

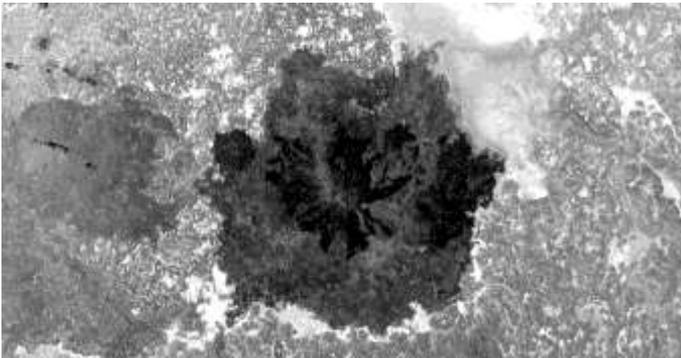
Terror at Haradah

And they removed from Mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah, Numbers 33:24.

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error goes beyond clammy hands and the chill of trepidation. It includes horror, panic, and heart-stopping fear. It seemingly turns warm blood to “ice water” within trembling veins. Moses named this twentieth encampment *Haradah*, meaning “fear” or “terror.”⁶¹ Yet there is no Biblical account of a disaster nor record of masses of people dying or being terrorized in this location.

Some Biblical scholars have suggested that the terror may have been due to the eruption of a volcano during Israel’s stay at *Shapher* Mountain, sending them scurrying through this region. This whole area was part of a large basaltic volcanic field in northwestern Saudi Arabia, near the Jordanian border. It covers an area of 15,200 km². *Al Harrah* (*Haradah*) is in the southern third of the massive *Harrat Ash Shamah* volcanic field, extending from Syria to Arabia.⁶² The photo below⁶³ shows an aerial view of a few of the volcanoes found in this region. Active as recent as the 1850’s, the blackened area is the youngest flow.



The fact that this region contains volcanos, plus the fearsome name of this encampment, may somewhat support the claim that Israel encountered a volcanic eruption somewhere in this region. We might assume that something scary could have happened here, for the encampment to be called *Haradah*. But, no terrifying event can be found in Scripture, nor in history books. Thus, the claim remains unprovable.

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While the reason for this encampment's name remains a mystery, its significance in the experience of *Yahweh's* people in the End of Time is easier to identify. Having followed the Trumpet call and warning at Mount *Shapher*, we can conclude that some later terror at figurative *Haradah* will relate to the Trumpets of Revelation. These will produce terror in most everyone!

WHOM WILL YOU FEAR?

Scripture foretells that fear will be a major factor in the Last Days. Fear itself may even be a cause of death. In Luke 21:26, we read that "men's hearts" will be "failing them for fear," in response to the momentous things which will be "coming upon the earth."

Fear will definitely be a part of the experience of many end-time people. But, terror of cataclysmic crises is not to be in the hearts of spiritual Israel. In fact, nothing more plainly demonstrates a lack of connection with Heaven than abject fear. When we are covered in the Blood of *Yahshua* and clothed in His lovely Righteousness, we are empowered to walk through fire and flood with the invisible Shield of angels' wings, as it says in Psalms 91:11-12.

"But now thus saith [Yahweh] that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee:

when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee," Isaiah 43:1-2.

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In such a state, no truly bad things can happen to us (Romans 8:28). *Yahweh* takes everything the devil meant for evil and turns it for good in some way (Genesis 50:20). Even the testing and trials our Heavenly Father allows to penetrate the Shield of His Protection are only allowed if *Yahweh* deems them good, either for our purification, or for a witness.

In illustration of this beautiful truth, consider the story of the Hasels (see picture below), recorded in the book, *A Thousand Shall Fall*. A Sabbath-keeping family living in Nazi Germany during World War II, the Hasels were active in their church until the day Franz Hasel, husband and father of the family, was drafted into the German army.



Alone with three children to care for, Helene Hasel prayed, trusting in *Yahweh* to help her make ends meet. Franz was placed in Pioneer Company 699, which built bridges and prepared the way for Hitler's advances. His paychecks for military service were the sole financial support to his family.

Both Franz and Helene were pressured to join the Nazi Party. Both refused. The Hasels firmly believed that the Nazi Party philosophy and objectives were incompatible with their commitment to *Yahweh*. When the promise of rewards failed to entice Helene to join the Nazi League of Women, the Nazis resorted to persecution. Franz's paychecks were withheld.

