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### Beshalach - The Holy Name Y-H-V-H

(Exodus 14:31) **“And Israel saw the great hand that Y-H-V-H did in Egypt, and the people saw (also translated as feared) Y-H-V-H and they had faith in Y-H-V-H and in Moshe His servant.”** In this verse the name Y-H-V-H is mentioned three times. That might seem to be a superfluous usage of this name here.

It says the people “saw” Y-H-V-H, and that they had “faith” in Y-H-V-H. It could have simply said that they saw and had faith in Y-H-V-H.

Some translate the word **“emunah,”** as ‘trust.’ Others translate it as ‘faith.’ In fact, in Hebrew, the word for trust is actually **‘bitachon.’** The main word for ‘faith,’ as indicated in this verse is **“emunah.”** While the meanings of the two words do have some commonality, they are still two distinctly different matters.

When faced with a problem, one has faith that somehow, no matter the odds or laws of probability, the problem will be overcome. When someone has complete trust in something, it is based on the fact that the expected outcome is within realistic realm of expectation. The word that is used here is **“emunah – faith.”**

Now it is imperative for us to understand the order of the verse. If you **“see”** something you obviously do not have to have blind faith in relationship to it. So

why does it say that the people first *saw* Y-H-V-H and then they had *faith* in Y-H-V-H?

The answer is that there are two levels of Y-H-V-H. This expression of the Creator reflects Mercy. In Exodus 34:6, we find that the name Y-H-V-H is mentioned twice. The first time it indicates mercy shown to people before they have sinned. The second time it refers to mercy shown to a person after he/she has sinned and atoned for that sin.

That distinction does not apply in Exodus 14:31. Here it reflects a deeper aspect of two levels of Y-H-V-H. The lower level is 'seeing' Y-H-V-H. The higher level is the ability to have indisputable faith in Y-H-V-H. The lower level brings about the existence of worlds and realms. The higher level forms the will and thought of the Creator, without the need to create anything.

Both levels are reflected in the names and shapes of the letters. The letter 'yood,' which looks like a dot, reflects the first point in the creative process. For the lower level, it takes all the information and compresses it into a simple dot form. For the higher level, the dot conceals the origin as it forms a new energy.

Next comes the letter 'hey.' The 'hey' expands the dot, drawing it out and downward, which gives it developing expression, reflecting the creative progression. In the lower level it happens in order to create something else. In the higher level it is to develop the will and thought of the Creator. In both cases the letter 'hey' has a detached dot in the opposite corner from the expansion. The reason for this is because this is the definition for the inner and outer expressions of the Y-H-V-H.

The third letter, the 'vov,' looks like a dot with a line that extends downward. This reflects the life force from the dot being drawn to give life to a new subject. The fourth letter is 'hey.' This reflects the expansion of the life force that can now be absorbed by the recipient. Thus while the first two levels, the 'yood' and the 'hey' reflect the internal aspects of the name, the last two letters, the 'vov' and the 'hey' reflect the external aspects of the name.

It is with these four letters that we express the idea of how creation happened and continues to happen. It is through the ever present flow represented in the four letters that we can ultimately feel an identity that defines things as being separate entities from the Source of Life.

(Psalms 148:5) **“Praise the name of Y-H-V-H, for He made the connection and they were brought forth – created.”** The idea of creation through a Life Force that is contracting is the level of the first Y-H-V-H in Exodus 34:6. The second Y-H-V-H of the verse is about the will and thought that precedes that desire. It is the will of the Creator to have a lower level of Y-H-V-H. In the terminology of the Zohar and Eitz Chaim; **“When it entered His simple will to form and bring forth worlds.”**

In Kabbalah terminology the higher level is known as **“Kesser Elyon,”—‘Supernal Crown’** in the order of the chain of events that extend life force to various frequencies. It is also called **“almo deiskasiyo – concealed world,”** since it does not become revealed like the lower worlds or frequencies. The lower name Y-H-V-H is the Divinity that creates worlds, while the higher name of Y-H-V-H is the will frequency, and is not seen nor is it revealed.

When Pharoah said (in Exodus 5:2) **“Who is Y-H-V-H that I should listen to His voice?”** he was referring to the higher concealed level and not the lower revealed level.

