EL SHADDAY אל שדי GOD ALMIGHTY

Gen. 17:1

"Abram was ninety-nine years old, when YHWH appeared to Abram, and said to him, I am El Shadday: walk before My face, and be perfect" (Gen. 17:1). How can anyone — even GOD — command any of us to be perfect? "YHWH looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any that act wisely, that seek after God. They have all gone astray, they are all alike corrupt; there is none that does good, no, not even one" (Psalm 14:2-3). The reason is: El Shadday is perfect in holiness, and He makes us holy, as He says: "and you shall sanctify yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy" P• 345 (Lev. 11:44).

He gave Abram a *new name* Abraham and concluded a covenant with him and his seed of $circumcision \rightarrow$ a NEW MAN.

שהי Shadday appears to come from an old Semitic root šdd "strong, powerful, forceful; vigorous" (see note); and אל El, originally personal Name of GOD, means "strength, power." He describes Himself as a roaring Lion, like flashing lightning.

The numerical values, however, open a perspective of glory:

N 345 Peace Maker, Vindicator; Shiloh

(345) = 23*5*3 reveals His character: 23 HOLY * 5 *merciful*; 5*3 redeeming. אל רחום El Rachum "merciful El" S 345 (Deut. 4:31).

"YHWH, YHWH, <u>El, merciful</u> and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but by no means clearing the guilty ..." (Ex. 34:6-7).

"Thou wilt keep in perfect peace the mind stayed on you, for he confides in you. Confide in YHWH for ever; for in Yah, YHWH, is the Rock of Ages" (Isa. 26:3-4).

"He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of Shadday. I say of YHWH, My refuge and my fortress; my God, I will confide in Him. Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the destructive pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall find refuge: His truth is a shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid for the terror by night, for the arrow that flies by day, for the pestilence that walks in darkness, for the destruction that wasts at noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come nigh you. Only with your eyes you shall behold, and see the reward of the wicked. For You, O YHWH, are my refuge! you have made the Most High your dwelling-place; there shall no evil befall you, neither shall any plague come nigh your tent" (Psalm 91:1-10).

(His infinite blessings come upon us — IF: Deut. 28:1-14; Psalm 81:13-16; Ephesians 1:3.)

P 48 Zion, the city and bride of the Great King

"Great is YHWH, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the hill of his holiness. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces as a high fortress" (Psalm 48:1-3).

"His foundation is in the holy mountains. YHWH loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God" (Ps.87:1-3). — "YHWH has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. This is my resting-place for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it" (Ps. 132:13-14).

Shadday is mentioned 48 times in the Holy Bible, which shows us that He has fallen in love with His bride, Zion.

Actually, GOD builds Israel on two men: Abraham, His friend, and on David, the man after His own heart. David proclaimed the LORD as the King of Israel. He desired to build a sanctuary to the LORD in the heart of Jerusalem. And the LORD was deeply touched in His heart and said: "Will you build me a house for me to dwell in? — And now YHWH tells you that YHWH will make you a house. — And your house and your kingdom shall be made firm for ever before you: your throne shall be established for ever" (2 Sam. 7:5-16. See, how David put the LORD FIRST: Psalm 132).

But the LORD told David that not he, but his Son should build the temple of the LORD. Not Solomon, but that other Son of David, who is the heart of GOD, shall build the true temple of the Most High.

"Thus speaks YHWH of Hosts, saying, Behold a man whose name is *Branch*; and He shall grow up from His own place, and He shall build the temple of YHWH: even He shall build the temple of YHWH; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne; and He shall be a Priest upon His throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both" (Zech. 6:12-13).

"David took the stronghold of Zion, which is the city of David. — So David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the city of David" (2 Sam. 5:7, 9; 1 Chron. 11:5, 7).

So Zion is a stronghold, and GOD associates it with גוה, to command" in Psalm 133:3.

