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The Voice of God

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The voice of God DIG: What had changed in the dynamic between Moses and ADONAI? What was significant about the change as far as the people were concerned? Ask the Lord to show you what He wants you to contribute toward the work of His Kingdom.

REFLECT: This chapter ends with a statement about how God revealed His presence in the Tabernacle. What does the conclusion of this chapter teach us about what is really important? Thank the Lord that He is willing to provide all you need for the ministry and life that He has called you to live.

Yeshua Messiah is our mediator today (First Timothy 2:5).



Throughout these early chapters of **Numbers** there is a topical presentation rather than a chronological arrangement of the material. They have been telling us the story of **the Israelite's** preparations to leave Mount Sinai. In the first four chapters

of **Numbers**, they took a census (to see link click [An](#) - [The Levitical Census](#)) and assigned the **Levites** to their various tasks (see [Ar](#) - [The Four Camps of Levites](#)). **Numbers 7-10** is a flashback and relates how **Isra'el** was ready to depart from Mount Sinai. This is made certain when we are told that **Moses** had free access to the **Tabernacle** where he heard the **Voice of God speaking to him from the mercy seat between the Cherubim** (see the commentary on [Exodus Fs](#) - [The Mercy Seat in the Most Holy Place: Christ at the Throne of Grace](#)). This was a breakthrough because prior to this, **YHVH** would call **Moshe** to come and speak to **Him** at the **tent of meeting** (see [Exodus Gy](#) - [Moses and the Tent of Meeting](#)). So, it started out with **God** speaking to **Moshe**, but now **Moses** was speaking to **God (7:89)**. It was only after the **people** agreed, recognizing that **God** was their **Provider** and **Master** of the universe, that the **Most High** was willing to hear their requests through **Moshe**, their mediator. As a result, it was no longer necessary to stay at Mount Sinai to communicate with **YHVH**. **God** was ready to go with **Isra'el**.¹²¹

Haftarah Naso: Judges 13:24-25

(see the commentary on [Deuteronomy Af](#) - [Parashah](#))

Strength often impresses mankind. **Samson's** very name, derived from *shemesh* (*sun*), recalls the power of the preincarnate appearance of **Messiah** as the **Angel of ADONAI**, who announced **his birth (Judges 13:3)** and then disappeared in an ascending **flame (Judges 13:20)**. **Samson's mother** followed the **Angel's** instructions. Once barren, she carried the burden of **her child's** life-long **Nazarite vow** (see [Ba](#) - [The Nazirite Vow](#)). She avoided **grapes, grape** products, and food that wasn't kosher (**Judges 13:4-5** and **13-14**). Her obedience was rewarded, when she gave birth to **Isra'el's** most powerful **man** ever! Samson grew to become a mighty **judge** (see the commentary on [Judges Bt](#) - [The Twelfth Cycle: Samson](#)), who brought **Isra'el** a measure of rest from the Philistines. Final rest from the Philistine foe would come later when David would slay their greatest warrior, Goliath. **Samson**, however, fell short. **His** lust for women ultimately led to **his** downfall. He allowed a Philistine woman to shave **his** hair, thus breaking the **Nazirite vow** and cutting **his** power to save the nation.

B'rit Chadashah Naso: John 12:36a

Yeshua told the crowd: . . . **as for Me, when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself (John 12:32)**. The claim extended beyond

accepting the shame and humiliation of death on the cross to save sinful mankind. In fact, **God the Father** elevated **Yeshua** to the very throne of heaven itself (**Psalms 89:37** and **Matthew 26:64**). In this way, **Messiah's lifting up** conjoins **his** death and exaltation in a single word. The crowd that listened that day was keenly aware that **Yeshua** had raised **Lazarus** from **the dead** (**John 12:17-18**). Then, **the Master** said: **If someone is serving Me, let him follow Me; wherever I am, My servant will be there also. My Father will honor anyone who serves Me** (**John 12:26**). **Yeshua** closed **His** message by urging those listening to act on the light that they had (**John 12:35**). **He** urged those in the crowd to believe so that they might become sons and daughters of **light** (see **Bg - The Menorah**)!¹²²

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, Praise **You** for being **the light of the world** (**John 8:12**)! How wonderful to walk according to **Your light**, and **the light** of **Your Word**. We can know how to walk when we read **Your Word** and follow its light. **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path** (**Psalms 119:105**). What a comfort that **Your light** shines thru all the centuries and spreads its light to all countries. **The true light, coming into the world, gives light to every man** (**John 1:9**). **Your light** lights up the future and provides us with wisdom. **You** are totally omniscient, knowing all the future kingdoms of the world (**Daniel 2, 7**) which means that no deeds of darkness can hide from **Your light**, even in the future. **You** plan ahead to protect and deliver **Your** people, as you did with **Moses, Joseph, Esther** and **Dani'el**. Thank **You, God**, for sending **Messiah Yeshua** to be **the Light of the World**, its **Redeemer**. For your **Maker is your husband- ADONAI-Tzva'ot is His Name - the Holy One of Isra'el is your Redeemer. He will be called God of all the earth. (Isaiah 54:5)**. In **Messiah Yeshua's** holy **Name** and power of **His** resurrection. Amen*