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## **Bamidbar - In The Wilderness Numbers 1:1-4:20**

**Haftorah – Hosea 2:1-2:22**

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### **Overview**

In the Sinai Desert, G-d says to conduct a census of the twelve tribes of Israel. Moses counts 603,550 **men of draftable age (20 to 60 years)**; the tribe of Levi, numbering 22,300 males age one month and older, is counted separately. **The Levites are to serve in the Sanctuary, replacing the firstborn, whose number they approximated, who were disqualified when they participated in the worshipping of the Golden Calf.** The 273 firstborn who lacked a Levite to replace them had to pay a five-shekel “ransom” to redeem themselves.

When the people broke camp, **the three Levite clans** dismantled and transported the Sanctuary, and reassembled it at the center of the next encampment. They then erected their own tents around it: **the Kohathites**, who carried the Sanctuary’s vessels (the Ark, menorah, etc.) in their specially designed coverings on their shoulders, camped to its south; **the Gershonites**, in charge of its tapestries and roof coverings, to its west; and **the families of Merari**, who transported its wall panels and pillars, to its north. **Before the Sanctuary’s entranceway, to its east, were the tents of Moses, Aaron, and Aaron’s sons.**

Beyond the Levite circle, the **twelve tribes** camped in four groups of three tribes each. To the east were Judah (pop. 74,600), Issachar (54,400) and Zebulun (57,400); to the south, Reuben (46,500), Simeon (59,300) and Gad (45,650); to the west, Ephraim (40,500), Manasseh (32,200) and Benjamin(35,400); and to the north, Dan (62,700), Asher (41,500) and Naphtali(53,400). This formation was kept also while traveling. **Each tribe had its own nassi (prince or leader), and its own flag with its tribal color and emblem.**<sup>1</sup> (See my Torah Volume 2 Study for Parashot Bamidbar to see tribal banners)

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## Key Hebrew Words in Bamidbar

HEBREW	TRANSLATION
Bamidbar	Wilderness (In the)
Bchor	First Born son
Shvatim	Tribes
Shfachot	Maid Servants
Midbar	Desert, Wilderness
Ohel	Tent
Moed	Meeting Place

### PARSHAT BAMIDBAR

(Num 2:1 TLV) Adonai said to Moses and Aaron saying, “

(Num 2:2 TLV) **Let each man encamp under his own standard among the banners of their ancestral house at an appropriate distance around the Tent of Meeting.**

(Num 2:3 TLV) **Those camping on the east—toward the sunrise—will be of the standard of Judah, according to their divisions. Nachshon son of Amminadab, is the prince of the sons of Judah.**

(Num 2:4 TLV) His division, by their number, is 74,600.

(Num 2:5 TLV) Camping next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar. The prince of the sons of Issachar is Nethanel son of Zuar.

(Num 2:6 TLV) Their division, by their number, is 54,400.

(Num 2:7 TLV) Next, the tribe of Zebulun. The prince of the sons of Zebulun is Eliab son of Helon.

(Num 2:8 TLV) His division, by count, is 57,400.

(Num 2:9 TLV) All those numbered to Judah’s camp, by their divisions, are 186,400. They are to advance first.

(Num 2:10 TLV) **The standard of the camp of Reuben shall be on the south side, by their divisions. The prince of the sons of Reuben is Elizur son of Shedeur.**

(Num 2:11 TLV) His division, by their number, is 46,500.

(Num 2:12 TLV) Those camping next to them are the tribe of Simeon. The prince of the sons of Simeon is Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.

(Num 2:13 TLV) His division, by their number, is 59,300.

(Num 2:14 TLV) Next, the tribe of Gad. The prince of the tribe of Gad is Eliasaph son of Reuel.

(Num 2:15 TLV) His division, by their numbers, is 45,650.

(Num 2:16 TLV) All those numbered to the camp of Reuben are 151,450. They are to set out second.



(Num 2:17 TLV) **Then the Tent of Meeting will move out with the camp of the Levites, which is in the middle of the camps—just as they were in camp, each person in his own place under his own appropriate standard.**

(Num 2:18 TLV) **On the west will be the standard of the camp of Ephraim, by their divisions. The prince of the sons of Ephraim is Elishama son of Ammihud.**

(Num 2:19 TLV) His division, by their numbers, is 40,500.

(Num 2:20 TLV) Next to him is the tribe of Manasseh. The prince of the sons of Manasseh is Gamaliel, son of Pedahzur.

(Num 2:21 TLV) His division, by their numbers, is 32,200.

