Chuchat [Statute]- Reflections of Messiah



<u>Torah:</u> B'midbar [Numbers] 19:1-22:1 <u>Haftarah:</u> Melakim Beyth [2 Kings] 18:1-8 <u>Netzarim Ketuvim:</u> Ivri'im [Hebrews] 9:11-28.



"This is a law of the Torah which יהוה has commanded, saying, 'Speak to the children of Yisra'ël, that they bring you a red heifer, a perfect one, in which there is no blemish and on which a yoke has never come. 3 'And you shall give it to El'azar the priest and he shall bring it outside the camp and shall slaughter it before him. 4 'And El'azar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and sprinkle some of its blood seven times toward the front of the Tent of Meeting. 5 'And the heifer shall be burned before his eyes – he burns its hide and its flesh and its blood and its dung. 6 'And the priest shall take cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet and throw them into the midst of the fire burning the heifer. 7 'The priest shall then wash his garments and shall bathe his body in water and afterward come into the camp, but the priest is unclean until evening. 8 'And he who is burning it washes his garments in water and shall bathe his body in water and is unclean until evening.

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9 'And a clean man shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and shall place them outside the camp in a clean place. And they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Yisra'ĕl for the water for impurity, it is for cleansing from sin. 10 'And he who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his garments and is unclean until evening. And it shall be a law forever to the children of Yisra'ĕl and to the stranger who sojourns in their midst.

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Bemidbar [Numbers 20: 1-13 And the children of Yisra'ĕl, all the congregation, came into the Wilderness of Tsin in the first month and the people stayed in Qadĕsh. And Miryam died there and was buried there. 2 Now there was no water for the congregation, and they assembled against Mosheh and against Aharon. 3 And the people contended with Mosheh and spoke, saying, "If only we had died when our brothers died before "Why have you brought up the assembly of into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should die here? 5 "And why have you brought us up out of Mitsrayim [Egypt], to bring us to this evil place? — It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates and there is no water to drink." 6 Then Mosheh and Aharon went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the Tent of Meeting and they fell on their faces. And the esteem of into appeared to them. 7 And is spoke to Mosheh, saying, 8 "Take the rod and assemble the congregation, you and your brother Aharon. And you shall speak to the rock before their eyes, and it shall give its water. And you shall bring water for them out of the rock and give drink to the congregation and their livestock."

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9 And Mosheh took the rod from before יהוה as He commanded him. 10 And Mosheh and Aharon assembled the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels, shall we bring water for you out of this rock?" 11 Then Mosheh lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod. And much water came out and the congregation and their livestock drank. 12 But יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, "Because you did not believe Me, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the children of Yisra'ĕl, therefore you do not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." 13 These were the waters of Meribah, because the children of Yisra'ĕl contended with and He was sanctified among them.

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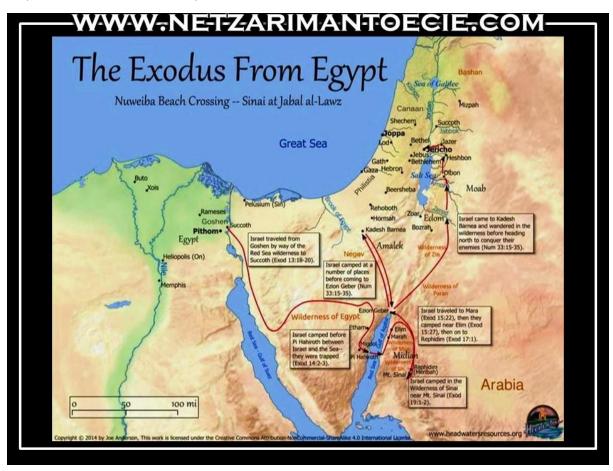
Bemidbar [Numbers 21: 4-9 And Yisrael departed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Sea of Reeds [the Red Sea], to go around the land of Edom but the soul of the people grew impatient because of the way. 5 And the people spoke against Elohim and against Mosheh, "Why have you brought us up out of Mitsrayim [Egypt] to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water and our soul loathes this worthless bread [manna]." 6 And יהוה sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people. And many of the people of Yisra'ĕl died. 7 Then the people came to Mosheh and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against יהוה and against you. Pray to יהוה to take away the serpents from us." So, Mosheh prayed on behalf of the people. 8 And in take away the serpents from us." So, Mosheh prayed on behalf of the people. 8 And in the said to Mosheh, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole. And it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." 9 So Mosheh made a bronze serpent and put it on a pole. And it came to be, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