(Exodus 14:31) **“And Israel saw the great hand that Y-H-V-H did in Egypt.”** The Hebrew letter that indicates the word **“in,”** also means *through*. At the time of the Redemption the Israelites came to recognize the higher frequency of Y-H-V-H. They realized that they can awaken that level and bring it forth through the limitations and trials and limitations that we have in life. This is reflected in the name **“Mitzrayim – Egypt.”** The word **“mitzar,”** means ‘boundary,’ or ‘enclosure,’ whether physical, emotional, mental or spiritual.

The higher level of Y-H-V-H cannot be comprehended by the human mind. It is called **“darkness,”** and is higher than **“light”** that people speak of. In creation, the level of darkness came first, before the light.

That which the Torah says not to do, called mitzvas lo-tsaseh, gives us a higher connection with the Source of Life than those things that we are told TO do, mitzvas asseh. In other words we can have a connection with the Source of Life more so through our inaction than through our Action. Our actions here cause the creation of a corresponding energy and connection on a spiritual level. We create spiritual force through our action.

The seeing of the **Big Hand-Yad Hagdolah** refers to the splitting of the sea. There is a discussion about exactly how the land became dry. Kabbalah explains that the sea itself became dry. Sea refers to the hidden realm, the higher level of Y-H-V-H. Dry land refers to the revealed realm, the lower level of Y-H-V-H. In other words the hidden realm became revealed.

When the Israelites saw that the sea was moved aside to reveal everything under it, they then believed that it was possible to reveal that which is concealed by the higher level of Y-H-V-H. Even though they did not see what was happening in the spiritual realm, they knew that the splitting of the sea was a reflection of it. They also understood that such an occurrence could happen again in the future. This is why the verse first says “they saw,” and then “they believed.”

At this time in our existence we have to make many choices. We can choose to believe that whatever humanity wants us to see as the truth is the truth. Or we can understand from the Torah that we are blessed with the gift of revealing the hidden miracles that can free us from the societal pressures to cave into lies and deception. Once we decide to see and proclaim the truth in the name of Y-H-V-H we will be able to use this time of darkness to bring new light and truth to the world.

### **Beshalach – Reason for Sabbath**

Egypt in Hebrew is called Mitzrayim which has a numerical value of three hundred and eighty. This is the same numerical value as the words horse - sus and chamor – donkey. In Ezekiel 23:20 “**She lusted for ... flesh of donkeys and ... issue of horses.**” The intention is about people who are full of physical lust like a donkey and horse. The Israelites were bent under the rule of the Egyptians, and in each

generation under various rulers. This caused the Israelites to become involved in the lifestyle of whatever the powers that be.

It is for this reason they were not ready to accept the Torah while in Egypt. It is also for this reason that in today's world we are not ready to accept the revelation of the Creator.

The Torah is called light and the soul of a person is called a candle as it written in Proverbs (20:23) **“Candle of the Creator is man's soul.”** A light needs a candle and to hold onto and the type of light will depends on what is burning. Depending on the fineness of the person will depend how well the light of the soul and Torah shines. Proverbs 6:27 **“The candle is action of connection - mitzvah and Torah is light.”**

Yet as we live in a world with light and darkness, the darkness draws many people into it. This causes many to be attached to the darkness in a way that is described in Proverbs 20:20 **“His light will flicker out in the deepening darkness.”**

One of the reasons that we have the Sabbath is to focus on the light to fix the days that we are involved with the darkness. Exodus 16:29 **“Every person remain where he/she is do not go out a person from his/her place on the seventh day.”** The Hebrew word for place is Makom which also refers to the Creator. This means that a person should not remove their mind from the Creator even for a moment on this day.

The Hebrew for the words **“every person remain where he/she is”** is **“shvoo ish tachtov”** which means **“sit man under it.”** This is commonly associated with not going out of the encampment. Yet, the words are not that simple and actually have a much different meaning. **“Shvoo”** also means return. In other words the verse is saying that under the influence of the Sabbath a person can return and restore their personal connection with the Creator. A person should not go out of their place of connection on the seventh day.

For some this verse may mean not to leave their house or the encampment on the Sabbath. On another level when one is careful with the Torah words it actually refers to a soul matter. People have many issues but they need to be channeled and

transformed. This is one reason we were given the day of Sabbath. It is a day not to be involved with work of the week and worldly matters as such separates the person from their internal focus and connection with the source of life.

