

The Judge Dan

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Preface

A few weeks ago we were pressed upon to talk in one of our family meetings about Dan, one of the sons of our father Jacob / Israel. Previously we did not consider Dan too much. His life and the prophecies concerning him, seemed to us somewhat obscure. Nevertheless the revelations we received were far reaching and we were called upon to write them down.

Although we give all the credit of this paper to our Father, it is proper to mention here that my daughter Fanny has helped me with the Spirit of her heart to make this manuscript more readable for you. Her editing as well as her suggestions and additions of anecdotes have given this intensely beautiful revelation an extra brilliance.

Dan has been one of the most misunderstood and disliked sons of Jacob. He was the first to embrace idol worship and was not named amongst the 144,000 in Revelation 7. There is a negative connotation about Dan in almost all the places in the Scriptures where he is mentioned. Some sources even claim that out of Dan the antichrist will arise. As we investigate him and his tribe, we will come to see that although in his life he became the lowest of the low, in the end he will be risen up to soar above all.

We pray this paper will be a blessing to you.

Ephesians 1:17 *“That the Elohim of our Master Yahshua Messiah, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.”*

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Who was Dan?

Dan was the fifth son of Jacob and the first of Bilhah, Rachels handmaid.

The name ‘Dan’ means *judge* and it is the prevailing thought that Rachel, who named him Dan, did so out of the belief that she had done something wrong, as a kind of self condemnation because of her envy towards her sister Leah, who already had 4 boys with Jacob, as well as because of her apparent impatience to bear children. These reasons may have been the case for her, because the judges of old were those who exercised the law and she may have been conscious of her sin, hence her son’s name. However, it is not really important to know what Rachel’s personal reasons were to name her son ‘Dan’, but it is interesting to learn from our Father His reason for naming him ‘Dan’ as He is our Sovereign and Giver of names. This we will learn from the Old Biblical Hebrew

language, a language of expressing thoughts with pictures. Each letter expresses a picture and more pictures together form a so called 'word picture' which illustrates that what is named¹.

In relation to Dan there are two Hebrew words used to describe the word 'judge' or 'to judge'. The first is 'dân', which we will explain now, and the second is 'shâphat', which we will explain on page 6 of this paper.

The word 'Dan' is in the Hebrew language a two letter word. It is Strong's 1835 דן דן "judge". The word picture tells us the following:

ד Dalet	Symbolic meaning: <u>pathway</u> , to enter
	Literal meaning: Door
ן Noon	Symbolic meaning: activity, <u>life</u>
	Literal meaning: fish

The word picture shows the meaning of the word דן דן, which is: **'the pathway to life'**.

Therefore, a judge is one who expresses or shows 'the pathway to life'. In fact, when Rachel "called" her son "Dan" she said in reality: 'He is the expression of the pathway to life'. He is not himself the 'door' or the 'pathway' but he is the physical outworking of it.

Thus Dan, or the 'judge', is **'the pathway to Life'**. This is the purpose of a judge, namely to facilitate people to walk on a pathway to a destiny, to life. This pathway is the movement towards life. This pathway is the ex-pression or outworking of THE DOOR of LIFE, which is Yahshua.

The numeric value² of DAN דן דן confirms his purpose and destiny.

ד Dalet = 4, ן Noon = 50, Totals 54

1. The number 50 represents jubilee or deliverance and rest, the number 4 is the number of creation. Thus, Dan gives 'deliverance and rest to creation'... is this not the purpose of the Judge?

Judges 2:16 "Nevertheless YaHWaH raised up judges, who delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them."

2. Looking at the digits 5 and 4. Five (5) is the number of grace and four (4), as we have seen, is the number of creation. Thus 54 shows here 'grace to creation'.

¹ Hebrew Scholar Dr. Frank T. Seekings explains in his book "Hebrew Word Pictures" that all the 22 Hebrew characters of the 'alefbet' are pictures, much like in Chinese and in ancient Egyptian. Two or more of these pictures describe a word, which together forms a 'Word Picture'. For instance, the Hebrew word for knowledge has three letters דן דן דן (de-ah), Dalet door, Ayin the eye, see, understand and Hey, what comes from. The word picture tells us that knowledge is: "that what results when you pass through the door of the eye" (to see and understand).

² See for detailed information on numbers e.g. in the book 'Number in Scripture' by E.W.Bullinger

Webster defines grace in many ways, one of which is ‘a state of reconciliation to God’. When the Judges in Israel are restored, Israel will become reconciled to YaHWaH and be once again called the city of righteousness.

Isaiah 1:26 “And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.”

3. The sum of the two digits 5 and 4 is 9. Nine is the number of finality/conclusion/end or judgment.
4. Lastly, we can see that 54 is the factor of 6 and 9. Six is the number of the imperfect man, whilst nine is the number of ‘finality/conclusion/end or judgment’. Hence the number 54 represent the ‘end of imperfect man’. This is the purpose of Dan, ‘the pathway to Life’, namely that the imperfect man in Israel is made whole.

We have earlier mentioned that Dan was the *fifth* son of his father Jacob and the *first* son of Bilhah. This indicates that he will be instrumental in extending *Grace* (5) from YaHWaH within the Israel family, as well as to *unite* (1) them.

Let us now consider the name of his mother Bilhah who gave him birth. Her name is in the Hebrew בִּלְהָהּ bilhâh. It is Strong’s 1090 ‘timid’. It is from 1089 בִּלְהַ and because it is a feminine name it attracts an additional (ה) Hey.

ב Bet	Symbolic meaning: household, in, into, family, <u>within</u> Literal meaning: House, Tent.
ל Lamed	Symbolic meaning: control, authority, the tongue. Literal meaning: cattle goad. <u>shepherds staff</u>
ה Hey	Symbolic meaning: ‘the’, <u>to reveal</u> Literal meaning: behold

The word picture shows the meaning of Bilhah (בִּלְהָהּ) which is: **‘the shepherd’s staff revealed within’**.

Thus, Bilhah gave birth or revealed Dan as the shepherd’s staff within. Dan is destined to be: ‘The staff or the tool that will lead the sheep in the direction the shepherd wants them to go’

In the names, Dan & Bilhah we thus see illustrated the task of a judge, an office destined to the tribe of Dan.

Dan's Character

The character of Dan is best illustrated and understood in the 'Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs'³. A major event in the life of Dan was the capture and sale of his brother Joseph and in his testament he tells us how he dealt with this.

When we read Dan's account we are horrified to learn that he admitted to the fact that in his heart he rejoiced in the death of Joseph and that, through the spirit of anger, he wanted to suck Joseph's blood.

Testament of Dan 1:8,9 *"This is the spirit of anger that persuaded me that as a leopard sucks the blood of a kid, so I should suck the blood of Joseph."*

Dan was driven in his young life by falsehood and anger which, he tells us, made him blind. These were his weaknesses and yet through these dark weaknesses he was brought into light, as his admonition to his clan shows;

Testament of Dan 1:2-3 *"Sons of Dan, hear my words; give heed to what is uttered by the mouth of your father. I have made proof in my heart and in my life that truth with honest dealing is good and well pleasing to YaHWaH, while falsehood and anger are evil because they instruct mankind thoroughly in every evil."*

Dan shows spiritual understanding of the transformation of human nature through three elements, of which he testifies in his document. These are 1. the admonition of his sin, 2. his understanding of the pathology of anger and 3. the subsequent instructions to his sons. By 'making proof of the truth' in honest dealing, he witnesses of the character of YaHWaH.

In chapter 5 of The Testament of Dan we read about how his descendants will practice many evil deeds and yet, they will turn back to YaHWaH and receive mercy at His hand and; *"He will lead you into His holy place, proclaiming peace to you"* (verse 9). In the very following verse it states that Dan will be victorious.

Testament of Dan 5:10 *"...He will grant the vengeance of victory as our goal."*

Dan's final admonitions to his children were these:

Testament of Dan 6:8-11 *"Keep yourselves from every evil work, my children, and cast aside anger and every lie; love truth and patience. What you have heard from your father pass on to your children, so that the Father of nations may accept you. For he is true and patient, lowly and humble, exemplifying by his actions the Law of YaHWaH. Forsake all unrighteousness and cling to the righteousness of the law of YaHWaH. And bury me near my fathers."*

It is evident from Dan's testament that his character has been raised from the depths of evil to the heights of victory. This being a true testament, it provides us with a blueprint

³ You can read or download the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs from the worldwide web:
<http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/patriarchs-charles.html>

for Dan's descendants, a pattern of instruction in the principles of judging, a prophesy that in going through a life of depths they will be risen and formed into Judges for the Most High.

The Judge

The task of the judges in general is to lead the people on to *'the pathway to Life'* and this has been fulfilled up till the present day in the physical sense of the word, that is, the judges apply the Law towards submitting people to its requirements, their compliance to its intent or indeed leading them to their destiny, which is the end of the Law. However the Judges who have authority at the inauguration of the age to come have the task to assist the spirit man in his transformation or on his *'pathway to Life'*. In other words, the Judges of the passing order were dealing with the flesh man, whilst the Judges of the New Order are dealing with the Spirit man. This will be the task of Dan.

Genesis 49:16 *"Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel."*

The Judges of the old order enforce flesh man to comply with the Law. The Judges of the new order accommodate and facilitate the man within, the spirit man, to consummate the law, as we are spirit,

Romans 8:9 *"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit...."*

The purpose of our life here on this earth is to have this truth revealed in our flesh, so that the flesh is brought down and our true identity, our Spirit, becomes known. This is also the purpose of the Law. The Law is subject to the flesh man and man made liable to the Law. The Law was made for man, man was not made for the Law. Furthermore the culmination, completion or climax of the Law is that it convicts the flesh. It is the One who made the Law for man who will condemn the flesh to death, death to the perception of self, which is an illusion.

It is man's true identity, Spirit man, Father within, who reveals His Sovereign power to flesh man. When this revelation comes to man, man's awareness of not being able to comply with the law, increases. This is the fate for flesh man, the experience of pain, suffering and ultimate death. However, there is victory for flesh man as, once his Spirit identity is revealed, the judgment is complete, he has finished his *'pathway to Life'* and his corrupt flesh will be made incorrupt through Yahshua and united with the Father. This Victory is not made by man, but by the Sovereign Power within man, who will be glorified in the flesh. It is at this point that the Law itself, perfect as it is, defining both Good and Evil, is consummated and is established as His Glory in the flesh.

This is the process that all the children of Israel will undergo on their *'pathway to Life'*. It is a process of Judgment that starts the moment one is born, but accelerates rapidly as the heart becomes circumcised. As The Law convicts, the pain increases and then the Judges of Dan can be instrumental to bring the people to the next step, namely to further lead their mind down so that it can be filled with the spirit of the Heart.

The result of this marvelous work is the entering of Israel into the Kingdom and finally being called ‘The City of Righteousness’.

Isaiah 1:26 “*And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, the city of righteousness, the faithful city.*”

The Word ‘Shâphat’

As previously noted, there are 2 Hebrew words that describe the word ‘Judge’. The first being ‘dân’ and the second ‘shâphat’. It is the latter that we will now discuss.

The word is: שפחט ‘shâphat’ it is Strong’s 8199: A primitive root; to *judge*, that is, pronounce *sentence* (for or against).

To gain a fuller understanding of what the Scriptures mean when this word for ‘Judge’ or ‘Judging’ is used, we need to look into what the Hebrew letters tell us about this word: ‘shâphat’.

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| ש Sheen | Symbolic meaning: to consume, to destroy, <u>to devour</u>
Literal meaning: teeth |
| פ Pey | Symbolic meaning: to speak, a word, to open
Literal meaning: mouth, <u>‘the beginning, like a river’</u> |
| ח Tet | Symbolic meaning: <u>to surround</u>
Literal meaning: snake, surround |

The word *judge* ‘shâphat’ therefore means: **‘to surround the beginning and devour it’**.

What needs to be devoured for us to enter into the Kingdom? It is that which is the precursor of ‘death’ namely ‘Sin’.

Romans 6:23 “*For the wages of sin is death*”

If there was no sin there would be no death, so it is the purpose of the judge to accommodate each and every one of us on our **‘pathway to Life’** to consume Sin and thus to consume Death. The process of eliminating sin/death has already been accomplished by Yahshua and, as Scripture promises, will also be completely ratified within us.

1Corinthians 15:26 “*The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*”

By surrounding or encircling the sin/weakness and then by returning to the origin thereof, the sin will be devoured. This is true repentance, a repentance that will bring you into joy.

In order for this process to be worked out within you, you will be made ready to face your weakness. The New Order Judge (Father in Him) causes you to concentrate on the pain caused by sin and the sin itself. This unresolved element in your life is the link of your mind awareness that connects with the energy from your heart, which is Spirit. It is as if your mind awareness causes your memory to go back to the beginning, back to

‘before time began’. However it is not your mind awareness, nor is it your ‘mind’ memory, but it is the memory of your Heart, your Spirit, Father in you that causes you to go back to the beginning. This memory of the Heart, this returning to your origins, unveils your Heart and the unveiled Heart tells you your true identity, which is Spirit and you start to realize Father’s Sovereignty within⁴ you.

In this process of “devouring” you will ‘see’ that your sin is a force coming from your heart and expressed by your flesh without the awareness of His Sovereign power within. In other words: Sin is a desire from your heart, but because your heart is veiled, the Spirit is covered, hence you perceive and express the desire on a flesh level which is Lust. In the process of devouring/destroying sin, you will ‘see’ that your enemy, whether in sin or in person, inside or outside your body, is your enemy within..., within your mind... your flesh...and... is the expression of Father, because He wills it so. When you see the Father in your enemy then you see the LIGHT and your sin is no longer known. This summarizes the process of judgment, the task of a judge, resulting in bringing you back (or should we say forward?) to the beginning, before time began.

Mat 18:3 *“And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”*

The fact that our life in the flesh is a downward pathway is further witnessed in the Scriptures.