Month after month passed and none of Helene's letters to authorities or requests for correction of the "oversight" were of any avail. Helene prayed and cried out to *YAH*. *Yahweh* sustained their family through

the loving support of their church during this difficult time. Six long months passed and still no paycheck came, nor was there any response from the authorities. Finally, in desperation, Helene wrote a letter to Franz asking his advice and help in recouping the missing paychecks. The letter never reached Franz.

A few days after the letter was sent, Helene finally received communication from the Nazi authorities. They had intercepted her “subversive” letter to her husband. According to them, Helene’s crime of writing such a morale-weakening letter was punishable by death. Helene was then summoned to an interview with Herr Springer in the infamous Brown House, the feared Nazi headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany. As if a summons to the fearsome Brown House wasn’t bad enough, Herr Springer was the head of the Nazi Party in central Germany and a man notorious for his cruelty.

Knowing full well that it would take a miracle to return home safely again after this interview, Helene prayed. She also quietly contacted friends arranging for her children to live with members of the church in case she did not return.

When the day of the appointment arrived, Helene dutifully reported to the Brown House (pictured on the right), prayers ascending from her lips with every breath. Suddenly, a tremendous peace entered her heart, and as she ascended the steps to Herr Springer’s office, she felt the presence of angels about her.



Yahweh had arranged for the pitiless Herr Springer to call in sick that day. Another man conducted the interview, a Nazi leader who “happened” to live next door to a couple from Helene’s church. Helene was given opportunity to witness to this man. He expressed great appreciation for Helene’s faith, having seen it lovingly exemplified through his neighbors. In the conclusion of the interview, in which Helene was cleared of all charges, the Nazi official smiled and said, “Don’t worry about the money. I will see that you get it.”

Within a few days not only did Helene receive her husband’s paycheck, she also received all the back payments from the prior six

months. Helene’s heart was filled with gratitude and joy. Clearly, *Yahweh* had arranged the appointment at the fearsome Brown House in answer to her prayers! He worked all things together for good, just as He had promised.⁶⁴

Because our *YAH* is Loving, Protecting, and Over-shadowing His children at all times, the Psalmist exclaimed:

"I called upon [Yahweh] in distress: [Yahweh] answered me, and set me in a large place (at liberty). [Yahweh] is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do unto me?" Psalm 118:5-6.

When serving such a wonderful and all-encompassing Heavenly Father, fear of evil people or devastating circumstances is nothing short of idolatry. Our fear of these things demonstrates that we do not truly believe that *Yahweh* is great enough to filter any attacks directed against us. In our eyes, He is not all-Powerful, after all.

"Fearing any entity other than Yahweh is a denial of the fact that He alone is God."

Fearing any entity other than *Yahweh* is a denial of the fact that He alone is *YAH*. Three hundred and sixty-five times the Bible tells us not to fear anyone or anything other than *Yahweh*. This means that there is one command not to fear for every day of the solar year. But, while we aren’t to fear others, we are commanded to fear *Yahweh*. Fearing Him is the beginning of wisdom (Psalm 111:10).

The word for “fear,” which is used in reference to *Yahweh*, isn’t the same heart-stopping, panic-stricken terror we see depicted in the wicked when the righteous Wrath of the Almighty is poured out. Rather “fearing” *Yahweh* is about holding Him in exceeding reverence. This is the only kind of fear *Yahweh*’s people are to exhibit.

As we consider the End Time experience of *Haradah*, we find that both meanings of the name will come into play. Remember, *Haradah* means both “fear” and “terror.” Whether we walk in holy fear or

abject terror depends upon whom we have chosen to fear. For those who have chosen to fear *Yahweh* (Revelation 14:7), the *Haradah* experience will be overshadowed by the mercy of the living YAH.



"... His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation. He hath shown strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,"
Luke 1: 49-51.

In order to be sure of the Father's mercy then, we must learn to walk in reverential fear toward Him

now. What does this involve?

The fear of [Yahweh] is to hate evil... Proverbs 8:13

The fear of [Yahweh] prolongeth days... Proverbs 10:27

The fear of [Yahweh] is a fountain of life... Proverbs 14:27

The fear of [Yahweh] is the instruction of wisdom... Proverbs 15:33

The fear of [Yahweh] tendeth to life... Proverbs 19:23

Each of the campsite names carry condemnation to the guilty and hope for the faithful. To those who listened on the mountain of *Shofar* (the trumpet call), it was a comforting display of power under the control of the Almighty. In the days ahead, there will be terror all around. May we fear *Yahweh* now so that we can draw close to the Saviour at such a time, preventing terror with active faith. *Yahweh's* message to Israel in the Wilderness is for those who fear Him today:

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for [Yahweh] thy YAH, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, Deuteronomy 31:5.

