



## נ נ NUN GIMEL

Since this is 'Shabbat', let's investigate this word. It comes from the root word **יָשַׁב** – **yashav**..the **שָׁב** 'shav' means 'sitting', resting, or return. It also means to 'come back'. In ancient times the work could not be done if one was sitting....working relates to being on your feet, or standing.

**נֶשֶׁר** – **nesher**...means 'eagle' Our symbol comes from the Bible for the eagle...**נֶשֶׁר**...**nesher**.... **D'varim Deuteronomy 32:10-13** says.. *"10/He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of a wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him He guarded him as the pupil of His eye. 11/Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that hovers over its young, He spread His wings and caught them. He carried them on His pinions...12/The Lord alone guided him, and there was no foreign god with him. 13/He made him ride on the high places of the earth, and he ate the produce of the field; and He made him suck honey from the rock, and oil from the flinty rock"* The eagle is a very viscous animal...and will kill anything to protect its young.

The American Bald Eagle is the only eagle unique to North America. The eagle's scientific name signifies a 'sea' or (halo). The original name for 'bald' meant 'white', not hairless. It is a 'sea or fish' eagle.

So G-d is comparing the eagle to His protecting Israel. (Let's discuss this in depth) So when America chose the eagle it was very G-dly. Remember the movie Independence Day? Compare that to G-d's power....none. We can explore another note...When you put the letters together.. the **נ** represents life, the **ש** and the **ר** spell sar which is prince.. So the eagle is a picture of a living prince, or warrior. If you have ever watched an eagle snatch up a fish with his long talons, this needs no explanation. Aren't we to be 'fishers of men?'

**נְבִיא** – **naviy**...means prophet. The book of the Prophets is called

**נְבִיאִים Nevee'im**. See the vet or bet and the aleph which says 'ba' and means to 'come' or **בָּא** – **bo** which means also to 'come'. So the Prophet is seeing what is yet to come. Also look at the letter **נ** which represents 'life', then the letter **ב** that represents a house, (us), then we see the letter **י** which is the 'hand of G-d', and finally the **א** for Father ..power...strength. Add all these together and let's discuss!

At the foot of Mount Sinai there was the strongest commitment made in the history of man. It as a 'marriage' covenant. The greatest demonstration of faith happened one time in history. **Sh'mot Exodus 24:7**. *"And he took the Book of the Covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, All that the L-rd has said will we do, and obey."* The Hebrew people said to Moshe...**נַעֲשֶׂה וְנִשְׁמָע** - **na-asey** ( means 'done') **vehnishma**.. (means 'and sounds') G-d is ready to give man his contract to life...(the 10 commandments)

They had the full trust in G-d. Today it is the reverse in our Churches. And in our lives in general. People said in their hearts.. ‘WE SHALL OBEY, THEN WE SHALL HEAR.’ So the Hebrew people were willing to ‘obey’ first, then hear. Today it’s ‘let me see first’ and then I will do. This is not a statement demonstrating FAITH. .... FAITH is our LIVES. So....in essence faith is not what you say but what you do.

Then, of course, 40 days later Israel made the golden calf and we know the rest of the story...G-d used His **נְבִיאִים** **Nevee'm** to call His people back to Himself.

**דְּבָרִים** **D'varim** **Deuteronomy 7:9** states.. ***"Know therefore that the L-rd your G-d, He is G-d, the faithful G-d, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments***

Just a note...in Jewish tradition light is the symbol of the soul. Remember last weeks lesson we learned the Hebrew word for candle was **נֵר** – **ner?** – also means light or lamp. To break it further, the lamp is life to the head or person. In **מִשְׁלֵי** **Mishlei** **Proverbs 20:27**. We read ***"The Spirit of man is the lamp of the L-rd, searching all the innermost parts of his being."***

**יֵשׁוּעַ** Yeshua is the Fathers **שֶׁה** ‘seh’ Lamb. Do you see the letters that make up the word ‘Lamb’? The **ו** is G-d the Father’s heart, and the **ה** is the Father’s Holy Spirit. The two make up the third...the Son...the Lamb of G-d **יְשׁוּעַ** Yeshua He chose Him as being His unblemished Passover lamb... **פֶּסַח** **(pesach)** for the sacrifice for us and the redemption of our sins. He paid the ultimate price for us. **Revelation 14:1** says ***"And I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads."***

Another note...the rich root, the fatness of the olive tree is oily which represents the anointing and the blessing as the gentiles are grafted into the olive tree sharing in the blessings and anointing of G-d. If I may, I would like to dig into the ‘olive tree’ thing for a moment or two.

Interestingly, if the trunk is cut down, the shoots from its roots continue to grow, ensuring its continued existence. G-d told Moses regarding Aaron, his brother, “And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him” (Exodus 29:7). The holy anointing oil itself was comprised of quality spices – myrrh, cane, cassia, and olive oil (Exo.30:23-25). The Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, the Table of Showbread, the Lampstand (Menorah), the Altar, the Laver, and its foot, were all anointed with the same precious compound, as a holy oil of anointing (Exo.30:26-33).

The menorah in the Tabernacle – with its seven lamps – was lit with “oil for the light” (Exo.25:6). G-d told Moses, “Command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually” (Lev.24:2).

Gathering of the fruit of the olive was – and is still today – an exercise of shaking the tree and its branches vigorously, causing the olive to fall to the ground. Sometimes the branches were beaten with poles to facilitate the dropping of the fruit. G-d declared to the ancient Israelites, “*When you beat your olive trees*, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow” (Deut.24:20).

