

Exo 16:23 *Shabbaton Shabbat Kodesh Aleph Tav*; Rev 1:9-11 *Alpha & Omega*

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Introduction

This article is about Hebraically connecting the dots of Shabbath, Aleph Tav and Yeshua. For a long time I have known of the idea behind the Aleph Tav,^A but have not fully appreciated it regarding Shabbath like in the Gospels where it says “**Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day**” Matthew 12:8, Mark 2:28 and Luke 6:5.

Exodus 16:23 – *shabbaton shabbath-kodesh* and the standalone Aleph Tav

²³ And he said unto them,

“This is that which YHVH hath said, To morrow **אָת** is the rest of the holy sabbath (שַׁבְּתוֹן שַׁבַּת קֹדֶשׁ) *shab-ba-Ton shab-bat-Ko-desh*)^B unto YHVH:^C bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.”

Rev 1:9 John, who keeps YHVH's word & testifies of Yeshua as Messiah

⁹ I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Yeshua Messiah, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Yeshua Messiah.^D

^A See my website at <http://www.myhebrewbible.com/Home/StandaloneAlephTav>

^B First time the word *shab-bat*^{H7676} and *shab-ba-Ton*^{H7677} are used.

...To morrow *is* the rest^{H7677} *shabbathon* of the holy^{H6944} *kodesh* sabbath^{H7676} *shabbath* unto YHVH...

^C Is it a reasonable midrash to connect the **אָת** and the holy sabbath which is “unto YHVH” found in Exo 16:23 with the “**Son of man (אָת) is Lord even of the sabbath day**” which is found in the Gospel? The Lord of the Sabbath in the NT is the same Lord in the OT, therefore we who call ourselves Christian must honor the Sabbath.

^D John the Revelator is one who 1) has the testimony of Yeshua as Messiah and 2) keeps the word of God i.e. the Torah.

Rev 1:10-11 hears a great voice while ‘in the Spirit on the Lord’s day’ re. the Alpha & Omega

¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,^E and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ Saying, I am Alpha and Omega,^F the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Exodus 16:4-9 - The two other Standalone Aleph Tav’s

This chapter has a two more of these special Aleph Tav’s (verses 5 and 9), so for the sake of completeness I wanted to show them and add my commentary in the footnotes.

Contextually, chapter 16 of Exodus occurs after Israel miraculously crossed the red sea, but before they have gotten to Mt. Sinai. On the way to Mt. Sinai, Israel begins murmuring to Moses at the bitter waters of Marah (Exo 15:22-27 re. dying of thirst) and now we pick up the dialog where they continue their murmuring and this time it’s about dying of starvation.

⁴ Then said YHVH unto Moses,

“Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. ⁵ And it shall come to pass, that on the **sixth day** ^G they shall prepare that **תא** which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.”

⁶ And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel,

“At even, then ye shall know that YHVH hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: ⁷ And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of YHVH; for that he heareth your murmurings against YHVH: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?”

⁸ And Moses said,

^E This great revelation that Yeshua is the Alpha and Omega / Aleph and Tav is given on the day of the Lord ... Shabbath.

^F The Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The quite reasonable assumption is that a Hebrew Messiah speaking to a Hebrew prophet about Hebraic concepts is going to identify himself as the first and last letter of the Hebrew Aleph-Bet which is the Aleph and Tav.

^G **Exo 16:5**: Before the 7th day is called *shab-bat* and *shab-ba-Ton*, a *kadosh* thing unto YHVH (Exo 16:23) the standalone Aleph Tav is associated with the day before i.e. the 6th day. With that, here is my midrash about the location of the **תא** in this verse which is located right after prepare?

We, who are Israel, a kingdom of priests, do priestly things (I know to some that is shocking revelation). The priests are the liaison between Heaven and Earth and their (our) office is physically located on earth with the intent of doing heavenly things. One of those functions is preparing YHVH’s 7th day Shabbath. The suggestion is that the Sabbath, which happens on the 7th day, doesn’t just happen, it takes work to prepare it. Since Shabbath is a day of rest (*shab-bat* and *shab-ba-Ton*) then the sixth day is “preparation” day. But who will do this earthly work you ask...the priests of Israel of course. By what authority and also will there be someone that Elohim gives us to do this prep work? My “midrashic” conclusion is that it is the Standalone Aleph Tav.

The cool thing is that we get to participate in this day of rest with our Elohim.

“This shall be, when YHVH shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that YHVH heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against YHVH.”

² And Moses spake unto Aaron,

“Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before YHVH: for he hath heard **את** your murmurings.”^H

Exo 16:23 – Different Formats

<http://myhebrewbible.org/Verse/1971/Exo-16-23>

KJV

²³ And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

KJV with Strong's

And he said^{H559} unto^{H413} them, This^{H1931} is that^{H1931} which^{H834} the LORD^{H3068} hath said,^{H1696} To morrow^{H4279} is^{H4279} the rest^{H7677} of the holy^{H6944} sabbath^{H7676} unto the LORD:^{H3068} bake^{H644} that^{H644} which^{H834} ye will bake^{H644} to day,^{H644} and seethe^{H1310} that^{H834} ye will seethe,^{H1310} and that which^{H3605} remaineth over^{H5736} lay up^{H5117} for you to be kept^{H4931} until^{H5704} the morning.^{H1242}

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^H Exo 16:9: Not completely sure about my midrash, but here it is. Murmuring is not good because it's a bad attitude, but legitimate concerns regarding YHVH done with a proper attitude are ok, even welcome. With that said, my midrash is that the authority to approach Elohim with our petition but be done through the standalone Aleph Tav.

Gen 2:1-3 – Creation and the Seventh Day (and other verses)

¹ Thus the heavens (שָׁמַיִם *hash-sha-Ma-yim*) and the earth (אֶרֶץ *ve-ha-'A-retz*)¹ were finished (וַיְכַלּוּ *vay-chul-Lu*), and all the host of them (צְבָאָם *tze-va-'Am*). ² And on the seventh (שְׁבִיעִי *hash-she-vi-'I*) day God ended his work (מְלַאכְתּוֹ *me-lach-To*) which he had made; and he rested (וַיִּשְׁבֹּת *vai-yish-Bot*) on the seventh day (שְׁבִיעִי *hash-she-vi-'I*) from all his work which he had made. ³ And God blessed (וַיְבָרֶךְ *vay-Va-rech*) the seventh day, and sanctified (וַיְקַדְּשׁ *vay-kad-Desh*) it (אֹתוֹ *o-To*): because that in it he had rested (שָׁבַת *sha-Vat*) from all his work which God created and made (עָשָׂה *'a-Sah*).

Gen 2:1-3 KJV

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh^{H7637} *hash-she-vi-'I* day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested^{H7673} *vai-yish-Bot* on the seventh^{H7637} day from all his work which he had made. ³ And God blessed the seventh^{H7637} *vai-yish-Bot* day, and sanctified^{H6942} *vay-kad-Desh* it: because that in it he had rested^{H7673} *sha-Vat* from all his work which God created and made.

Exo 31:13

Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign (אוֹת *ot*)^J between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* YHVH that doth sanctify you.

¹ The priests are the liaison between the Heaven and the Earth.

^J If keeping Shabbath is prima facie evidence that you are under the authority of YHVH, then conversely if you are keeping the day that the Catholic church says people should observe, then you are under the authority of the Pope (and not YHVH's).