### **Beshalach – External and Internal**

Each person has an internal and external aspect to his/her being. The issues related to each aspect are addressed by different types of professionals and/or spiritual leaders. Each type of professional, i.e. medical doctor, psychologist, rabbi, relates best to the specific aspect that is the focal point of their life's passions and work.

What is internal for one may be external for another. What is important in focus for one group may be irrelevant to another. The results of analyzing (or helping in another way) an individual is often similar to what happens when we peel an onion. When one layer is peeled away, another appears. What is internal in one setting becomes external for another.

With the various perspectives and focus that exist in so many different areas of individuals' lives, the question is, how can we truly come together as a cohesive group? The answer may well be that we cannot do so unless we have **one** object of focus that is in common.

(Exodus 14:10) **“And Pharaoh brought close.”** A Chassidic interpretation of this is that he brought the Israelites closer to their God. While they were living in Egypt, most Jews followed the Egyptian way of life. It is interesting to note that it was through the actions and story of Pharaoh that the Israelites were motivated to come together to leave Egypt as a nation. Sometimes it is an opposite force that motivates people to find their true place of balance by showing them the full extent of the extreme from which they wish to distance themselves.

During the forty years in the wilderness the Jews ate bread from heaven called manna. Moses repeated the words of YHVH to them. (Exodus 16:16) **“A man for that which is his tent, they should take.”** We are taught that this means that a man should take enough food for the amount of people in his tent.

“**A man**” refers to both the physical being and the soul which resides in the person. This tells us that a person should not focus their entire concern on food for the body. Rather, they should also concern themselves with food for that which is **in** the “**tent.**” The body is the tent that the soul is clothed within. Job 10:10 writes “**The spirit of the flesh of man,**” referring to the soul or internal aspect of man.

The verse (Exodus 16:15) states that the **children** of Israel saw the bread and called it “**mann** because they did not know what it was.” Moses told them that it was bread. Yet, in Exodus 16:31 we read that later on, the **house** of Israel called it “**mann.**” The commentary known as “**Alshich**” explains that the change from “**children**” to “**house**” reflects that the bread was called “**mann**” by the worst of the people and that **mann** is a derogatory term. They questioned and did not accept with pure hearts what Moses told them.

The “**PriMegodim**” writes that the word “**house**” reflects that these specific people only had the body, but not the inner soul, of an Israelite. He states that their souls left them. After all of the miracles that they experienced, the hearts of these people were still not in the right place. They remained internally in a place of disconnection.

(Tanya chapter 16) ”**The main Divine service is to have control of one’s negative nature by using the Divine light that comes into the person. To embrace wholeheartedly the Divine guidance, in all of a person’s thought, speech and action to do that which connects him/her with the Divine source.**

**Without a person’s focus to act in accordance with the guidance of the Creator, he/she would not do it and only be involved in needs of the body.”** This can also refer to the lower spiritual realms which are called physical in relationship to the higher realms.

The One focus that can take us to where we should be is, according to Proverbs 10:8, “**A wise heart will choose that which connects with the Divine source.**” Most of the people in Egypt could not transform their external because they did not have an internal soul connection. Those who have an internal soul connection can transform the external when the internal comes forth.

The same is true today. The internal soul that comes forth has the ability to transform a person. Those who do not have an internal soul or who do not allow it to come forth are unable to go through transformation. This is a sad state of affairs as it means that at some point those who cannot or will not undergo transformation will die. Yet just as the whole nation of Israel was blamed for the sin of one, so too the whole world can transform and be saved as a result of the Divine connection created by just one person. It is up to the rest of us to create the proper environment in which that can happen.

### **Beshalach – Becoming a nation.**

Rabbi S.R. Hirsch writes: “The object of the establishment of the Jewish nation was that there should be one nation that is fully aware of God (the Creator of all existence.) A national life of this sort requires of a person that he/she activate his/her own power, to the full extent of his/her abilities, to reach the goals set by the Creator.”

The children of Israel were not ready to realize their purpose in the land of Egypt. Just as in Egypt they were not ready, so too our generation is not truly ready to receive the Creator’s gift. Yet, through the long journey that mankind has traversed over the centuries, we are getting ever-closer to achieving that goal. One might have thought that considering all of the travails that we have suffered throughout history, we would be prepared for a new reality. Yet, it is clear that most people require a rude jarring to awaken them to the facts as they present themselves.