Ecclesiastes 7:1 *“A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.”*

This process of ‘overcoming’ is not accomplished by the works of the flesh but by revelation of the Father, the Spirit within. This we have seen illustrated in the word ‘shâphat’, *to judge* as 3 steps to the unveiling Spirit man.

1. The encircling of the sin/weakness of flesh man calling to remembrance, through the pain of encircling, the beginning/origin.
2. Being revealed one’s true origin/identity as the Spirit of Father in a flesh body.
3. Resulting in the sin/weakness being devoured, consumed or internalized by Spirit man. Man has now ‘overcome’ his sin.

It is the destiny of every Israelite to come to this point of flesh understanding, that by dying, being brought low, he finds Life and is lifted up to his true Spirit identity. Yahshua, as the first of the firstfruits and our example, went through this same process of judgment and came through victorious. This process culminated for Him at Gethsemane where He took upon Him the sin of us all at which point He said;

Mat 26:39 *And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.*

⁴ Please be mindful that the connection that our Father makes with us through the unveiling of the Heart is made possible only through Yahshua. Students, confronted with the sovereignty of our Father within, may be led to think otherwise because of their perception of ‘self’. We cannot overemphasize that, Yahshua is the Door to the spirit realm and He is the only Door, without Him no flesh man can enter.

Yahshua was brought to the lowest point in His Life, by feeling (encircling) the totality of human sin. Having become 'human' in all aspects He said: ***"not as I will"***, indicating that He too came to the point, that He thought, as flesh man, to have a 'will'. He too was part of the illusion of a 'self will' and now He denied it⁵. As He took upon Himself all our sins, and became sin for us, He was drawn to His beginning as He, as a Spirit man, sought the will of His Father, illustrated in the fact that He said: ***"as thou wilt"***. Knowing His true origin, all the sins of Israel were internalized and devoured by Him who could do so because He was Spirit. He became the fullness of our Sin and ... completed it by the fullness of His Spirit. Because of His sinless flesh life He could legally open resurrected life for Himself⁶ and it is through that very act that we **WILL** have perfect life in the flesh as we already have in the Spirit.

Dan exemplified this process of judgment for us at the end of his life. By 'encircling' (U) his anger towards his brother Joseph, he found his 'beginning' (D): TRUTH. By seeing the TRUTH in the looking glass of Sin, his spirit of jealousy, he perfectly analysed the pathology of his anger and his sin was 'devoured' (W). The result being that he was granted patience by Father, having seen the Light. This experience of going from darkness to light qualified Dan to become a Judge in Israel. He can now lead others.

The life of Jacob also illustrates this same process. Jacob went through his dark night when he fought with the angel at Peniel. He faced his weakness of 'supplanting' and when it was fully consumed he entered into light.

Genesis 32:24; *"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day ."*

We suggest that Jacob wrestled with himself as 'spirit man'. He saw the face of Father in his enemy and brother Esau (Genesis 33:10) and because Father revealed to him his true identity Jacob 'saw' his beginning. His weakness was consumed and he entered into the Light.

YaHWaH Uses the Weak

From Dan's testament we have been able to understand a little of his character. He was brought very low by his sins of anger and falsehood and by 'learning' about the ONE origin of the many dark corners of these weaknesses, he overcame. Through this ONE origin, the power of YaHWaH, he devoured his carnal nature.

Our Heavenly Father works in this realm of time and space with opposites or dualities. Man's fall is in the same proportion as his restoration. So the depth of our vices as a

⁵ While Yahshua in His Life witnessed that He of Himself had no will: John 5:30 *"I can of mine own self do nothing"*, He needed, according to His own Law to die as a lamb (flesh perception) without blemish, to become Sin for us all and to become part of the perception/illusion of a 'self will'.

⁶ John 10:18 *"I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again"*

flesh man is in proportion to the height of our virtues in our Spirit awareness. Thus Dan was brought from the depth of anger and falsehood to the height of patience and truth.

Dan as a flesh man, ensnared in nets of deceit, ruled by the spirit of anger, wishing to see his brother dead, could never have known that through these depths of evil a wonderful destiny was set out for him. Through the revelation or unveiling of his Heart he experienced the freedom of truth, the virtue of patience and the joy of leading others to Life. This was the metamorphosis of Dan from a flesh man into his spiritual destiny, Judge in Israel.

This is very important to understand. In the flesh we cannot serve YaHWaH, let alone our people. In order to become a Judge, Dan had to be brought down very low, and then his carnality had to be completely internalized or consumed and thereby destroyed in order to judge as he 'hears from Father alone' without carnality.

Father did a mighty and miraculous work in Dan to prepare him and his tribe for this most wonderful of destinies.

The life of Dan truly shows that no flesh shall glory in His presence and that YaHWaH chooses the weak to confound the mighty.

1Cor. 1:29 *"That no flesh should glory in His presence."*

1Cor. 1:27 *"But Elohim hath chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise and Elohim has chosen the weak of the world to put to shame the strong."*

Samson the Danite

To further illustrate that Father uses the weakest and the most sinful amongst us to reach to the supreme height of their destiny, we can look at the life of Samson, the Danite. Not only did Father counter balance Samson's personal weakness, He does this also on a national scale with His people Israel.

Deuteronomy 7:7 *"YaHWaH did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more numerous than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples,"*

The name 'Samson' means *'Like the Sun'*. His father's name was 'Manoah' which means *'Rest'*. These names show us that it was Samson's destiny to become; *'Like the Sun'* that is, to become 'enlightened' with His Spirit, 'unveiled' through the overcoming of the flesh, and in this returning to his origins finding *'Rest'* in his Father, in YaHWaH.

It is most interesting to note that Samson, of the tribe of Dan, was the last of the 14 Judges (Samuel was rejected) of Israel and he judged for 20 years.

Fourteen is 2x7, which means ***'the difference*** or ***duality*** (2 = man&woman = good and evil = flesh and spirit = right and left, etc.), ***has come into spiritual perfection*** (7)?

Twenty is 2x10, which means the difference or duality (2) has come into the perfection of the Divine order (10)?

The number 2 (difference or duality) is the first number by which we can *divide* another⁷. The difference may be for *good* or for *evil*; hence the number Two is ‘the number of this realm’, the realm of time and space (time and space are inseparable, there is no time without space and no space without time) So, the twenty (20) years that Samson, the 14th Judge, judged Israel symbolizes: ‘this realm of time and space comes into the perfection of the Divine Order through the perfected man’. This is Israel’s ‘pathway to Life’

Samson was Judge during the Philistine domination. In Scriptures, the Philistines are symbolic of the flesh. And did not Samson himself ever have a battle with his flesh during his lifetime...! We can read his full story in the book of Judges Chapters 13-16. However like his forefather Dan, he overcame his flesh in the end through the power of YaHWaH.

The life of Samson and the events he experienced are symbolic and prophetic. We would like to explain only a few of them to illustrate the wrestle Samson had with his flesh and the victory he was given.

In the account of Samson we read that he desired a woman of the uncircumcised Philistines to wife. Samson’s parents were grieved at this desire, however it was all according to YaHWaH’s plan as we read in the following verse;

Judges 14:4 *“However, his father and mother did not know that it was of Yahwah, that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines were ruling over Israel.”*

As we read of the events leading up to Samson’s marriage we find some very interesting points for consideration. Samson went with his parents to Timnath and a young lion roared against him;

Judges 14:5 *“Then Samson went down to Timnath with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnath, and saw a young lion came roaring at him.”*

The lion, pictured in this verse, represents the ‘devil’, which is in fact our carnal/human nature.

1 Peter 5:8 *“Be sober, watch, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”*

It is the purpose of a lion to devour. In like manner our human nature will devour our flesh and it is this human nature or the devil or the adversary, the tool of Father, that is overcome by the Spirit of YaHWaH within us. Those who can ‘see’ this are very blessed. This important lesson is portrayed in the story of the life of Samson. He overcame his lion / human nature not by the power of his flesh but rather by the power of Father within him. This is beautifully illustrated in the following verse.

⁷ E.W. Bullinger *“Number in Scripture”*

Judges 14:6 *“And the Spirit came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father and his mother what he had done.”*

It was because the Spirit of YaHWaH came upon him that he could rent the lion, thus symbolically rending his human nature. To confirm this we read that ‘he had nothing in his hand’, thus he had no weapon. The Spirit of YaHWaH was his weapon and it was by His Spirit that he overcame his adversary, his human nature, not by his own strength.

In dropping down a few verses we read of an extraordinary phenomenon;

Judges 14:8,9 *“... and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion. And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion”*

Samson found within the carcass of the lion a swarm of bees and honey.

It is because of this incident that the Bee is regarded as one of the symbols of the Tribe of Dan. Scripturally, Bees are symbolic for wisdom and regeneration or resurrection⁸.

The Septuagint illustrates this very point;

Proverbs 6:8 *“Go to the bee, and learn how diligent she is, and what a noble work she produces; whose labour kings and private men use for their health. She is desired and honoured by all, and, though weak in strength, yet since she values wisdom she prevails.”*

Honey in the scriptures is symbolic of ‘enlightenment’ or the ‘meat of the Word’. Israel was led into a land flowing with milk and honey, Jonathan tasted the wild honey in the woods of his Tabernacle experience and was enlightened and in Psalm 81 YaHWaH desires to feed us with honey out of the rock.

Exodus 3:8 *“And I came down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey...”*

⁸. **A.** Ancient Greek culture regarded the bee symbol for wisdom and eloquence. The bee was their emblem for knowledge. It is said that bees swarmed to Plato’s mouth when he was a child. Roman culture regarded the bee as a symbol for immortality. The poet Vigil thought the bees to have ‘a grain of divine intelligence’. The Merovingian kings identified themselves with Dan through the bee. When the tomb of one of their earliest kings was unearthed, a treasure including 300 tiny gold bees was discovered. This Kingly line may have been aware of their ancestral heritage expecting to Judge Israel then and as a future prophecy. The later Napoleon too evidenced his desire to be identified with the Merovingian kingly line, and so to the Tribe of Dan, by insisting that his coronation cloak included copies of these 300 bees embroidered into it. Also, Napoleon Bonaparte III used the bee as a symbol of immortality & resurrection during the Second Empire period (1852-1870) and had bee prints on his red cape.

B. The Scriptural reference of the Bee being the symbol for resurrection is as follows: The name Deborah means ‘Bee’. The meaning of the four letters: דבִּרָה (Strong’s 1683) ‘debôrâh’ is literally: ‘from the highest comes the door of the house’ and is derived from the Hebrew word for ‘speech’, which is: דָּבַר (Strong’s 1697) ‘dâbâr’. Yahshua as the manifestation of Father is ‘the spoken word’, He is the ‘door’ of Father’s House and He said: *“I am the resurrection...”* John 11:25.

Samuel 14:25,27 *“And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground...But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.”*

Psalm 81:16 *“He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with the honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.”*

Samson saw the bees in the carcass and they provided honey. If we look at this symbolically, we see that when our carnal/human nature is destroyed, then the Spirit within us, our real self, is unveiled. This is the True Wisdom (bees), which produces Enlightenment (honey). In being enlightened, we understand that we are Spirit and instead of desiring the things of the flesh, we are satisfied with the honey out of the Rock.

Being thus healed, Samson could give the honey to his father and mother. In this event, Samson is symbolically living out his destiny as a judge, leading others into the true light of YaHWaH, leading others on the ‘pathway to Life’. In the same manner those who are called to be judges of the New Era need first themselves to be healed before they can be a light and lead others into that Light which they possess.

It is also interesting to note that these events in Samson’s life took place at the time of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Judges 14:12, 15:1 *“And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments...But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid⁹; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in.”*

The Feast of Unleavened Bread pictures putting sin out of our lives. This gives us another confirmation of the life destiny of Samson namely his overcoming of Sin / flesh.

In the above quoted verses we read that Samson put forth the riddle of the lion and honey to the Philistines with the promise that if they could expound the riddle within the seven

⁹ Samson’s ‘visit to his wife with a kid’ in *the time of the wheat harvest* tells us that he was at the time of the Feast of Pentecost ‘ready to enter in’. The word ‘kid’ is Strong’s 1423 יָדָא . it means a *young goat, kid*. The word picture shows us: א = gimel *lift up*, ד = dalet *door*, י = yood *hand, to work, to make*. The bringing or offering of a kid pictures that *when the door is erected one can ‘enter’ in*. This is a Pentecost theme. While the ‘erected door’ symbolises Passover, the ‘yood’, *the action*, shows us the legality and thus symbolises Pentecost. Now his wife, pictured as the flesh (Philistine), was justified to be married, to be united, she was ready to receive, but not yet to ‘enter in’. This is what is described in the Scriptural narrative. Samson visited or was united with his wife, however he had to endure some time before he could tabernacle with her as her father *‘would not suffer him to go in’*. This *‘going in’* was fulfilled at her Feast of Tabernacles when she was burned by the Philistines (Judges 15:6). It was now that her flesh was offered up and it was the flesh (Philistines) that burned her.

days of the feast he would give them presents. This sounds just like a lovely story but, when we dig deeper we find pictured herein some wonderful truths.

In this incident he was telling the Philistines (FLESH), during the days of unleavened bread, that if they could declare to him or, if they could witness to him a revelation or, show him that they understood the riddle, he would give them 30 (*completeness in divine perfection*) sheets and 30 change of garments or: would 'judge' them, show them **'the pathway to Life'**.

Of course the Philistines, the Flesh, could not do such a thing, the flesh does not know Spirit, and therefore it was impossible for the Philistines / Flesh to expound the riddle, which contained a spiritual concept. The carnal nature however is crafty and it was this craftiness that the Philistines employed. They managed to extract the answer from Samson's wife. As a result they gave him the correct answer, but it was not a revelation of the heart to them. Thus nothing changed in their condition. However, because they had seen YaHWaH on a certain level, by pretence or by stealth, their destiny was to die.