(Num 2:22 TLV) Next, the tribe of Benjamin. The prince of the sons of Benjamin is Abidan son of Gideoni.

(Num 2:23 TLV) His division, by their numbers, is 35,400.

(Num 2:24 TLV) All those numbered to the camp of Ephraim are 108,100, by their divisions. They are to advance third.

(Num 2:25 TLV) **The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north, according to their divisions. The prince of the sons of Dan is Ahiezer, son of Ammishaddai.**

(Num 2:26 TLV) His division, by their numbers, is 62,700.

(Num 2:27 TLV) Next to him will encamp the tribe of Asher. The prince of the sons of Asher is Pagiel, son of Ochran.

(Num 2:28 TLV) His division, by their numbers, is 41,500.

(Num 2:29 TLV) Next, tribe of Naphtali. The prince of the sons of Naphtali is Ahira son of Enan.

(Num 2:30 TLV) His division, by their numbers, is 53,400.

(Num 2:31 TLV) All those numbered to the camp of Dan are 157,600. They are to advance last by their standards.

(Num 2:32 TLV) These are the numbers of Bnei-Yisrael, in accordance with their ancestral households. All those counted according to their divisions are 603,550.

(Num 2:33 TLV) However, the Levites were not counted among Bnei-Yisrael, just as Adonai commanded Moses.

(Num 2:34 TLV) **So Bnei-Yisrael acted in accordance with all that Adonai had commanded Moses. Thus they camped by their standards and set out, each man according to their families and their ancestral houses.**

Each tribe had a distinctive colored banner. Each 3-tribe formation had a distinctively colored banner, each banner included the colors of all 3 tribes and each individual Tribe had its own flag and insignia.

**YHVH patterned the formation of Israel after that of His own heavenly Throne of Glory.**

1. Heavenly – The Throne is the center and is surrounded by 4 creatures, as it were.
2. Earthly – The Tabernacle represents the Throne surrounded by 4 formations.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Formation - East

**Judah** is the leader of the tribes and was assigned to the East, the direction from which light comes to the world. With him was Issachar and Zebulon.

- Issachar = the Tribe of Torah
- Zebulon = the tribe of wealth

Thus the first combination is leadership coupled with the sanctify of Torah study and those who extend themselves to support Torah scholars.

Vs. 5 – Those encamping near him, i.e. behind Judah, since the term near (Judah) is used for Issachar, but not for Zebulon, it implies that Issachar was immediately behind Judah with Zebulon behind Issachar.

This may apply that Monarchs (Judah) require the proximity of Torah scholars (Issachar) to guide them and guard the potential excesses of power, but closeness to wealth (Zebulon) and its temptations can be dangerous for a King. This does not mean that Zebulon was secondary because they supported the Torah Study of Issachar. It was a partnership that made them equal.

**As leaders we are to keep our eyes on His Torah/Word and not money and trust him that He will bring in those called to support what we are called to do.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Formation- South

**Reubon – symbolized repentance.** South is the source of blessed dew and rain. With him was Gad and Simeon.

- Gad = Strength
- Simeon = Atonement

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Formation – West

### **Ephraim – Fruitful, Powerful**

Source of extreme weather, such as hail, cold and heat. The 3 tribes in this formation possessed the strength to withstand such harsh elements. With him was Benjamin and Manasseh

- Benjamin = Hungry for God, Seeker
- Manasseh = Strength not to succumb to evil influences, i.e. Egypt

## 4<sup>th</sup> Formation – North

**Dan – symbolic of darkness** (means hidden in Hebrew). With Dan was Asher and Naphtali

- Asher – Famous for its Olive Oil, symbolizing illumination
- Naphtali – Moses blessed with special favor.

Levites and Kohanim were with Moses and Aaron who surrounded the Tabernacle.

## Introduction Rabbi Menachem Leibtag

The twelve tribes are listed numerous times in Chumash, yet for some reason, each time that they are listed in Parshat Bamidbar - their order seems to change!

In this week's shiur, we attempt to explain why.

### PART I - THE ORDER OF THE SHVATIM

In Parshat Bamidbar, the "**shvatim**" [tribes] are listed in three different instances - when the Torah discusses:

- (A) The LEADERS (see 1:5-15);
- (B) The actual CENSUS of the **shvatim** (1:20-43);
- (C) Their ARRANGEMENT surrounding the Mishkan (see 2:1-31).

Based on these three sources, the following table compares the order of the **shvatim** in each respective list.