An awakening may happen when the non-Israelites beseech the Israelites to bring them back to their purpose. (Zechariah 8:23) **“Ten people from all (or each) nationalities will hold the corners (of the clothing. The Hebrew word used for corner is “konof,” which also has the additional meaning: “wings”) of a Jewish person saying; let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.”**

(Exodus 13:17) **“Bais Shalach”** (bais is numerically; two, and shalach means to send) – we were sent into this world for both a physical and spiritual purpose. (This

idea is similar to the first word of the Torah – “brayshis,” which is also explained as; “bais rayshis;” two levels of rayshis.)

(Exodus 13:18) **“The Israelites left Egypt armed.”** The main reason for this is that they surmised that they might have to fight when they get to (or were on the way to) the land that was promised to them. King Solomon writes (Proverbs 21:31) **“Keep a horse ready for a day of war - and salvation is God’s.”** This teaches us that a person should do all they can in a physical way, and then leave the rest to God.

The Hebrew word for **“armed”** in this instance is **“chamooshim”** which also means ‘fifty,’ or ‘one-fifth.’ One fifth was the number of Israelites who left Egypt (the other four fifths, who did not want to leave, died during the days of darkness.) In Kabbalah Fifty refers to the spiritual levels of ambiguity (impurity) that they were associated with in Egypt. It was necessary for them to be released from that impurity before they could receive the revelation on Mount Sinai. In a similar way each person must release the preconceived beliefs as well as those attitudes that are ingrained from birth or programmed into us as we travel through life. We must release these impurities as they block us in our approach to the Creator.

They counted fifty days till they received the Torah. Each day was a correction of one of the levels of blockage that they experienced in Egypt. This is also reflected in the fact that the exodus from Egypt is mentioned fifty times in the Torah. Leaving Egypt is one part of the process. Entering the Promised Land has another process. The Israelites still needed to go through forty-two journeys to make them ready to enter the Promised Land.

Exodus 13:19 talks about how the Israelites carried the bones of Joseph from Egypt in order to bury him in the Promised Land. In many traditional Jewish texts it is accepted that it was in the merit of Joseph’s memory and energy that they had protection when leaving the land. The Midrash Rabbah states that in Joseph’s memory they merited the splitting of the sea. (Psalms 114:3) “The sea saw and retreated.” The question asked is; what did it see? The answer given is; It saw the bones of Joseph.

(Exodus 14:5) **“And it was told to the King of Egypt.”** It does not say Pharaoh. He realized that he had done something that he regretted. He no longer had the spiritual power of a Pharaoh and was reduced to merely being the King of Egypt. The change is mentioned in verse 14:25; “And he removed the wheel (Ofan) of his chariot.” “Ofan” also refers to the spiritual force that empowered Pharaoh. The spiritual wheel refers to the driving life force in each place and time on earth.

Exodus 14:7 describes the number of Egyptians who chased the Israelite; **“vesholishim ahl koolo.”** Vesholishim is explained as referring to the officers of war. Sholishim also means, a third, triple or thirty. Commentaries state that this means that there were three, or thirty, Egyptians to one Israelite. This can refer to the count the Egyptians had before the days of darkness or the real count after. Then the amount of Egyptians that chased them varies as it could be three or thirty times 600,000 or 3,000,000. (Rabbeinu Bachya spells out the details in his commentary.)

In Kabbalah is described the various spiritual forces who bring life and guidance to the physical. We do however have the ability of direct connection with the Creator, without any intermediary directing our thoughts or actions. It only takes our realization that we can have a direct connection to the Creator to begin the process. People who want the truth will then leave the thoughts, feelings and actions that limit them and journey in a direct flow of life.

Those who have manipulated power before now will suddenly have lost the ability to hold back the people who want to move forward. Now is the time to join with those who are of open and pure hearts to accept a direct connection with the One Creator and source of life for all existence. Together we can create the movement that will allow the massive flow that cannot be stopped. After that, the Creator who is the source of all life will clearly be revealed to all.

### **Beshalach – Self Realization**

When times are tough, we are faced with a choice. We can either fall apart, or we can dig into our inner strength and deal positively with challenges that are posed to

us. These are the times when many people prove their resourcefulness despite the fact that they and those around them never knew they “had it in them.”

While resilience and determination are admirable in times of trouble, why wait until a crisis arises to utilize those gifts that we have stored inside? We should keep constantly focused on the energy we possess and use it wisely. Concentrate on the positive, as opposed to obsessing about the negative.