Exodus 33:22 "...no one can **'see'** me and live"

Samson set forth a pattern for each of us to follow, not just for the judges, namely that our personal 'days of unleavened bread experience' is not, as we have always thought with our flesh mind, symbolic of a time where we put sin out of our lives by our own effort, but, rather that we come to see that we can do it through the power from within, from our Heart, our circumcised Heart, Father within us, our True Identity.

This destiny of Samson, leading Israel on **'the pathway to Life'** is further shown in the events leading up to Samson's death. Through the betrayal of the woman Delilah about the secret of his strength he was imprisoned, and yet the purpose of YaHWaH to avenge Himself on the Philistines would be fulfilled in Samson's last prayer and act.

Judges 16:28 *And Samson called unto YaHWaH, and said, O Master YaHWaH, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O Elohim, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.*

Notice once again that it was through the power of YaHWaH that he was able to accomplish such a feat. He was at this stage a balanced man, a man who walks in Tabernacles, knowing that he was Spirit. How do we know that he was balanced? Because he took the pillars both with his right/male and his left/female hand thus his spirit and soul were of equal strength, they were balanced. Samson as the 'created one' or female, was at ONE with Samson as 'YaHWaH's Spirit' or male.

Judges 16:29 *And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.*

In this last act of his life he slew more Philistines than he had killed in his whole life and he died with them. Samson's flesh was laid to rest together with the Philistines.

This separate but relevant study of the life of Samson shows that Samson was a true Judge. Being the last of the Judges of the Old Order, he is also symbolically the first of the Judges of the New Order. As a judge of the old order he aided Israel in beginning to deliver them from the Philistines and thus preparing them for 'their earthly kingdom'.

Judges 13:5 *"...and he shall **begin** to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."* (the flesh)

As for the Judge of the New Order, it may well be noted that of all the judges, Samson was the first judge of the tribe of Dan, therefore, as the first of his tribe *'he shall **begin** to deliver Israel out of the hand of the flesh'*. He shall begin to deliver them into *'the city of righteousness'*, into their Heavenly Kingdom, into LIFE..

Isaiah 1:26 *"And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, the city of righteousness, the faithful city."*

Samson led the people of Israel on the path of the killing of flesh/carnal nature. He started Israel on their *'**pathway to Life**'*. He **acted** truly as Our Father in the flesh, living up to his name *'**like Yahshua, like the Sun**'*.

Psalms 84:11 *"For YaHWaH Elohim is a sun and a shield..."*

He found true 'rest' (Manoah, his father's name) in his Heavenly Father.

The Blessing of Jacob/Israel

Just before his death, Israel called his sons together to bless them. This blessing was a prophecy of what would befall them in the last days. To his son Dan he said the following:

Gen 49:16,17 *"Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward."*

Yes it is prophesied that Dan will judge his people, but how do we understand that he is a serpent and bites horses heels so that the rider shall fall backward? That does not seem to be such a wonderful prophecy, or is it?

The serpent is symbolic for our human nature, which is our adversary indeed. Just as the serpent, our human nature, was cursed, doomed to go on its belly not being able to lift itself up (Gen.3:14). We, as flesh man, cannot raise ourselves to come to any spiritual understanding. When we were expelled from the Garden of Eden we were condemned to eat of the dust of the ground in that, we were to be sustained with dust, with substance, with things pertaining to matter. Our fallen flesh bodies could not be nourished by anything than dust.

'Horses' in Scripture also *represent the flesh*, but more in the sense of 'material things which serve you', just as a horse depends on and serves its rider. This is seen illustrated in the verse below, where it is talking of the horses of Egypt.

Isaiah 31:1,3 *Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but who do not look to the Set-apart One of Israel, nor seek YaHWaH! And the Egyptians are men, and not El. And their horses are flesh, and not spirit. And when YaHWaH stretches out His hand, both he who helps shall stumble, and he who is helped shall fall. And they shall all fall, together.”*

The heel is the most powerful point of our anatomy if we control it. Therefore the heel stands symbolic for the expression of the (flesh) will (e.g. ‘dig your heels in’, ‘call someone to heel’, ‘drag your heels’, ‘kick up one’s heels’, etc.). It is also the pivot of our body, (e.g. ‘he heeled over’), thus it keeps our body stable. If one holds someone’s heel, one has the power over this person’s will and can bring him out of balance and cause him to fall. So, though the heel is the strongest point in our human nature, it is at the same time also our most vulnerable and needs to be subdued. The horses’ heels need to be bitten or, our flesh needs to fall by the One who holds it.

It is the purpose of both the Old and the New Order Judges to make people fall by exposing their human nature, to humble them, to prepare them for their Sovereign King. The Judges of the Old Order preceded the reign of the kings of Israel. When Israel of old found themselves in bondage they would cry out to YaHWaH and He, in His mercy, would appoint a judge who would lead them out of captivity by placing them on ‘the path to Life’ in line with the Law. Thus the judges were granted authority to speak on legal matters, making the subjects comply with the law through correction and punishment. In other words they were pointing out their weaknesses to prepare them to face their King.

Judges 2:18,19 *“And when YaHWaH raised up judges for them, YaHWaH was with the judges and saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge, for YaHWaH had compassion on their groaning because of those who oppressed them and crushed them. And it came to be, when the judge was dead, that they would turn back and do more corruptly than their fathers, to go after other mighty ones, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not refrain from their practices and from their stubborn way.”*

However the judges of Old could never make Israel ready to face YaHWaH. By all their ‘doing’ they could never come to ‘know internally’ their King, because they could not ‘see’ Him so, as the Scriptures state, Israel rejected their Father as King and they wanted, with their mind, an earthly king in order that he could rule.

The Judges of the New Order press us, as Israel, on our weakest point in our human experience, our “(flesh) will”, which is an illusion. Because of the sacrifice of Yahshua the veil is rent. Not only have we access to Father, we come to ‘see’ through our circumcised heart who we are.

Romans 8:9 *“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, ...”*

The ‘doing’ of the flesh commands an earthly king, the revelation of the Heart **IS** the King. It is by taking hold of the allusion to the task of the New Order Judge that we

come to realize our inability. This causes us to face our sin and to see that our sins will bring us back to the beginning. We internalize and overcome our sins by His power. The revelation of His Spirit within us shows us our Sins to be an energy perceived and acted upon by the flesh mind to bring us in captivity towards our death.

This is the complete purpose of our existence at this time that in falling we may be risen again.

Romans 8:6 *“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is Life and Peace.”*

“Dan shall be a serpent by the way “ (Gen. 49:17); the serpent is symbolic for our ‘human nature’ as well as representing ‘flesh man’. The judges delivered and will deliver Israel as a serpent. The character of the New Order judges will be of a serpent as well as of an eagle. We will explain more about Dan, as an Eagle under the heading “The Emblem of Dan.”

An example of how a judge as a serpent/flesh-man delivers, can be seen in the life of Samson. He started to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines before his own physical death. The last act of Samson’s life is an allegory of the role of the judges both past and present and thus provides us with a blueprint of their function.

In his last act Samson took hold of the 2 middle pillars on which the house/temple stood, causing the whole house to fall and resulting in the death of men and women and the Lords of the Philistines (Judges 16:25-30). This action of Samson resulted also in his own physical death, but his spirit was raised up and returned to YaHWaH from whence it came.

In holding the pillars (the most vulnerable parts), Samson was literally holding the heels of the horse that carried the rider so that he should fall backward/be destroyed. Anatomically we see the pillars as our legs which hold up our house/body. In taking hold of the pillars the New Order judge takes hold of every Israelite and causes our house/temple to crumble. However, as the rider falls, through the destruction of the flesh nature, the character of the New Order judge, represented as the Eagle, lifts him up and likewise we, as the people of Israel, will be lifted up through the unveiling of the Spirit from within us.

In researching this prophesy of Dan that he *‘shall be a serpent by the way’* we came across the book *“Judah’s Scepter and Joseph’s Birthright”* by J.H. Allen. In his expose about Dan as the one who laid geographical marks for his brothers to follow he claims that this verse (Genesis. 49:17) is better translated as *“Dan shall be a serpent’s **trail**”* and indeed, historically, this can be said of the children of Dan.

Throughout their generations the children of Dan followed their tribal tendency for naming everything they captured or occupied after their father Dan. Consequently, as they traveled westwards towards England and Ireland, which some historians claim to have started as early as 900B.C. a trail was made all over Europe. Rivers, mountains,

cities, provinces and countries, all named after Dan shows us where this tribe has been. Some of these names have been preserved to this present day. We see examples like *Dan-ube*, *Mace-don-ia*, *Dar-dan-ells*, *Dn-ieper*, *Don*, *Lon-don*, *Dans-lough*, *Dun-dee*, *Dun-kirk*, *E-din-burgh*, *Den-mark* and the list could go on.

Many of these names provided a trail for Dan's Israelite brothers to follow centuries later when they started their diaspora after the Assyrian captivity, leaving them geographical marks, roads and settlements, guiding them towards their place appointed. This '*serpents trail*' is a wonderful confirmation of Dan's ministry as a judge for his brothers. Probably without consciously realizing it, Dan judged his brothers by showing them 'the pathway to Life', the pathway towards their place of rest.

Of course this place of rest was not to be their final destiny nevertheless, it was a significant step in the direction on their '*pathway to life*'. 'Life' is the ultimate destiny, 'LIFE' **IS** the uniting of the flesh with the Spirit.

However they did not seek the Spirit inwardly and indeed they could not. Israel was looking outwardly. They predominantly settled into the vast areas of, what we now know as North West Europe. Later they moved also into America and other parts of the New World. In these lands they found relief and rest from their physical enemies. This newly 'found' rest in their New World taught them to rely on self. They 'found' this rest and they 'tasted' victory which was accomplished, as they experienced it, through hard work and much sacrifice throughout their history. As they prospered they relied more and more on the works of their hands and forgot their Elohim, they forgot where they came from. They lost their "Isra-el Identity".

The result of this is that they have created for themselves an illusionary world built on 'self reliance'. All their religions have become a belief in philosophies, their societies built on ideologies. 'Self' has become the fulcrum of their existence and this culmination of self reliance has become their weakest point.

There are those of the tribe of Dan now being prepared to: "*biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward*": How?

By our Father through the circumcision of their Heart.

Deuteronomy 30:6 "*And YaHWaH your Elohim shall circumcise your heart...*"

Dan, as the appointed Judge and His tool, shall accommodate his brothers, the rest of Israel, in their realization that 'they cannot do', that all her practicing of religion as well as her idea of 'self' is an illusion. By facilitating Israel to 'see' Father's sovereignty, that He *is* the Author, Executioner and Finisher of All and Everything. That their flesh bodies are condemned to death because of their sins but, that they, as spirit beings will internalize their sin and make it full. In other words;

- they will 'see' that their perception of corruption comes from Father because of their veiled Spirit or uncircumcised heart;

- they will ‘see’ that lawlessness, as an energy coming from Father, fulfills the law through the ‘seeing’, through the Spirit;
- they will ‘see’ that sin is NO sin anymore because through the Spirit the sin is made whole and will glorify the flesh.

Psalm 103:12 *“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”*

And why is this so?

Because it is only through traveling to the depth of our humanity that one comes to ‘see’ the full Glory of the Spirit within, which is Him. This marks the completeness of uniting the Body and the Spirit, this marks the completeness of the seventh day, and this marks the completeness of CREATION.

And this wonderful destiny has been made available through Yahshua, a body made perfect by the death and resurrection of the flesh manifesting the Father, the Spirit Father in the flesh. He became sin, became the lowest of us all, to become the Highest.

In summary, the energy of His Presence in the heart of Israel makes Israel sin because of her blindness. This energy is the subconscious desire to unite the Spirit with the mind but, because of the blindness of her mind the energy serves the flesh, and so, flesh man sins. In other words, this energy is an execution of the Spirit in the mind of blinded man and accomplishes sin. Once the Spirit is restored as man’s consciousness, once man has his heart circumcised, he realizes his true identity and then he knows he cannot sin. He ‘sees’ that the accomplished sin, the corruption or the lawlessness, restores Him (Spirit) in the flesh. It is Spirit Dan who relates and communicates this to his flesh brother, helping him to fall, to Judge him, to accommodate him on **“the pathway to Life”**.

The prophecy of *“Dan shall be a serpent’s trail”* in Genesis 49:17 is also relevant to present day Israel who are blinded as to their identity. The descendants of Israel will be led on **‘the pathway to Life’** when they, by seeing and understanding the trail and the connection it has with their ancestors, are called to re-membrance where they come from and who they are. Resulting in their blindness being healed.

Dan Forced into the Mountain

In the first chapter of the book of Judges we read that, as the people of Israel came into their promised inheritance, they failed to drive out the inhabitants of the land they now occupied.

Dan received as his portion a small area of land situated south west of Ephraim. Dan’s inheritance was bounded on the south by Judah and on the west by the Shephela, a region

flesh as 'Mother' is correct but to elevate the flesh / Mother to the highest or supreme level is blasphemy. This thinking is called 'philosophy', there is no 'LIFE' in philosophy, because philosophy befriends carnal wisdom or the wisdom of 'self'. 'Self' does not exist, it is an illusion. There is no 'self will', there is no 'freedom of choice', and there is no 'self'. Therefore the perception of it needs to be driven out.

Father confronted the people of Israel with the Amorites, the 'Mother god' and told Israel to drive them out. They did not do it. They could not do it. In fact, they have never been able to do it. Even up until the present day Israel has not driven out the Amorite from amongst them. 'Mother god' is not only revered amongst the so called New Agers as 'Mother Nature', but she is also worshiped in every church, be it great or small. They all preach in their doctrines the supremacy of 'self' in one way or another, instead of the Sovereignty of Yah. They therefore do not kill 'self' neither can they. Only when Father circumcises the heart, one comes to understand one's identity and 'sees' the inability of self. As a result, 'self' / 'Mother god' / the Amorite, is driven out by Spirit man, which is the Father in man.

