



MATTHEW 6

The Lilies of The Valley

In the Beginning

Shabbat Shalom family!

The traditional way of reading through the annual Torah cycle is starting with Genesis (Bereisheet), which means in the beginning. Earlier this week we ended of with the with the Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly) to spend an additional day with YHVH at the end of Sukkot.

An additional day is celebrated, the second day being separately referred to as Simchat Torah (Rejoicing in the Torah).

We now begin the yearly cycle again with Bereisheet (In the Beginning), this week's Parasha (Torah Portion). Week to week in every Sabbath throughout the year we read the Word of YHVH while the Ruach HaKodesh (the Holy Spirit) impart fresh insight as we prayerfully consider familiar passages.

“In the beginning Elohim created [barah] the heavens and the earth.” (*Genesis 1:1*)

The Hebrew word barah means (to shape, born, create). In other words it means similar to be birthed. The word Barah also found it's way in other languages.

Another word explaining "Barah". Bethabarah is the baptism site in Israel, The Jordan River. It refers to the place Bethany Beyond the Jordan. Beth and Barah. The place where people are reborn in Baptism.

Hebraically ahava is a verb and a noun, it is an act of doing. Ahava is not just a feeling. To get a clear understanding of ahava, let's examine the Hebrew word itself and learn how to love Hebraically.

First, most Hebrew words can be broken down to a three-consonant root word that contains the essence of the word's meaning. The root word of ahava is "ahav." The term ahav in Hebrew means, "to give." True ahava, true love

YHVH so loved the world that He gave His only Son. Meaningful relationships have mutual giving. Love may focus on receiving, but ahava is all about giving.

Genesis 1:31

Elohim saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning the sixth day.

The meaning **El** is the singular form of YHVH, the **im** ending of **Elohim** indicates plurality.

After YHVH Barah (created) everything, we find the creation of man in Genesis 1:26,

In Hebrew the letters i and m is "Yod and Mem"

Yod is the first letter of YHVH. Yod also called a Yud

The letter M has two forms. One is used at the beginning of a word called the open MEM because of its shape. It can also mean "beside".

The mystery behind "im" is that it means "more", it can be used at the beginning and end. As example In Hebrew we say 'Yerushalay'im'. The seen and unseen, visible and invisible. The physical and the spiritual.

Our future dwelling place with His presence as the new Yerushalyim which the Scriptures tell us will descend to the earth from above.

According to revelation, Yerushalyim will descend from heaven, in Hebrew Shamayim, here again is the plural, more than one heaven. There are multiple heavens and Messiah said that the Kingdom of the Heavens is within us. There's always going to be more to heaven than is yet revealed.

The word Shamayim (heaven) tells us that it contains water. Water in Hebrew is Mayim. Mayim is the Hebrew word for river.

Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit), is the spirit of the Mayim, living waters, refreshing our souls. The rivers of life (Mayim – hacChayim. With chaim we experience is our born-again life after salvation

Then Elohim said, “*Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness*, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

Man was created in YHVH's image in that he had finite characteristics that YHVH gave him. Adam was personally being instructed and trained by YHVH.

When YHVH created the (woman) she had no name yet. She only received her name after the fall. At first she was named 'ishshâh, - אִשָּׁה which mean woman. The root אִשָּׁה 'âshah" means the weaker, or fragile vessel.

Genesis 2:22

Then the rib, which YHVH Elohim had taken from man, He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man."

After the fall the woman received her name as Chavah. Hebrew חַוָּה (Chavah/Havah – chavah, to breathe, and chayah, to live, or to give life). Chava is "life". Chaim is the masculine version

In Genesis we discover one of the most extraordinary events and mystery of the life of Adam and Chavah (Eve)

When first placed in the Garden of Adon, Adam was instructed that he could eat anything there, except for the one tree (the Tree of Knowledge).

The seventh day was the Sabbath day, a day of rest. During the Sabbath, the serpent deceived Eve. Eve ate from the tree and offered it to Adam and he ate. He was right there beside her! The Hebrew word for beside is *'immah*.

Genesis 3:6

*and when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit, and ate, and gave also to her husband **with her**; and he ate*

Hebrew word "**Immanu**" means (with us). Immanu'el means Elohim with us.

Now YHVH said, "Behold man has become **like one of us**, having the ability to know good and evil, and now, lest he stretch forth his hand and take also from the Tree of Life and eat and live forever."

The original plan for Adam and Eve was to live forever. Death was only introduced into this world as a result of their sin. Disobedience leads people astray, where they find themselves in deep trouble.

They ate from the Tree of Knowledge. דַּעַת da'ath dah'-ath; (דַּעַת!); knowledge:

Knowledge is anything and everything that humans can acquire by themselves as a result of the *neshama* and *spirit in man* that YHVH had breathed into the first human.

There were two trees. The Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of life. 'Etz Ha-Cha'yim' {עץ החיים} and the second is known in Hebrew as 'Etz Ha-Da'at.' {עץ הדעת}

Before we conclude this lesson. The original Hebrew word for 'tree' is 'Etz' {עץ} which is spelled and pronounced almost identically as the Hebrew word 'Etzah' {עצה} – which means 'advice.'

When one reads this part in the original Hebrew, one cannot ignore the double meaning of the Hebrew word 'Etz' which sounds like both 'tree' and 'advice.' The 'tree of life' and 'the tree of the knowledge of good and evil' sounds also very much like 'the advice of life' and 'the advice of knowledge of good and evil.'

Lesson continue

Be blessed and stay blessed 🌷