

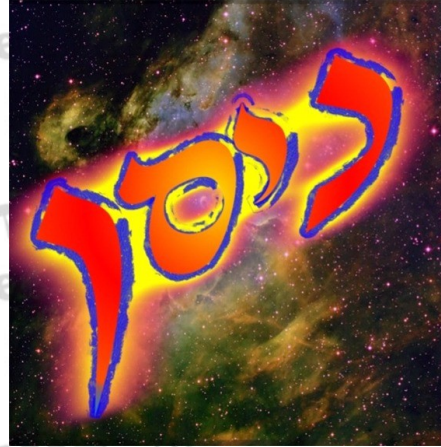
Nisan Revelations (5770)

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Nun Yod Samekh Nun spells Nisan. Nisan is the month for redemptions, both past and future.

Nisan is an astrological time when the revival of spring not only manifests in the Earth and in the seasons but also in human consciousness as well. As Nisan dawns, winter draws to a close. The springtime is called in Hebrew Aviv, spelled Alef (1), Bet (2), Yod (10) and Bet (2). Together, the numerical value is 15, the equal value of G-d's Name YAH (Yod, Hey). These two letters spell the holy Name and also refer to the Sefirotic Mohin (brains) of Binah and Hokhma.



It is these same sefirotic brains that are unleashed and revealed on Pesah thus enabling the redemption to occur. This is the great secret of Nisan. The middle letters of Nisan, Yod Samekh numerically equal 70, the same value as the Hebrew word for secret, Sod. So Nisan is the Sod (secret) surrounded by the two Nuns.

There is a place in the Torah where two unique Nuns are found. This is in the special portion of the Book of Number (10:35-36) that speaks of the movement of the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark and its movement is surrounded by a Nun before it and a Nun afterward it, written into the Torah text. This special section of the Book of Numbers mirrors the secret of Nisan. For as the Ark of the Covenant moves, so too does human consciousness move.

Human consciousness moves via the interaction with the Sefirotic Mohin Binah and Hokhma. When the mind experiences these Sefirotic forces, unleashed as they are at this time, transformations of perception occur. When once we looked out and viewed the world as slaves. Now, with the Sefirotic Mohin merging with and unleashing their insights into human consciousness one is no longer satisfied with being a slave. Spring has come, the winter has past. Slavery fades away and freedom cries forth, "let me live!"

Just as the Earth is reborn from the winter's chill, so too is the human mind/soul reborn with the redemptive spirit that permeates consciousness at this time. This is the secret of Nisan.

Human consciousness moves, just like the Ark of the Covenant did. Both the human mind/soul and the Ark are the domains of the Shekhina, the Spirit of the Living G-d. Thus Nisan brings redemption by bringing forth with it life, to both body and soul. This is the secret concealed with the word Nisan. Now all we must do is extract from this the theory and put it into practice.

Freedom is not given, it is earned. Freedom survives only for those who defend it. The generation of the wilderness learned this lesson the hard way. They chose to embrace fear and died because of it. Although HaShem took them forth out of Egypt, not even HaShem could take the Egypt out of them. As it was then, so is it again today.

In order to embrace freedom and to experience the Sefirotic Mohin of Binah and Hokhma, we must free our minds from its slavery in our modern day Egypt. Freedom is a struggle and is never achieved without sacrifice and without blood. As it was in ancient Egypt so too will it be today and tomorrow.

We sacrifice our modern day Egypt so that we may go forth, not first to the Promised Land, but rather first into the desert, there to be tried, honed, refined and made sharp. When we become sharp and pliable, we become servants to the Most High.

Only in the shadow of the Most High (Psalm 91:1) is there true freedom. This is the domain of the Sefirotic Mohin, the place of the freedom of the mind, the secret of Nisan, the rebirth of our souls.

One who will embrace will see; one who shuns embrace will remain a slave. The secret of Nisan is only for free men. Perennial slaves cannot gaze upon that which their eyes cannot see.

WAIT, THERE IS MORE!

As I sat today exercising an image gripped my mind. I saw the image of conflict and yet underneath it I saw planning and maneuvering. I saw what is to come and all the apparent denials and deceptions that will accompany it. How artificial our world is! How so untrue is that which we are told and made to see. Enemies are secret friends and outward friends are secret enemies. How true did our Sages speak when they said that we live in an upside-down world. Seek the freedom that can only be found within and forgo the outside world. You will find what you seek when you look for it in the right place and in the right way. But beware! Now is the right time and the right time will not last forever...