Our Father 'commanded' Israel to drive out "Mother god" in order to bring His manifestation into subjection to Himself to whom we belong. We, as **in-divi-duals**, are separated in the flesh from our spirit duality and thus our duality cannot be divided again hence the word 'in-divi-dual'. Our flesh duality, has perceived that He commanded or talked to us as flesh beings and by that we have 'understood' that we have been given a will, a will to obey or to disobey Him, to accept or reject Him. Through this mind awareness Father created within us the perception of having an ability to be more powerful than Him. This illusion is designed and authorized by Him and is the **integral** part of the necessity to bring the flesh down, to make man's flesh subject to Him. When He has subjected our flesh then we come to 'realize' that He commanded His Spirit, not the flesh, to drive out 'Mother god', to drive out 'self', in order to BECOME.

Now we have come to understand that 'Mother god' is a creation of our Father. She is our FREE WILL and therefore an illusion. She is Sin because she is a perception of the flesh mind without the Spirit and DEATH is in her, Death to herself so that LIFE can be bounteous. She does not give way to Life, rather she will be swallowed up by Life, because Father lifts the veil of our heart.

Deuteronomy 30:6 *"And YaHWaH your Elohim will circumcise your heart..."*

Why has 'Mother god' / the Amorite been given to us? Why does she need to be swallowed up? She has been given to us to make us ALIVE. Sin itself is the Spirit desire from the Heart without the Spirit / mind consciousness. Sin / Free Will / Mother god therefore drives us to Father, to the Mountain. When Father lifts the veil we 'see' that SIN has brought us to Him and is swallowed up.

Thus the tribe of Dan, being prepared to become Judges of Israel, were forced into the mountain by the Amorites while the other tribes stayed in the low lands, blinded.

Judges 1:34 *"And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley"*

Mother god was, to Dan, 'the pathway to Life', the pathway into the mountain¹⁰.

When we follow the tribe of Dan from their period in Egypt through to the entering into the Promised Land we see that Dan was already prepared for this 'the pathway to Life' long before he entered into the Promised Land. At the time that Israel left Egypt Dan was, according to the census (Numbers 1), amongst the most numerous of all the tribes. The tribe of Dan must have suffered great losses before they entered into Canaan as they, from various indications, appear the smallest of the twelve. Therefore whilst at first they could exercise dominion and strength amongst the other tribes, these powers suffered greatly. As a result confidence and esteem in themselves must have declined significantly, this was their time of decline. Arriving at the Promised Land they not only received the smallest portion of land, they could also not make use of the fertile (flesh) valley and were forced into the mountain by the 'Amor'-ites, the 'flesh love'¹¹ rulers who were dwelling in the valley.

It is IN the 'Mountain' where Father dwells. After years of wandering through the wilderness, Dan was exhausted and had little or no strength left to drive out the Amorites. Not being able to enjoy the fertile valley where the physical requirements for their sustenance could be met, such as growing produce, rearing cattle, establishing cities etc., Dan was forced into the mountain finding sustenance in spiritual things. In the mountain the wisdom of Yah was unveiled to Dan, through the power of the Amorites who were forcing him on. It was in the Mountain where Dan learned of the Sovereignty of YaHWaH. It was in the Mountain that Dan realized that the Amorite was driven out not by their own strength, but rather by the strength of their own SIN. In the same intensity

¹⁰ A. A thought may come to mind that this mountain spoken of in the Scriptures is the mountain of the Amorites so, the mountain of 'their' god. While we talk about figures of speech, we can indeed apply this figure of speech to 'their' god as well. This is the mountain of their 'Mother god' which is 'self'. Dan was *forced into the mountain*, the mountain of 'self', which needed to be conquered. When Dan was to arrive at the summit, he stood on 'top of it' within the presence and awareness of Yah.

B. One wonders what the real drive is of the alpinists amongst us. Are the alpinists, who are predominantly of Israelite stock, subconsciously pressed to search for YaHWaH? Are they challenging the dangers of the mountain slopes, which represents their human existence, overcoming the crevasses, cliffs, storms and colds of life to finally stand upon the summit? Standing on the summit, having mastered life, are they not subconsciously hoping to experience the presence of Yah? Are they not slightly disappointed by their human efforts. Having received or experienced only a 'high' or a little taste of Him are they not urged to try it again and again, hoping one day to 'meet' Him? Are we not all Alpinists? Don't we all try to 'overcome on our own' our difficulties in life to come to Father? Are not all our so called successes in life not merely little fixes that urge us on to do it again and again? Are we not all disappointed that we 'can not' even after innumerable attempts? Are we not blessed, beyond belief, to have revealed to us that Father will lift us up to Him through our enemy SELF as he has done with Dan?

C. See Appendix, Comment on National Geographics article: "The Greatest Mountaineer"

¹¹ As we have seen the word 'Amorite' pictures 'Mother god' or the venerating of self/flesh/feminine over the Sovereignty of Yah. It is interesting to note that even in our modern day language the word Amor means 'Love'. Dictionaries and encyclopediae claim the word is derived from the Roman god of Love. It is a sexual love or love for the flesh. I am persuaded therefore that this word 'Amor' obtains it's meaning from the word Amorites. Also, dwelling in the valley witnesses to the love of self/flesh/creation rather as opposed to the Mountain the dwelling place of Yah where the communion with the Spirit takes place.

that the Amorites forced Dan into the mountain did SIN propel Dan upwards to Father. **This is the purpose of sin.**

The experience of Dan forms the blueprint for the modern day Danite/Judge. As we have seen, Dan could not drive out the Amorites by his own carnal strength; similarly, the Judge cannot deliver the people by his own strength. Deliverance comes from YaHWaH. Also, in order to become a Judge, Dan was forced into the Mountain, where YaHWaH dwelt, to be instructed by Him. Likewise, the modern day Judge will be instructed in righteousness by our Father. It is by realizing his total inability that the modern day Judge, as Dan, can become a deliverer for His people. In becoming weak in the flesh, the modern day Judge, like Dan, will be made strong in the Spirit and through that experience will be able to lead the rest of Israel to face their own weaknesses, so that they too can internalize their sin and ‘see’ the sovereignty of Yah and thus their identity—Yah within them.

What a wonderful lesson Father has taught us through Dan from their inheritance of that small parcel of land that was given to him by allotment. The Scriptures show us that this plot of land was too little for them and so they went out and took a larger area in the North of Palestine. The significance of their settlement there will be discussed further in this paper under the heading ‘Dan went North’

Revelation 7

Many have wondered why Dan is not included in the 144,000 of Revelation 7. Most commentaries offer the suggestion that Dan, as a tribe, had lost her opportunity and was therefore eliminated out of Israel forever. This however is far from the truth, for how can Israel ever be completed and united without Dan as their Judge?

In reading the victory song of Deborah and Barak (Judges 5) we can come to understand why Dan was not mentioned as part of the 144,000 and therefore seemingly not sealed in preparation to enter into the Kingdom. In one verse Deborah laments of the non participation of Dan who ‘remained in his ships’

Judges 5:17 *“Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships?
Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.”*

It was at this time, in the history of Israel, that Dan was actually traveling by many different routes towards the North West of the continent and in particular to the Isles of England and Ireland to prepare the way for his brothers who were to follow years later. Thus his ‘remaining in ships’ should not have been a source of lamentation, but rather of rejoicing as Dan, as a true Judge, was preparing the way to their future rest.

Just as Dan preceded his brothers into the promised inheritance of their New Lands, so Dan as the Judge will precede his brothers into the Kingdom. It is for this reason that Dan is not included in the 144,000 who were sealed to enter the Kingdom as Dan will already be there. In his capacity as Judge, Dan is being sealed and made ready before his brothers so that he can lead Israel on the ‘the pathway to Life’, in order that ALL may

come into their possession of 'true rest' of the Kingdom, to which Dan already has attained.

Dan in the Temple

The Scriptures teach us that our body is the Temple of Elohim (1 Corinthians 6:19). Corporate Israel too is represented as His Temple. The physical body knows 12 systems i.e. the muscular-, skeletal-, nervous-, lymphatic-, reproductive-, endocrine system etc. Each of the systems characterizes attributes of the 12 correspondent tribes of Israel.

Mrs. Fran Fisher writes in her book: "The Tribes of Israel": *"The tribe of Dan is the muscular system; this system requires good judgment when to tighten a muscle and when to relax the opposing muscle. The muscular system has to have good judgment to keep us balanced."*

Thus the muscular system is a system of 'Judging', it judges or moves the body on its 'pathway' just as Dan, as a Judge, judges or moves the body of Israel on **'the pathway to Life'**

The judges in the Old Testament times were to show the people YaHWaH's way/law.

Judges 2:16, 17 *"Nevertheless YaHWaH raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of YaHWaH; but they did not so."*

Bones represent Principles and Laws. They provide the framework for the government. This enables the government to do what it should and that is: 'to Steer' or 'to lead' forward. However, the bones cannot move of themselves they need the muscles. Therefore the muscles (Dan) 'steer' or 'lead' the body (Israel) forward.

In times of distress, when Israel called out for deliverance, YaHWaH appointed a judge over them. Whilst the judge lived, and thus applied the law, Israel moved forward, was delivered from their enemies and found rest. However, when the judge died the law was forgotten and Israel returned to their false gods and did evil in the sight of YaHWaH, resulting in Father strengthening once again the hands of the enemy. We can see this also illustrated in our physical body. When the muscles/judges are properly connected to the bones/law one can freely move forward. If there is no connection there is chaos and movement is nigh impossible.

When Israel was 'lawless' they did not progress at all. However, when connected with a judge, who followed the law, they were enabled to move forward in leaps and bounds. Therefore, the judges need to be reinstated first and only then can Israel move forward and be called 'the faithful city'. Dan, the **'the pathway to Life'** will move the rest of Israel into the Kingdom.

Isaiah 1:26 “*And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning: **afterward** thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, **the faithful city.**”*

Dan’s Gemstone

Each tribe has an assigned gemstone which was placed on the priest’s breastplate. In Exodus 28 we are given the details as to how the breastplate was to be made and inlaid with the different stones. There were 4 rows of three gemstones each. The first stone in each row was for the head tribe. Thus the first row started with Judah, the second with Simeon, the third with Ephraim and the fourth with Dan.

Exodus 28:20 “*And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.*”



Thus the gemstone assigned to Dan was the Beryl. Webster defines the Beryl stone as follows:

Eng. *Brilliant*. A mineral, considered by Cleaveland as a subspecies of Emerald. Its prevailing color is green of various shades, but always pale. Its crystals are usually longer and larger than those of the precious Emerald, and its Structure more distinctly foliated.

There is much symbolism in gemstones, their properties and in their color, we will mention a few in relation to the color green that applies to Dan.¹²

Green arises from a combination of Yellow and Blue.

Yellow + Blue symbolize ‘intelligence’ and the ‘word’

Yellow is ‘*the revelation of Love and the Wisdom of the Supreme Being*’ (Spirit-masculine), while Blue symbolizes *their manifestation into Life* (flesh-feminine)

Therefore Green, the color of Dan, symbolizes **the manifestation of Love and Truth as revealed in deeds and action** (feminine). It symbolizes charity and the regeneration of the soul through action and influence. It is the color of vegetation and ‘life’, of spring and renewal; it is the color of the force of nature. No other color can describe the relevant characteristics of a New Life Judge, Dan, so succinctly.

In Science the neutral pH. 7 is green. Being Neutral it is neither Acidic nor Alkaline but a perfect balance of both. If we relate this to our human existence we realize that we come to a perfect rest when our Male/Spirit/Yellow and Female/Flesh/Blue counterparts are perfectly balanced. The Judge Dan has green as his color and is thus perfectly

¹² J. Kievits in: “The significance of the gemstones in the Bible and in the Breastplate of the High priest”

balanced and leads his brothers to that same destiny, Green = Life. Showing them the **'the pathway to Life'**.

However we can also associate green with negative symbolism which is also apparent in Dan. It is the color of anger, envy, which breaks down the very foundation of man. It is this envy and anger which Dan spoke of in his testament and is also related in the book of Proverbs.

Proverbs 14:30 *"A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones"*

Both aspects of the color Green are evident in the life of the Judge himself. From the death of the flesh the 'manifestation' of the Spirit springs forth.

The colour green is closely associated with vision. In historical days the green Emerald, Malachite and Beryl were all used to either restore or to enhance vision.

J. Kievits writes: Crystal is able to focus green light almost perfectly on the retina and therefore the eye perceives this color very easily. The Egyptians used green malachite as a healing eye shadow for taking care of visual troubles and Plinius affirmed that "the emerald (green of color) delights the sight without tiring it". Nero used to observe circus games through an emerald lens. In the following centuries, engravers used a beryl crystal to rest their eyesight after their miniature works."

