

TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

**#16 Beshalach (בְּשַׁלַּח) –
Hebrew for “when sent
forth or let go,”**

**Torah: Exodus 13:17 - 17:16
Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31**

With His very Torah on our hearts and Messiah dwelling in us by His Spirit we too have His presence with us day and night and we need never fear as we stay in Him and walk the path of Righteousness as His Word leads.

He promised that whoever followed Him would never walk in darkness - His Torah is a light to our path and a lamp to our feet, why would we want to move out of that?

The Hebrew root word for 'cloud' is עָנָן anan (aw-nawn') - Strong's H6051 which means, 'a cloud, cloud mass, heavy mist', and can also mean, 'covering'.

We know from Scripture that Yisra'el moved camp when the 'cloud' moved and pitched camp and stayed where the 'cloud' stayed, always teaching them never to go or stay without the presence of יהוה!

What is interesting to note is that there were times when Yisra'el grumbled, which at times may have possibly arose due to the fact that they had to pack up camp and move on when the 'cloud' of יהוה moved!

In Hebrew, there is a word that sounds similar to this Hebrew word for cloud, yet it carries a negative connotation; and that is the word אָנָן anan (aw-nan') - Strong's H596 which means, 'to complain, murmur'.

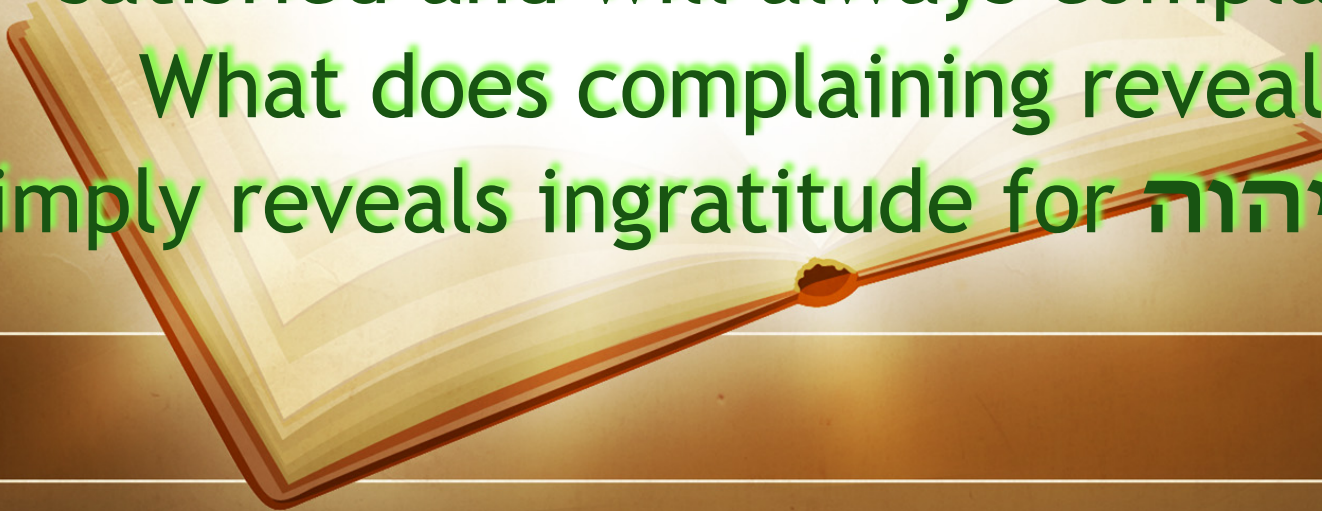
Very similar 'sounding' words yet very different indeed!

In understanding that the Hebrew word for cloud, also means covering, it speaks of our protection and provision! It represents our safety and refers to the presence of יהוה and so, by seeing these two very similar sounding, yet contrasting words, which differ only by the first letter, for the word for cloud/covering begins with an ע 'ayin' and the word for complain begins with the letter א 'aleph'. And for me, this speaks a very important message for us.

When people try to assume their own covering -
their own ways and means of provision and care
they will always come up short and never be
satisfied and will always complain!

What does complaining reveal?

It simply reveals ingratitude for יהוה's care!

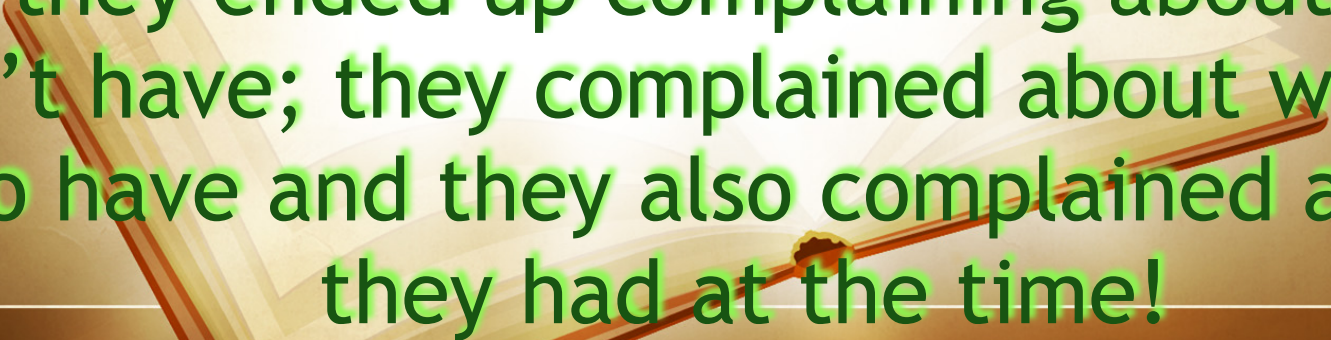


This word אָנַן anan(aw-nan') - Strong's H596 is used in:

Bemidbar/Numbers 11:1 “And it came to be, when the people were as complainers, it was evil in the ears of יהוה. And יהוה heard it, and His displeasure burned. And the fire of יהוה burned among them, and consumed those in the outskirts of the camp.”

Here the Yisra'ēlites had all they need, and more than that, they had the presence of יהוה in their midst!

They neglected His covering and sought their own in terms of pleasures they would rather have had and so they ended up complaining about what they didn't have; they complained about what they used to have and they also complained about what they had at the time!



Have you ever found yourself complaining like this?

You don't have what you want, you don't have what you used to have and you don't like what you have now - does this sound familiar to some?

The danger and problem with complaining is that it is contagious!

Your complaining will affect and even infect others into complaining and before you know it can end up like we have just read - a mixed multitude of grumblers lusting for selfish pleasure!

Sha'ul tells us in:

Pilipiyim/Philippians 2:14-15 “Do all matters without grumblings and disputings, 15 in order that you be blameless and faultless, children of Elohim without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world”