Being consumed with worry about future destruction directs our thoughts, and thus our energy, towards that end. This action adds to the growth of negativity which can block positive progress. It can then affect us to the point where we become destructive in many ways. The scenario also applies to what happens when we tolerate and thus perpetuate heinous behavior upon the part of others, simply because we think that it is proper to support almost anything in the guise of endorsing equality.

When we make the peaceful transition to the future the focal point of our thoughts, we can take steps to set that reality into motion. Learning to support those who truly believe in this effort can bring about a unified movement to achieve this result. Nothing will happen by mere discourse. It is one thing to profess to desire peace. It is quite another to actuate it.

Examine your connections and do not allow yourself to be fooled by those who prey upon the good intentions of others to achieve an agenda that does not serve the universal good. Keeping aware as well as focused will allow us to work together to truly create that peace. Encourage those around you to believe in their ability to connect to the source that will enable their participation. Doing so, we will be able to minimize the number of people who become damaged in our transition to the future.

**(Exodus 13:17) “When Pharaoh sent the people (away from him), this did not comfort Elohim because it is the way of those who are open without boundaries that is close; Elohim thought the people will regret it when they come in contact with (inner or outer) war and will return to the limited slave mentality.”**

After eons of being slaves, the Jews were abruptly expelled from Egypt. It was an outer force that drove them away. Thus, the process of change was an exterior one. Nothing changed within them. They still maintained a slave mentality.

It is outer (external) forces that drive much of society. It is critical that we learn how to invest in our internal development, to allow us to have a life that is beyond the reaches of those forces. If we are successful at improving our inner selves no one will have the power to infiltrate our core and take our power from us. The progress we make will allow us to help those around us to grow and develop themselves as well.

Authoritarian powers are nothing unless we enable them by granting them unlimited power over us. In order to gain that power, they attempt to gain our trust with words that do more to manipulate our emotions and thoughts than they do to rectify our living situations. Ultimately it is our choice whether or not to see the truth and look beyond their direction.

What happened in Egypt? Those formerly in control were deluged with plagues. Those who had been slaves came under a protective banner. A balance was being restored – a return to a former order. Was that enough for mankind? Only for a moment. Former enemies who grasped the opportunity of the opening said “take us with you --- we believe you are under the greatest protective energy of all.”

Yet what happened? A newly emboldened people went forth as the examples to their former taskmasters. “They” were the new “it.” And others followed them as far as the desert, when their only attachment to the “miracles,” **Moses**, disappeared!

Instead of simple faith or bewilderment, the “others” who came along took another look at the perspective of what happened. After all, they survived the plagues that “Moses the magician” rained down upon them. It became the embodiment of the human accomplishment. They were unable to connect to the Oneness because of their limited perspective. So, they reverted to the only forms of “power” that worked for them before the unhappy episodes. And, they took their slaves back into that darkness with them.

The splitting of the waters to leave the land of slavery was initiated by the power of pure faith. The song that was sung came from within the heart. It swept along all those with negative, external and slave mentalities but did not change them internally.

We see and hear bits and pieces of truth but the overall picture is something that many never take the time to consider. We are all in this together, even if people are focused on themselves as individuals. We may know that a situation requires us “to make a move.” Yet that knowledge does not mean that we instantly understand how or what we need to do. That is why we need to learn how to listen and follow our inner selves as we allow ourselves to open and stay connected with the flow of the Oneness. That will best guide us to deal with all occurrences. This is the inner strength that no one can take away.

We have received the blessing of our existence and breath. Loving and being thankful for each breath gives us a new life. Take that new sensation in each moment to see and feel, “truly experience” what is going on. It is then that you will be able to see the world for what it truly is – a bastion of living strength and tranquility.

The problems that were caused in the exodus from Egypt were generated by the inability of the people to change internally. They were focused on the outer display of miracles and power over their oppressors. Once there was a break in the flow of the miracles, their mindset could not comprehend the magnitude of the power that freed them. It was easy to attack this weakness.

We are living in a different time. While we have all been witness to overt miracles, we must understand the miraculous happenings that are not within range of our eyesight. Although scientific experts have uncovered much, we are still aware of the fact that there exist unrevealed miracles in every moment.

