

# MILA YOMIT: THE TORAH, WORD BY WORD

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MILA YOMIT 35: **וַיַּבְדֵּל בֵּין הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר**

(VA'YAVDEL BEIN HA'MAYIM) ASHER

Breisheet 1:7

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CONTEXT: We are in Breisheet 1:7. In the previous verse, ELOHIM Said”Let There Be A Firmament In The Midst Of The Waters, and Let It Divide Between Water And Water’.

This verse describes the actualization of this directive through the ELOHIM’s act of Assiya-Doing : **וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הַרְקִיעַ**-  
VA'YAAS ELOHIM ET HA'RAQIYAA- And ELOHIM Made The Firmament.

The unfolding continues:

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MILOT CHOZROT: Repeating Words-

**וַיַּבְדֵּל** VA'YAVDEL: And Separated (MILA 24)

**בֵּין** BEIN: Between (MILA 25)

**הַמַּיִם** HA'MAYIM: The Waters (MILA 17)

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MILA CHADASHAH-New Word:

**אֲשֶׁר** ASHER:

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## OTIOT:LETTERS and Numerical Value

א ALEPH -unity. Numeric 1

ש SHIN-fire. Numeric 300

ר REISH - consciousness. Numeric 200

Numerical value = 501.

See here for a basic presentation on Gematria-Mathematical value of the letters. Related to 'geometry'

<http://www.inner.org/gematria/gemchart.htm>

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### MEANING and RELATED WORDS:

אֲשֶׁר ASHER is a pronoun which means 'which, that, which that, who'. It is also a conjunction that means 'in order that'.

Klein's in his extraordinary etymology explains that:

"According to most scholars these words were originally nouns meaning 'trace, place' and related to Arabic *-athira* to leave a traces, *ithr*-trace, place." (P. 59)

בְּאֲשֶׁר -B'ASHER means 'where, wherever' 'because' regarding, as to, since'

כְּאֲשֶׁר -KA'ASHER means 'when, whenever' 'and if'.

מֵאֲשֶׁר -ME'ASHER means 'from, because of, since'

אֲשֶׁר-ASHER as a verb has three meanings: 'to walk straight, to walk', 'to be happy', 'to strengthen, confirm'.

אֲשֶׁר-OSHER is a M. Noun which means 'happiness' and is connected to אֲשֶׁרִי-ASHREI-happy is, blessed is'.

Leah's handmaiden, Zilpah's second son with Jacob was named Asher: "It is is my happiness." (Gen. 30:12)

ASHREI: 'blessed be, happy is' is most famously found the beginning of Psalm 84: ASHrei Yoshvei Beitecha:Happy Are Those Who Dwell In Your House"

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CONCEPTUAL MEANING:

אֲשֶׁר is used here as a preposition used to denote something about the water mentioned in the phrase. "The waters which were..."

Joseph Mark Cohen, a mystical astrologer, sent me this beautiful and helpful teaching on ASHER

"A moroccan kabbalist who was my neighbor in Rosh Pinah during the summer of 1975 pointed out that this little word

" אֲשֶׁר asher" is code for the three words: אֶרֶץ-ARETZ-Earth,

שָׁמַיִם-SHAMAYIM-Heaven & שָׁמַיִם-RAQIYAA-Stratified

Atmosphere."

The need to separate and divide in order to create seems to be a developing theme. We will need to enter a little further into this verse to come to a fuller understanding of its significance.

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## VA'YAVDEL BEIN HA'MAYIM ASHER:

THE Divine Mind continues to unfold the creation, dividing, separating, defining, describing and locating everything into its place. The waters of life are being so directed. We will soon see to where and what for.

May we come to know fully that -ASHER:which we are created for. Itzchak.

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