



**#35 Naso Numbers 4:21-7:89**  
**Torah teaching**  
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**Names**

Kefa – Peter  
Messiah – English for Mashiach; anointed one; Christ  
in the Greek means to be smudged  
Mishkan – Tent of Meeting in the desert  
Moshe – Moses  
Shaul – Paul  
Yeshua – Jesus' real name  
Yĕhōvâh – God's real name forever (Ex. 3:15)  
Yochanan – John

**Terms**

Haftarah – reading from the prophets  
Menorah – 7 candle Israelite lamp  
Tanakh – Old Testament portion of Bible  
Mishkan – tent of meeting in the desert  
Torah – 1st 5 books of the Bible  
Torah portion – there are 54 portions of the  
Torah  
(There are also transliterations from Hebrew)

The Torah portion for this week is Naso and Naso means, “to lift up.” Naso begins with God instructing Moshe to take a census of the Levites.

I would like to begin by talking about that God has good things for us; more than we can imagine. The Bible tells us that God will bless us for keeping His commandments. He also tells us to pronounce a blessing on His people in this portion. Every place you see the word LORD in all caps in the New King James Version (NKJV) it is the name of God, Yĕhōvâh. Yĕhōvâh is used over 6,000 times in the Bible and is pointed that way in more than 2,300 different manuscripts. It is evident we should be using God's true name at times with respect. Do not be afraid to use God's real name. God would not have used it in the Bible the way He did if He never intended us to use His name. The word LORD in the following Aaronic Blessing is God's real name, Yĕhōvâh.

Numbers 6:22-27 NKJV says,

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace." So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

Let's talk about this amazing prayer. I often pray for God's help and protection. That is the first line of the prayer and something we all need. That in itself would be a tremendous blessing. It then asks for God's glory to look on us and bless us. This implies that God imparts His supernatural blessings. How wonderful it is to know that we have a God that watches out for us and does good things for us. That is truly wonderful; we are a truly blessed people. Then the prayer asks God to look on us and give us peace. One of the greatest gifts of life is having peace and satisfaction in life. People often search for this in life in many different worldly and

even sinful ways. Just when sinful people think they achieved satisfaction in life, their life is disrupted. They should have looked for God's peace in life.

We do not see all that God does for us in the present. Since He is God, He does amazing things for us of which we are unaware. God can answer any number of our prayers. He does not have to answer any of our prayers, but He will do things in miraculous ways at times. That is because He is a good God. He was a good God in the Old Testament portion as we have seen, and He is still a good God. Malachi 3:6 NKJV says, "For I am the LORD, I do not change." Some have been told that God is not a good God in the Old Testament. Do not be tricked by this false doctrine.

That is not true. God did things for His people in Old Testament times. Think about all that He did for Israel in freeing them from their abuse in Egypt. When they were in the desert, God provided for them every day for 40 years and was present in the form of a cloud by day and fire by night over the Mishkan, the Tent of Meeting. Imagine being able to see this every single day. God did miracles and healings for Israel in the Old Testament portion and there was even a school of prophets in the Old Testament era; many of the New Testament gifts were present in the Old Testament.

God does not change; He still does good things for His people. Some people live like He is not involved with His people and even deny God's power, but the New Testament portion tells us that is not true. In fact, because we live in Messianic times, we can experience even more amazing things.

Years ago, I told my wife about a physical problem I was having, and she then prayed for me. The next day she asked me how I was doing, and I said I was healed, but I still had this other physical problem. She prayed for me again and then asked me the next day how I felt. I told her that God had healed me, but I still had another physical problem. She prayed for me again and again God healed me. I am not sure why that happened like that, but what a blessing it is for God to intervene in our lives and do the impossible for us.

One time a friend of mine at work told me that he had almost died the week before and was very concerned about his health. I began praying for him and as I was praying for him, he walked away. He was not a believer in Yeshua yet. He went back to the doctor for more testing and the problem that he had went away. He came up to me afterwards and thanked me for praying for him. The next day he thanked me again and said, "Thank you for praying for me, God healed me." He went from almost death to life in the name of Yeshua and became a believer in the Messiah! These are just a couple of the many examples I sometimes share.