The question is: What will our mindset be when the miracle of the future occurs? Will we be open to hail its arrival, or will we insist that if it does not arrive according to our preconceived notions, we will not accept its gift? The choice is up to each and every individual. As we learn to become who we are internally and

peacefully we will witness and become part of the transformation. Within that understanding we will make the choice to transform into becoming clear vessels for its existence.

By the way have you have ever wondered how we came to have seven days in a week and which day it is and when it started. In Exodus chapter 15 and 16 it states very clearly that the bread fell from heaven for six days and on the seventh day it did not come down. That is how they knew which day is the Sabbath and should be considered the seventh day. From then on we know the day that the Divine force wanted the people to rest.

The seventh day for all people and the world is coming soon.

## **B'shalach - A New System**

Creating a new system that does not harbor any of the corruption present in society or individuals is a daunting, if not impossible, task. People are yearning for change. When a new a system is in any way reminiscent of the former system, it is easy to slip back into old habits. A shift needs to take place that brings about the demise of the old ways. This is not easy an easy task as the system one replaces generally is of some value. It is necessary to cause a shift resulting in the cessation of those things that would cause reversion to the destructive traits of the old system.

(Exodus 13:17) "And it was when "Pharaoh" (the power that strangles people) sent out the people, and Elohim (a power of boundaries) did not let them go out the way (direction)of the Plishtim (those who lived without proper boundaries) because it was close (and might bring them back to their past issues in life)."

The systems we need have existed in the past. Some of their components still exist here at the present time. However, they have been hidden away by controlling people who fear seeing the truth exposed. Those people, who are in positions of power, constantly attempt to crush any voice of opposition.

Before the world degenerates to the point of where our society is completely destroyed, we must work together to evoke the power that can reverse that flow. Each individual's "gift" and talents will add to the groups' surge. By working in unison, they will be able to triumph over the opposition. Yet, this can only begin if we each open the door to the resurfacing of our individuality. Doing so will allow those who are connected for such purpose to emerge on the scene and make a definitive difference.

Understanding the vast problems that we encounter today can be depressing. Endeavoring to create a new system requires as much wisdom as it does heart. We must have a broad perspective of limitations and their effects; a comprehension of balances and imbalances, as well as an overall relationship to, and understanding of, movement, physical and spiritual, energy and emotion.

A comprehensive combination as described above will allow for movement to occur that can create the base for expansion minus the fears that have plagued society. This planet was designed with adequate resources to provide enough land, food and water for everyone. We need to restore the planet in order to insure that each person has his/her own resources and place that cannot be taken away from them. It is an issue of personal space – not ownership for profit.

We must take the lessons of the history of life on this planet with us as we move beyond our present situation. Each person must be prepared to actively resist those who attempt to control things in accordance with the old system of power. People who are not able to accept and adjust to a system based in truth will die out, never having experienced ultimate freedom.

At some point a central figure may appear to guide us to the future. The occurrence of certain drastic events will be the impetus for people to react to that person and to push their existing leaders to recognize truth and make proper changes.

We are preparing the groundwork for the future. Working together we can practice the principles of pure love within society's boundaries. It allows individuals the right to grow and express themselves openly without fear of

judgment. Once the fear is erased more of mankind will learn to go with the natural flow of nature, enabling us to come together as one.

## **B'shalach - Going**

Into what is coming we go. The cracks are widening, the waters behind are raging and the steam is coming forth. All that is before the hand of the shadow crashes and lands in the obvious and inescapable reality of this creation. It will once again take the mighty and outstretched hand of the Creator to keep the survivors protected on dry land or afloat.

Those souls that have an open and direct connection will come through followed by others that are attached to them. The physical world will remain as fears dissipate and the future world becomes a wonderful blend of the physical with spiritual.

The following is a traditional translation of Exodus 13:17 combining other meanings of the words: And it happened with Pharaoh (the king, punisher, interferer, plagued, revealed, tax master, creator of blockages) sending the people (in addition to the Jews who were leaving anyway) away (thus a spirit of Pharaoh also went with them), and Elohim (God - power of boundaries, judgment and affliction) did not lead (direct/send/comfort) them the way of the land (manner of conduct) of the Philistines (people who have no boundaries), because it is close (to them to be rid of all limitations), for Elohim said, "Maybe the people will reconsider when they see war (the challenges ahead) and they will return to Egypt (the limited structures)."

