

Some key words in the Qetoret section, definitions, contexts, and selected Gematriot

(Ex: 30:34-36, 7-8 - Ki Tisa)

Kanaf - wing, corner

150= כנף

“Spices” 150= סמים

Kanaf - “all winged fowl” Gen 1:21 (Bereishis)

1st samim = 2 spices, 2nd samim = 5 spices

al Kanfe b’gdehem, haKanaf pateel techeiles (Shema) Num 15:38 (Shelach)

“Stacte”

Kanaf - “shall not uncover the robe (corner) of his father’s garment ” Deut 23:1 (Ki Seitzei)

drip, drop, aromatic gum, speech, preach, prophesy

נטף

Yosef: increase, gather, add on

150= יסף

“Onchya”

ושחלת

יסף is the root of Josef: יוסף

שחל = lion - “lion’s herb?”

Rachel: “May Hashem add on for me another son” Gen 30:24 (Vayeitzei)

“Galbanum”

והלבנה

Baalam: “What more (increase) Hashem has to say to me” Num 22:19 (Balak)

milky sap; vile odor

“I will increase evils against them” Deut 32:23 (Haazinu)

והלבנה

חלב Milk: “land of milk and honey” Ex 3:8 (Shemos)

לבן Laban, Rivka’s brother, white Gen 24:29 (Chayei Sarah)

לבנת הספיר “lamed bet nun” again in “sapphire brickwork” Ex 24:10 (Mishpatim)

Elevation of evil back into holy by inclusion of the vile smelling Galbanum in the incense

Chelbenah = carbon

“Frankincense” white birch

ולבנה

“Pure”

זכה 32=

“Thoroughly mixed”

Locks: seasoned with salt 118= ממלח
Klein: salty, witty

“and you shall grind”

Locks: “and you shall beat”
Klein: rub away, beat fine, pulverize.

ושחקה

Klein says שחק means thin dust clouds, and is used with “sky and heavens” comparing stars to dust.

“Some of it” 135= ממנה
“From which”

“...the ground **from which** you were taken, you are dust and to dust you will return.” Gen 3:19 (Bereishis)
“the blossoms of the Menorah shall be hammered **from it**” (zahav tahor - pure gold) Ex 25:31 (Terumah)

“Small amount”

Klein: to press together, “very small” 109= הדק
fasten, trigger, clasp

Josef’s g’via nachash “snake goblet” (Mikeitz)

Josef’s goblet: Gen 44:2 (g’via)

Used for divining: Gen 44:5 (nachesh y’nachesh)

Hidden in Binyamin’s sack: Gen 44:5 (g’via)

Josef’s divination: Gen 44:15 (nachesh) 358= נחש

Choshen (Kohen g’dol’s breastplate) 358= חושן

Moshiach 358= משיח

G’via - Josef’s goblet 85= גביע

Ephod (Kohen g’dol’s apron) 85= אפוד

N’choshet : copper (Dathan & Abiriam’s copper pans hammered into sheets for the altar) Num 17:3 (Korach)

Heart, 32 hidden paths, Torah cycle “yetzer lev” Gen 8:21 (Noach) 32= לב

Kavod - glory, respect - “You will see his Glory” Ex 16:7 (Beshalach)(Manna) 32= כבוד

Cho Chamim - wise men appointed by Moshe Rabbenu Deut 1:13 (Devarim) 118= חכמים

Nun, Shin, Chet: initials of Qetoret components:

Nataf נ

Shechelet ש

Chelbenah ח

Nachash: copper, divination, serpent נחש

Nachash: Gen 3:1 serpent in Eden (B’reishis) lashon ha’ra

“Fiery copper serpent” Num 21:8,9 נחש נחשת
(nachash n’choshet)(Chukas)

“The entire assembly(kahal) shall slaughter it” (Pesach lamb) Ex 12:6 (Bo) 135= קהל

“It shall be unleavened (matzah)” (Pan offerings) Lev 12:6 (Vayikra) 135= מצה

Menucha - rest “The Holy Ark... Would search out a Resting Place” Num 10:33 (Beha Aloscha) (Just after “Vayahi Binsoa” passage) Shabbes Mincha, Ps 23 (menuchet) 109= מנוחה