Once gathered, the olives would be used to extract olive oil by means of a mortar and pestle (Exo.27:20), or by using a stone press to grind them. Ancient presses hewn out of solid rock have been found at Megiddo, Jerusalem, and Taanach. A large stone roller manned by two people crushed the olives to a pulp, which was then either trodden out (Deut..33:24) or subjected to more pressing.

In order to make oil, the olives were either bruised in a mortar, crushed in a press loaded with wood or stones, ground in a mill, or trodden with the feet. The “BEATEN” oil of Exodus 27:20, 29:40, Lev.24:2, and Num.28:5, was most likely made by bruising in a mortar.

Oil was regarded as a symbol of honor, joy, and favor. Therefore, oil was not to accompany purification rights associated with dishonor, shame, sorrow, and disfavor, just as it was withheld from the body in times of mourning (II Sam.12:20; Dan.10:3). Therefore, in regard to the special sacrifice made when a man suspected his wife of having committed adultery, G-d commanded, “No oil shall be poured upon it and no frankincense should be laid on it, for it is a meal offering of remembrance which recalls doing wrong” (Num.5:15). The flour of a sin offering also was to be free from both oil and frankincense (Lev.5:11).

Olive oil was often used to anoint the head and body after a bath. Ruth was advised by Naomi to wash and anoint herself and put on her best garment, before seeking out Boaz (Ruth 3:3). David washed, anointed himself, and put on fresh clothing, before entering the house of G-d to worship Him (II Sam.12:20).

The “shaking” and “beating” of olives, to harvest them and extract the precious oil, is a type of the life of G-d’s people. The shaking pictures each one of us, who must literally be “shaken” up in order for us to repent of our sins, become converted, and to change our way of life to conform to God’s standard of living.

Secondly, once we are “shaken” and our lives begin to change, then we must be “beaten down,” humbled, suffer, and be “crushed,” “bruised,” and afflicted, in order to produce the fruits of righteousness – the good “first fruits” of olive oil!

Just like the poor olives, we too must be crushed, beaten down, and humbled, so that we can produce much good fruit for G-d’s Kingdom!

Do you like being trodden upon? Mashed down? Crushed? Of course not! It is hard to take – humiliating – humbling. Yet it is for our own eternal good, to give us an entrance into the glorious kingdom of G-d! Therefore we must be “more diligent to make our calling and election sure,” so that we will “never stumble, for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our L-rd and Savior **ישוע** Yeshua.” (II Pet.1:10-11).

The non-Jews come under Israel's covenant..cleaving to Naomi so to speak. **שְׁמוֹת** Sh'mot Exodus 19:5-6. *"Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; 6/and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of **יִשְׂרָאֵל** Israel.* So the world does not understand the true Jew, but as the people recognize a true Jew and grab on to the **צִיצִית** ztitzit, they will drink from the true blessing of **יְשׁוּעַ** Yeshua. They are grabbing on for dear life....the **י**.

When we receive **יְשׁוּעַ** Yeshua, our spirit comes alive...the innermost part of us...set within our soul..it is our capacity to commune with G-d. The spirit is the seed of our G-d consciousness, the soul of our self-consciousness, and the body of our world consciousness. *In the Spirit, G-d dwells, in the soul..self..and the body...sense.* G-d does not dwell in the spirit of every person. The spirit became dead when Adam sinned. Man became a spiritual orphan. The communion between the Creator and the created was broken. **When the spirit is dead, the soul rules..and the center of existence shifts from G-d to self.** Ephesians 2:1,4 & 5 states..1/”*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 4/But G-d, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5/ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved.*” When we receive Yeshua, one of our final **נ** **nun** words will be....**נֶס** – nes....which means...miracle. We have not learned the **ס** **samech** yet, (IT WILL BE OUR NEXT LETTER TO STUDY) but it means to support. Sooo we have the **נ** **nun** that means life, and the **ס** together means to support life....a miracle.

Please allow me another side note...in **בְּרֵאשִׁית** B'eresheet 15:1 we see the word for **I AM** in Hebrew as **אֲנֹכִי** (Anochi) which is the most powerful word you can attribute to our Father. Look at the letters involved. The **א** Aleph means strength, authority, first, Father, then we see the letter that we are currently studying, the Nun **נ** the symbolizes life, followed by the letter **כ** Chaf that reflects ‘to cover’, followed by the final letter which is the **י** yud, which we know is the hand of G-d. So, as we put all these letters and the symbolisms together, we see that G-d is truly the **I AM OF THE I AM'S**.

Amazingly, in the same piece of scripture, we see the word **מָגֵן** magen (**Mawgane**) which is the word for shield. Do you see the final Nun? Do we see, as we put together the letters, we see that the Word of G-d is lifted up to give life..and that is our shield...amen....?

As we come to a close on the letter Nun **נ** I want to investigate a final word. This word is **אֶבֶן** evan and it means ‘stone’. As we look at the first two letters the **א** and the **ב** we see AV...which means **Father**...next we see the letters **ב** and **ן** and you put those two letters together and it says... ben ...**Son**. Remember in scripture where **יְשׁוּעַ** Yeshua says..”*I and the Father are one.*” **יְשׁוּעַ** Yeshua is the corner stone of our faith... the final **ן** ..RIGHTESNESS... the Son is in the Father's house.....producing ‘life’.. amen?

**ASPIRE TO INSPIRE BEFORE YOU EXPIRE AND TAKE WHAT YOU NEED AND GIVE THE REST AWAY!**