[A star -\* - next the name of a tribe will note a significant change from one list to the next:]

#	(A)	(B)	(C)
1)	Reuven	Reuven	*Yehuda
2)	Shimon	Shimon	*Yisachar
3)	Yehuda	*Gad	*Zevulun
4)	Yisachar	Yehuda	Reuven
5)	Zevulun	Yisachar	Shimon
6)	Ephraim	Zevulun	Gad
7)	Menashe	Ephraim	Ephraim
8)	Binyamin	Menashe	Menashe
9)	Dan	Binyamin	Binyamin
10)	Asher	Dan	Dan
11)	Gad	Asher	Asher
12)	Naftali	Naftali	Naftali

Review each of these lists, noting how (and where) the order changes from one list to the next. Before we suggest a reason for these changes, let's begin by explaining what each list is about.

### THE COMPARISON

The first list - column (A) - appears to be the most logical. Note how the leaders of each tribe are presented:

First - the children of Leah (eldest first),

Then - the children of Rachel,

Then - the children of the '**shfachot**' (the maidservants)

(Bilha & Zilpa).

The second list (when the census is taken) - column (B) - is almost identical, but with one very peculiar change: GAD has 'moved up' from position #11 to position #3!

For no obvious reason, it appears as though Gad has been 'adopted' by the children of Leah.

In the third list (when the **shvatim** are organized surrounding the Mishkan) - column (C) - we find once again that Gad is placed with "bnei Leah". However, this time we find yet another very peculiar change: The tribes of Yehuda, Yisachar, and Zevulun - the YOUNGEST children of Leah - have 'jumped' to the top of list (i.e. ahead of their older brothers Reuven and Shimon)! Even though there is not obvious reason for this change, we should expect it to be significant, for this final list reflects the actual formation in which Bnei Yisrael travel through the desert on their journey to Eretz Canaan (see Bamidbar 10:13-28).

With this in mind, we will now attempt to explain the logic of this 're-organization' by considering the purpose of the Mishkan, and its strategic location within the camp of Bnei Yisrael.

## DIVINE DIVISION

Recall God's original commandment to Bnei Yisrael concerning the purpose of the Mishkan:

"v'assu li MIKDASH v'shachanti b'TOCHAM"

"They shall make for a sanctuary that I may dwell AMONG THEM..." (see Shmot 25:8)

Note how this pasuk could be understood as a commandment as well - i.e. to erect the Mishkan in the CENTER of the camp.

Therefore, to enable this placement, the twelve tribes are divided into FOUR DIVISIONS. In this manner, the Mishkan will be surrounded equally in all four directions (East, South, West, and North) by groups of three tribes each. In other words, to create four 'divisions' from twelve tribes, the shvatim must be divided into four groups of THREE tribes each.

However, each group of three also requires a leader - therefore four leadership tribes must be chosen, one for each division.

Now we must explain which tribes are chosen to lead these four groups (and why)?

As family leadership is the responsibility of the "**bchor**" - the **first born son** - we find that the **four leadership "shvatim"** are simply the four sons of Yaakov who possess a certain aspect of being the 'first born' - namely: Reuven, Yehuda, Ephraim and Dan. Let's explain why.



## REUVEN

Reuven was the first son born to Leah, therefore, his tribe obviously becomes one of the leaders.

## YEHUDA

Recall from Sefer Breishit, that because of Reuven's sin (taking the maidservant of his father/ see Br. 35:22), Yaakov decided to award the family leadership to a different son. As Shimon & Levi had also angered their father (at the incident at Shechem/ see Br. 34:30), Yehuda was chosen as the family leader for the children of Leah.

[See also Yaakov's blessing to his children in 49:3-12 & Divrei Hayamim I 5:1-2!]

## EFRAIM

Even though Leah was Yaakov's first wife to bear children, he still considered Rachel as his 'primary' wife. Therefore, Rachel's first child - Yosef - is also considered a "bechor". In fact, at his deathbed blessing to Yosef, Yaakov awards him with a 'double portion' (see Breishit 48:5), the portion set aside for the first born son. However, because of this 'double portion', both of Yosef's sons - Efraim and Menashe - are considered as tribes. Even though we may have expected the "bechora" to be granted to Menashe, as he was the eldest son of Yosef, Yaakov awarded the "bechora" of the children of Rachel to Efraim instead, as explained in Breishit 48:17-19.

## DAN

The children of the "**shfachot**" [**maidservants**] also became an integral part of Yaakov's family, and therefore, the firstborn of these children is also awarded the status of "bechora". Dan becomes the obvious choice, as he is the first born of Bilha, the "shifcha" of Rachel, the first maidservant to give Yaakov a child.