YAHWEH'S PURPOSE IN TERROR

Volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, wars... Why does a loving YAH subject those who don't fear Him to terror? Actually, it is because *Yahweh* is merciful and loving, not willing that any should eternally perish (2 Peter 3:9), that He doesn't allow us to take an anesthetized descent into damnation. Terrifying circumstances may serve to drive previously hard-hearted people to their knees.

In Leviticus 26:36, we find that terror may be a useful tool in *Yahweh's* Hand to check the stem of idolatry from spreading among His people. Even Paul felt "buffeted" (2 Corinthians 12:7), which, when he submitted to the Almighty, humbled him into a useful heavenly vessel. Paul, who had once been a persecutor of the followers of *Yahshua*, was acquainted with "terror." He wrote to the Corinthians,

Knowing therefore the terror of [Yahweh], we persuade men," 2 Corinthians 5:11. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living YAH, Hebrews 10:31.

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Just before a humbling dip into the eye-opening realm of terror, many have arrogantly believed that all was well. Nothing in the value-system needed adjustment.

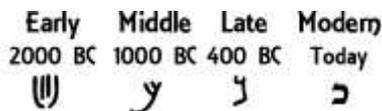
There were no causes for concern. For this reason, the reality check of tragedy seems a shocking drop from "tranquility" to "terror." Like a snoozing man being dumped from his cozy recliner into a vat of ice water, comes the over-whelming dis-aster upon the pridefully unsuspecting.

Tragedy strikes and our smug serenity is crushed. Our exalted "mountain experience" crumbles, and we find ourselves in the Valley of the Shadow of Death, with an opportunity to learn wisdom and the fear of *Yahweh* the hard way. Are we listening yet? Are we learning from ancient Israel the lessons that will take us through this "jungle" of life, they experienced as a "wilderness"?

MEANING IN THE NUMBER TWENTY

Not only does the name *Haradah* yield fruitful lessons for *Yahweh's* End Time people; but also, the meaning from this camp's ordinal number adds dimension to our understanding. Here, at their twentieth campsite, the Children of Israel were to learn a lesson embodied in the number itself. Twenty is the number of "godly relationships," signifying our position in the "palm of His Hand." It also stands for "deliverance, or redemption." In Hebrew Gematria, the number 20 is the 11th letter of the Aleph Beth: *Kaf*,⁶⁵ (equivalent to "k").

The letter *kaph* has changed in its appearance over the years. In the early Hebrew writing, *kaph* was a picture depicting a palm of the hand and something within it.



The *kaf* (or *caph*) means "to tame or subdue as one who has been bent to another's will."⁶⁶ This full meaning of the Hebrew letter *kaph* is beautifully represented in Psalms 119:81-88, which is the portion of Psalm 119 relating to this letter of the Hebrew *Aleph Beth*.

CAPH. My soul fainteth for Thy Salvation: but I hope in thy word. Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt Thou comfort me? For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget Thy Statutes. How many are the days of Thy servant? When wilt Thou execute Judgment on them that persecute me? The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after Thy Law. All Thy Commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help Thou me. They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not Thy Precepts. Quicken me after Thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the Testimony of Thy Mouth, Psalm 119:81-88.

The Hebrew letter, *Kaf*, also signifies the “holiness” that results from a “relationship” with *Yahweh*. “Although holiness is a result of our relationship with *YAH* through salvation in *Yahshua*, the Messiah, there is another aspect of our holiness that requires constant maintenance. Our holiness is initially a result of our relationship to *YAH*, but our behavior can either enhance or damage that relationship. The Bible's constant appeal to us is to live righteously because we have been made holy by our relationship with Him.”⁶⁷

Here at *Haradah*, as at every other station on this journey, we are tested, and “proved.” Will we stand in faith strengthened at Mount *Shapher*, or will we stubbornly cling to our resentment over the long journey and the lives lost from unbelief and rebellion? Nineteen stands for growth in faith,⁶⁸ but it can also signify failure to pass the “test.” Thus, *Haradah* stands between the living and the dead, spiritually. It stands between the “Fear of *Yahweh*” which is “the beginning of wisdom” (Proverbs 1:7), and the “doubt” that separates from deliverance in the day of “terror.”

