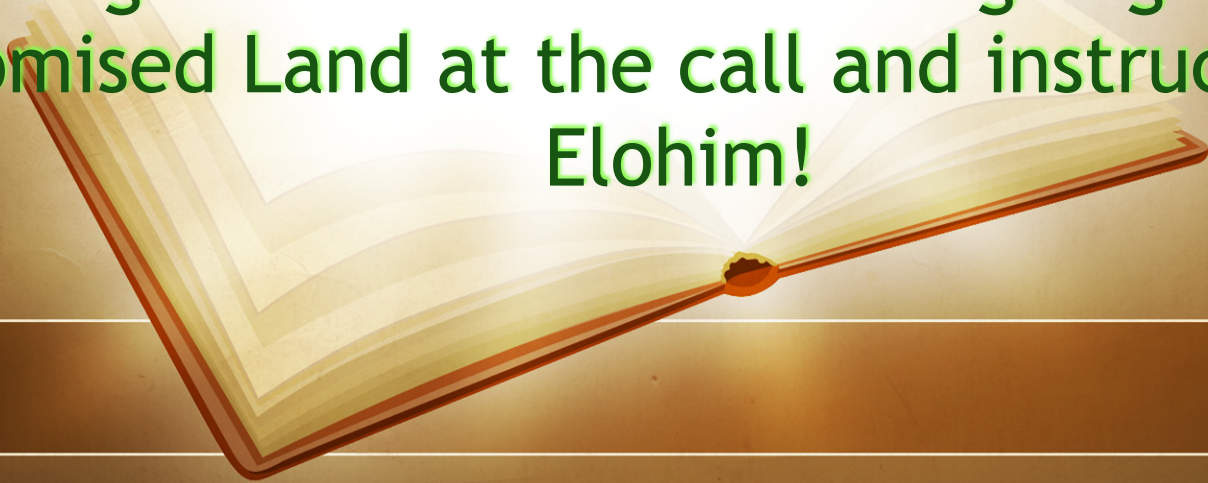
In verse 3 **יהוה** is presented once again as the Elohim of the Hebrews - He is the Elohim of those who 'cross over'. To have **יהוה** as your Elohim you must be a 'crosser-over' so to speak - one who has crossed over from darkness (ignorance) to light (knowledge of the Truth).



The Hebrew word that is translated as 'The Hebrews' is the word - הָעִבְרִים ha'ibriym, which is the plural of the root word עִבְרִי Ibrī (ib-ree')- Strong's H5680 which in English is 'Hebrew' and means, 'the one from beyond, the one who crossed over' and comes from the root verb עָבַר ābar (aw-bar')- Strong's H5674 which means, 'to pass over, pass through, cross over'.



Abram was the first person to be called a Hebrew (Berěshith/Genesis 14:13) and we recognise this by his 'crossing over' of the Euphrates River, when leaving his father's house and going into the Promised Land at the call and instruction of Elohim!



Gen 14:13 And one who had escaped came and informed **Abram** the Hebrew, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamrē the Amorite, brother of Eshkol and brother of Anēr, and they had a covenant with **Abram**.



So, what we declare to the world through our walking in the righteousness of Messiah, by walking according to His Torah, is that we are 'Hebrews' - that is - we are ones who have 'crossed over', so to speak, as יהוה the Elohim of the Hebrews has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light:

