

Introduction: In this week's Torah portion we come to read about three unique symbols that in many ways reflect Yeshua the Messiah and we also came to read of the death of Miriam & Aaron. It is the portions about "Parah Adumah" [the Red Heifer], the rock that brought forth water and the bronze serpent and these we will concentrate on.



The Red Heifer- the concept of the Red Heifer though it may seem very strange has the do with clean & unclean because nothing unclean can come before Yahweh. The reason why a human dead body is so unclean more even than an animal is that humans have such potential or ability for life and therefore become so unclean in death. According to the Torah then death is a great problem since Yahweh is life.



The Brith Chadashah [the New Testament] tells us that the wages of sin is death.

Yeshua therefore came to raise humans from death to give them life. We read these words in:

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# Women & **Purification**

Vayigra [Leviticus] 12:1-5 'If a woman has conceived, and borne a male child, then she shall be [a]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. 5 'But if she bears a female child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her customary impurity, and she shall continue in the blood of her purification sixty-six days.

It has over the generations caused the sages [the wise men] much struggle to understand this. However, we must realize it is never about good or bad as though unclean is bad but it is about the potential, the ability for life which is greater for a woman who holds life within her plus having a girl means she has twice the potential of life. The rules of the Red Heifer therefore are so extreme meaning that if a Red Heifer even had two white hairs it would disqualify the Heifer from being used.



Therefore, we come to see that the Red Heifer was about purification that 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 do 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 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] 13:10-11 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** 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 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.



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.

2.



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:

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Galatians 6:17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the master Yeshua.

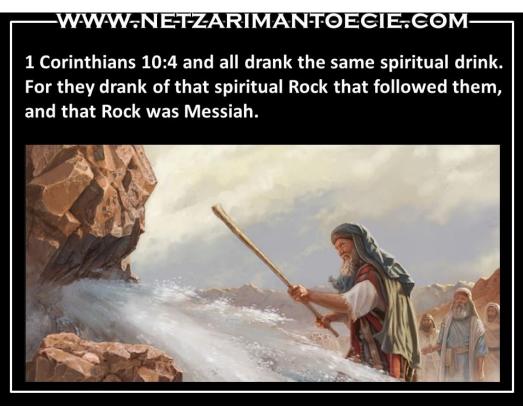
Shaul [Paul] was never crucified but we know that he was stoned.

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: <u>https://youtu.be/a7aYLCSB7So</u>

### The Rock that Brought forth Water:

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



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.

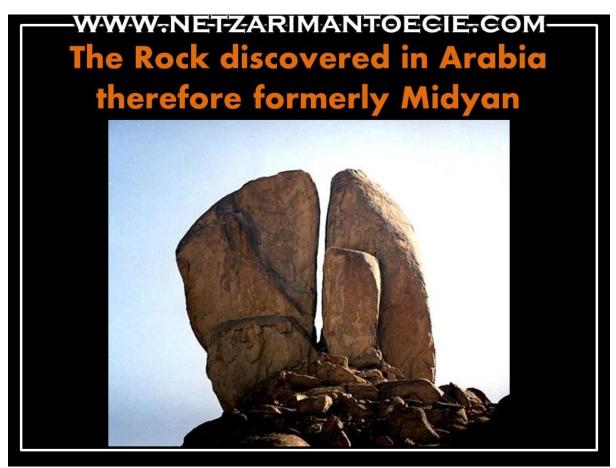


In Mosheh & Aaron's anguish they come before the door of the Mishkan [the Tabernacle] before Yahweh. We know that Mosheh in his anger calls Yisrael rebels and struck the Rock two times to bring forth water and Yahweh rebukes him because he did not do according to His words, but can we see something in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

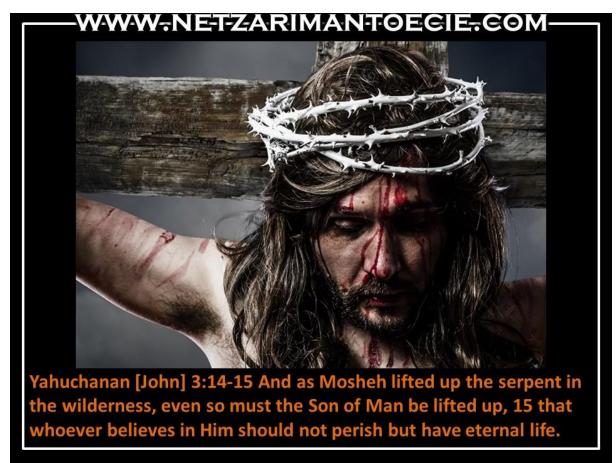
The third reflection of Messiah is found in the incident of the bronze serpent. Again, the people complained against Elohim & against Mosheh by saying:

"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:



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.

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