That is the characteristic of Zion, it is the stronghold of the LORD, *under His command*, even those *who obey* His commandments. So many call themselves "children of God." But Yeshua says: "whosoever shall do the will of God, he is my brother, and sister, and mother" (Mark 3:34-35). It is the "obedience of faith" which the LORD is looking for (Romans 1:5; 16:26). That is the "figs" (Mark 11:13). For He spoke: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

Yeshua spoke to His true disciples: "You are the light of the world: a city situated on the top of a mountain cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under the bushel, but upon the lamp-stand, and it shines for all who are in the house. Let your light thus shine before men, so that they may see your upright works, and glorify your Father who is in the heavens" (Mat. 5:14-16). The phrase "a city situated on the top of a mountain" has the numerical value N 2304 = 48*48 = Zion.

They have One Head, and in Him they are One in love: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, upon Aaron's beard, that ran down to the hem of his garments; As the dew of Hermon that descends on the mountains of Zion; for there YHWH has <u>commanded</u> the blessing, life for evermore" (Psalm 133). What a wonderful revelation of the unity of the body of Mashiach, He our only Head being in our midst, and His Anointing is flowing down on the members of His body clothed in His righteousness.

El Shadday has only one Word to the rebellious nations who cast His righteous commandments over board: "I have anointed My King upon Zion, the hill of My holiness." And speaking to His Son: "Ask of me, and I will give you nations for an inheritance, and for your possession the ends of the earth: You shall break them with a scepter of iron, as a potter's vessel you shall dash them in pieces" (Psalm 2:6, 8-9).

Even more than 800 years before David, GOD spoke about the Son of David, the Lion of Judah: "Judah is a young lion; From the prey, my son, you are gone up. He "Judah is a young lion; From the prey, my son, you are gone up. He stoops, he lays himself down as a lion, And as a lioness: who will rouse him up? The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the lawgiver from between his feet, until *Shiloh* come, and to Him will be the obedience of peoples. He binds His foal to the vine, and His ass's colt to the choice vine; He washes His dress in wine, and His garment in the blood of grapes. His eyes are redder than wine, and His teeth are whiter than milk" (Gen. 49:9-12).

Who is *Shiloh* (N 345 P 48), the "Peace Maker"? Here you see Him coming: "Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion; shout, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King comes to you: He is just, and having salvation; lowly and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off. And He shall speak peace to the nations; and His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth" (Zech. 9:9-10).

What a glorious promise! This text was precisely fulfilled in Matthew 21:1-11. Here He came into Jerusalem humbly riding on an ass. What did they do to *Shiloh*? Did they put Him on the throne??

R $297 = 3^{3}*11$ the blessing from Him who was lifted up on the cross

"And when they came to the place which is called the skull, there they crucified Yeshua, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. And Yeshua said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And parting His garments among them, they cast lots. — The chief priests also, with the scribes, mocking with one another, said, He saved others; Himself He cannot save. Let the Mashiach the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and may believe. — And when the sixth hour was come, there came darkness over the whole earth until the ninth hour; and at the ninth hour, Yeshua cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My GOD, my GOD, why have You forsaken me? — And Yeshua cried again with a loud voice, and gave up His spirit. And behold, the veil [paroket] of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth quaked; and the rocks were rent; and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints that had fallen asleep were raised; and coming forth out of the tombs after his resurrection they entered into the holy city and appeared to many. Now the centurion, and they that were with him watching Yeshua, when they saw the earthquake, and the things that were done, feared exceedingly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God" (Luke 23:33-46; Mat. 27:33-51).

One thousand years before David prophesied about the sufferings of the Mashiach, saying: "My GOD, my GOD, why have You forsaken me? — I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and the despised of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying: Commit it to YHWH — let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, because He delights in Him! — I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: My heart is like wax; it is melted within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And you have brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: A company of evil-doers have inclosed me; they pierced my hands and my feet. I may count all my bones; They look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and upon my vesture they cast lots" (Psalm 22:1-18). See how exactly this was fulfilled. Over this Psalm 22 the Bible code YESHUA MASHIACH (ELS -45) is written by the hand of GOD, see Bible Code.

Thus the lightning of the judgment of El Shadday smote His own beloved Son in your and my stead. If it had hit us we would have been consumed forever. The curse because of our transgressions was laid on Him, THE RIGHTEOUS ONE, as it is written: "a curse of GOD is he that is hanged on a tree" (Deut. 21:23).

Yeshua is our Lightning Rod, as He Himself said: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believes may in Him have

eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14-16). THAT IS LOVE IN DEED! The whole world is not worthy of such a Hero.