[Note that the four leadership positions are divided equally between Yaakov's two wives: Rachel -2 and Leah -2.]

## WHO BELONGS WITH EACH LEADER

Once these four leadership tribes have been designated, each must be joined by two additional tribes in order to form the necessary four groups of three.

Considering that the leaders are chosen based on the first born children of Yaakov's wives, it is only logical that each leader should be joined by his closest brothers.

Therefore:

\* Reuven should be joined by Shimon and Levi, his two younger brothers. However, Levi has a 'new job' and must encamp in closer proximity to the Mishkan (see Bamidbar chapter 3). Thus, Reuven is joined only by Shimon and remains one tribe 'short'.

\* To make Yehuda's group complete, he is joined by his two younger brothers: Yisachar and Zevulun.

\* Efraim, the "bechor" of the 'house of Rachel', is joined by his brother Menashe, and his uncle Binyamin, (Rachel's youngest son). Thus, the group of "bnei Rachel" - is also complete.



\* Dan should be the leader for all of children of the shfachot, i.e. his brother Naftali, and the two children of Zilpa: Gad and Asher. However, had this been the case, his group would have too many for it totals four! Therefore, Dan's group has one 'extra' tribe.

Considering that Reuven is 'short' one tribe and Dan has one too many, it is only logical that one of Dan's 'extras' moves to Reuven's group. For this reason, Gad 'moves' from his 'home camp' to join the camp of Reuven.

But why was specifically Gad chosen?

Naftali remains with Dan, for he is Dan's full brother. Therefore, we are left to choose between Gad and Asher, the two children of Zilpa. One could suggest that Gad is chosen for he is the eldest son of Zilpa, and hence given the 'privilege' to join the camp of Reuven, while his younger brother Asher remains with the camp of Dan.

## HOW THEY TRAVELLED

Now that we have explained how and why the tribes are organized into four groups, we must explain the direction in which they travel (as detailed in Bamidbar 2:3,10,18,25):

**EAST** - Yehuda, Yisachar, and Zevulun [Bnei Leah]

**SOUTH** - Reuven, Shimon, and Gad [Bnei Leah +Gad]

**WEST** - Ephraim, Menashe, and Binyamin [Bnei Rachel]

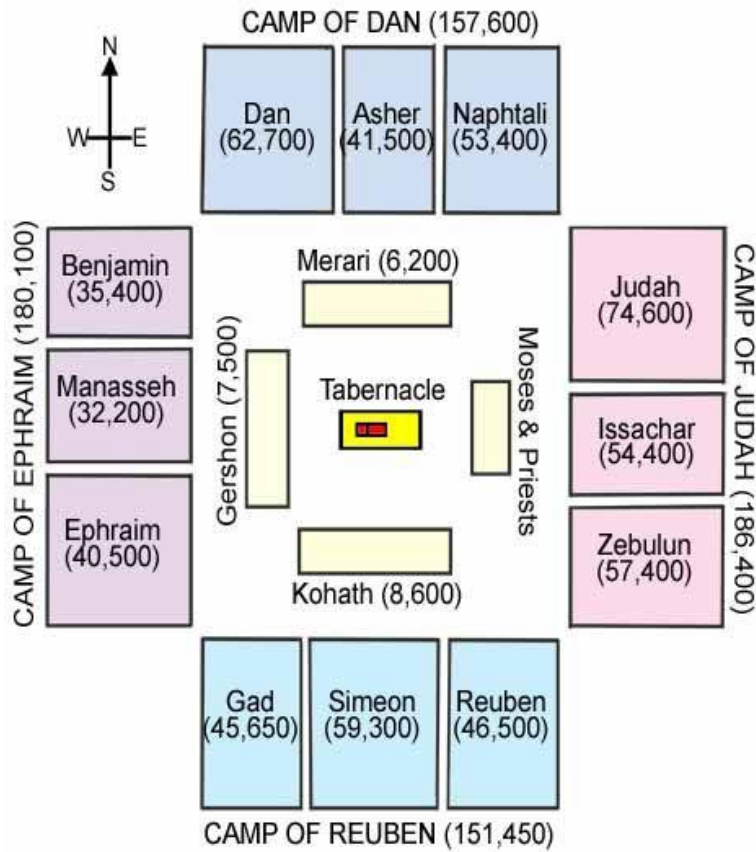
**NORTH** - Dan, Naftali, and Asher [Bnei ha'Shfachot]

As Bnei Yisrael must now travel from Har Sinai (through the desert) toward Eretz Canaan, **the basic direction of travel is eastward. Therefore the camp in the East travels first.**

It would appear that Yehuda is chosen for this direction because of his leadership qualities. Recall that he was originally chosen by Yaakov for his leadership (he took responsibility for Binyamin), and later they are known for their strong army (see Yehoshua chapters 14->15).