One time, I was looking up at the clouds and they looked wonderfully amazing. I had never seen anything like that. God is the creator, and He can not only do things for us in the present, but He will create amazing things for us in the new eternal kingdom. After all, He is God. Do not turn away from Him and His commandments. Be strong and trust in Him and the Messiah Yeshua.

Here are just a couple of things to look forward to in the new kingdom.

Revelation 21:10-11 NKJV says,

"The great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal."

Revelation 21:19-21 NKJV

The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

I want to see the streets of gold! God can do anything, and we couldn't even imagine what He will do. Do not listen to the fairy tales of the atheists who say that we just have wishful thinking. They are deluded. Do not just seek worldly ideals and worldly ways but seek God with your whole heart. Deuteronomy 11:1 NKJV says, "Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always." Loving and believing in God is to keep His commandments. He knows what is best for us and always has our best interests at heart. He does not change.

Our own efforts are important, and God can empower our efforts. Living life involves action; saying we are living life and doing nothing is not living life. Life involves all of what makes life what it is: goodness, joy, work, accomplishment, love, memories, family, and so forth. As we have already talked about, God is not just something we hope is there, but He can empower our life in every area of life. He is worthy of being honored and followed. I have seen many miracles and healings and I experience the Holy Spirit on a daily basis through the prophetic and the other associated gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you want to know more about the Messianic gift of the Holy Spirit, see our [Divine Healing Prayer Class](#) online.

God helped me get through college and provided amazing jobs for me, first in research and then in robotics. God has healed me on a number of occasions, protected me, provided for me when I needed His help, and I have witnessed God's amazing and wonderful power on the lives of many people I have known. Rabbi Shaul said in 1 Corinthians 4:20 NKJV, "For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power."

Rabbi Shaul was a Jewish leader who was trained in Jerusalem. Shaul said, "I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!" Acts 23:6 NKJV. His accusers then argued about the resurrection and not whether he was a Jewish leader. Some teach that Paul was not Jewish, how ridiculous. He was a Jewish believer in the Messiah Yeshua and his writings need to be understood within a Jewish context.

Shaul wrote in Romans 3:31 NKJV, "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law." He said the law is not done away with; then along comes those who contradict him. Do not trust them. The Bible says that these liars will not be in God's future kingdom. Revelation 21:8 NKJV, "The cowardly, unbelieving, abominable,

murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and **all liars** shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone." Some even say there is no hell; guess where they are going. These liars are keeping people away from a good God who wants to help us and bless us.

How will we choose to live out our lives? God created and designed us to live a certain way. We have the free will to choose whether to have a good inclination or an evil inclination. Since God knows what is best for us, following His commandments produces good.

God gave mankind a conscience, but without direction in life from the Bible, people can resist their conscience and form false ideas so that they may think they are doing good, but they are doing evil. We need to apply God's direction in life and for life. For example, some good people even accept an evil religion called Communism. We need to talk about this because people get involved with this religion as though it is their god. Some people do not treat their atheism as a religion, but when Communism becomes an important end all for their life and they believe in its movement, they have made it into a religion.

According to the [Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#), religion or "religio" can be thought of as that which:

Approximates "conscientiousness", "devotedness", or "felt obligation", since religio was an effect of taboos, promises, curses, or transgressions, even when these were unrelated to the gods.

Religion therefore defines our consciousness, what we are devoted to, and our obligations, and can be unrelated to a god.

Communism is often taught by atheists or becomes a mixture with a person's religion. Its beliefs are not compatible with the Bible, so those who accept the doctrine of Communism must also reject certain beliefs from the Bible. Communism is an evil religious system that teaches that everything should be in control of the state, everyone should be equal, and they encourage the abolition of other religions. They believe they are the true religion. Their ideas on life focus on intentions and feelings. They feel they have good intentions for life even though their intentions can be destructive. Communists are often devoted to their religion and will lie, kill, and even die for their religion. Communism could be considered a branch of atheism, or humanism and is a godless religion and is therefore a religion that is unrelated to "gods." We see that it is in fact a religion. It is a false religion.