El Shadday, the Almighty GOD, has revealed Himself in the "little Lamb that was slaughtered on Golgotha on the 14th of Abib; He is our true Passover Lamb who has atONEd us with GOD. His blood speaks better than Abel's: "Father, forgive them!" For this cause He came into the world: to be slaughtered for our sins, that we may repent and enter the peace of GOD unspeakable. Without His blood there is NO redemption! His blood is His Life, and He lives in those who have surrendered ALL to Him. He makes them the members of His risen body. He, Yeshua Mashiach, is ALL in them

S 393 = 3*131 one with GOD in love!

And here you see His bride, the precious fruit of His sufferings:

His little Shulammith rejoices: "I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine: He feeds among the lilies" N $1179 = 3^2*131$ "Shulammith" N 6*131

Her prayer is: "Set me as a seal upon Your heart, As a seal upon Your arm: For love is strong as death; Jealousy is cruel as Sheol: The flashes thereof are flashes of fire, Flames of Yah" (Song of Songs 8:6).

N• 349 Fire of holy jealousy, holy zeal.

El Shadday has rightly been translated "the Almighty God." The numerical value, N• 349, however, reveals the secret of His omnipotence. It is not the strength of Thor hurling his axe, nor the power of an elephant because it is bigger than others; but it is the *jealousy* of a lion when someone tries to ensnare and catch its whelps. Shadday is a Fire of holy jealousy, and of jealousy for holiness, best expressed in these verses:

"Take heed to yourself, that you make no covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you shall come, lest it be a snare in the midst of you; but you shall demolish their altars, shatter their statues, and hew down their Asherahs. For you shall worship no other god; for YHWH — *Jealous* is His name — is a jealous God" (Ex. 34:12-14). "Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of YHWH your God, which He made with you, and make a graven image in the form of anything which YHWH your God has forbidden you. For *YHWH your God is a devouring Fire, a jealous God*" (Deut. 4:23-24; 9:3).

May that zeal burn in us, as it burned in the Lion of Judah, when He entered the temple of His Father to worship, and found in it "sellers of oxen and sheep and doves, and the money-changers sitting; and, having made a scourge of cords, He cast them all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the change of the money-changers, and overturned the tables, and said to the sellers of doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise. And His disciples remembered that it is written, *The zeal of your house devours me*" (John 2:13-17). He did not use a sword, or a spear; He only made a whip of cords which could hurt no one. "Out of the temple of my GOD!"

If His zeal was so fervent for the temple about which He prophesied: "Verily I say to you, not a stone shall be left here upon a stone which shall not be thrown down" — how much greater is it not for the true temple of the living GOD, His chosen assembly? as it is written: "Do you not know that **you are the temple of God**, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any one corrupt the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you" (1. Kor. 3:16-17).

Should not that holy Fire burn in every disciple of Yeshua, for "do you not know that *your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit* which is in you, which you have of God; and you are not your own? for you have been bought with a price: glorify now then God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19-20). May we cast out every idol and crush it at His feet, who is sitting on the throne of our heart.

Are we idolaters? What is an idol? Anything which takes the place of El Shadday in our hearts. He is jealous in His love for His bride. "Love not the world, nor the things in the world. If any one love the world, the love of the Father is not in him; because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1. John 2:15-16).

But what happened? The nations turned their back on righteous El and worshipped demons, rain "gods" and fertility "goddesses" (= demons), hoping to gain more produce and profit. Kings of Judah made covenant with the great king of Babylon introducing the cult of Babylonian idols into Jerusalem and even built altars to the host of heaven in the courts of the holy temple of GOD. So GOD let the Babylonians come and deport all of Judah and burn up the temple. It seemed that the wonderful plan of El Shadday had utterly failed. Did GOD now send a second flood to wipe out mankind, or consume us in the fire of His jealousy?

Marvelous El, He sent His only Son.

P• 52 Ben, the Son

"For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name is called *Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace.* Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with judgment and with righteousness, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of YHWH of hosts will perform this" (Is. 9:6-7).

What a GIFT GOD has given us: His only Son. By Him ALL the pleasure of the LORD is fulfilled.