The group of Reuven follows (to the south), as they are the other tribes from Leah. Ephraim follows (to the west), as he leads the children of Rachel. As we would expect, the children of the "**shfachot**" (led by Dan) travel last.





## Arrangement of the Camp of Israel Numbers 2:1-3:39

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Numbers/B’midbar is about the Congregation in the Wilderness and has many lessons to teach us in today’s Messianic Movement.

**Each Tribe of Israel had a specific anointing, calling and character trait.**

**Reuben – The First**  
**Simeon – The Aggressor**  
**Levi – The Cleric**  
**Judah – The Leader**  
**Dan – The Judge**  
**Naphtali – The Free Spirit**  
**Gad – The Warrior**  
**Asher – The Prosperous One**  
**Issachar – The Torah Scholar**  
**Zebulun – The Businessperson**  
**Joseph – The Sufferer**  
**Menashe – Reconnection**  
**Ephraim – Transformation**  
**Benjamin – The Ravenous Consumer**

**Twelve tribes. Twelve paths. All necessary to reach our destination.**

**Which personality are you? What part do you need to develop?**

(Eph 4:10 TLV) The One who came down is the same One who went up far above all the heavens, in order to fill all things.

(Eph 4:11 TLV) **He Himself gave some to be emissaries, some as prophets, some as proclaimers of the Good News, and some as shepherds and teachers—**

(Eph 4:12 TLV) **to equip the kedoshim for the work of service, for building up the body of Messiah.**

(Eph 4:13 TLV) This will continue until we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of Ben-Elohim—to mature adulthood, to the measure of the stature of Messiah’s fullness.

(Eph 4:14 TLV) As a result, we are no longer to be like children, tossed around by the waves and blown all over by every wind of teaching, by the trickery of men with cunning in deceitful scheming.



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(Eph 4:15 TLV) Instead, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all ways into Messiah, who is the Head.

(Eph 4:16 TLV) **From Him the whole body is fitted and held together by every supporting ligament. The proper working of each individual part produces the body's growth, for building itself up in love.**

(Eph 4:10 AMP+) He who descended is the *very* same as He who also has ascended high above all the heavens, that He [*His presence*] might fill all things [*that is, the whole universe*]).

(Eph 4:11 AMP+) And [*His gifts to the church were varied and*] He Himself appointed some as apostles [*special messengers, representatives*], some as prophets [*who speak a new message from God to the people*], some as evangelists [*who spread the good news of salvation*], and some as pastors and teachers [*to shepherd and guide and instruct*],

These are Yeshua's gifts to the Messianic Community. Because the Greek is ambiguous, some take the two terms "**shepherds**" (pastors) and "**teachers**" to be speaking of one office-"shepherd-teachers." Pastoring and teaching are overlapping yet distinguishable skills.

**Emissaries** (apostles) found congregations. **Prophets** speak God's word. **Proclaimers of the Good News** (evangelists) communicate the Good News so that people turn from sin and accept God's forgiveness through the Messiah. **Pastors** carry on from there, discipling and counseling new and old believers in living the Messianic life. **Teachers** communicate and apply biblical truth. None is to boast about his position but to "equip God's people," as explained in [Eph 4:12-13](#). *Jewish New Testament Commentary David Stern*

Each Tribe had a placement in the Camp, A Calling, A Purpose. It is God who instructed who would do what job in the Tabernacle and around the Tabernacle. They were to stay in the order in which God had placed them.

#### **Besides the Above, Yeshua's Talmidim Leaders and His Kedoshim :**

We need to find out what our position or calling is. Not everyone is called to be Leaders, the Workers of Yeshua are greatly needed, and without them, the work of the ministry can not be accomplished. We need to stay in the position our Father has placed us in. He gives us all what we need, for what we have been called to do.

Some people are more gifted than others, however I have found in my 45+ years in serving God, when you are faithful in little, He will increase your gifts as needed, for the position He has destined you to walk in .

Once you know what your gift is, it is your responsibility to grow in that gift by using it and being faithful in the position God has placed you in, within His Spiritual Tabernacle. God is the one who promotes, self-promotion will only lead to failure. We should be serving out of our love for God and our brethren and not to make a name for ourselves. You need to perfect your gift(s)



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via study and spiritual preparation via prayer, you must be faithful and not lukewarm in your service to The Almighty.