How easy it is, for people to imagine the fulfillment of their aspirations and desires of the future without knowing the exact resulting consequences. Before proclaiming one's faith there is a responsibility to base decisions on truth, not on hope. Only by placing oneself in a space where absolute truth reigns (not the various truths that people create for themselves) is one free

to let go, knowing that what the future portends is part of a universal order that is presently beyond us.

Although the power of YHVH took the Jews out of Egypt many people could not comprehend or relate to that which is without form and shape. To them Pharaoh, who was the God of Egypt, was releasing them. The same is true today. The power that is moving the change is beyond definition. This is confusing too many people. They have a need to have a definition for a savior.

The shift has happened slowly over time, causing people to become impatient. They choose to identify the source of their rescue in human form or definition. Assigning responsibility to a 'chosen human god,' temporarily solves the problem of waiting for the true appointed time of 'salvation'.

Yet movement towards the future is not dependant on us. It persists even if we are silent. Today's impossibility becomes tomorrow's reality. This occurs as awareness of our individual internal power grows with each moment. Ultimately the corrupt people will become more afraid as they are forced to face the public and fight in order to attempt to retain their power.

What we see going on in the world today are symptoms that portend much deeper problems. Those issues will need to become more revealed in order to signal and allow true change for the better. Although there are many who are aware, they are (relatively speaking) small in number. Their continuing growth will generate strength that will be called upon at the proper time.

If you ask what it is that you can do? Create a protective space, for yourself and your loved ones, both physically and spiritually. Establish ties with as many people as you can in order to establish groups that can work together as a collective group. Keep a focus on yourself and your connection with the source of all existence every day.

The strong inner connection assures us of our place as we prepare and wait. When the true power that drives the universe reveals itself – we will be ready. At that time, we will be able to direct and guide others with love

and devotion. There are multitudes of people that do not yet know that they are waiting for that.

In the meantime, be a light to those who would otherwise go down the path that is lined only with deception and falsehood. Glib words cannot gloss over troubles just as empty promises cannot prevent disasters. Most of all, planting one's hopes on false notions will only lead to shattered spirits that may well falter and fail in their personal moves towards future recovery.

Each generation has its challenges. We also do. The generation needed will not be one that creates more challenges. Instead it will be the generation that brings internal balance back into this world while the other energies sort themselves out. There are many individuals on earth who desire this and will be part of it. There is a group that connects to beyond the physical and spiritual realities of this life. Keeping that flow open allows the Creator to use us to restore the world to a place of balance not experienced for a long time.

### **Beshalach – Moses**

And Moses made the Israelites journey from the Yam Soof and they went to the desert of Shoor (Numbers 15:22).

It seems that Moses forced them to travel, which is very strange after he split the sea for them.

The word in Hebrew for sea is Yam. Yam really is a power force that flows. When the people saw that the flow left as it says (Numbers 14:29) "The sea saw and it fled," this came about because the souls of the Israelites connected with the Creator with pure simplicity beyond any aspect of separation. It was then that the flow in the creation dried up.

Since they were in such a place there was no natural desire to move on. This was not the purpose in creation; therefore, Moses had to force them to move.

That is why Moses is called a servant of God because even though he brought them to such a place he still followed the will of the Creator to move on.

The desert of Shoor, shoor means seeing from the distance as it says Numbers 24:17 or Genesis 49:22.

So when they came to Moroh the physical water was bitter for them as it represented a separation from the feeling of bond and pleasure that they just came from.

Feeling oneself is from the tree of good and bad as it says Genesis 3:11 "Who told you that you are naked?" The more one feels one's self the more bad there is.

The need to have a connection with the physical or spiritual is from the negative inclination.

Midbar is a wilderness representing a concealment of the Godly connection and therefore the Godliness can only be seen from the distance which is the meaning of Shoor.

The people could not transform the reality because they were forced to be there, which is why they cried out to Moses. Then Moses had to cry out to God and then bring in the energy from the tree or pillar of energy that was pure and therefore had the ability to transform reality. That is why Moses had to throw it (Exodus 15:25) meaning removing it from its space of purity to deal with an opposite element in creation.

This purity reconnected them with the joy, pleasure and sense of tranquility that they had earlier but from here they traveled again and were removed from it. This happened with all their journeys in the desert. Feeling in a space of connection and then removed, then having another connection etc. Like having many relationships or with one person many times.

Therefore, they felt that they wanted to die in the desert and they complained (Exodus 16:2,3) and until they just wanted meat.

I Hashem am your healer.