The Son of GOD is from eternity. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things received being through Him, and without Him not one thing received being which has received being. In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of Men" (John 1:1-4; 12:34). Read also Proverbs 8:22-31.

Mashiach is the Son of GOD: "I will declare the decree: YHWH has said to me, *You are My Son*; I this day have begotten you. Ask of Me, and I will give you nations for an inheritance, and for your possession the ends of the earth" (Ps. 2:7-8).

The pleasure of GOD always rested upon His Son: "And it came to pass, all the people having been baptized, and Yeshua having been baptized and was praying, that the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form as a dove upon Him; and a voice came out of heaven, *You are My beloved Son, in you I have found My delight*" (Luke 3:21-22).

On the holy mountain He was revealed to His disciples as He was praying: "And He was transfigured before them. And His face shone as the sun, and His garments became white as the light; and behold, Moshe and Eliahu appeared to them talking with Him. And Peter answering said to Yeshua, Lord, it is good we should be here. If you will, let us make here three tabernacles: for you one, and for Moses one, and one for Elias. While He was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I have found my delight: hear Him" (Mat. 17:2-5).

Mashiach is the Servant of the LORD fulfilling all His pleasure: "Behold My Servant whom I uphold, Mine elect in whom My soul delights! I will put My Spirit upon Him; He shall bring forth judgment to the nations" (Is. 42:1; Mat. 12:18).

GOD gave two gifts of love to Israel, and through Israel to all the world:

- 1. The Torah, and indeed the Torah is the radiance of the Mashiach.
- 2. His own beloved Son.

"Mashiach is the Completion of the Torah for Righteousness to every one that believes" (Rom. 10:4). This is wonderfully illustrated in the last chapter of the Torah, Deut. 34:4-5, describing the end of the life of Moshe. Here you find the word TORAH spelled with the ELS of 9, the number of fruit, (π 34:4, W 14, P 5). Notice the letter written just after each of the letters of TORAH: YESHUA; that means the Torah = Yeshua.

No one ever kept the Torah. Yeshua said to the strictest orthodox teachers of the Law: "Has not Moses given you the law, and *no one of you keeps the law*? Why do you seek to kill me?" (John 7:19).

Only One ever kept the Torah, the Son who is the Fulfillment of the Torah. He spoke to the Jewish lawyers: "Which of you convinces me of sin?" (John 8:46). Indeed, they tried diligently, but could not find any sin in His life. But more than that, He who spoke these words is the *Truth*, and He knew that there was NO sin in His life.

"YHWH had delight [in Mashiach] for His righteousness' sake: He shall magnify the Torah, and make it glorious" (Is. 42:21). The *Sermon on the Mount* (Matthew 5-7) is the exposition of the Torah, and at the same time a portrait of our Lord Yeshua. It is the character of the Lamb, and no one but the Lamb (in us) can fulfill it.

Is it not strange: Yeshua was not killed by robbers or harlots, but He was seized and condemned to death by the chosen priests of GOD and teachers of the Torah. This shows us the "righteousness" of man!! There is not one righteous, no not even one (Ps. 14:2-3; Rom. 3:10).

"He was taken from oppression and from judgment; and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken" — He had no wife, no children. "Yet it pleased YHWH to bruise Him; He hath subjected Him to suffering. When You shall make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see a seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of YHWH shall prosper in His hand" (Is. 53:8, 10).

"He came to His own, and His own received Him not; but as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to be *children of God*, to those that believe on His name; who have been born, not of blood, nor of flesh's will, nor of man's will, but of God" (John 1:11-13; 1 John 3:1-2). Thus this prophecy has been fulfilled: "It shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said to them, You are not my people, it shall be said to them, *Sons of the living God*, בני אל הי (Hosea 1:10/2:1). What infinite grace!

This is the mystery of the love of GOD: GOD gave His beloved Son for us, that we may become the sons and daughters of the living GOD. He was condemned to death for blasphemy when He confessed that He was the Son of GOD, that we may exult in our heavenly Father's love: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are **sons of God**. For you have not received a spirit of bondage again for fear, but you have received a **spirit of sonship**, whereby we cry, **Abba, Father**. The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of God. And if children, heirs also: heirs of God, and Mashiach's joint heirs; if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified with Him" (Romans 8:14-17; and 32; Heb. 2:10).