**If you are not faithful in using the one gift that is active in your life, He will not increase the gifts. You must be faithful in little, before He makes you faithful over much.**

We are one, The Body of Messiah and when the Body parts do not function correctly, the Body will not function correctly.

Minister Scott and myself spent over 20 years serving other leaders even when we knew we were called to be Shepherds. In the process of serving others, we learned what it meant to be a leader in all aspects of ministry. As an Ordained Rabbi, I studied for several years in order to be the leader The Almighty wanted me to be. He opened the doors and gave us favor and the Vision He had for us in this life.

Every believer should write out the Vision God has given you, pray over it and be prepared to do what He has called you to do.

### **Motivational Gifts within a Congregation**

(Rom 12:3 TLV) For through the grace given me, I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of yourself than you ought to think—but to use sound judgment, as God has assigned to each person a measure of faith.

(Rom 12:4 TLV) For just as we have many parts in one body—and all the parts do not have the same function—

(Rom 12:5 TLV) so we, who are many, are one body in Messiah and everyone parts of one another.

(Rom 12:6 TLV) **We have gifts that differ according to the grace that was given to us—if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;**

**(Rom 12:7 TLV) if service, in our serving; or the one who teaches, in his teaching;**

**(Rom 12:8 TLV) or the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who gives, in generosity; the one who leads, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.**

God gives **gifts** (Greek *charismata*; see [1Co 12:8-10](#)) to all believers and **grace** (*charis*) suited to each gift. For example, the grace accompanying **leadership** is **diligence** and **zeal**. In the context of [Rom 12:3](#), it is clear that boasting about one's gifts is altogether out of place (compare [Rom 3:27](#); [1Co 1:29-31](#), [1Co 4:7](#)). Boasting kills unity.

**Prophecy**, literally, "speaking on behalf of," in this case on behalf of God: the *Ruach HaKodesh* either gives supernatural insight or makes use of one's own natural talents. Prophecy may be, but need not be, predictive.

**Counselor... comfort and exhort.** See on "*parakalô*," [Rom 12:1](#).



## **Ministry Gifts in Romans 12**

### **#1 The Gift of Prophecy**

The gift of prophecy was the ability to receive direct revelation. A prophet was one who received direct revelation from God. There are several examples of this in the Apostolic Scriptures. There were prophets in the synagogue at Antioch (Acts 13:1), Agabus (Acts 11:27-28, 21: 10-11) and the daughters of Phillip (Acts 21:8- 9). As in the Tenach a prophet needed to be tested by giving some near prophecies , which came to pass. The prophecies of Agabus and Philips daughters did come to pass, so they were proven to have the gift of prophecy.

### **#2 The Gift of Service**

Serving is a specific spiritual gift, since the office of a deacon/deaconess is a ministry of serving, one how holds the office of a deacon should have the gift of serving. Ariel Fruchtenbaum

The person with this gift has the desire to serve others unselfishly, even if it is in the background. The ministry of helps are those who also walk in this gift of service to the Community. This is a much needed gift in the local Congregation. The Congregational leaders need people who are willing to serve the Community.

### **#3 The Gift of Teaching**

Teaching is the ability to organize the truth and present it in a clear manner so that the audience understands. There are those who are gifted in teaching adults, children, youth, men, woman etc. Each needs that gift of teaching to be able to reach those they have been called to teach, whether young or old.

### **#4 The Gift of Exhortation**

This gift is the Divine ability to exhort people to apply the truth of the Word to their lives and to encourage His people to walk in obedience to the Word.

### **#5 The Gift of Giving**

Those who have this gift should use it in liberality. While everyone is responsible to give, those with this gift give in a far greater degree with joy no matter how much they have to sacrifice for the Kingdom.

### **#6 The Gift of Leadership**

This gift is to be exercised with diligence. This gift is required for those who are Elders, Pastors, Rabbis or leaders of ministries within the community. Leaders will usually function



in several of the gifts because of the great responsibility and need to operate in many different areas in ministry.

## #7. The Gift of Mercy

A special gift to be able to minister to those who are hurting, sick or needy. They have the gift to reach out to the outcasts and to go where many will not go in order to minister to the poor.

### Gifts of the Ruach

(1Co 12:1 TLV) **Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant.**

(1Co 12:2 TLV) You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed by idols that cannot speak, and you got led astray.

(1Co 12:3 TLV) **Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Ruach Elohim says, "Yeshua be cursed," and no one can say, "Yeshua is Lord," except by the Ruach ha-Kodesh.**

(1Co 12:4 TLV) Now there are **various kinds of gifts**, but the same Ruach.

