

Standalone Aleph Tav's in Numbers 33 and related Verses

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First my comments on Numbers chapter 33

The guts of Numbers Chapter 33 is about all the places that Israel camped while in the wilderness, starting with the first place they went to called Succoth which is mentioned in verse 5 and the last place was the plains of Moab which is mentioned in verses 48 and 49. In the next two verses 50 and 1 YHVH speaks to Moshe verse 50 and tells him to speak to Israel verse 51. Sandwiched in between these verses is therefore verse 4 and verse 52 which is where we find our Aleph Tav's for our triennial parasha. Below is the first stand alone **Aleph Tav**...

H5221 had הכה H834 which אשר **H853 את** H6912 buried מקברים Mitsriam (Egypt) H4713 ומצרים **Num 33:4**
H430 among ובאלהיהם H1060 firstborn, בכור H3605 all בהם כל H3068 the LORD יהוה smitten
H8201 judgments: שפטים H3068 also the LORD יהוה H6213 executed, עשה them: upon their gods

In Numbers 33:4, The Aleph Tav is found between “the buried Egyptians” and “which YHVH had smitten”. If you go back to the related text in Exo 12:27, there are two non-stand alone Aleph Tav's between “when He smote” **1st Aleph Tav** “Mitsriam Egypt” **2nd Aleph Tav** “and delivered our houses”; Here is the verse first in KJ and then in the interlinear...

“That ye shall say, It *is* the sacrifice of YHVH'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote **Aleph Tav**- the Egyptians, **Aleph Tav**- and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.” **KJV**

H3068 of the ליהוה H1931 It הוא H6453 passover, פסח H2077 the sacrifice זבח H559 That ye shall say, ואמרתם **Exo 12:27**
H3478 of ישראל H1121 of the children בני H1004 the houses בתי H5921 over על H6452 passed פסח H834 who אשר LORD's
H1004 our houses: בתינו -H853 **את** H4713 מצרים -H853 **את** H5062 when he smote בנפוי H4714 in Egypt, במצרים Israel
H7812 and worshipped: וישתחוו: H5971 And the people העם H6915 bowed the head ויקד H5337 and delivered הציל

I thought this was interesting even though in Exodus 12:17 they are not stand alone Aleph Tav's, it is however YHVH who passed over the first born of Israel.

Now the second stand alone **Aleph Tav** found in Numbers 33:52, first in the KJ and then in the interlinear ...

“Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy **Aleph Tav** all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:” **KJV**.

H776 הארץ H3427 the inhabitants ישבי H3605 all כל H853 את H3423 Then ye shall drive out והורשתם **Num 33:52**
H4906 their משכיתם H3605 all כל **H853 את** H6 you, and destroy ואברתם H6440 from before מפניכם of the land
H6 and destroy תאברו H4541 their molten מסכתם H6754 images צלמי H3605 all כל H853 ואת pictures,
H8045 and quite pluck down: תשמידו: H1116 their high places: במותם H3605 all כל H853

Is it possible that this two “bookend” verses 4 and 52 that contain the stand alone **Aleph Tav's** should be considered together? And if you i.e. Israel, which is YHVH's first born, do not destroy all the idols and images

in the promised land, then could it be that the **Aleph Tav** will destroy you just as He did the first born of Mitsriam Egypt? What's good for the Egyptian goose is good for the Israelite gander.

What was the purpose of the ten plagues? The ten plagues of Mitsriam were like gods to them and by YHVH destroying them, He showed all the world that there is only one Elohim. Israel needs to learn to never forget this, even though they did which is why they spend 40 years in the wilderness. Homer says DOH!

For completeness sake, here is a screen shot from my e-sword BHS Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia bible. I included it because it's more accurate with regard to the hyphen maqaf than is the inter-liner bible shown above. It's also nice in that it shows the vowel points.

Num 33:4 וּמִצְרַיִם מִקְבָּרִים אֶת אֲשֶׁר הָפָה יְהוָה בָּהֶם
כָּל-בְּכוֹר וּבְאֵלֵהֶם עָשָׂה יְהוָה שְׁפָטִים:

Num 33:52 וְהוֹרֵשְׁתֶּם אֶת-כָּל-יֹשְׁבֵי הָאָרֶץ מִפְּנֵיכֶם
וְאֲבַדְתֶּם אֶת כָּל-מִשְׁכֵּי־תֶם וְאֵת כָּל-צִלְמֵי מִסְכֹּתֶם
תֵּאבְדוּ וְאֵת כָּל-בְּמֹתֶם תִּשְׁמִידוּ:

Other Verses related to Numbers 33:4 and 52 that contain standalone Aleph Tav's

I was on a roll so I decided to use my e-sword TSK (Treasury of Scripture Knowledge) along with the list of standalone Aleph Tav's that I received from Brad Scott. TSK is an attempt at cross-referencing other subject matter verses to the specific verse you happen to be looking at. For example I was on Num 33:4, and I wanted to see where that event took place in Exodus. And so sure enough, TSK cross-referenced me to Exo 12:27 which is just what I wanted. It's pretty good, but like all commentaries it has its doctrinal biases. Anyway I wanted to see if I could find subject related verses to Num 33:4 and 33:52 and cross-reference those verses (or nearby verses) with my standalone Aleph Tav's verse list. Hopefully my intent makes sense.

I guess what I wanted to do was to see if it makes sense to group the 611 standalone Aleph Tav's into smaller more manageable groups. I have added underlines to the verses that have a common theme to Num 33:4 and 33:52. At the end of my list was Joshua 23:3-7 which was loosely related to Num 33:4 and 33:52, but when I figure out where the Aleph Tav was located which was Joshua 23:7 I got a big WOW, and I think I found a real gem considering its relationship to Joh 1:45 and Joh 5:46. Check it out it's **highlighted in yellow**.

Exo 23:24-25 KJV Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. ²⁵ And ye shall serve **Aleph Tav** YHVH your Elohim, and he shall bless **Aleph Tav**-thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

Exo 34:11-17 KJV Observe thou **Aleph Tav** that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. ¹² Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: ¹³ But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: ¹⁴ For thou shalt worship no other god: for YHVH, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous Elohim: ¹⁵ Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and *one* call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; ¹⁶ And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods. ¹⁷ Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

Deu 7:15-19 KJV And YHVH will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all *them* that hate thee. ¹⁶ And thou shalt consume all the people which YHVH thy Elohim shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that *will be* a snare unto thee. ¹⁷ If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations *are* more than I; how can I dispossess them? ¹⁸ Thou shalt not be afraid of them: *but* shalt well remember **Aleph Tav** what YHVH thy Elohim did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; ¹⁹ The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby YHVH thy Elohim brought thee out: so shall YHVH thy Elohim do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

Jos 23:3-7 KJV And ye have seen **Aleph Tav** all that YHVH your Elohim hath done unto all these nations because of you; for YHVH your Elohim *is* he that hath fought for you. ⁴ Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward. ⁵ And YHVH your Elohim, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as YHVH your Elohim hath promised unto you. ⁶ Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do **Aleph Tav** all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom *to* the right hand or *to* the left; ⁷ That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear *by them*, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:

Joh 1:45 KJV Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Y'shua of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Joh 5:46 KJV For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

Jdg 2:2-7 KJV And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? ³ Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be *as thorns* in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. ⁴ And it came to pass, when the angel of YHVH spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. ⁵ And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto YHVH. ⁶ And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. ⁷ And the people served YHVH all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen **Aleph Tav** all the great works of YHVH, that he did for Israel.

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