<u>Introduction:</u> In this week's Torah portion we come to read about three unique symbols that in many ways reflect Yeshua the Messiah. It is the portions about "Parah Adumah" [the Red Heifer], the rock that brought forth water and the bronze serpent that we will concentrate on as they represent some powerful images of Messiah which I hope we will fully come to see. We will therefore first summarize the Torah portion with these points:

Summary of the Torah Portion:

- 1. The Red Heifer sacrifice is detailed with the process of purification.
- 2. Miriyam also dies with the water drying up causing the people to complain.
- 3. Mosheh now strikes the rock as opposed to speaking to it as commanded & so is barred from entering the promised land.
- 4. Mosheh asked the king of Edom for permission to pass through his land but is rejected so Yisrael must approach Canaan from the east.
- 5. At Mt. Hor Eliazar is made High Priest & Aharon dies. The Amalekites attack but are defeated & then Yisrael complains over the manna with YHWH sending serpents who kill many with Mosheh making a brass serpent on a pole with those looking to it being healed.
- 6. Finally, Yisrael contends with enemies & is victorious occupying their land.

The map shows one rendering of Yisrael's Journey, though Mt. Sinai has different locations, but this map shows the relevant Journey around Edom:



The Red Heifer Reflection:



The concept of the Red Heifer though it may seem very strange & having little understanding among most people has a great role to play.

The role of the Red Heifer was to cleanse all of Yisrael and they would take the Red Heifer to the mount of Olives face it due west towards the doors of the Temple which were then opened & they would slaughter it, burn it & take hyssop, cedar wood & wrap it in scarlet wool to be thrown into the fire. A clean man would then take the blood in his left hand to sprinkle it 7 times towards the Temple to be seen by the Priest:

The amazing truth is that Yeshua is not just taking the place of the Red Heifer but also the Passover lamb & is born in a Sukkah a Levitical barn that they would raise the Azazel goat for Yom Kippur [the day of Atonement]. Not only are the 1st born redeemed at [Passover] & not only are we atoned from sin on the Day of Atonement now we must be cleansed that we can put on clean robes. Therefore, Yeshua also died as the Red Heifer so you could put on the white robe.

The Brith Chadashah [the New Testament] gives us this truth concerning Sin:



Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death.

Yeshua therefore came to raise humans from death to give them life. We read these words which refer to purification for the birth of a new male life since in the presence of YHWH no impurity may stand so we read in:



Vayiqra [Leviticus] 12:2-4 'If a woman has conceived, and borne a male child, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of her customary impurity she shall be unclean. 3 And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. 4 She shall then continue in the blood of her purification thirty-three days.

This purification process I do find has significance even with Yeshua who appears to Thomas on the 8th day & on the 40th day ascends to the Father at the end of this purification process just as we read with the woman. The rules of the Red Heifer therefore are also very extreme meaning that if a Red Heifer even had two white hairs it would disqualify the Heifer from being used.



Now that we come to see that the Red Heifer was about purification which allowed the door to Yahweh to be opened. Surely, we can see a perfect representation of Yeshua in this because he is without any defect & so was perfect & totally without sin but what is more is that the place where the Red Heifer would be offered was on the altar built on the mount of Olives. We surely know that the place where Yeshua our Lord was also Crucified was also on the **mount of Olives** directly opposite the entrance to the Temple which was exactly where the Red Heifer was offered. This is not a coincidence since this offering was looking towards a perfect offering that would cleanse any who had the stain of death on them, so this offering looked towards the perfect offering of Yeshua on the Tree [the Cross].



We therefore read this in:

Ivriim [Hebrews] 13:10-13 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. 12 Therefore Yeshua also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. 13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

Nobody who had touched a dead body could come before Yahweh unless they were cleansed by the water of purification lest they be cut off from Yisrael: **Priests purified People by sprinkling with the water of purification being the ashes of the red heifer mixed in water:**



We then also have some incredible connections to Messiah which we will look at:

1. The blood of the Red Heifer had to be sprinkled towards the Temple/Mishkan 7 times, once for each day of the week and for every Millennial Day meaning 7,000 years. When Adam sinned, it caused all mankind to be born unclean with sin. Also, it is noted that Yeshua bled 7 times from various parts of His body. 1. Through his sweat, 2. When he was whipped, 3. From the crown of thorns, 4. From his hands, 5. From his feet, 6. From his side, 7. From his bruising.