This is GOD'S aim: "Because whom He has foreknown, He has also predestinated to be *conformed* to the image of His Son, so that He should be the Firstborn among many brethren" (Rom. 8:29). GOD will see His Son in us, the character of His Son. For "Mashiach in you is the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27).

How did the HOLY El Shadday do this miracle of conforming sinners into the image of His own Son?

R• $297 = 3^{3}*11$ the blessing, living fruit, of Him who was lifted up on the cross.

This is the WISDOM of GOD: "One died for all, then all have died" (2 Cor. 5:14). And the consequence is: "I am crucified with Mashiach, and no longer live, I, but Mashiach lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). Yeshua Mashiach died in my stead, so I have died. Then we have also been raised up with Him from the dead, and that is a Christian. "So if any one be in Mashiach, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold all things have become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).

Abram got a new name, Abraham, when GOD concluded the covenant of circumcision with him and his seed. A man child is circumcised when it is eight days old, eight signifying a new righteous creation.

Now, a little piece of flesh is not enough, because the whole human character is totally depraved. Again, and again the prophets of Israel rebuke the children of Israel for having an uncircumcised heart (Jer. 9:26). But GOD speaks: "I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and keep Mine ordinances, and you shall do them" (Ezek. 36:26-27). So, when you receive a new heart, you are a new man and receive a new name.

That is a very needful operation, which only El Shadday can do. He alone is holy and perfect, and He must come into our heart. Then we are totally changed.

The New Covenant speaks about the *circumcision of Mashiach*, which is the *putting off of the body of flesh*, being *buried with Him* and *being raised with Him* as an entirely new creation (Colossians 2:11-12). That is the only way to really become a new man. He ALONE, the Risen One, must live in us.

Everything in the Torah is pointing forward to its fulfillment in Mashiach.

You know the tree by its fruit: the fruit of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, fidelity, meekness, self-control: against such things there is no law. But they that are of the Mashiach have *crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts*" (Gal. 5:22-24). NO ONE but Mashiach can bear such a fruit. That is the Fulfillment of the Torah. That is the character of the Lamb in those born from above.

S• 401 the absolutely Righteousness One

"Shadday, we cannot find Him out: excellent in power, and in judgment, and in abundance of justice, He does not oppress" (Job 37:23).

"Him who knew not sin GOD has made sin for us, that we might become *GOD'S righteousness in Him*" (2 Cor. 5:21).

Mashiach bears the Name "*YHWH our Righteousness*" (Jer. 23:6). And His bride bears the same name, His Name, "YHWH our Righteousness" (Jer. 33:16).

For as GOD created Eve out of Adam, and for Adam, so "are you in Mashiach Yeshua, who has been made to us *wisdom from God*, and *righteousness*, and *holiness*, and *redemption*" (1 Cor. 1:30) — "ONE NEW MAN" S 4*401 (Eph. 2:15).

And here you see her dressed as a bride for her Bridegroom: "And I heard as a voice of a great crowd, and as a voice of many waters, and as a voice of strong thunders, saying, Hallelujah, for the LORD our GOD the Almighty has taken to Himself kingly power. Let us rejoice and exult, and give Him glory; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife has made herself ready. And *it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and pure; for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints*" (Rev. 19:6-8); "fine linen, bright and pure" N 4*401

Have you put on this holy garment, which is *Mashiach in you, and you in Him*, and nothing else? *Colossians 3:12-17*.

"When the Mashiach is manifested who is *our Life*, then you shall also be manifested with Him in glory" (Col. 3:4). Here you see His bride and queen: "Upon your right hand the queen stands in *gold of Ophir*" — entirely in Mashiach! "All glorious is the King's daughter within; her clothing is of *wrought gold*" (Psalm 45:9, 13).

"El, Elohim-YHWH, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof. *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, GOD shines forth*" (Psalm 50:1-2).

That is the message of the holy Name of El Shadday, the revelation of the mystery of His heart. Not only that El Shadday is Holy and Righteous, but He changes the worst of sinners into His Righteousness by Yeshua, the Fulfillment of the Torah. Only trust in Him. He speaks to you and me: "I am El Shadday: walk before My face, and be perfect."