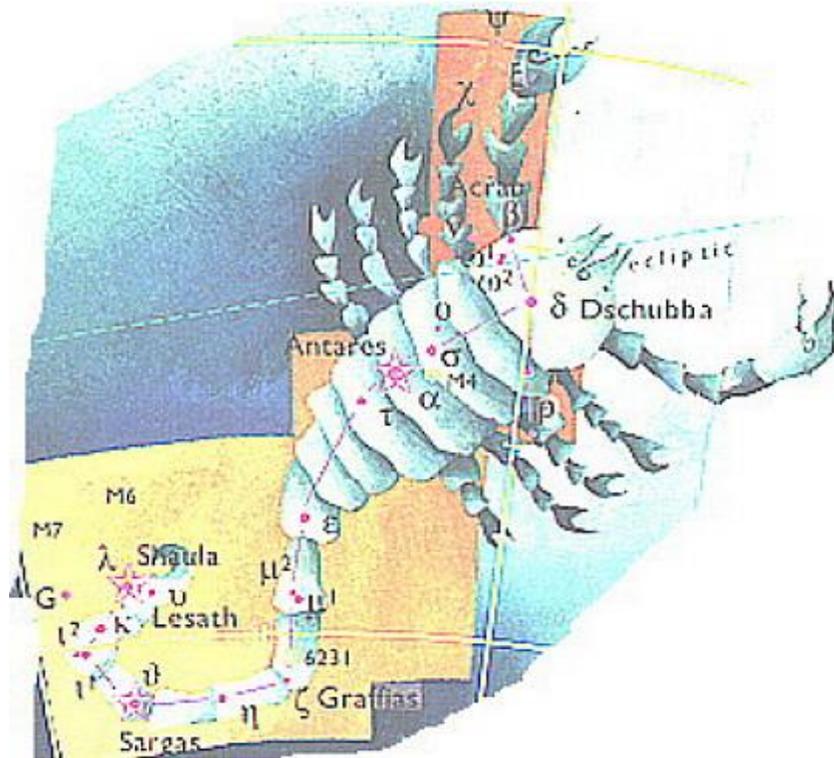
As a Judge, Dan requires a keen eyesight, not only for himself but also in order to restore the eyesight and enhance the vision of his brethren on their **'pathway to Life'**.

Dan in the Stars

We have used for this study E.W. Bullinger's book "Witness of the Stars" as a reference. By studying the stars and celestial bodies in the Scriptural context we are witnessed of YaHWaH's divine plan. We will see in the heavens the life of Yahshua and the overcoming of the Evil One and how the struggle evolves on a national level for the people of Israel and on a personal level for each and everyone of us. We can learn about the yearly Feasts and read their interpretations leading towards the same objective, Life. In this study we will focus on the national and personal application from the perspective of Dan.

Dan is symbolized in the stars by Scorpio which is pictured as a great scorpion in the night sky. Scorpio together with its three constellations, Ophiuchus, Serpens and Hercules illustrate to us the story of Dan.

This sign of Scorpio with its constellations picture the fight of evil/satan with Yahshua/man in different ways. From taking a more in depth look into this sign we will come to see the picture it portrays, namely the work of Dan in leading Israel on **'the pathway to Life'**. Let's begin.



Scorpio

The Hebrew name for Scorpio is 'Akrab' which means, 'the conflict or war'. The brightest star in this Sign is in the scorpion's heart. It shines ominously with a deep red light. This star is called 'Antares' and means 'the wounding'. In Hebrew the sting of the scorpion is called 'Lesath' meaning 'the perverse' and comes from the Arabic word *las'a* = "pass (or bite) of a poisonous animal".

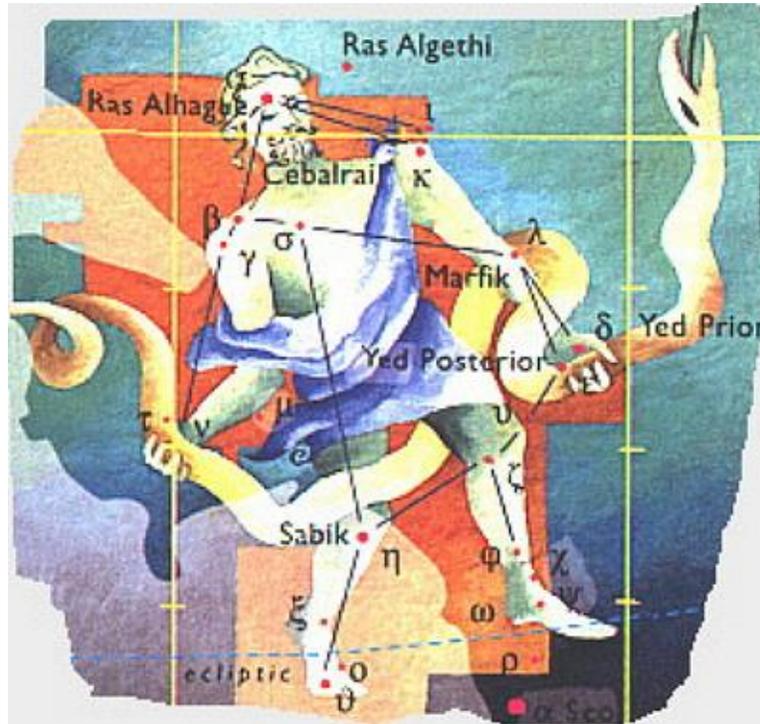
Thus this Sign talks of conflict, wounding and perversion. Is this not an illustration of Dan's tribal and personal life? He was the first of Israel to pervert the Law when he moved to the North of Canaan (Judges 18), causing much confrontation and injury. Foremost this idol worship and perversion led to a wounding of the heart, the seat of the All Living Elohim and inevitably it caused a conflict within Dan as he struggled with his carnality and the Spirit within him.

This is a rather depressing outlook for Dan. Will the conflict of Dan, pictured in Scorpio remain forever? Is there no hope for this tribe? Will he be released? Is he defeated? To find the answers to these questions we must look into the related constellations of this

Sign and we will see that all is not as hopeless as it appears. In looking at the full picture we may see and understand YaHWaH's plan and destiny for this tribe.

The three constellations we will be looking at now are Ophiuchus and Serpens together, and Hercules as the third.

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Ophiuchus and Serpens

Ophiuchus is pictured as the man who is holding the serpent (Serpens) with both hands whilst at the same time having his foot over the heart of the Scorpion. The Scorpion is trying to sting Ophiuchus in the heel and the serpent is trying to reach up and seize 'The Crown' which is placed above the serpents head.

It is Dan (Scorpio) who tries to bite the heel of Dan (Ophiuchus) to kill him, As E. W. Bullinger writes:

"The real wounding of the heel was received at the Cross. It was there the Scorpion struck the woman's seed. He died, but was raised again from the dead "to destroy the works of the devil (human nature)."

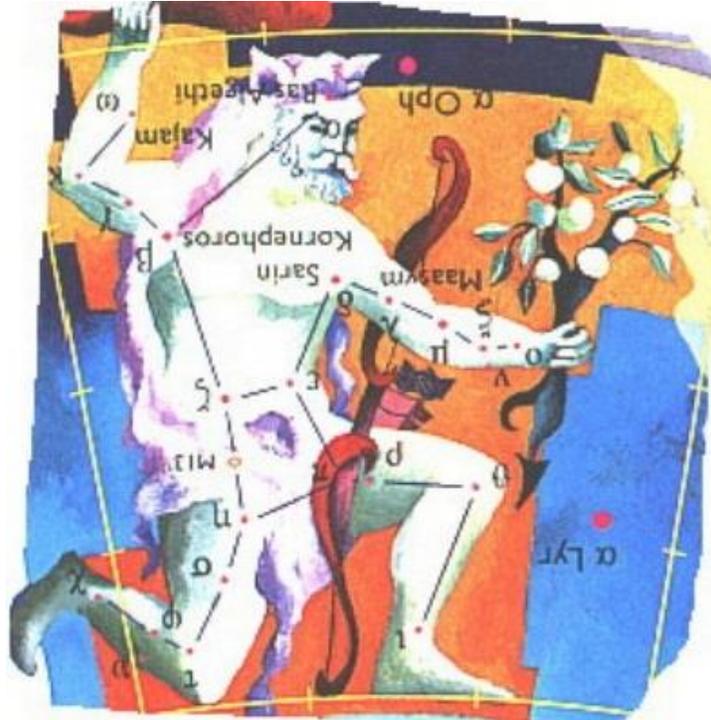
Ophiuchus by placing his foot over the heart of the Scorpion shows that he is about to kill the Scorpion, his flesh/carnal nature. At the same time by holding the serpent with his two hands (right and left = balanced ‘works’ controlling the flesh) the serpent reaches for the crown. In seeking the Crown, the contest pictured is of Dominion. It is Dan’s appeal to jurisdiction while in the balanced flesh. From the prophecies of Dan we have learned that he will judge Israel, he will be the first of the Tribes to enter in and prepare the way for others to follow.

The brightest star in the Serpent (in the neck, not shown in the picture) is named ‘Unuk’ which means ‘*encompassing*’. As we now understand it is through ‘encompassing’ that a judge sets people free. Remember: “*To judge is: to surround the beginning and devour it.*” (page 6). It is interesting that this star ‘Unuk’ is placed in the neck. Dan can, in a sense, be identified with the neck too, because as a Judge he connects the body (Israel) with the head (Yahshua)

Ophiuchus means ‘*the serpent holder*’¹³. We have seen from the life of Dan and his tribe that he is intimately linked with the serpent, not only as picturing his captivity in the form of his strong carnal behavior, but also as leaving his mark or trail as a serpent.

In these constellations, we see the conflict that is raging within Dan, namely between his human/carnal nature and His Spirit. Dan, being wounded and yet granted the power as the holder of the serpent (flesh) to overcome, realizes that it is not his human nature (Serpens) which will be victorious in ‘taking’ the crown, but rather that it is through the overcoming of the flesh by the Spirit that the victory in his flesh will be assured. It is by becoming weak and exposed in the corrupt flesh that Dan has become a victor in the Spirit and this is what the final constellation Hercules witnesses of.

¹³ In ancient times Ophiuchus, the Serpent Bearer was seen as an eagle, hence the confusion in calling Scorpio an Eagle. It is not Scorpion itself but the Serpent Bearer, Ophiuchus, next to the Scorpion which has caused the confusion. Under the subheading ‘The Emblem of Dan’ we will write about the meaning of the Eagle and the apparent duality of Dan’s Emblem; the Serpent and the Eagle.



Hercules

Dan (Hercules):

Psalm 91:13 *“Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.”*

Luke 10:19 *“I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy.”*

The third and last constellation in the sign Scorpio is Hercules, ‘the mighty vanquisher’. Hercules is seen bending on one knee, with his right heel lifted up as if it had been wounded while his left foot sits over the head of the great dragon. In his right hand he holds a club whilst in his left he holds an apple branch with a three headed monster¹⁴. When we look at the meaning of a few of the stars within this constellation we will see Dan’s victory, not just of overcoming and delivering captives, but of access to LIFE.

The kneeling of Hercules (humbling himself) through the apparent wound, as well as the fact that his foot sits over the head of the dragon shows us that he has overcome the flesh. This victory is further witnessed by him wearing the Lions skin.

¹⁴ It is from ancient authorities that show the three headed serpent as well as the apple branch in the hand of Hercules, which appear in all our reference work. In the only picture that we had available for this paper, the three headed monster is apparently omitted.

That His Spirit has overcome the flesh is evident through the meaning of the stars in this constellation. Hercules is called in Arabic *Al Giscale = the strong one*. The brightest star in his head is named *Ras al Gethi* and means *the branch, kneeling*, it portrays the humble mind. The star in the upper part of his left arm is called *Ma'asyn, the sin offering*. In the lower part of his right arm is *Caïam (Kajam) or Guïam* and means, *punishing*; and in Arabic, *treading under foot*. The star on the place close to his heart is named *Sarin*¹⁵ and means *the door*. We see portrayed here, the open door, the rent veil, Yahshua. It is Yah who unveils the Heart of Hercules (Dan), giving Dan access to LIFE.

Finally we see in this constellation that Dan (Hercules) clubs down the apple branch and the three headed serpent. This is clearly a connection with the Garden of Eden. This Spirit Dan, the Judge of the New Order, will lead Israel to **'the pathway to life'**. This is achieved by the clubbing down / destroying of the tree of Good and Evil (apple branch) and the *THREE* headed monster representing;

1. the sum of our 'human nature' comprised of 'three' elements; the thought, word and deed.
2. the 'three' divisions of 'time' being; past, present and future.
3. the 'three' dimensions of 'space' being; length, breadth and height.

By consuming/internalizing this 'natural' realm, the Spiritual will be made manifest. We will enter through the Door / Yahshua into the 4th dimension, a new beginning, the eighth day of the perfected flesh realm. This is the realm of LIFE which is ruled by The King, The King of Kings, Our Brother Yahshua Messiah, who has made this all possible and it is Dan who will lead His people in.

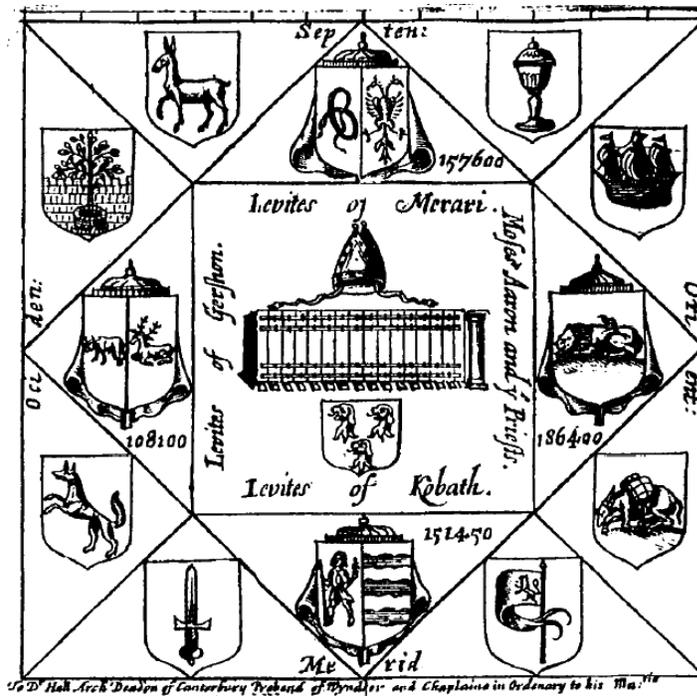
The Emblem of Dan

In fulfillment of Jacob's prophecy the emblem of the tribe of Dan was the serpent.

Genesis 49:17: *"Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward."*

According to ancient records there are actually two emblems for the tribe of Dan: the Serpent and the Eagle. Sometimes they were used side by side as in this picture (the middle emblem on the North side):

¹⁵ It is interesting to note that a known deadly toxin is called 'Sarin' as well. Just as this toxin kills, so too is flesh through Yahshua killed, He paid the price for our sin and is our Door (John 10:7).