Do you wish to insure that the enlightening fear of *Yahweh* resides in your heart? Spend some time in the Word of *YAH* looking up texts that identify and distinguish between the positive and negative kinds of “fear.” Notice in that word-search that eight times (the number of “New Life in Messiah”), in the Old Testament, we find that **NO ONE** who walks in the way of *Yahshua haMashiach*, will be afraid! Here are those eight texts:

1. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and **none shall make you afraid**, Leviticus 26:6.
2. Also thou shalt lie down, and **none shall make thee afraid**, Job 11:19.
3. They shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and **none shall make them afraid**, Isaiah 17:2.
4. Therefore fear thou not, O My servant Jacob, saith the Lord neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and **none shall make him afraid**, Jeremiah 30:10.
5. But fear not thou, O My servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy

- seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and at ease, and **none shall make him afraid**, Jeremiah 46:27.
6. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and **none shall make them afraid**, Ezekiel 34:28.
 7. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and **none shall make them afraid**...Micah 4:4.
 8. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies, neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and **none shall make them afraid**, Zephaniah 3:13.

NO FEAR = NO WORRIES!

The phrase, “to make afraid” is number 2729 in the *Strong's Concordance* system. It means “to tremble, to be startled, to be anxious.” Clearly, this definition includes the concept of “worry.” Thus, the lesson of *Haradah* in learning to fear *Yahweh* also involves letting go of anxiety.⁶⁹

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“Be careful (full of care) for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto YAH,” *Philippians 4:6.*

“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares,” *Luke 21:34.*

Do you worry, fret, or borrow trouble? The following are ways we show we have not yet learned to submit to the loving care of our holy *El*.

1. We sit in apprehension about something we may have said that might be misconstrued.

2. We experience anxiety about what might happen rather than work on what is going on now.
3. We brood over, or focus on, other people's troubles.
4. We fret about how to make someone act differently.
5. We resent other people rather than assessing and submitting ourselves.
6. We take a single event and agonize over what we might have done differently.

This is called “borrowing trouble.”⁷⁰

“Fear not” appears sixty-two times in Scripture. When we walk in the fear of *Yahweh*, we show discernment between good and evil. In fact, in Hosea 4:6, where we read that *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge*, the word for “knowledge” may accurately be rendered “discernment.” This is the ability to see circumstances from *Yah's* point of view. Someone has sagely written, “knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.”⁷¹ May we have ears to hear.

He who walks with *Yahweh* will not “worry,” or be “anxious,” over the unknown challenges ahead, for the reverential “fear of *Yahweh*” roots out all other fears. Those who are worried and anxious for the future are so because they have only a partial faith mixed with partial doubt. These have been idle in spiritual development, too caught up in the cares of this life to spend enough time on strengthening faith. They have sought their own joys, comforts and salvation. Such idleness and self-centered living, if continued, will cost them everything!

Idolaters who fear others rather than YAH will experience terror at final *Haradah*. In the trying circumstances which will suddenly come upon them, *Yahweh* will provide a sobering opportunity to learn godly fear. But, if they still remain unrepentant, those who fear others will be the first in the Lake of Fire, as the Bible states in Rev. 21:7-8. For at *Haradah* we discover that everyone will come to fear *Yahweh*, one way or another. Although faithless fear is terror in the guilty, reverential fear is worship in the godly.

“Behold, happy is the man whom YAH correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty. For He maketh sore, and bindeth

up: He woundeth, and His hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. In famine He shall redeem thee from death; and in war from the power of the sword. Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh," Job 5:17-21.



SUMMARY OF CHAPTER SIX

- *Haradah*, was Israel's twentieth encampment. This name means "fear" or "terror." Twenty is the number representing "godly relationships," being in "the palm of *Yahweh's* Hand," and finding "deliverance" and "redemption" by "taming, or subduing, as one who has been bent to another's will."
- At *Haradah* the Children of Israel may have encountered a volcano, or may have just escaped one; but, the cause for their fear is not given. What we know is that the people either experienced holy fear or panic-stricken terror, depending upon whether they worshipped *Yahweh* or were given to idolatry.
- Israel's experience at *Haradah* is a shadow picture of the fear that is coming during the Final Time of Trumpets.
- At this camp experience, we are reminded that we are to "fear (deeply reverence) *Yahweh*," and Him alone. If we fear demons, catastrophes, or people, we are idolaters for we have demonstrated that *Yahweh* is not greater than these things in our eyes.
- Those who fear anything or anyone other than *Yahweh* will experience extreme terror during final *Haradah*. But those who demonstrate holy fear of *Yahweh* will be shielded and comforted in His mercy.

- Whether we experience “fear” or “terror” in end-time *Haradah* is determined by whom we choose to fear now. By learning to “fear *Yahweh*,” now, we are prepared to face *Haradah* in peace.