The Aleph Tav in the Torah

If we want to understand something, many times we must go beyond the surface level. In Jewish thought, there are four levels of scriptural interpretation:

- (1) Peshat שַּׁשֵׁב The literal translation
- (2) Remez בֱמֶּז An allusion or a hint
- (3) Derash שַקַּק Homiletical or interpretative
 - (4) Sod 710 Secret

When it comes to studying the scriptures, we must take the **2 Timothy 2:15** approach: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

- **Proverbs 25:2**—conceal-סְתַּבר can also mean to "keep secret"; matter- זָּבָּר a word; to search out-
 - **Revelation 1:8**—the Aleph and the Tav
 - John 1:1—The Word existed from the very beginning
 - Genesis 1:1-- וְצֵּרֶץ הָשָׁמַיִם מָת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְצֵת הָאָרֶץ

This is the occurrence that will set the standard for our study today.

God created through Yeshua the Heavens and the Earth. Is there scripture to back this up? **John**1:1-3, Colossians 1:16-17 and Revelation 22:13.

Who gave the promise to the patriarchs?

Genesis 17:8—Also I give to you and your descendants after you אַת the land in which you are a stranger, אַת all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

This is a promise of salvation to all those who come to faith through Yeshua (Galatians 3:26-29 and Romans 9:7-9) and that He will be our God (John 20: 27-28 and 2 Peter 1:1-4)

- <u>The promise is given to Abraham</u>: Genesis 21:5—Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son את Isaac was born to him. Hebrews 11:17-19
- <u>The promise is given to Isaac:</u> Genesis 26:4—And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants אַ all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.
 - <u>The promise is given to Jacob:</u> Genesis 28:15— Behold, I *am* with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.
- Exodus 23:31—And I will set your bounds from the Red Sea to the sea, Philistia, and from the desert to the River. For I will deliver אַל the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you.

Who is the one guaranteeing the promise? **Ezekiel 47:14**.

Who is in charge of what will occur in the end of days?

Genesis 49:1—And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you אַת what shall befall you in the last days:" Isaiah 46:10.

The mighty works of the Lord in Egypt were done through Yeshua

- Exodus 4:15—Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you shall do.
- v. 28—So Moses told Aaron אַת all the words of the LORD who had sent him, זְאֵת and all the signs which He had commanded him.
- v. 30—And Aaron spoke אַת all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses. Then he did the signs in the sight of the people.
 - Exodus 10:2—and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son אַת the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD."

"The mighty things I have done"--Dealt ruthlessly, to put forth all one's power, to set in action.

Acts 7:35-36.

• Exodus 14:25—And He took off אֵת their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

The words the people promised to obey came through Yeshua

- Exodus 19:7—So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them אַת all these words which the LORD commanded him.
 - Exodus 24:3—So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do."
 - Deuteronomy 4:6—Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear אַת all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' Malachi 1:6, Luke 6:46.

Who spoke the words of the Commandments?

- **Exodus 20:1**—And God spoke אָת all these words, saying:
- Exodus 20:7—You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless את who takes His name in vain.
- **Exodus 34:28**—So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets אַל the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

• Exodus 34:34—But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel אַת whatever he had been commanded.

The Lord your God

- Exodus 23:25—So you shall serve אַל the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.
- **Deuteronomy 6:5**—You shall love אַת the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.
- **Deuteronomy 11:1**—Therefore you shall love אָה the LORD your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always. **Deuteronomy 10:16**—Therefore circumcise אָר the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer

Who did the men see?

• Exodus 24:10—and they saw אַה the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. Ezekiel 1:26

All aspects of the Tabernacle/Temple point to Yeshua

- **Exodus 29:39**—One lamb you shall offer in the morning, אָאָת and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight.
 - Exodus 31:6—And I, indeed I, have appointed with him אַת Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you:
 - **Exodus 35:14**—also the lampstand for the light, its utensils, its lamps, מָאֵת and the oil for the light;
- **Leviticus 4:21**—Then he shall carry the bull outside the camp, and burn it as he burned אַת the first bull. It *is* a sin offering for the assembly.
 - Numbers 19:9--

Who drove the inhabitants from the Promised Land?

- Exodus 34:11—Observe אָת what I command you this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. "Observe (guard) for yourself that which I command you today."
 - Numbers 21:25—So Israel took אַת all these cities, and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon and in all its villages.
- **Deuteronomy 1:4**—after he had killed אַת Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edrei.
- Deuteronomy 30:7—Also the LORD your God will put אָת all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. (In the Hebrew, the אָמ is after "Lord your God"

Yeshua is our Jubilee

• Leviticus 25:10—And you shall consecrate אַת the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family. Isaiah 61:1-2

Yeshua is our kinsman redeemer

 Leviticus 25:25—If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold some of his possession, and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem ** what his brother sold.

Who is Moses interceding to for the people?

Deuteronomy 9:25—Thus I prostrated myself before the LORD אֵל, forty days and forty nights I kept prostrating myself, because the LORD had said He would destroy you. 1 John 2:1-2

We are not to take away from Yeshua's words

- **Deuteronomy 12:28**—Observe and obey אַת all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do *what is* good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.
- **Deuteronomy 12:32**—אַת Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it. **Revelation 22:19**

Who is this Prophet like Moses?

- **Deuteronomy 18:18**—I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them אַת all that I command Him.
- Deuteronomy 18:20—But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name אָת, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

The promises of God extend to us through Yeshua

• **Deuteronomy 29:15**—but with *him* who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, as well as with *him* who *is* not here with us today