

Gimatriya Match

PESACH

GM Let's see what GM we can find with the Seder of the Seder:

קִדְשׁ. וַיִּרְחֹץ. כְּרַפָּס. יַחַץ.
מִגִּיד. רְחֹץ. מוֹצִיא מַצָּה.
מָרוֹר. כּוֹרֵךְ. שְׁלַחַן עוֹרֵךְ.
צָפוֹן. בָּרֵךְ. הַלֵּל. גְּרָצָה.

The gimatriya of "the Seder" is 4052. There are four p'sukim in Tanach with that gimatriya - none jump up and say 'pick me' as a GM. Maybe the one from Shir HaShirim deserves mention, because we read Shir HaShirim on Pesach. As far as GMs go - weak.

The NISTAR gimatriya of the Seder is 7246. There are three p'sukim with that number as their regular gimatriya. And this time, one does catch our attention.

D'varim 8:2, in Eikev -

וַיִּזְכֹּרְתָּ אֶת־כָּל־הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר
הוֹלִיכְךָ ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ יְהוָה אֱרֶבְעִים
שָׁנָה בַּמִּדְבָּר לְבַמְעַן עֲנֹתְךָ לְנִסְתָּךְ
לִדְעַת אֶת־אֲשֶׁר בְּלִבְּךָ הֲתִשְׁמֹר
בְּמִצְוֹתַי (בְּמִצְוֹתָיו) אִם־לֹא:

And you shall remember the entire way on which HaShem, your God, led you these forty years in the desert, in order to afflict you to test you, to know what is in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

This sort of makes a very good match being a NISTAR (hidden) gimatriya - as if to say:

What starts with the Seder - the reminder and reliving of the AVDUT and the CHEIRUT - is only the beginning. The Birth of the Jewish Nation.

What comes next? The 40 year period in the Midbar. This is not the rest of the story, but it definitely is the next big chapter - numerically hidden in the Seder.

GM Perek 12 of Sh'mot - in Parshat Bo - is basically the perek that deals with the Korban Pesach. The main concluding and summary pasuk of the mitzva and details of Korban Pesach is 12:50 -

וַיַּעֲשׂוּ כָּל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה' אֶת־בְּמִשֶׁה וְאֶת־אַהֲרֹן כִּן עָשׂוּ:

All the children of Israel did; as HaShem had commanded Moshe and Aharon, so they did.

This pasuk is the penultimate pasuk in the Torah reading (first Torah) of the first day of Pesach. The gimatriya of this pasuk is 3548. One other pasuk in the Torah has that same gimatriya - B'reishit 17:24 -

וְאַבְרָהָם בֶּן־תְּשַׁעִּים וְתִשְׁעֵי שָׁנָה בָּהֵמָלֶךְ בָּשָׂר עָרְלָתוֹ:

And Avraham was ninety-nine years old, when he was circumcised of the flesh of his foreskin.

This pasuk is a good "final" verse for the mitzva of Brit Mila. And the connection between Brit Mila and Korban Pesach is well-known - even legendary. They are the only two positive mitzvot, the punishment for non-observance being KAREIT. Both have a significant blood factor. Mila is the individual's Jewish membership rite; Korban Pesach is the communal membership rite. And so, this Gimatriya Match is a significant one.

But, we are not finished with this pasuk yet.

The MILUI gimatriya of the pasuk is 6501. There is only one pasuk in all of Tanach with a gimatriya of 6501 - namely, D'varim 4:10 (in Va'etchanan) -

יוֹם אֲשֶׁר עָמַדְתָּ לְפָנַי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּחֹרֵב בְּאָמַר יְהוָה אֵלַי הִקְהַל־לִי וְאֲשַׁמְעֵם אֶת־דְּבָרֵי אֲשֶׁר יִלְמְדוּן לְיִרְאָה אֹתִי כָּל־הַיָּמִים אֲשֶׁר הֵם וְזֵימִים עַל־הָאָרֶץ וְאֶת־בְּנֵיהֶם יִלְמְדוּן:

The day you stood before HaShem your God at Chorev, when HaShem said to me, "Assemble the people for Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.

Sh'mot 12:50 records a major step - maybe the most crucial one - in our birth as the Jewish Nation - the fulfillment of Mitzva of Korban Pesach.

Numerically, the full (MILUI) plan and intent of that special mitzva is expressed in Moshe's words to B'nei Yisrael who are poised at the threshold of Eretz Yisrael. He warns them to be very careful not to forget what they had witnessed, and to transmit that memory and knowledge to their children, grandchildren, and on. What was that? MAAMAD HAR SINAI, the day we received the Torah. Korban Pesach is the membership rite for being a part of B'nei Yisrael. It has meaning only with commitment to a life of Torah and Mitzvot.