**Some Questions to Ponder:**

1. From all the readings for this week, which particular verse or passage caught your attention and fired your heart and imagination?

The Hakham’s commentary caught my attention with his comments on how Tfet got up and ran to the tomb. Tsefet was my kind of ‘action hero’!

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 28:4?

**the offspring of your cattle** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew phrase: שְׁגַר אֲלָפֶיךָ?

**and the flocks of your sheep** – How is this Hebrew expression to be understood: וְעַשְׁתְּרוֹת צֽאנֶךָ

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 28:5?

**Blessed will be your basket** – What was in the basket to be blessed?

**and your kneading bowl** - What is the meaning of the Hebrew phrase: וּמִשְׁאַרְתֶּךָ?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 28:20?

**the curse of shortages** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: הַמְּאֵרָה?

**confusion** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: הַמְּהוּמָה

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 28:22?

**consumption** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: בַּשַּׁחֶפֶת?

**fever** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: וּבַקַּדַּחַת?

**illnesses with burning fevers** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: וּבַדַּלֶּקֶת?

**a disease which causes unquenchable thirst** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: וּבַחַרְחֻר?

**and with the sword** – Who will wield the sword?

**with blast, and with yellowing** – What crop will be affected by this plague?

**blast** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: שִׁדָּפוֹן?

**yellowing** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: יֵרָקוֹן?

**until you perish** - What is the meaning of the Hebrew phrase: עַד אָבְדֶךָ?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 28:28?

**and with bewilderment** - What is the meaning of the Hebrew phrase:וּבְתִמְהוֹן לֵבָב?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 28:37?

**an object of astonishment** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: לְשַׁמָּה?

**an example** – How is this to be understood?

**and a topic of discussion** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: וְלִשְׁנִינָה?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 28:60?

**[And He will bring back upon you all of the diseases of Egypt] which you dreaded** – Why do we dread these diseases?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 28:63?

**So will the Lord cause to rejoice** – Why does HaShem rejoice?

**and you will be uprooted** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: וְנִסַּחְתֶּם?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut.28:65?

**you will not be calm** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew phrase: לֹא תַרְגִּיעַ?

**a trembling heart** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew phrase: לֵב רַגָּז?

**dashed hopes** – What are these?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 28:69?

**[The covenant, which the Lord commanded Moses] to make with the Children of Israel** – What was different about this covenant as compared to Sinai?

**besides the covenant** – What were the additions to this covenant?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 29:3?

**Yet...the Lord did not give you a heart to know** – What were we unable to know?

**until this day** – What was special about that day?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 29:6?

**And then you arrived at this place** – What was special about this place?

1. What in the Torah Seder this week fired the imagination of the Psalmist as he penned Psalms 143-144?

The Psalmist was fired by the verbal tallies of **Hearken diligently / hear - שמע**, and **To do / accomplish – עשה.**

1. What in the Torah Seder this week fired the imagination of the prophet in the Ashlamatah of Hos 10:12ff?

The Prophet was fired by the verbal tally of **Hearken diligently / hear – שמע**.

1. Why is it so important for a disciple of His Majesty King Yeshua the Messiah of Israel to understand and embody the concept of “SHEMA”?

Because without the hearing and it’s implied obedience it is impossible to please God. Yeshua gave us an example and commanded us to imitate Him.

1. What in the Torah Seder, Psalm and Prophetic Lesson for this week fired the imagination of Hakham Tsefet as his scribe penned Mark16:12-16?

**Torah Seder**

**Mordechai (Mark)** – Miriam was possessed with “Seven devils. The Torah Seder speaks of the enemies of Yisrael who would flee in “seven” directions. D’barim 28:7 – Mark 16

**Romans** is connected to D’barim 28:10 – the Nations (Gentiles) will see that the name of the Lord is upon you…

**Psalms**

**Mordechai (Mark)** – Yeshua’s talmidim are crying out to G-d as David cries out to G-d asking G-d to hear his supplication.

**Romans** connects to the Psalm 140:9 and other places, asking not to grant the desires of the wicked, Hakham Shaul enlists the prayers of the Roman congregation for a successful journey to Jerusalem…

**Ashlamatah**

**Mordechai (Mark)** – Yeshua the “son of David” is appointed the “ruler of the nations” in Isa 55:4. Thematically we see that the resurrection of Yeshua is directly connected to the redemption of the Gentiles, making Yeshua the “ruler of the nations.”

**Romans** – the allegory of Romans can be connected to the speech of Isa 55:12 where the “mountains” governments of the Gentiles go forth in Joy (of the Torah).

1. In your opinion what key message/s did Hakham Tsefet try to convey in Mark 16:12-16?
2. Yeshua did rise as He had prophesied.
3. We must learn to believe those whom HaShem sends. This implies that we act as Tsefet did to verify the account, in order to uphold this account, and become the witness.
4. What important Halakhic principles can be learned from Mark (Mordechai) Mark 16:12-16, and from Romans ?
5. Havdalah is important!
6. The timing of events is important.
7. Luke 24:12 Not to expose the righteous/generous women to doubt and the possibility of slander.
8. Rom 15:25 We should willingly serve the Tsadiqim/Hakhamim by supporting them financially
9. Rom 15:25 Give Tzedakah to support the poor
10. Rom 15:27 It is the responsibility of the Gentile to support the Jewish Hakhamim with natural resources.
11. Rom 15:30 To join our brothers in prayers for their success concerning the endeavors of God.
12. In your opinion, and taking into consideration all of the above readings for this Sabbath, what is the prophetic message (the idea that encapsulates all the Scripture passages read) for this week?

This is the time to hearken diligently to The Word and to do what what is commanded.

HH Adon Eliyahu: Work to protect the integrity of fellow Nazareans.

Dr. Elizabeth Oakely: Listen intently to the Torah (oral and written) and the wisdom of the Hakhamim. Work diligently to strengthen the community.