

TEHILLIM TALKS

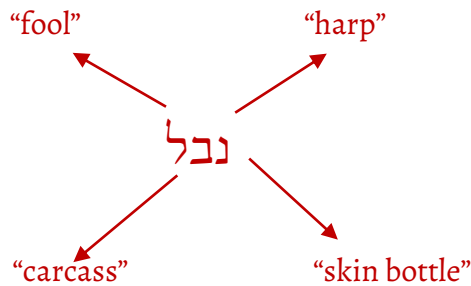
Psalm 81

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith.

Of Asaph.

1-7

Sing aloud to God our strength; blow [the shofar] for joy to the God of Jacob! ² Raise up a song and sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the **harp**.



³ Blow the shofar on the new moon, **at the veiling** [בכסה, *b'ceseh*] [of the moon], on our feast day. ⁴ For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob. ⁵ He made it a testimony in **Joseph** [יהוסף, *Yehoseph*] when He went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a language I had not known: ⁶ "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the hod." ⁷ In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah." *Selah*

"Joseph" = יוסף + ה = יהוסף = "Yehoseph"

8-16

"Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to Me! ⁹ There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god. ¹⁰ I am Adonai your God, who brought you **up** out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. ¹¹ "But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me. ¹² So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. ¹³ Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways! ¹⁴ I would soon subdue their enemies and turn My hand against their foes. ¹⁵ Those who hate Adonai would deny Him, and their time will be *le'olam*. ¹⁶ But He will feed him with the finest of the wheat, and from the rock I will satisfy you with honey."

REFERENCES:

Verse 2

1Samuel 1:24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin (נבל, *neivel*) of wine ...

Jeremiah 13:12 “You shall speak to them this word: ‘Thus says Adonai, the God of Israel, “Every skin (נבל, *neival*) shall be filled with wine.” And they will say to you, ‘Do we not indeed know that every skin (נבל, *neivel*) will be filled with wine?’”

Leviticus 11:39 “And if any animal which you may eat dies, whoever touches its carcass (נבלה, *naveilah*) shall be unclean until the evening.”

Deuteronomy 28:26 And your carcasses (נבלה, *naveilah*) shall be food for all birds of the air ...

Verse 3

Proverbs 12:23 A prudent man conceals (כסה, *casah*) knowledge ...

Verse 5

Genesis 41:45 ... Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

b.Rosh Hashanah 10b: ... *on Rosh HaShana Sarah, Rachel, and Hannah were remembered by God and conceived; on Rosh HaShana Joseph came out from prison.*

b.Sotah 36b: *Rav Hana bar Bizna says that Rabbi Shimon Hasida says: Joseph, who sanctified the name of Heaven in private, had one letter of the name of the Holy One, Blessed be He, the letter hei [ה], added to his name. Whereas in the case of Judah, who sanctified the name of Heaven in public at the Red Sea during the exodus from Egypt, merited that his entire name is called by the name of the Holy One, Blessed be He, as the entire four-letter name of God can be found within Judah's name. [“Judah” = יהודה]*

Verse 7

Exodus 17:2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test Adonai?”

Numbers 20:13 These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with Adonai ...

Verse 10

Exodus 20:2 “I am Adonai your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

Verse 12

Proverbs 1:31-32 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and have their fill of their own devices. For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them.