(1Co 12:5 TLV) There are **various kinds of service**, but the same Lord.

(1Co 12:6 TLV) There are **various kinds of working**, but the same God who works all things in all people.

(1Co 12:7 TLV) But to each person is given the manifestation of the Ruach for the benefit of all.

(1Co 12:8 TLV) **For to one is given through the Ruach a word of wisdom, to another a word of knowledge according to the same Ruach,**

**(1Co 12:9 TLV) to another faith by the same Ruach, to another gifts of healings by the one Ruach,**

**(1Co 12:10 TLV) to another workings of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.**

(1Co 12:11 TLV) But one and the same Ruach activates all these things, distributing to each person individually as He wills.

**Things of the Spirit**, Greek *pneumatika*, not "spiritual gifts," as in some translations; although the gifts (Greek *charismata*, [1Co 12:4](#), [1Co 12:9](#), [1Co 12:28](#), [1Co 12:30](#), [1Co 12:31](#)) of the Holy Spirit are the subject of these three chapters. Sha'ul first deals with the diversity of gifts in the one body of the Messiah ([1Co 12:1-31](#)), apparently addressing the problem of people's taking pride in having this or that gift from the Spirit, or feeling inferior because they don't have it. In the "love chapter" (1Co. 12:31-1Co. 14:1) he describes the "best way" to live a Messianic life, even better than possessing spiritual gifts. Finally, in [1Co 14:1-40](#) he addresses the problem the Corinthians had with disorderly use of the gifts of the Spirit in public worship (see [1Co 11:2](#)).



Here we have the gifts of the Ruach HaKodesh classified in 1 Cor. 12.

### 3 Gifts of Revelation

- Word of Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Discerning of spirits

### 3 Gifts of Power

- Faith
- Miracles
- Healing

### 3 Gifts of Utterance

- Prophecy
- Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues

*A believer can operate in more than one of the gifts at a time depending on the anointing, need and calling upon one's life. However, to grow in the gifts, you must be faithful to use the ones you already know you have. Your gifts are for the benefit of others, not for you. Gifts are needed within every Messianic Congregation in order to be healthy and active in the work of the ministry.*

*In your mother's womb, our Father, the Creator already placed within you natural gifts, your intelligence, your personality etc. Once you are born again, He places within you, spiritual gifts which enhance the natural abilities you have for His Kingdom and His Glory.*

(Psa 139:12 AMP+) Even the darkness is not dark to You *and* conceals nothing from You, But the night shines as bright as the day; Darkness and light are alike *to You*. [Dan 2:22]

(Psa 139:13 AMP+) For You formed my innermost parts; You knit me [*together*] in my mother's womb.

(Psa 139:14 AMP+) I will give thanks *and* praise to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

(Psa 139:15 AMP+) My frame was not hidden from You, When I was being formed in secret, And intricately *and* skillfully formed [*as if embroidered with many colors*] in the depths of the earth.

(Psa 139:16 AMP+) Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; **And in Your book were all written The days that were appointed for me, When as yet there was not one of them [even**





*taking shape*].

(Psa 139:17 AMP+) How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! [Psa 40:5]

(Psa 139:18 AMP+) If I could count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.

### ***Each Congregation has a Calling and Responsibility in the Body of Messiah***

#### **To the Church in Ephesus**

**Rev 2:1** To the angel of Messiah's community in Ephesus write: "Thus says the One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks in the midst of the seven golden menorot:

**Rev 2:2** I know all about your deeds and your toil and your patient endurance, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. You have tested those who call themselves emissaries and are not, and have found them to be liars.

**Rev 2:3** You have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

**Rev 2:4** "But this I have against you, that you have forsaken your first love.

**Rev 2:5** Remember then from where you have fallen. Repent and do the deeds you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your menorah from its place—unless you repent.

**Rev 2:6** "Yet you have this going for you, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

**Rev 2:7** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Ruach is saying to Messiah's communities. To the one who overcomes, I will grant the right to eat from the Tree of Life, which is in the Paradise of God."

#### **To the Church in Smyrna**

**Rev 2:8** To the angel of Messiah's community in Smyrna write: "Thus says the First and Last, who was dead and came to life.

**Rev 2:9** I know your tribulation and your poverty (yet you are rich), as well as the slander of those who say they are Jewish and are not, but are a synagogue of satan.

[them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan] A sect in Smyrna which professed Judaism, but blasphemed God and served Satan. They were not Jews but deceivers.