It clearly shows the duality of Dan's life. Other emblems displaying both symbols, such as the Eagle clutching the serpent in his talons, are found as far abroad as India, Mexico and the Americas.

According to Scriptural record, Ahiezer, a prince of the tribe of Dan replaced the serpent with an Eagle¹⁶.

We have already expounded upon the significance of the serpent, so let us now turn our attention to the eagle.

The Hebrew word for Eagle is נֶשֶׁךְ neshar, it is Strong's 5404. The word picture tells us the following:

- נ Noon Symbolic meaning: activity, life
 Literal meaning: fish
- ש Sheen Symbolic meaning: To consume, to destroy
 Literal meaning: teeth
- ך Reysh Symbolic meaning: a person, the head, the highest
 Literal meaning: head (of a man)

¹⁶ Unger's Bible Dictionary: 'Dan's position in the journey was on the north of the Tabernacle, with Asher and Naphtali. The standard of the tribe was of white and red, and the crest upon it, an eagle, the great foe to serpents, which had been chosen by the leader instead of a serpent, because Jacob had compared Dan to a serpent. Ahiezer substituted the eagle, the destroyer of serpents, as he shrank from carrying an adder upon his flag.'

When you see the three letters together it shows that an Eagle is; *'devouring the life of man'*

The Eagle is the natural predator of the serpent. They will never abide side by side. Thus the serpent, our human nature / our flesh, will be devoured by the Eagle.

YaHWaH is pictured in the Scriptures as an Eagle;

Exodus 19:4 *"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself."*

Deuteronomy 32:10 *"He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So YaHWaH alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him."*

Many of us regard the Eagle as our enemy and sure, he is the enemy of our flesh but he will, by devouring our flesh, take us out of our captivity and save us.

The Eagle pictures perfectly Dan's task as a Judge. The Eagle is a Deliverer. Yahshua Messiah, the Judge of Judges, can be seen as an Eagle, in that He delivered us through His blood.

As the Eagle is a fearsome bird, his attribute as a Judge is not only seen through his killing of flesh as a bird of prey but, also through his guiding to Life.



Crested Serpent Eagle

We came across a most remarkable insight into the life of the eagle within the pages of the book entitled 'The Lost Clue' by Mrs. O.F. Walton. It is so beautiful that we decided to include it here as it illustrates remarkably **'the pathway to Life'** of Dan and his task in leading others thereon as a Judge;

The Eagle makes her nest on the ledge of some high rock, building it of sticks and briars, and then lining it with moss, and hay, and wool, and soft feathers out of her own breast. And then she lays her eggs, and the eaglets are hatched, and they lie down in their soft nest, and are so cosy they never want to leave it. But, as they grow older, the mother-bird wants them to learn to fly, that they may be able to soar up with her towards the sun. So she hovers over them and tries to persuade them to stretch their wings; but the nest is far too cosy for them to want to leave it, and they nestle down again in the moss and hay. But the mother knows she will lose them all if they do not learn to fly, so she rakes out the wool and feathers with her strong beak, and makes the thorns and briars come to the top. Then, when all the soft lining is gone, the young birds shuffle about uncomfortably. The nest is not such a nice place after all, and by degrees they creep to the edge of it and sit there very miserably. And now the mother-bird tries to get them to fly, and they spread their small wings, and she puts her great strong wing underneath them, so that they may not fall, and soon they are soaring with her into the glory above.

Can you see the similarities of the mother-eagle leading her young, just as Dan leads the rest of the tribes of Israel? Dan, as a judge, will show us our weak points, thus leading us out of our comfort zone so that He, Father within Dan, like the mother-eagle may lead his brethren on **'the pathway to Life'**.

In the world at this present day there are many coats of arms and seals with the Eagle pictured on it. Especially evidenced in Europe and also in America¹⁷, which witnesses not only of the marks Dan has left for his brethren, but also of his continuing task of Judging, through their Kings and Monarchs who, often unbeknown to themselves, have led and are leading Israel on **'the pathway to Life'**.

Let us now look at the coat of arms of the greatest nation on earth, America. Pictured below is shown the obverse side of what is called the Great Seal of the United States of America. This seal was designed by three committees and members of the Continental Congress over a period of 6 years. All the parts of this design have meanings, which are known and documented. However the deepest meaning of these symbols has been unbeknown to them, namely the magnificent task of Dan which is in wonderful detail expressed by the true and only designer of the Great Seal of the United States of America, YaHWaH.

¹⁷ Some Coats of Arms displayed, (e.g. on flags and seals) show a double headed eagle which illustrates Dan leading/judging all the tribes of Israel found in both the Northern and the Southern Kingdom.. There are other Coats of arms having lions with eagle wings or a lion and an eagle in their emblems, illustrating the merger of the line of Dan through the Merovingian King line (descending from Samson) and the Royal line of Judah (descending from David) as seen in some of the oldest heraldry in Europe.



Great Seal of the United States

The three colours of the shield are meaningful Scriptural colours. Much can be said about these colours however, relevant to this study are the following points:

1. The colour Red is the colour of blood. It is the blood of Yahshua Messiah that sets us apart. Our Father, through the sacrifice of His earthly manifestation, sanctifies us for Holy use. This is the beginning of a change in us that He brings about.

Ephesians 5:25,26 "Yahshua also loved the church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word..."

Red is therefore associated with the Feast of Passover, with our Sanctification.

2. The colour White signifies purity or Holiness. The work of the Spirit, the New Life of Yahshua, makes us Holy. Father created and conceived that New Life in Yahshua when He unified with Yahshua after His Ascension. This same New Life is given or conceived in us, **AS** our Comforter on the day of Pentecost. It is His Just and Life 'blood', His Spirit that is 'sprinkled' on us, or given to us as our 'created' New Life by the Father. It is this New Life which makes us just. It is through this New Life, His Spirit, that we are made Holy. White is therefore associated with the Feast of Pentecost, with our Justification.
3. The color Blue is the color of the sky. It symbolizes trust, loyalty, wisdom, confidence, intelligence, faith, truth and heaven. While purple is the color of man's attempts and flesh 'understanding' of mysteries of the unseen world, the color Blue is the color of Father's Sovereignty. It signifies Love, the Home of YaHWaH, our Home. Blue is therefore associated with the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles, thus with our Glorification.

The 13 stripes, stars and arrows primarily signify the 13 tribes of Israel that settled in North America. It is the Eagle that we would now like to look at in further detail.

Firstly we need to understand that the Viking explorers Bjarni Herjulfon, Eric the Red and his son Leif Ericsson landed in America long before Columbus did. In ancient writings we read of Dan establishing himself even before them. Just as Dan left a trail in Europe, he also left his marks in America and therefore we see the Eagle, the emblem of Dan, pictured on this Great Seal. It is Dan who will judge America.

In his right talon he holds an olive branch, symbolic of the Spirit, and in his left talon he holds 13 arrows, picturing ‘the children’, not yet Sons, of Israel.

Psalm 127:4 *“As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.”*

The Eagle has the shield of the three Great Feasts placed over his Heart namely, Passover (sanctification-red), Pentecost (justification-white) and Tabernacles (glorification-blue). It is this manifestation of the Feast days within his heart which unites the Eagle (Dan) with the Children / Sons (arrows) and the manifestation of the Father, Yahshua (olive branch). Thereby Dan is enabled to lead (he flies) the children of Israel into the realm of the Spirit, guiding or soaring them up high towards the Sun where they become the Sons of the Most High shining as the stars in heaven within the Sun.

In the following scripture verse we see Dan guiding Israel into Tabernacles;

Revelation 12:14 *“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle...”*

In his beak the Eagle carries a banner with the words: "E PLURIBUS UNUM," meaning, "Out of Many, One." Now we may ‘see’ what the hidden prophecy on the Great Seal declares, that the many (that is, All) of Israel re-turn into the Son (Sun) and into the Father to become ONE.

This is the Spirit/Eagle destiny of Dan, that he will guide all of Israel into becoming ONE in Father. It is interesting to note that the theme of ONENESS has been connected with the tribe of Dan in Old Testament times as well. According to some authorities¹⁸ Dan had subscribed on his serpent emblem, during his years of wandering in the wilderness, the words: *“Return, O YaHWaH, unto the many thousands of Israel”*. This motto illustrates Dan’s flesh/serpent perception. In their flesh they desired Father to return, while in reality Father was always there, veiled within their hearts. It was Dan’s desire though that was reflected in this serpent emblem. The outworking is opposite to what they anticipate as this desire commands *the many thousands of Israel* to return as full sons in the Flesh by circumcision. They will shine in their flesh, pictured by the hexagonal (6 = number of man) shape of the stars, within the Sun. “E Pleribus Unum”, out of many ONE, becoming like Him, to BE Him in the Flesh.

So we see Dan’s task as a Judge of leading Israel on the ‘the pathway to life’, perfectly expressed in the Great Seal of the United States of America.

¹⁸ McClintock and Strong, “Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge”

Dan's encampment

Dan's place in relation to the Tabernacle and to the other tribes was in the North. It is interesting to note that both Evil and Promotion comes from the North.

Evil:

Jeremiah 1:14-16 *“And YaHWaH said to me, “Out of the north evil is set loose on all the inhabitants of the land. For look, I am calling all the clans of the reigns of the north, declares YaHWaH. And they shall come and each one set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around, and against all the cities of Juda. And I shall pronounce My judgments against them concerning all their evil, because they have forsaken Me, burned incense to other mighty ones, and bowed themselves to the works of their own hands.””*

According to the same scale that Dan has fallen so will he will be raised up:

Promotion:

Psalm 75:6 *“For promotion cometh neither from the east, not from the west, nor from the south. But Elohim is the judge; he putteth down one, and setteth up another.””*

This promotion of Dan comes from the North. Elohim, through Dan, shall judge and be exalted from the North.

To reiterate that evil and promotion comes from the North, we can look at the following.

The North represents the ‘intellect’, our ‘mind’. Our bodies, being the temple, are facing East, as was the Tabernacle, thus our face and eyes represent the East gate!

The twin opening of the East gate of the temple in Jerusalem has been closed with stone and mortar since the early 1500's. Closed by Suleiman of the Ottoman Empire who knew that Yahshua would come back and would enter in through the East Gate of the Temple.

Zechariah 14:3,4 *“And YaHWaH shall go forth, and He shall fight against those gentiles, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east.”*

Though He does not come back to a temple of stone and mortar, He closed or blinded, as Suleiman did, the twin gate of His temple of flesh- He has blinded our eyes, resulting in our walking in evil/darkness

John 12:40 *“He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.”*

For six thousand years Father has blinded his people Israel. However, on the 7th day, He will heal us and restore our spiritual vision, our eyes, our East Gate will be opened.

Ezekiel 46:1 *“Thus said the Master YaHWaH, the gate of the inner courtyard facing east is shut the six days of work, but on the Sabbath it is opened, and on the day of the New Moon it is opened.”*

His Glory will enter into His temple through our ‘opened’ eyes. We will ‘see’ Him and thus be **‘promoted’** to walk in His Light.

Ezekiel 43:1,2 *“And he led me to the gate, the gate facing east. And see, the Glory of the Elohim of Israel came from the way of the east. And His voice was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone from His Glory.”*

This ‘evil’ and ‘promotion’ from the North has of course besides a corporate interpretation also a personal application. When we rely on our intelligence, we worship the works of our hands, strength or power (Jeremiah 1:16). This is the evil which breaks forth from the North. In worshiping the works of our hands, we are in fact worshiping idols, as Dan, the forerunner of idol worship, did. However, idol worship is in essence a manifestation of one’s desire towards YaHWaH, but because of a veiled heart/blinded eyes this desire finds its outworking in the flesh, not in the Spirit. As a result, idol worship is practiced, sin is committed, EVIL is manifested.

On the other hand ‘promotion’ also comes from the North in each of us personally, but how is this manifested? It is through affliction that we are led to show forth the Glory of our Heavenly Father;

Isaiah 48:10,11 *“Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it; for how should my name be polluted? I will not give my glory unto another”*

Through affliction/trials/persecution, or what we may term ‘evil’ Father opens our eyes to ‘realise’, in our intelligence/mind/(the ‘north’/seat of evil), His Sovereignty in us. Thus, He, in us, has PROMOTED us. We realize that we are Spirit and the evil is dissolved, we are ‘judged’, we have walked **‘the pathway to Life’**, we are **LIFE IN THE FLESH**.

So we see the task of Dan as pictured in his encampment. Dan, as the ‘Head Tribe of the North’ leading the body (Israel) on **‘the pathway to Life’** through the apparent ‘opposites’ of ‘evil’ and ‘promotion’.

John Owen (1616-1683) who is called “The Prince of the Puritans” described this wonderful phenomenon of opposites as follows:

“Sin sets its strength against every act of holiness and against every degree we grow to. Let not that man think he makes any progress in holiness who walks not over the bellies of his lusts.”

