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Introduction

Naso begins in the middle of the description of the duties of the Levitical clans. The next two chapters, 5 and 6, interrupt the preparation to march through the wilderness, to lay out several laws designed to preserve the ritual purity, and to remove any impurity, from the Israelite camp, thus allowing God to remain in the midst of the people and their camp.

Numbers 7:89

89 And when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with the LORD, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim; and it spoke to him. (ESV)

The Tent of Meeting was also known as the Holy Place, while the inner sanctum was where the Ark of the Testimony or Covenant was located, and this was known as the Holy of Holies. So, was Moses in the Tent of Meeting when he heard the voice of the Almighty, or did he seek the Almighty in the Holy of Holies because it was there we are told the Holy One spoke to Moses from above the mercy seat, or top covering of the Ark, where the two cherubim were located whose wings covered the mercy seat acting as a covering for the place where the High Priest would come once a year on Yom Kippur and place some blood as instructed by the Almighty to make atonement for himself, the Sanctuary, and the Children of Israel? So, if Moses did enter into the Holy of Holies to speak to the Holy One, once again we see more in the image of Messiah and possibly even a picture of the Father in being able to access the Holy One's presence whenever he needed.

He was not like Aaron or any other High Priest because Moses was not a priest, but something more. If he could come at will into the presence of the Almighty, we could then see in him a picture of Yeshua who is at the right hand of the Father to this very day. As Yeshua is very special, so too, was Moses almost more so than anyone else in the Bible.

Psalm 80:1 *To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Testimony. Of Asaph, a Psalm.* Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. (ESV)

Who is the Shepherd of Israel? The answer is found in the next part of the verse, "You who are enthroned upon the cherubim." If we look back to the verse from Numbers, we see it was the Holy One who spoke to Moses who is the Shepherd of Israel, but in what capacity? What I mean is if the Father, Son, and Ruach HaKodesh are one yet separate, is it possible that the voice Moses heard was the Son or the Father? Who is the Shepherd of Israel? Wouldn't that be Yeshua, that manifestation of the Godhead who takes on physical form? If the Father spoke in the very beginning in Genesis when He began the creation process, as soon as He spoke, the words that came from His mouth were none other than Messiah Yeshua, His Son.

Psalm 99:1 The LORD, enthroned on cherubim, is king, peoples tremble, the earth quakes. (TNK)

Once again, who is enthroned on the cherubim and is king? Who causes the people to tremble and the earth to quake? Who came to Elijah at the cave where he was hiding from Jezebel, and how did He show Himself?

1 Kings 19:11 And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (ESV)

The wind came and tore the mountains and the rocks into pieces, then an earthquake and finally fire, but the Holy One was in none of these. He brought them about, but He did not choose to reveal Himself in them. Instead He spoke in the quiet in a whisper and Elijah knew. What does the Almighty have to do to get our attention? It would seem He is doing even more than what He did with Elijah, but we are either not paying attention, or we just do not care. Perhaps not paying attention could be equated with a lukewarm relationship with the Creator of all there is. In order to have a relationship with the Holy One of Israel, we must first have a relationship with His Son Yeshua. Yeshua is the physical manifestation of an invisible God, and it is through Messiah we are able to enter into a renewed relationship with the Father. As Moses was able to come into the presence of the Holy One, we, too, can have the same relationship he did if we turn to Messiah and ask for forgiveness for our transgressions against the Father as defined in the Torah. Many would say we have to follow what the "New" Testament says, but the truth is there is nothing new in the "New" Testament. It is simply a revelation of Messiah who has been hidden away in the pages of the Tanach.

Over two thousand years ago when Messiah and His talmidim shared with the people, the only Scriptures they had were those in the part of the Bible today referred to by the Church as the "Old" Testament. If Yeshua and those who followed Him used the Tanach, then why do we want to set it aside in favor of using the "New" Testament only when there

is nothing new in it? We must return to our roots and look to the faith of two thousand years ago to find the answers. If Jesus was a Jew and His name was Yeshua, then why isn't everyone using it?

Judges 13:6

13:6 Then the woman came and told her husband, "A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome. I did not ask him where he was from, and he did not tell me his name. (ESV)

What was it the woman saw that caused her to be able to know that the man who came to her was an angel of the Almighty? She said his appearance was **awesome**.

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Meaning: *to fear*

The Hebrew word for awesome in this verse is *yare*, which means to fear in much the same way we are to fear the Almighty with respect for who He is, what He has done, and will do. Angels serve in the presence of the Most High and are messengers who do His bidding. It's interesting that there are times when the Almighty will speak directly to man, and other times He chooses to send an angel. Who knows why? Even when Messiah was born, angels came to announce His birth, and yet when Yeshua was immersed, the Father spoke from heaven. These are just some of the questions we might think about instead of what is really important, and that is without faith in Messiah Yeshua, we are lost and doomed to be shut out of the Almighty's kingdom and His presence forever. Forever is a very long time, in fact, it has nothing to do with time any longer. It is beyond time and means separation from the Holy One lost forever in the darkness that overcomes anyone who turns away from the Lord and His Son.

How often does He reach out to us to turn back to Him, and how often do we turn a blind eye towards Him? As the days are growing shorter and time is running out, will you be able to reach out and grab hold of the hem of His garment as the woman with the issue of blood did? Why did she grab the hem of His garment? It is because she was reaching out for His tzitzit, the fringes that we are commanded to wear on the four corners of our outer garment. The tzitzit represent the Torah of the Holy One. We are told that every time we look upon them, we are to remember His commandments or His Torah. If He took the time to give us this one commandment to help us to remember His Torah, then how hard is it to wear them? If it was good enough for Messiah, then why isn't it good enough for us, or do we need to have an encounter with an angel or better yet an encounter with the King of the universe?

Matthew 28:1-7

1 After *Shabbat*, as the next day was dawning, Miryam of Magdala and the other Miryam went to see the grave. **2** Suddenly there was a violent earthquake, for an angel of *ADONAI* came down from heaven, rolled away the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were as white as snow. **4** The guards were so terrified at him that they trembled and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, "Don't

be afraid. I know you are looking for Yeshua, who was executed on the stake. ⁶ He is not here, because he has been raised- just as he said! Come and look at the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell the *talmidim*, 'He has been raised from the dead, and now he is going to the Galil ahead of you. You will see him there.' Now I have told you." (CJB)

Amazing, isn't it? Once again an angel appeared at the entrance of the tomb where Yeshua had been laid to rest after His death. The message was, why were they looking there for Him because He was raised from the dead as had been promised by His Father and was on His way to meet His talmidim. There was no mistaking who this man was. He was an angel of the Lord who rolled away the stone from the cave where Yeshua had been laid. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were as white as snow. Isn't this a description from the book of Isaiah about how our sins will be once they are taken away?

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (ESV)

Will we appear one day in the eyes of the Lord in the same way the angels do, Messiah appears, and most likely the Father?

Revelation 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Sheol. (ESV)

In answer to this musing, we read this passage from the book of Revelation describing the Son of man. Who is this Son of man which we read? He came before us and was greater than any of us could ever hope to be, and yet He came to serve us – to take away our sins and turn the red into white just like the winter snow. He told the Shaliach Yochanan exactly who He was. He is the first, the last, the one who died but is alive forever, and who holds the keys to death and Sheol. He is the Son of the Most High – Yeshua HaMashiach!

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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Torah Man says, "Nothing costs so little and goes so far as courtesy.



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