**Rev 2:10** Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, so that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

**Rev 2:11** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Ruach is saying to Messiah's communities. The one who overcomes shall never be harmed by the second death."



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### To the Church in Pergamum

**Rev 2:12** To the angel of Messiah's community in Pergamum write: "Thus says the One who has the sharp two-edged sword:

**Rev 2:13** I know where you live—where satan's throne is. Yet you continue to hold firm to My name, and you did not deny your faith in Me even in the days of Antipas, My faithful witness, who was killed among you, where satan resides.

**Rev 2:14** "But I have a few things against you. You have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who was teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before Bnei-Yisrael, to eat food sacrificed to idols and to commit sexual immorality.

**Rev 2:15** Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

**Rev 2:16** Repent then! If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of My mouth.

**Rev 2:17** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Ruach is saying to Messiah's communities. To the one who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone—and written on the stone a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it."

### To the Church in Thyatira

**Rev 2:18** To the angel of Messiah's community in Thyatira write: "Thus says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire and feet like polished bronze:

**Rev 2:19** I know your deeds and your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your last deeds are greater than the first.

**Rev 2:20** "But this I have against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess—yet she is teaching and deceiving My servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

**Rev 2:21** I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her immorality.

**Rev 2:22** Behold, I will throw her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation—unless they repent of her doings.

**Rev 2:23** I will also strike her children with a deadly disease. Then all of Messiah's communities will know that I am the One who searches minds and hearts, and I will give to each of you according to your deeds.

**Rev 2:24** "But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold to this teaching and have not learned the so-called 'deep things' of satan—I place on you no other burden.

**Rev 2:25** Only hold firm to what you have until I come.

**Rev 2:26** To the one who overcomes and guards My deeds until the end, 'I will give him authority over the nations

**Rev 2:27** and he shall rule them with an iron rod, as when clay pots are broken into pieces.'

**Rev 2:28** Even as I have received from My Father, so I will give him the morning star.

**Rev 2:29** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Ruach is saying to Messiah's communities."



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### To the Church in Sardis

**Rev 3:1** To the angel of Messiah's community in Sardis write: "Thus says the One having the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your deeds—you have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead.

**Rev 3:2** Wake up, and strengthen what remains that was about to die. For I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of My God.

**Rev 3:3** So remember what you have received and heard—keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you.

**Rev 3:4** "But still, you have a few people in Sardis who have not stained their clothes. They will walk with Me in white, because they are worthy.

**Rev 3:5** The one who overcomes thus will be dressed in white clothes; I will never blot his name out of the Book of Life, and will confess his name before My Father and His angels.

**Rev 3:6** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Ruach is saying to Messiah's communities.

### To the Church in Philadelphia

**Rev 3:7** To the angel of Messiah's community in Philadelphia write: "Thus says the Holy One, the True One, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens:

**Rev 3:8** I know your deeds. Behold, I have set before you an open door that no one is able to shut—because you have little power, but you have kept My word and have not denied My name.

**Rev 3:9** Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of satan—who say they are Jewish and are not, but lie—behold, I will cause them to come and bow down before your feet, so that they acknowledge that I have loved you!

**Rev 3:10** "Because you have kept My word about patient endurance, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is coming upon the whole world to test those who dwell on the earth.

**Rev 3:11** I am coming soon—hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown.

**Rev 3:12** The one who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the Temple of My God, and he will never leave it. And on him I will write the name of My God and the name of the city of My God—the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God—and My own new Name.

**Rev 3:13** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Ruach is saying to Messiah's communities."

### To the Church in Laodicea

**Rev 3:14** To the angel of Messiah's community in Laodicea write: "Thus says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Originator of God's creation:

**Rev 3:15** I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. Oh, that you were either cold or hot!



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**Rev 3:16** So because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spew you out of My mouth.

**Rev 3:17** For you say, ‘I am rich, I have made myself wealthy, and I need nothing.’ But you do not know that you are miserable and pitiable and poor and blind and naked.

**Rev 3:18** I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white clothes so that you may dress yourself and so the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed, and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

**Rev 3:19** Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline. Therefore, be zealous and repent.

**Rev 3:20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

**Rev 3:21** To the one who overcomes I will grant the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I myself overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

**Rev 3:22** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Ruach is saying to Messiah’s communities.”

**Twelve tribes. Twelve paths, callings. All necessary to reach our destination.**

**Which personality are you? What part, gift do you need to develop?**

**May we discover our path, our calling and live up to it. And may that help us reach the time — at the end of days - when we will gain clarity as to what are place is, in the Body of Messiah.**