

Sepher ha Zohar – Beha'alot'cha - (8) "The Name of AYIN-BET (72) names"

42. הָא אֲבָהָן בְּמִטְלָנִין, בְּעוֹבְדִין, בְּקִשּׁוּרֵין דְּמִתְקַשְׁרֵי דָא בְּדָא
 וְכַד מִתְחַבְּרֵן כּוּדָא, לִית בּוּאן דִּיקוּם קַבְיִיהוּ. וְתַנִּינָן, בְּאַתְר
 דְּאֲבָהָתָא אֲשֶׁתְּכוּזוּ, שְׂאָר צְדִיקָיָא מִשְׁתַּכּוּזֵי גַבְיִיהוּ. וְעַל דָּא שְׂמָא
 דָּא סְלִיק לְסִטְרֵין אֲזַרְגִּין מִתְפָּרְעֵן, אַע"ג דְּכֻלְהוּ נְפָקִין לְאַרְזָא וְזָד.

43. שְׁבַעַה קִשּׁוּרֵין אֵינִין, דְּמִתְקַשְׁרֵי בְּהוּ גַּ אֲבָהָן, וְד' אֲזַרְגִּין. רִישָׁא
 וְאַמְצַעִיתָא בְּקִשּׁוּרָא וְזָדָא. וְאַלִּין אֵינִין דְּחֻפְרוּ בִּירָא דְּבִיָּא. תַּנִּינָא
 זֶה אֵל זֶה, וְאֵינִין קִשּׁוּרָא וְזָדָא, בְּתַלְתּ יוֹדִין.

44. תְּלִיתָא, שְׁלִימוּ דְּכָל מַהִימְנוּתָא. רַבִּיעָא, תְּרִין קַבְיִמִין, דְּעֻפָּא
 קַבְיָא עָלְיִיהוּ. חֲמִישָׁא, טַב וּבֵישׁ, נְהָרָא דְּנִפְיק אֵילָנָא דְּזַיִי
 וּבּוּתָא, עַבְיָקְתָא דְּכֻלָּא. שְׁתִּיתָא, דִּינָא בְּרוּזִמִי. שְׁבִיעָא,
 בְּקַדְמִיתָא אֲתָמַר, בְּהֵוָא רִישָׁא דְּאַבְרָן, בְּגִין דְּאִיהוּ אֲמַצְעִיתָא
 דְּכֻלָּא. וּבְגִין דְּאִיהוּ אֲמַצְעִיתָא דְּכֻלָּא, אֲקָרִי אֲנִי קִיּוּמָא דְּכָל עַנְפִין
 דְּמִתְאַזְדֵּן בְּסוּזְרִיָּה.

45. שְׁבַעַה דְּרֵגִין אֲלִין, מִדְּרָגָא וְזָדָא לְדְרָגָא וְזָדָא, אֲשֶׁתְּמוּדְעָא
 רְתִיכָא וְזָדָא, בְּכָל אֵינִין דְּמִתְאַזְדָּאן בִּיהּ. וְכֵן מִדְּרָגָא לְדְרָגָא,
 וְכֻלְהוּ אֲתַנְהֵן אֲבִתְרִיהּ דְּהֵוָא דְּרָגָא דְּאֲתַפְקֵדָא עָלְיִיהוּ, וְהָא
 אֲקִיּוּמָא מְלִי.

46. ת"ז, בְּשַׁעֲתָא דְּאֲלִין דְּרֵגִין מִשְׁתַּכּוּזֵי, כָּל מַהִימְנוּתָא אֲשֶׁתְּכוּזוּ,
 וְאַלִּין שְׁבַעַה עַנְנִין דְּאֲסוּזְרוּ לְהוּ לְיִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּג"כ פַּד נְטִלָא שְׁכִינְתָא,
 בְּאֲבָהָתָא נְטִלָא. וְכַד אֲלִין נְטִלִין, כְּלָהוּ דְּרֵגִין אֲזַרְגִּין נְטִלִין בְּהוּ,
 וְכַדִּין אֲתַעֲטַרְת כ"י פְּדָקָא יָאֵת.

AYIN BET (The 72 Names of God) Reflections							
והו	י לי	סיט	עלם	מהע	ללה	אכא	כהת
הזי	אלד	לאו	ההע	יזל	מבה	הרי	הקם
לאו	כלי	לוו	פהל	זלך	ייו	מלה	וזהו
זתה	האא	ירת	שאה	ריי	אום	לכב	וער
יוזו	להוז	כוק	מנד	אני	וועם	רהע	ייו
ההה	מיכ	וול	ילה	סאל	ערי	עשול	מיה
והו	דני	הוזע	עמם	זנא	זית	מבה	פוי
זמם	ייל	הרוז	מיצר	ומב	יהה	עזו	מוזי
דמב	מזק	איע	וזבו	ראה	יכמו	היי	מום

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42. Behold the Patriarchs in their travels, in deeds to raise Female Waters, and in knots, that is, with unifications with which they connect that bind one to the other. In each name of these 72 names all Patriarchs are bound together, since they are the three Columns. When they join together, there is nobody who can stand up to them. We have learned that wherever the Patriarchs are, we also find with them the rest of the righteous, such as Moses, Aaron and Joseph. Therefore, this name of 72 goes in differently explained ways, although all explanations have a similar outcome.

43. There are seven knots in the 72 names and to every individual knot, the three Patriarchs - that are Chesed, Gvurah and Tiferet - are connected along with four others that the head of the 72 names, the three Sfirot, Chochmah, Binah and Da'at, that are referred to as 'head,' and the center within them, which is Malchut, are tied into one. For Chochmah and Binah are the ones that dug the water well, which is Malchut, as it is written: *"the well that the princes dug out"* (Bemidbar 21:18), who are Chochmah and Binah. Therefore, Chochmah, Binah, Da'at and Malchut are in one knot. The second connection is, *"the one...the other"* (Shemot 14:20), meaning the two columns of Chesed and Gvurah, about which is said, "The one came not near the other." They are one knot that starts with three Yud's.

44. The third Knot is Tiferet, which is the Central Column, and that is the total perfection of the whole Faith, for it bestows upon Malchut, that is referred to as 'Faith,' and complements it. The fourth knot is two pillars upon which the body stands, which are Netzach and Hod, and are considered as Netzach. The fifth Knot is Hod, within which there is good and evil, a river that flows to the Tree of Life and Death, which is Malchut, since Hod bestows upon Malchut. It is the deepest of all, meaning that it contains more Judgments than any other Sfirah. The sixth, in which there is Judgment with Mercy. The seventh was mentioned in the beginning, in that head which we spoke of, since it is the center of everything. Since it is the center of everything, it is called 'Aleph-Nun-Yud,' which supports all the branches that are united around it.

45. These seven steps are from one level to another level. One Chariot is known in them for all the names that unite in it, and also from one level to another. All follow the level that is assigned to them. We have already explained these matters.

46. Come and behold: when all these steps are present, the total Faith is present. These are seven clouds that surrounded Yisrael. Therefore, when the Shechinah travels, she travels with the Patriarchs. When they travel, all other levels travel within them, and then the Congregation of Yisrael is adorned properly.