- 2. This Curtain must be opened during the sacrifice to be valid. We know the curtain was ripped from top to bottom allowing Caiaphas [the High Priest] to see into the Temple, thus validating or confirming the sacrifice of Yeshua. Why would everyone look to the Holy of Holies during Yeshua's sacrifice? When Yeshua was sacrificed on the Tree it is said there was a 30-ton rock beam placed above the curtain & with the earthquake it came crashing down ripping the curtain which would have made such a noise that everyone would have turned towards the Temple and so the High Priest could look directly into the Holy of Holies. That would make the offering valid.
- 3. What disqualifies the Red Heifer was if you put a yoke on it, so we find that Shimon exactly at the gate was made to carry the Crossbeam for Yeshua & so qualified Yeshua for the sacrifice. In the Spiritual realm the Father caused His son to fall at the gate that the yoke would not be on him when he crossed that line. In the Mishnah or the writing of the Rabbis they say that the next Red Heifer is the one that will bring the Messiah. There was one born in 1997 & 2003 but they were disqualified.



In Hebrew, the word "before" is the word is "L'phaney" meaning to the face therefore to the face of the Lord.

Why is that so important? The Son of Elohim is on a cedar beam on a tree most likely an Almond tree, the tree of life & Yeshua is directly looking into the eyes of his Father & his Father must turn his head because of his crimson red appearance since he has become unclean therefore that explains why it had to be a red heifer because Yeshua was full of blood since it was also believed that he had been stoned on that tree verified by **Shaul** [Paul]

in the following New Testament verse as evidence of this truth since not only was Yeshua Crucified but he was also stoned which is verified in the Torah for one who had Blasphemed since his charge was claiming to be the Son of Yahweh which he truly was and the penalty was in fact stoning & crucifixion though burning was included but Yoseph of Arimathea had petitioned Pilate to take down his body so this was not done & then he could be buried:



Shaul [Paul] we know was never crucified but we know that he was stoned.

We truly need to understand how the front of the Bible relates to the back, so Yeshua is here with all of us to cleanse us through his death & resurrection & to cleanse his bride and to make her ready for his coming.

To watch the complete teaching on the Red Heifer from Jim Staley go to: https://youtu.be/6jKz6PBPt0o

The Rock that Brought forth Water:

The second mighty reflection of Messiah to be found in this story is the Rock. Firstly, even the sages say that the Rock followed Yisrael but what do we read from Shaul [Paul] in:



1 Corinthians 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed and the Rock was Messiah.

We must however fully grasp the situation that faced Mosheh. His sister Miriam had just died followed by the people gathering against Mosheh & Aaron asking why they had brought them into the wilderness to die.

Slide- Yisrael contends with Mosheh

In Mosheh & Aaron's anguish they come before the door of the **Mishkan** [the Tabernacle] before Yahweh. We know that Mosheh in his anger calls Yisrael rebels and struck the Rock two times to bring forth water and Yahweh rebukes him because he did not do according to His words, but can we see something in this to help explain but not excuse Mosheh.

Mosheh [Moses] failed to model obedience at a time when all of Yisrael was looking to him for leadership. Therefore, the name the place was Meribah (which means to argue, strive, or contend).

This however is not the first time the Rock gave water. Another encounter is found in **Shemoth** [Exodus] 17:1-7

The people had just complained because they were thirsty & Yahweh instructed Mosheh to strike the Rock with his Rod. Yahweh then says, "I will stand before you on the Rock in Horeb & water will come out of it."



This is the Rock found by Jim & Penny Caldwell in 1992 in Arabia which is believed to be Authentic.

