



Aharon's Rod that Budded

Sermon Notes

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Bamidbar/Num.17: 1-13

And יהוה -YHWH spoke to Moshe, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Yisrael, and take from every one of them a rod according to the bayit of their ahvot, of all their leaders according to the bayit of their ahvot twelve rods: write every man's name upon his rod.

3 And you shall write Aharon's name upon the rod of Lewi: for one rod shall be for the head of the bayit of their ahvot.

4 And you shall lay them in the Tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you.

*5 And it shall come to pass, **that the man's rod, whom I shall choose**, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from before Me the murmurings of the children of Yisrael, whereby they murmur against you.*

YHWH calls for 12 leaders from each tribe. Aharon's rod from Levi had his name on it. The rod represents death. One end is cleared of leaves, and at the other end the roots have died. The rods had no life, and the rulers and people of Yisrael have no life without resurrection power.

The rods further symbolize the dead condition of humanity. YHWH was establishing His authority and His resurrection life in just one rod, so that the life and authority of that Branch could not be questioned. In the natural all 12 rods were equally dead. All 12 tribes without Yahshua as Savior and Master are dead (Ephsiyah 2:1).

The word for rod is "mattah," meaning a branch, a walking staff, a ruling scepter, a tribe, or a human condition of being "bent low." The basis of life

and ministry in Yahshua is HIS resurrection life and power! Romiyah 5:9-10
We are justified by His BLOOD, but actually and more literally SAVED BY HIS LIFE!

Aharon's rod budded; this budding was a conclusive sign to the rebellious in the camp that Aharon and Moshe walked in the resurrection power and life, which is the basis for true ministry of any kind.

Victorious ministry comes not from the individual (rods) but from the resurrection power placed upon it by YHWH. Bamidbar 17: 9- Moshe displays the deadness of their leadership to the 11 leaders. Bamidbar 17:10- tells us that this "Aharon mattah" (rod of Aharon), was to be kept as an everlasting memorial of YAH's resurrection ability as well as a seal of Moshe and Aharon's authority and as a warning against future rebellion.

When YAH causes our rods' to blossom and gives us a "life imparting ministry" it is by chesed/grace alone. It is His doing alone. We must be in awe and humility. The ministry YAH has given you should humble you to focus on His choice to select and elect you, and not on your rod that was as dead as all others. Aharon served not in the power of the rod, but in the power of its sprouting and budding. The believer is to bear not just a manifestation of YHWH, but many, as seen in verse 8's description of blossoms, and almonds.

Fruitful lives for YHWH are a sign to rebels both in and outside the house of emunah/faith, as it testifies either of their slothfulness or their enemy status before YHWH! That's why the more creative fruit you bear through changed blossoming lives, the more the rebels IN and out the camp will hate you, as they see their cycle of their own futility, in the wake of your journey from glory to glory!! Yahshua said the world [carnal worldly believers and non believers] WILL hate you even as it hated and still hate me!

The rod indicates man's position. The budding indicates YAH's resurrection chayim/life. To be a rod that buds, you and I must pass through daily death to daily resurrection empowerment (Mattityahu/Matt.10: 38). When others see your rod bud and bear fruit in kingdom life they will have nothing to say against Yahweh. Your flow of power will result in others declaring: "We are dead rods bent downward on death. We need life for ministry and we need true ministry for true authority!" Ministry and authority is based on a sprouting chayim, not eloquence, charisma, appearance, or salesmanship.

Sprouting chayim does not take into account who I am, or used to be, rather who He is! All rods start out equal in impotence. His empowerment makes our rods different (2 Cor.4: 8)! Only the rod of resurrected life remains before Him in eternity. The other rods deposit themselves in His presence, but do not remain there. Bamidbar 17:9- To be fruitful in Him one need not just sprout, but we must dwell and be matured in resurrection life by dwelling with Him in the Makom Kadosh/Set Apart Place Yochanan 15:5. Rods are branches, or Netsarim. The principle is the same.

Close: (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 11:1) The Rod from Yishai/Jesse is Dawid. As a mattah, he had authority, and the sprouting life of David found its fullness or fruitfulness in Yahshua! Yishai's dead stump budded in David, but blossomed in Yahshua! Why? Resurrection Life (Jer.23: 5)! Yirmeyahu states that Moshiach The Branch in the Hebrew Tzemach means a sprouting or budding.

David is the rod of Yishai. Yahshua is the Tzemach, or fullness of David's authority, since He is the resurrection and the life (Yochanan/John 11:25-26, Zach.3:8)-A true chosen (eved) servant sprouts though previously dead. Zach.6:12. The Tzemach Himself is willing to branch out through us even as Yishai and David did through Yahshua, so we also bear fruit by branching through Yahshua and His gevurah/power! Selah!