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**Bamidbar / Numbers 9:15-23**

9:15 Now on the day that the tabernacle was erected the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony, and in the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle, until morning. 9:16 So it was continuously; the cloud would cover it by day, and the appearance of fire by night. 9:17 Whenever the cloud was lifted from over the tent, afterward the sons of Israel would then set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the sons of Israel would camp. 9:18 At the command of the Lord the sons of Israel would set out, and at the command of the Lord they would camp; as long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped. 9:19 Even when the cloud lingered over the tabernacle for many days, the sons of Israel would keep the Lord's charge and not set out. 9:20 If sometimes the cloud remained a few days over the tabernacle, according to the command of the Lord they remained camped. Then according to the command of the Lord they set out. 9:21 If sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning, when the cloud was lifted in the morning, they would move out; or if it remained in the daytime and at night, whenever the cloud was lifted, they would set out. 9:22 Whether it was two days or a month or a year that the cloud lingered over the tabernacle, staying above it, the sons of Israel remained camped and did not set out; but when it was lifted, they did set out. 9:23 At the command of the Lord they camped, and at the command of the Lord they set out; they kept the Lord's charge, according to the command of the Lord through Moses. (NASB)

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| **השבועות הזה קוראים / This Week’s Reading** | |
| **תורה:**  **הפטרה:**  **הברית:**  **החדשה:** | Numbers 8:1-12:16  Zechariah 2:14-4:7 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 Revelation 11:1-19 |

Reading through the portion for this week (*Bamidbar / Numbers 9:15-10:34*) it is clear Yisrael relied upon G-d’s guidance and providence for their day to day needs. According to the Torah, when one had an inquiry of the Lord they needed only to go up to the Mishkhan (Tabernacle) and inquire of G-d. In many ways our desire to know answers to life’s questions are very similar to those of the people in the desert. Our passages this morning gives us a glimpse into what it means for G-d to guide us in life.

**9:15-23במדבר**





HaShem’s presence gave comfort to the people. The Torah lays out clearly how are lives are to reflect HaShem’s character and holiness. From these few verses (Bamidbar / Numbers 9:15-23) we can make the following outline:

**Outline**

1. HaShem comforts us by dwelling with us
2. HaShem’s guidance demands obedience
3. HaShem’s ways are clearly understood from the Scriptures
4. HaShem’s guidance is word centered, in the biblical days the center for study was based upon Torah study.
5. HaShem’s guidance is community-oriented

In our text for this week, as long as the cloud remained on the Mishkhan the children of Yisrael remained encamped comfortably. As soon as the cloud was removed the people moved. There was a certain amount of uncertainty concerning the time when the move was to proceed and the people waited upon the leading of G-d through the visible sign (the cloud). This is a description of how we should be living as believers in Yeshua. One of the most difficult things follows ones desire for “self-definition” which stands against the so called leading of the Spirit per say. We have to be very careful to not define ourselves in terms that are unacceptable according to the biblical mandate. We cannot find our identity as an individual (i.e. withdrawing from the community of believers over a disagreement isn’t acceptable). We need to put into practice the biblical worldview and make way for the Master (Yeshua) in our lives and to have a life of faithful obedience in which he calls us.

**Be Blessed in Yeshua our Messiah!**

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**הללויה לאדוננו מורנו ורבינו ישוע מלך המשיח לעולם ועד:**

Hallelujah for our Lord, our Teacher, our Rabbi,

“Yeshua” King Messiah forever and ever