This rock was made cleft in the middle that living water could gush from it so on either side was a tablet of stone. Surely this is symbolic of the human heart where there is a main vein in the middle pumping blood that is 92% water into the two tablets of the Heart. The cleft Rock in Mount Horeb then is a representation of

the **Heart of Elohim** [God]. When Mosheh stood in the cleft of the Rock Yahweh was placing him in his heart for protection & covered him with Salvation [Yeshua] so that the full glory of his presence would not kill him. Messiah's Covenant is then a living Covenant of the Heart & Messiah was sent to remove this hardness of our hearts so we would soften our hearts to love Elohim. Just as the rock gushed forth water that brings forth life so too the Rock, Yeshua when he was pierced with the Roman lance brought forth living water & life blood from the heart of Yahweh's heart who is Yeshua on Mount Moriah that we would never thirst again.



We read in:

Yahuchanan [John] 19:33-35 But when they came to Yeshua and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

Since we read in **Shemoth [Exodus] 17:6** that Yeshua or the Lord stood on the Rock then we know the power came from Messiah. It is thought that when Mosheh struck the rod twice once was vertical & once horizontal the shape of a cross the Hebrew letter **"Tav."**

If **Mosheh** [Moses] cannot model faith during such times of loss like the death of his beloved sister, then it is only natural that many of us will suspect that we cannot. But we can and must.

We can bring to the Lord our deepest pain, our darkest despair, and our broken hearts. He will cleanse us spiritually from our contact with loss and death, and He will heal us.

The Bronze Serpent:

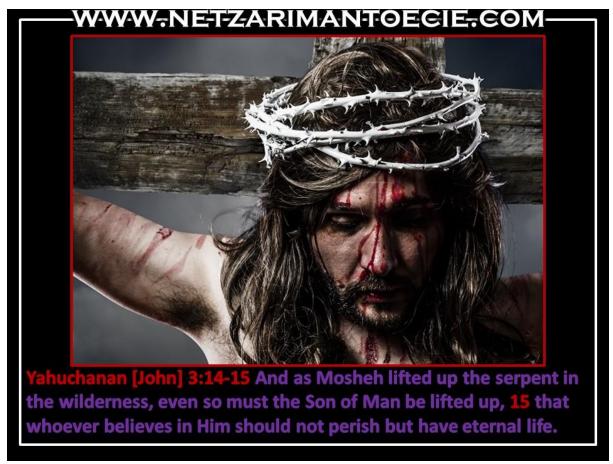
The third reflection of Messiah is found in the incident of the bronze serpent. Again, the people complained against Elohim & against Mosheh by saying:

"Why have you brought us up out of Mitsrayim [Egypt] to die in the wilderness?" [B'midbar [Num] 21:5]



The Lord then sent fiery serpents that bit the people, and many died. Amazingly, the remedy for the people was in fact that Mosheh was commanded to make a fiery Serpent & set it on a pole & those bitten when they would look at it, they would live.

We now find an amazing connection to Yeshua in this story since Yeshua himself says this in:



Yahuchanan [John] 3:14-15 And as Mosheh lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Let us just reflect on this for a moment. The serpent that bit the people caused death so too we know that the wages of sin is death but the remedy for that death was to look upon the very thing that caused death & that would bring life. We read of Yeshua this:

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of Elohim in Him.

Just as the Serpent that was raised up upon the pole brought life so too Yeshua was raised up upon the tree to become our sin that all who look to him meaning to believe in him & what he did, will have eternal life & become righteous before Elohim therefore clean & able to come into Yahweh's presence as we understood by the Red Heifer sacrifice.

Conclusion: The Amazing truth that I hope we come to see is how many readings of the Tanakh the Old Testament have precise bearing on the New Testament & perfectly provide evidence that point to the exact sacrifice & nature of Yeshua and are truly prophetic pictures that reinforce our faith in Scripture & Yeshua the true Lord of Heaven & that the Bible is truly a Divinely inspired Holy Book to encourage us all and bring us exceedingly great hope in Yahweh's eternal plan for us.



Haftarah: Melakim Beyth [2 Kings] 18:1-8



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King Hezelfish Removes the High Places

Melakim Beyth [2 Kings] 18: 1-8 And it came to be in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah, sovereign of Yisra'ël, that Chizqiyah [Hezekiah] son of Aḥaz, sovereign of Yahuḍah, began to reign. 2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Aḇi, daughter of Zekaryah. 3 And he did what was right in the eyes of יהוה, according to all that his father David did. 4 He took away the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah and broke in pieces the bronze serpent which Mosheh had made, for until those days the children of Yisra'el burned incense to it and called it Necḥushtan. 5 He put his trust in יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el and after him was none like him among all the sovereigns of Yahuḍah, nor who were before him, 6 and he clung to יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Note: Chizqiyah means "Yah is my strength."

