



This pasuk marks the end of Aharon's life and the end of his tenure as Kohein Gadol.

Hidden (so to speak) in the pasuk from T'tzaveh, where Aharon became Kohein Gadol, is this pasuk from Chukat, telling us of his death.

GM - T'TZAVEH

Sh'mot 28:2 tells us of the launch of Aharon's career as the first Kohen Gadol.

וְעָשִׂיתָ בְּגָדֵי־קֹדֶשׁ לְאַהֲרֹן אֲוִיךָ
לְכָבוֹד וּלְתִפְאֵרֶת:

You shall make holy garments for your brother Aharon, for honor and glory.

The regular gimatriya of 2713 matched two other p'sukim in Tanach - with nothing exciting to say.

But the NISTAR gimatriya of this pasuk is 4232. There are seven p'sukim in Tanach whose regular gimatriyas are 4342 - including Bamidbar 20:26 (in Chukat) -

וַיַּפְשֵׁט מֹשֶׁה אֶת־אֲהֲרֹן אֶת־בְּגָדָיו
וַיַּלְבֵּשׁ אֹתָם אֶת־אֶלְעָזָר בְּנוֹ
וַיָּבִיט אֲהֲרֹן שָׁם בְּרֹאשׁ הַהָר וַיֵּרַד
מֹשֶׁה וְאֶלְעָזָר מִן־הָהָר:

Moshe then stripped Aharon of his garments and dressed Elazar his son in them, and Aharon died there on the top of the mountain. [Then] Moshe and Elazar descended from the mountain.

GM - T'TZAVEH

Parshat Zachor contains three mitzvot: the command to remember what Amalek did - by voice and hearing. This is the mitzva we fulfill on Shabbat Parshat Zachor, with the reading of the 3-pasuk portion from the end of Ki Teitzei.

The third mitzva of the Amalek-set (so to speak) is LO TISHKACH, not to forget Amalek and its types, in one's heart and mind. These are two sides of the same coin.

Sandwiched between these two mitzvot is the command to destroy Amalek - D'varim 25:19 states:

וְהָיָה בְּהֵנִיחַ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אִלֶּיךָ
מִכָּל־אֹיְבֶיךָ מִסָּבִיב בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר
יְהוָה־אֱלֹהֶיךָ נֹתֵן לְךָ נַחֲלָה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ
תִּמְוָוֶה אֶת־זָכוֹר עַמְּלֶךָ מִתְּנוֹת
הַשָּׂבִיִּים (לֹא תִשְׁכַּח):

"Therefore, when God gives you peace from all the enemies around you in the land that HaShem your G-d is giving you to occupy as a heritage, you must

obliterate the memory of Amalek from under the heavens. (You must not forget.)"

LO TISHKACH is in parentheses because this GM uses the NPP (neat partial pasuk) that contains the command to wipe out Amalek, which is this pasuk, not counting the last two words.

The search for a GM of 5518, returned a pasuk in Megilat Esther (9:25), which tells of a partial fulfillment of the mitzva of TIMCHEH:

וּבְבֹאֶתָּהּ לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ אָמַר עַם-הַסֵּפֶר
יָשׁוּב בְּמוֹשְׁבֹתָיו הָרְעָה אֲשֶׁר-יוֹשֵׁב
עַל-הַהַדְרִים עַל-רֵאשׁוֹ וְתָלוּ אֹתוֹ
וְאֶת-בָּנָיו עַל-הָעֵץ:

"And when she (Esther) came before the king, he commanded through letters that his evil device that he had devised against the Jews return upon his own head, and to destroy him and his sons on the gallows."

May we be privileged to not only fulfill the mitzvot of ZACHOR & LO TISHKACH - but also TIMCHEH by doing our share to fight the heirs of Amalek who abound in our time - anti-Semitism, anti-Jewish, and anti-Israel that sadly fill much of the world.

USFUNEI T'MUNEI CHOL is the title of my book of Gimatriya Matches - IY"H and BE"H. The title translates to Hidden in the Sand. That's how I feel about my Gimatriya searches. Like walking along the beach with a metal detector. Beep-beep-beep. Lean down and find something. Usually, nothing of note. But sometimes you find something special.