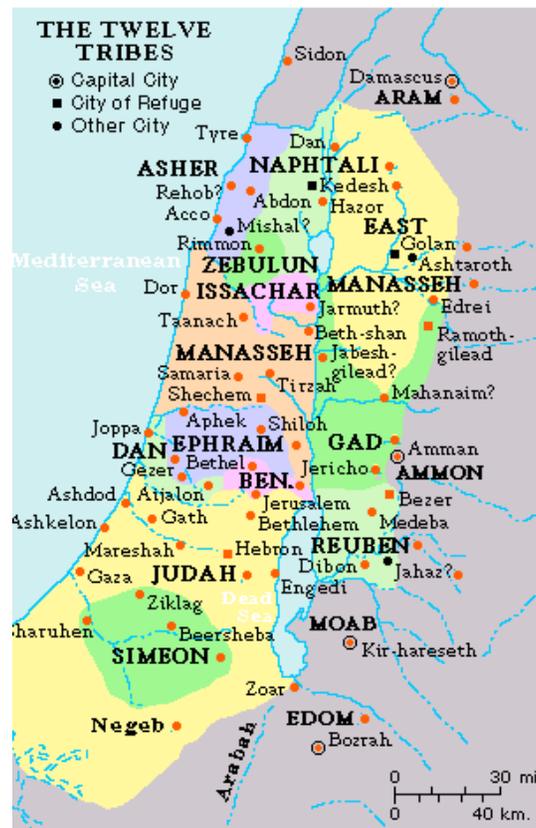
It is the manifestation of Father in Dan, which is Yahshua, who will judge his brothers by pressing upon their affliction/evil. Not to increase the sensation of mental or physical discomfort or pain, but to bring to life the memory of it as it is dowsed with the presence of the Spirit, fulfilling the pain, to become ‘promoted’, to become JOY.

In practical terms, when one ‘sees’ Sin and the full intensity of its pain, the awakening Spirit man ‘sees’ the power of Father BECOMING, promoted into His Glory. It is the pain that awakes man into JOY. This is the task of Dan who brings EVIL and PROMOTION from the North, Judging his brothers, accommodating them on **‘the pathway to life’**.

Dan went North

According to the Scriptural narrative a significant portion of Dan migrated from their allocated area west of Jerusalem to the North of Canaan. This was prophesied by Moses.

Deuteronomy 33:22 *“And of Dan he said, Dan is a Lion’s whelp: he shall leap from Bashan.”*



The story of Dan’s migration is found in Judges chapter 18. Having previously sent spies to reconnoiter the ground, the Danites sent a detachment of six hundred men who plundered and burnt the city of Laish, butchered its inhabitants and then “rebuilt the city and dwelt therein”. They called the name of the city ‘Dan’ after the name of their father.

According to the Scriptures, the tribe of Dan established an idolatrous religion. Dan was the first of the tribes recorded to do so after Israel had left Sinai

Judges 18:30 *“And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.”*

Also, after the death of Solomon, we read that there was a gravitation towards the North of those of Israel who favoured idol worship and to the South of those of them who wanted to remain faithful to Temple worship.

2 Chronicles 11:13-17 *“And from all their borders the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel took their stand with him. For the Levites left their open lands and their possessions and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them from serving as priests unto YaHWaH, as he appointed for himself priests for the high places, and for goats, and the calf idols which he had made. And after the Levites left, those from all the tribes of Israel, such as set their heart to seek YaHWaH Elohim of Israel, came to Jerusalem to offer to YaHWaH Elohim of their fathers. And they strengthened the reign of Judah, and made Rehoboam son of Solomon strong for three years, for they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.”*

Thus it was **towards** the North that people gravitated for their idol worship. However it was **from** the North that evil and punishment was let loose. For this reason, we read in the Scriptures that Father used the human power of Dan to punish the by then disobedient Judah who was dwelling in the South.

Jeremiah 8:16 *“The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein.”*

It is interesting to note that in Scriptures horses are symbolic of the flesh and these horses, coming from Dan, led the attack. So, in fact the land became engulfed with the consequence of disobedience, following of human nature, namely it was overrun by the ‘worship of idols’ and thus Dan ‘judged’ Judah.

The Geographics of Palestine pertaining to Dan

The city of Laish, which the tribe of Dan had destroyed, rebuilt and renamed to ‘Dan’, marked the northern boundary of Palestine and was geographically situated on the “Tell el-Qadi” or “hill of the Judge”. Some historians dispute this placing of the city Laish/Dan and say it is to be found in the neighbourhood of Mt. Libanus near the fountains of the Lesser Jordan in the great plain of Sidon. Others, namely Eusebius and St Jerome, say ‘the village of Dan’ was situated within four miles of Paneas (Baniyas, or Cæsarea-Philipi), on the road to Tyre at the rise of the Jordan, and still other historians claim the actual location was Baniyas.

If the city was built on Tell el-Qadi, it would have been situated about a mile and a half south-west of Mt Hermon, and to the west of Baniyas. The site and surroundings are still remarkably picturesque and close to the mount. On the west is a spring from which clear

cold water flows in abundance, forming a *nahr*, or torrent, which the Arabs call *Nahr Leddân* – probably a corruption of *ed-Dân*. This torrent is the main source of the Jordan, and is doubtless the “Lesser Jordan” mentioned by Josephus.¹⁹

Wherever the actual city had been built, the area in which Dan took domicile included all the above mentioned sites and covers a significant part of the Hermon range. Mount Hermon forms one of the greatest geographic resources of the area. Because of its height, 2814 meters above sea level, it captures a great deal of precipitation which runs off into the plains below. Runoff facilitates fertile plant life below the snow line where vineyards, orchards and trees are abundant. As the snow covered peaks of the mountain range melt, the water seeps through the very old limestone rock, channels and pores to feed springs at the base of the mountain. Some of these springs are found within caves inside the mountain, others can be seen flowing out from the rocks below. One of the largest springs in the world is a spring near the town of Hasbe’ya and this spring forms the western source of the Jordan River. There are in this beautiful area spectacular waterfalls and cascades plunging or pouring the pristine water over rocks and into pools, flowing into the lower plains, forming streams and rivers and merging at last to become the Jordan River.



The Banias Waterfall in the Hermon River Nature Reserve

¹⁹ Catholic Encyclopedia “Dan”



The Jordan River

The Jordan River is 251 kilometers long and from its source in the North of Palestine, it passes through the Great Rift Valley, the Sea of Galilee and finds its end point in the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is not only the lowest point on earth, being about 420 meters below sea level, it is also the lowest salt water lake and it forms a dead end, having no outlet.

Some Historical Facts

The area of Mount Hermon is steeped with a history of sinful idolatry. At least 14 temples on the terraces of its slopes have been identified as the remains of ancient Syrian Baal worship.

On the southwestern slope of Mount Hermon was a city called Cæsarea Philippi. A great temple of white marble was built by Herod the Great to the godhead of Caesar. In 2 BC Herod's son Philip named this place *Cæsarea*, in honor of the first Roman emperor Augustus (63 BC – 14 AD) hence the name Cæsarea Philippi. The original name of this city was *Panias* and the modern name is an Arabic corruption, *Banias*.

There is a cave near this biblical city of Cæsarea Philippi (Banias) which, in the Greek mythology, is said to be the birthplace of the god **Pan**. He is the god of *nature, fields, forests, mountains, flocks and shepherds*. So Pan was the Greek god of nature / creation and the people who worshiped Pan, worshiped the 'creature / works of their own hands' rather than the 'Creator / Spirit'.

The name 'Pan' is, according to some scholars, related to the same root as the Latin *pasco* and thus means 'shepherd'. So Pan, as a shepherd, had the authority or control over creation. By using his 'staff' a shepherd leads, guides and protects his sheep. This is similar as to the task of an Old Order Judge. It is the flesh way to conform to the

requirements of the Law, with his staff he preserves flesh life. However the New Order Judge also rules by a staff, but this staff (or sting) is a staff towards LIFE through destruction of flesh life.

Let us see how this worked out with the tribe of Dan who went to the North of Palestine.

When Dan arrived in the city of 'Laish', he destroyed it and Laish became the city of 'Dan'.

The word Laish in Hebrew is לַיִשׁ 'layish' and its word picture shows a 'sting': "*The staff (ל) that works (י) destruction (ש)*" (of the flesh). This compares with the star 'Lesath' *the sting* in the constellation of Scorpio. This destroyed city Laish (*the staff that works destruction*) became the city of 'Dan', it became the start or the birth of 'Dan', not Pan, it became his **'pathway to Life'**, Thus, it was 'the sting' that birthed Dan.

This is the secret of LIFE, our flesh life needs to be destroyed to reveal the Spirit within and it is 'the sting' that brings us back to the beginning to: **'the pathway to Life'**.

Pan is supposed to be the son of Hermes who is the messenger from the gods to humans. The father of Hermes is Zeus.

Can we now see in this Greek mythology the corruption of the Truth? It was Adam (not Pan) who was given dominion, Yahshua (not Hermes) is our mediator and YaHWaH (not Zeus) is our heavenly Father. Thus Pan pictures a corrupt view of Dan, as a judge, in the flesh.

Mount Hermon on which slopes Cæsarea Philippi was built was known for its wickedness or Evil however Promotion also came forth from this very place. It was to this mountain that Yahshua had come to pray (Luke 9:28,29).

It is Palestine's highest mountain and is also regarded, unto this day, as a "holy mountain". It was the Mount of Transfiguration.

2 Peter 1:18 *"And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain"*

This was the site where Yahshua asked His disciples, who He was.

Matthew 16:13 *"When Yahshua came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim."*



Snow covered “Mount Hermon”

Through the ages Mount Hermon has been known by different names. It was known as *Senir* by the Amorites and *Sirion* by the Sidonians. The Canaanites referred to the mountain as Mount Ba'al-Hermon (Judges 3:3). We are persuaded that the Greeks influenced the name of this mountain to be changed into *Hermon* in honor of their mythological figure *Hermes* who fathered *Pan*. We see here again the corruption of the truth as *Hermes* was not only regarded as the intermedium between the gods and man, but he was a so called, '*Psychopomp*', which literally means that he was an escort for the dead in order to help them find their way to the afterlife (the Underworld in the Greek myths). Along with this task came the fact that *Hermes* himself could enter and leave the afterlife as he pleased. It is this place on the mountain, the place where *Dan* domiciled, that *Yahshua* our mediator and savior, not *Hermes*, transfigured. It is on this very mountain that He demonstrated that He will lead us, as the true Judge within *Dan*, back to our origin in *YaHWaH*.

Uncovering the myths and the places

With all this in mind we have come to the climax of this paper namely, that we may see '*the pathway to Life*' through the geography of Palestine and in particular the area of Mount Hermon and the river Jordan, wherein peoples, cultures, myths and religions all have contributed to the historical pageant, which has been played out to bring about the Glory of Our Father in His Sons, the children of Israel who have their cradle in this country.

There are of these Sons, some of the tribe of *Dan*, who will play a leading roll in this present age in the fulfilling of the destiny of their brothers.

Mount Hermon has been seen by many cultures and peoples as a special mountain, a sacred mountain. People were attracted to this mountain to worship the origin of life. As the snowy peaks melted and the 'living' water seeped through the crevasses of Jurassic limestone rock, it picked up all the earthly elements necessary to fertilize and to give

nutrition to an abundance of plants and trees growing on the slopes, in the valley beneath and in the delta beyond.

The mountain was sacred because of this 'flesh life' it gave and the 'beginning' was worshiped. Spirit 'Life' too was born on this mountain, but has its origin in Father and it was to this 'Life' that Dan was drawn to. It was 'LIFE' that Dan was looking for and he was driven forth in his quest by the Amorites. Dan was searching for Father, his place of belonging, his true Home and place of Rest. This desire led him to settle in this particular mountain region. His desire for 'LIFE' was strong but, having a veiled heart this desire was manifested in a flesh way, thus Dan 'created life' by 'the works of his own hand' (Jeremiah 1:16) resulting in idol worship. By traveling this road of demise, Dan was being prepared for his task as a judge, as it is through experiencing the vanity of the flesh that one can come to manifest the true LIFE and arrive at the safe haven, the place of rest.

This in essence is the concept illustrated in the geography of Mt Hermon and the River Jordan which finds its origins therein.

The word "Jordan" is the Hebrew word יַרְדֵּן *yardên*. Strong's 3383. Let us look at the picture this Hebrew word illustrates.

'yood' י means: *to make, action, hand or work.*

'reysh' ר means: *head or the highest.*

יַרְדֵּן (Dan) means the **'pathway to Life'**.

So the word 'Jordan' means: 'the highest *makes* the pathway to life' or; **'the Highest is leading on the pathway to Life'**. Thus the word 'Jordan' is showing us that it is Yahshua as the manifestation of Father, in Dan **'leading on the pathway to Life'**. He is the ***ACTION***.

The river Jordan is 'our' river, our Life river. We are this 'living' water. Our Life, which starts with this pure water from the mountain peak where we as snow are conceived. As the Water of Life we come down from the mountain. We, as this Life Water are nurtured as in a womb, picking up all the earthly elements from the mountain while seeping, flowing and gushing down to the bottom of the mountain. At the foot of Mount Hermon we are born into the river Jordan and here we start on the road towards our destiny. The flowing of the river Jordan is our conscious life here on earth. Our river of Life leads us, without returns²⁰, on our path towards the deepest place on earth, the Dead Sea, a dead end, where there is no escape possible.

²⁰ Sometimes Father grants us a look back. In the account of a very little girl whose Dad and Mum had just returned from the hospital with a new baby brother. The baby was placed in a cot in his new room and then the small girl asked if she could be alone with him. The parents were surprised but let her be alone with her little brother, while they went into their own bedroom where they could hear what was going on in the baby room through the intercom. They arrived just in time to hear their little daughter say, "Baby, how is Father?" The little girl's heart was not yet fully veiled in order to forget her origin and what a wonderful witness to us to have this little peak back at our beginning through the heart of a child.

We are born at the foot of the mountain. Here Dan domiciled. From this time, the day we are born, we are in the hands of Dan, we are on 'the pathway to Life', we are judged. The sting of the Scorpion, the bite of the serpent, will push us forward to Life through Death, through the death of the flesh so that we can 'live'. The sting of the Scorpion, the task of Dan, will 'surround the beginning and devour it' it will force us forward beyond the end, it will thrust us to our beginning in Him.

In our humanity we cannot 'see' the Giver of Life from the peak of the mountain, we can not 'see' the origin, the source. Yes, we desire to see, this is the 'Life' energy from our heart but, because of our blindness, our uncircumcised heart, we are looking to the outworking, to the result that flows from the mountain and this we worship. Because of our blindness we, (in the spirit), are innocent. However, ignorance is born out of innocence and this constitutes our first sin (in the flesh) as, when the veil of our heart is lifted, or when the sting or bite is felt, our minds 'refuse' to see. Our minds refuse to die. This is our conscience. This starts our internal war and propels us forward.