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7 And יהוה was with him – wherever he went he acted wisely. And he rebelled against the sovereign of Ashshur and did not serve him. 8 He smote the Philistines, as far as Azzah and its borders – from watchtower unto the walled city.

Note: Nechushtan may mean "the serpent given." From Nachash for serpent & Nathan meaning "to be given."

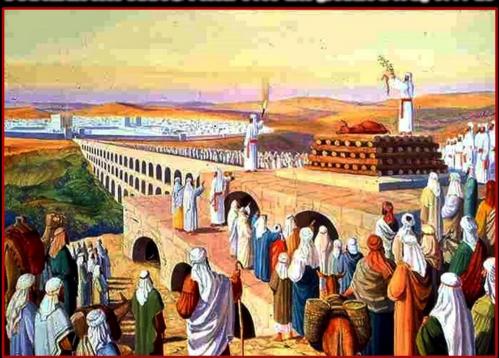
With the fall of Samaria, a term for the northern Kingdom we come to read about **Chizqiyah** [Hezekiah] a righteous King. He was the first King of Yahudah [Judah] to totally eradicate the high places where pagan worship would take place.



Hezekiah destroyed the sacred pillars & idols used in the worship of Ba'al & Asherah. He also broke to pieces the Nehushtan the bronze serpent made by Mosheh in the wilderness since Yahudah had come to worship it as an idol inspired by the Canaanite religion which regarded snakes as symbols of fertility. What truly distinguished Hezekiah was that despite troublesome events he clung tightly to YHWH obeying His commands, so the Almighty was with him. In a world that places other things above YHWH which is regarded as Idolatry we can learn much from these stories to keep our trust in YHWH & Yeshua regardless of the influences of the World around us.

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Netzarim Ketuvim: Ivri'im [Hebrews] 9:11-28



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The Greatness of Messiah's Sacriffice

Jord'im [Hebrews] 9: 11-28 But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good matters, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation, 12 entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the defiled, sets apart for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of the Messiah, who through the everlasting Spirit offered Himself unblemished to Elohim, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim? 15 And because of this He is the Mediator of a renewed covenant, so that, death having taken place for redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance. 16 For where a covenant is, it is necessary for the death of the covenanted one to be established. 17 For a covenant over those dead is firm, since it is never valid while the covenanted one is living.

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18 Therefore not even the first covenant was instituted without blood. 19 For when, according to Torah, every command had been spoken by Mosheh to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which Elohim commanded you." 21 And in the same way he sprinkled with blood both the Tent and all the vessels of the service. 22 And, according to the Torah, almost all is cleansed with blood and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. 23 It was necessary, then, that the copies of the heavenly ones should be cleansed with these, but the heavenly ones themselves with better slaughter offerings than these. 24 For Messiah has not entered into a set-apart Place made by hands – copies of the true – but into the heavens itself, now to appear in the presence of Elohim on our behalf, 25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the Set-apart Place year by year with blood not his own. 26 For if so, He would have had to suffer often, since the foundation of the world. But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the offering of Himself.

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27 And as it awaits men to die once and after this the judgment, 28 so also the Messiah, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to those waiting for Him, unto deliverance.

All the offerings of the Mikdash [the Temple] service pointed to different aspects of the atonement procured by Messiah. The burning of the Red Heifer is no exception. The ashes of the Red Heifer were mixed with the Waters of Separation by the Kohan (the Priest) and sprinkled on a person to purify him from the contamination of death, but in the process the ashes from the Red Heifer made the Kohan unclean. This is a picture of Messiah who, being without sin, allowed himself to be defiled by the punishment of death to enable the Father's decree of salvation to take on a full overarching effect on all who take on his will. The amazing truth of the act of sacrificing the Red Heifer is that the Priest becomes unclean while the one sprinkled become clean so is this not what Yeshua purchased for us when the Father turned away from Him because He became Sin for us that we might become the righteousness od Elohim in Him.

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