

בְּיָמֵינוּ הַזֵּה הַמְּצִיחַ חֵזקוֹן



# Hidden in the Sand

The Amida we say is composed of 19 brachot during the week, 7 on Shabbat and Chagim, Musaf of Rosh Chodesh, Rosh HaShana (except for Musaf), and Yom Kippur. Musaf of Rosh HaShana has 9 brachot.

Our Sages bracketed the Amida with a pasuk to begin it and a pasuk to end it.

T'hilim 51:17 begins all AMIDA prayers:

אֲדֹנָי שְׁפָתַי תִּפְתָּח וּפִי יִגִּיד תְּהִלָּתֶךָ:

(Many say KI SHEIM HASHEM EKRA... before Musaf, Mincha, and Ne'ila. Some do not say this pasuk which was a later addition. For the purpose of this HITS piece, we will pretend that everyone follows the GR"A and begins all AMIDA with HASHEM, S'FATAI TIFTACH...)

The pausk that closes the AMIDA is YIHYU L'RATZON IMREI FI... (T'hilim 19:15).

Even with the addition of ELOKAI, N'TZOR L'SHONI MEI-RA..., and the moving of YIHYU L'RATZON towards its end, rather than right after the end of the last bracha, YIHYU L'RATZON is not the last pasuk we say to finish the AMIDA. After YIHYU L'RATZON we take our three steps back, but we still add OSEH SHALOM BIMROMAV... and the Y'HI RATZON asking G-d to build the Beit HaMikdash and to place our lot with the Torah...

The AMIDA actually finishes with Malachi 3:4 -

וְעָרְבָה לָהּ מִנְחוֹת יְהוּדָה וִירוּשָׁלַם

בְּיָמֵינוּ עוֹלָם וּכְשָׁנִים קְדָמוֹתָיו:

With this long presentation, our purpose is simply to point out the the opening and closing p'sukim of the AMIDA share the same gimatriya. 2721.

We are making no claim as to the significance of 2721 or even as to any significance in ther Gimatriya Match - other than there is a beautiful symmetry to the AMIDA's brackets.

### ON ANOTHER NOTE...

One might suggest that after the brachot of the AMIDA, our Sages added a more personal prayer for us to say as individuals, rather than as part of the whole. ELOKAI, NITZOR L'SHONI (singular, when the brachot of the Amida are all in plural). Then, right before YIHYU L'RATON (also in singular, as was HASHEM, S'FATAI TIFTACH...) and taking our steps back, we are encouraged to speak to HaShem in our own words, whatever we want to say to Him.

But then, after stepping back, we are returned, so to speak, to the communal petition for the rebuilding of the Beit HaMikdash...

**And here's a Gimatriya Match from the sedra...** see what you make of it

The opening pasuk of CHAYEI SARA -

וַיְהִי זָרְיָ שָׂרָה מֵאָה שָׁנָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וְשִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים זָרְיָ שָׂרָה:

shares a gimatriya (3623) with

אֶת־שְׁבֻתַּי תִּשְׁמְרוּ וּמִקְדָּשִׁי תִירָאוּ אֲנִי ה':

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