Israel had this problem of ignorance when they were at Sinai. In coming out of Egypt they had plenty of revelations from YaHWaH but they refused to 'see' Him. They did not want to communicate with our Father, they did not want to die. They wanted to hear from Moses, they wanted the outworking. Moses climbed the top of the mountain, to 'meet' Him, to die, while they were worshiping the earthly down below. Moses 'saw' LIFE with his Heart, with his 'Spirit mind', while the people saw the outworking of life with their flesh mind and promised him (Moses not Father), "to do".

Exodus 19:8 *"And all the people answered together, and said, All that YaHWaH hath spoken we will do."*

Their flesh wanted to stay comfortable and, though they had some revelation, they 'refused' to die.

Exodus 19:20 *"...but let not Elohim speak with us, lest we die."*

As a nation this was their collective ignorance and their first sin²¹. At the foot of Mount Sinai the war inside of them had started which set them on 'the pathway to Life'. The war started for the people of Israel at the foot of Mount Sinai, that is where their river of Jordan started and the river has run it's course. 'The pathway to life' led them into the depths of despair and in this age they are dying at the deep end, awaiting LIFE.

Yahshua and his disciples were in Cæsarea Philippi on the mount of transfiguration, Mount Hermon. Again, this was the Mountain where all peoples and cultures had worshiped the beginning of Life, these past cultures and peoples could not come higher than their own imaginations of their flesh mind, so they created illusions.

²¹ The purpose of our blindness is an illustration of the most wonderful mercy and love Father has towards His people as it is through the blindness, afflicted by Him, that He takes the responsibility for our sins and for leading us, as Him glorified in the flesh, into LIFE .

Romans 11:25 *"For I would not brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part happened to Israel, until the fullness of the gentiles(nations of Israel) be come in."*

It was here that the ‘man’ Yahshua asked two questions, the first being: “*Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?*” (Matthew 16:13) Some told Him that the people thought He was a ‘Flesh’ man like John the Baptist, Elias, Jeremias or one of the prophets.

Then He asked a second question in verse 15: “*But whom say ye that I am?*” It was Simon Peter that answered Him that He was Spirit by saying “*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim*”. So Peter ‘saw’ the Spirit Yahshua, but **not** with his flesh eyes as evidenced by Yahshua saying:

Matthew 16:17 “...***flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.***”

Peter saw with his Spirit eyes, the ‘Living Son’. This was Peter’s call to judgment, his Feast of Trumpets. It was ‘the pathway to Life’ for Peter. He ‘saw’ as a Spirit man beyond the flesh, beyond death, towards the beginning on the mountain.

Peter was the first recorded man to have ‘seen’ LIFE on this Mountain of Hermon. Some days later Peter saw, together with two other disciples the Life of the transfigured Yahshua on Mount Hermon, of Moses, who had seen His Glory at Mount Sinai, and of Elijah, who sat on a hill and went up in a whirlwind. Peter was in actual fact amongst these three transfigured men, who symbolize the Three Great Feasts. All three, Yahshua, Moses and Elijah had seen His Glory and Peter, with his two friends, were with them.

This was symbolically their Feast of Tabernacles.



Dan, as manifesting Father through Yahshua, in his task as a Judge is portraying ‘the Highest is leading on the pathway to Life’ (the Jordan), he **forms** the River of our Life. We, as the people of Israel, **are** the water of the river, the water of the Jordan. We flow along and encounter the problems, trials and persecutions of life as we hit rocks and tumble over waterfalls. Yet sometimes Father, this Life in us, lets us rest in pools and puddles along the way. We water and fertilise crops, plants and trees, we lessen thirst to fauna. These are symbolic of our revelations to the earthly, to our humanity. We are being polluted. The water towards the end of the river is by far not as pure as what it was as it came off the slopes of Mount Hermon and similarly, as we walk ‘the pathway to Life’, we carry and drop the sediment of our existence on the way to Life reaching the Dead Sea.

Dead Sea at Sunset

Here at the Dead Sea, which is the lowest point on earth, 420 meters below sea level, we are being brought very, very low. On that depth there is little or no esteem of self left. There is no exit to the Mediterranean, there is no escape from death. Death is unavoidable. However, the (Jor)dan has pushed us forward to Life: 'the Highest is leading on the pathway to Life'. So, our death here in the Dead Sea cannot be the final stage, it forms a stepping stone to Life!

It is here at this point that we will be given a New Heart;

Ezekiel 36:26 "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."



This passage from death to life is beautifully illustrated in the performance of the water in the Dead Sea.

The accumulation of minerals has made the water of the Dead Sea very salty. At places it has a complete saturation of Sodium Chloride. The chemical formula is NaCl (salt) + H₂O (water). When we, as the people of Israel, the river Jordan, have arrived at the Dead Sea we are saturated with salt minerals, we are saturated with the earthy, the flesh. The water has such a high salinity that it is impossible to drown. So too our true Life, our Spirit, the water from the top of the mountain, cannot be killed no matter how saturated it becomes with the earthy, the ways of the world.

Being born as *the water* from Mount Hermon we have now become the *saturated water* in the Dead Sea. Rightfully Yahshua told His disciples:

Mathew 5:13 "Ye are the salt of the earth..."

This figure of speech of Yahshua tells us that we are the salt of the earth in the water of Life.

Dead Sea (no escape)

There is something very special about salt, or NaCl. You can only 'taste' salt when it is dissolved in water or H₂O. Salt crystals of themselves have no taste at all! So you can

only taste salt if you let the crystals dissolve in the saliva of your mouth, in brine or in the water of the Dead Sea. So the ‘tasting’ of salt happens when you add the H₂O to the NaCl. When it has lost H₂O, e.g. with evaporation, it has lost its flavour and it is worth nothing!

Mathew 5:13 “...but if the salt have lost his savour,... it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.”

So, “*wherewith shall it be salted?*” (Matthew 5:13). Yahshua asked a rhetorical question. Is there anything else than water that can give this salt its savour, which can make our bodies, alive? The answer is obvious, **NO**. No idol, nothing, but Water/Life can make man live. Only Father can give man LIFE.

Thus, after the river has run its course and arrives in the Dead Sea the water (H₂O) evaporates, it leaves the salt (NaCl) behind. The Life water, that ascends into the heavens, takes with it the memory, the memory not only of the salt, but also from all the earthly elements, the rocks, waterfalls, springs, pools, puddles, sand, clay, and vegetation it came across. The water (our LIFE Spirit) has *experienced*²² LIFE in the Flesh and made it perfect, by ascension and uniting with the Father through Yahshua.

The water cycle is now complete. The ‘Life’ water, led by the Highest within Dan, **‘the pathway to Life’**, ascending into the heavens to arrive back to where it originated from, at the peak of Mount Hermon. Dan’s task has ended. He has judged, he has led his brothers to where they came from, he has led Israel to the beginning.

It is interesting to note that Mount Hermon has actually three summits that are of the same Height. Thus it is here, on this Holy Mountain, that we will be united into ONE. Three summits, One mountain. The Father, The Son and His people Israel united together into LIFE. This illustrates the fulfillment of the prophecy quoted in the prayer of Yahshua.

John 17:11,21-23 “*And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.... That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*”

Thank You lovely Father for this most beautiful and awesome Gift, this Trumpet sound of the Judge at the Feast of Trumpets in the year 2007.

Appendix

²² Noah Webster, Experience: Latin, *experiential*, the root of *perior* is to go, to *fare*, to drive. German: *erfahren*. Dutch: *ervaren* English: *to fare, to ferry*

Just recently I was reading in the November 2006 issue of the National Geographic²³ an article on the world's greatest mountaineer, Reinhold Messner. The title of this article revealed the Spirit within Reinhold Messner. It says: "*Murdering the Impossible*". The article proves to be very relevant to this study of Dan and in particular to our quest of knowing YaHWaH, of meeting the Mountain.

The title, "*Murdering the Impossible*" attracted me as a Tabernacle expression or a Seventh day Prophecy as well as the subtitle that says: "*How Reinhold Messner, the world's greatest mountaineer willed himself to shatter the limits*", here Reinhold Messner's Spirit is revealed as the driving force, the desire of his heart to spiritual realization, impelling his body and his mind to attainment, which is the key to his Spirit consciousness. This Spirit driving force seeks to destroy this flesh perception of 'being able' by the illusion that 'it can'. As we have learned, when Reinhold Messner's perception of self is revealed to him as an illusion, he sees that his true identity has killed the impossible and shattered the limits. His work as a mountaineer is an excellent illustration for all of us in our pursuit to 'the pathway to life'.

It is most interesting that Reinhold has designated his life in, as he called it, 'six stages' and it is from his Sixth stage that the writer of this article remarks: "Reinhold talked about the '*unrelenting philosophies*' that lay behind the list of his astonishing feats" and, now quoting Reinhold: "*I'm interested in our experiences and not in mountains—I'm not a naturalist, I'm interested in what's going on in human beings...*" Here Reinhold speaks from his human (6 is the number of man) perception (philosophies), in his sixth stage. In his sixth stage he is combating with his 'understanding', touching his limits, desiring to go through his limits, 'shattering' them towards his Spirit awareness. This is the culmination of 6, he has arrived at his last great fight that he, as a man, is going to lose. He speaks from his Sixth Stage about his '*meeting mountains*' (meeting YaHWaH), which is a Seventh day occurrence! He quoted the poet William Blake who said: "*When men and mountains are meeting, big things are happening*" Reinhold took this as his (human) philosophy and paraphrased on this: "*If you have a highway on Everest, you don't meet the mountain. If everything is prepared, and you have a guide who is responsible for your security, you cannot meet the mountain. Meeting mountains is only possible if you...are out there in self-sufficiency*". Then, of course, great things will happen! Reinhold, though he may have spoken as an alpinist, will come to realize that no man can enter into His realm through any-**thing**. The flesh (6) is not sufficient, when Reinhold says '*self-sufficiency*' he refers to that 'which is sufficient' and that is spirit, His Spirit within Reinhold and as 'Spirit Reinhold' he can meet the Mountain.

I have never communicated with Mr. Reinhold Messner and very likely he does not realize that in this article he oftentimes speaks from his Heart or his Spirit, that he is subconsciously prophesying about his own future and destiny. After he had encountered a severe obstacle in his life, the obstacle of the loss of his brother (he claims "*obstacles energize me*"), it caused him to become more professional in his approach of 'meeting the mountain', his inner desire to meet YaHWaH. He said: "*I knew exactly that my life was limited, and I have to do it, it is the key moment of my life*". His Spirit, Father

²³ An excerpt of this story can be found: <http://www7.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0611/feature1/>

within him, tells him that the key to LIFE is to go through the obstacle in order to “meet the mountain”. In other words, he has to go through the obstacle not to win but to experience that he, as a flesh man, cannot get there, cannot reach it, that he as a flesh man is inadequate or insufficient, that he cannot reach to that what satisfies him. His flesh is driven to obstacles, not to win, but to loose. He is driven to his ultimate and last obstacle, which is death. The death of his flesh and that driving force is His Spirit. This will become the final moment of his flesh, the moment that in loosing He wins... This process applies to all of us; as we are all in a stage (from 1 to 6) towards meeting our Mountain.

Several other times in this article Reinhold witnessed of his very strong desire to meet his Father, his Mountain. Even the relationship that he had with his flesh father symbolizes this meeting. He says about his father: *“In the family there was only one chance, to break, to be broken or to be stronger than the father”*. This expression characterizes Reinhold’s theme of his life, not just of the family he grew up in. It is a fight that he as a flesh man will loose, but as a Spirit man will win. He himself prophesied of that during a period when he was recovering in a clinic, he said: *“I was still thinking, I will probably, after that time of recovery...be able to be self sufficient – I can climb anything”*. He spiritually spoke of his healing, his seventh day healing to his existence which is spirit. Then his real self is sufficient and He can meet the Mountain, any Mountain.

At the end of the article (his story) under a photo of himself, where he holds his head (mind) under his right hand (works) in front of his (man made) mountain museum, looking thoughtful, almost worrisome, this remarkable man expresses the hope *“to go somewhere where everything is new, and to begin again an activity”*. This marks the end of his Sixth Stage (his period of man), and now looking towards his future (which is his seventh stage, his stage of spiritual perfection), the article continued *“His (Reinhold’s) expression is of otherworldly reference.”* And Reinhold said. *“There are moments in difficult situations, far away, that there is no more doubt. There the questions are gone. And I think these are the important moments. If the question is gone, I have not to answer. Myself living—I am the answer.”* How wonderfully beautiful and immensely joyful it is to see the great work of our Father turning this man to Himself, The All Living Father as Reinhold Messner, He is the Answer.

Nothing in the article of ‘National Geographic’ shows that Mr. Reinhold Messner has any knowledge of the Scriptures nor that he is a member of any church organization. Still, whether he is or not, whether he has an understanding of Scriptural truths or not, he is a religious man. His life is prophetic and shows the spiritual dimensions to all who can ‘see’. The ‘seeing’ does not depend on scriptural knowledge. There are NO prerequisites to ‘seeing’. Sure there is also no evidence that Mr. Reinhold Messner ‘sees’ as his understanding may well be limited ‘yet’ to the physical dimensions of the things he has said and done. However the ‘desire’ that motivates him is directed to spiritual realization not to, as he may think, physical attainment. His physical attainment is His stepping stone. Father has acquainted or familiarized Reinhold with His forms and shapes and to open his eyes requires only the lifting of His veil. In this age, wherein the period of Tabernacles is inaugurated, we could well see that ‘scriptural knowledge’ may well serve as a delightful obstacle for many amongst us, so that the last will be first.