In Communism, everyone is supposed to have equity, so everyone is on the same economic level (except for the privileged). No one has anything to lose, there is no incentive and everyone underproduces and is poor. Notice that they do not believe in equality and the freedom of each person to pursue life the way they desire. Some in Communism will then apply themselves well and others will not. People in a country where people are given equal freedom are rewarded for the good work that they do, unlike Communism.

Take for example my friend who had to do some work in communist Venezuela. He went to a store to buy a binder and he had to wait an hour and a half for the cashier to take his money while the cashier talked on the phone. In the United States, I recently had a copy project done

for me. I waited my turn for about 5 minutes, and he copied my 70 pages of material for me in about 2 minutes. I went to the cashier and paid for my project and that took another 2 minutes. In the communist country, all he had to do was pay for a binder and that took an hour and half. In the United States I had a project done for me in less than 10 minutes.

You are probably thinking that they made him wait on purpose. He went there to try to help them. While there, someone even pushed a machine gun in his stomach and asked him for his papers. The Communist religion teaches their children to hate those who do not believe in Communism. I had a friend who went to Russia and was nearly run over by someone driving a car. He thought the driver intentionally drove at him.

When I went to socialist Germany, I went to a store and even mispronounced a word in German, and they were very kind and helpful regardless. The stronger that people believe in Communism the more hate they have for others that are not Communist. Christians are told to love others and Jews are told in the Bible to help the stranger. It seems Communism is a religion of hate. That is why communist China allowed 70 million of its own people to be murdered when it was first established, and their murder and persecution of its own people continues to this day. One Atheist once told me, that Atheists think for themselves. It does not seem they do.

In Communism, the state defines the needs of the people, so they do not apply themselves constructively. I once read that the Chinese had built a lot of empty office buildings. Not everyone wants to relocate their businesses to China. Why talk about this religion? Often, people mix their religion with the religious values of Communism, Atheism, or Humanism and they do not understand that they are learning and believing in a false religion. Most people in Communism want peace and what is good for others, but it is a false value system that produces evil.

One of the values of Communism is revolt and they will try to stir up revolt through negative influence, negative propaganda and lies. So, even though a country might be doing well, they will revel in others destruction. They reframe revolt as though it is best for the people. When Egypt had a revolt and many people died because of the revolt, Communists were happy it occurred. When communist Cambodia killed 2 million of its own people, communists did not condemn what happened. It sounds strange that these people are so callous. Like I said, they are taught to hate others as children. They have values, but they are not biblical values. That is for sure. There are lists of values for Communism available online. They may seem fine because they are based on feelings and intentions and not on truths for living.

The Bible says that we are created in the image of God and therefore each person is valuable and not just part of a collective of people like the religion of Communism teaches. In ancient pagan societies, the people believed they were part of a collective and no one was special. Those who accept Communism believe in an ancient religion of oppression.

The Bible says that we can own land and that if someone takes our land or what we own, it is stealing. Those in Communism often believe they are part of collective and do not own their land. The government stole the land from their people. Those who steal or who have a

philosophy of stealing will not be in God's future kingdom. Stealing is a sin. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 NKJV says, "Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, **nor thieves**, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." We are to work for what we have and those who work deserve a wage for their work.

Communism is a system that is counterproductive and people who want this system are being misguided into suppressing their conscience and replacing it with wishful and emotional thinking. The only ones who are doing well are those associated with the government. Think about it; they are the ones in control so who are they going to take care of? They are stealing from the people in order to make sure they do well. As I have said at other times, under Communist Russia, in one instance a city needed food, so they went into a rural town, took their food, and left the town to starve.

What was thought would be a system of equity turns into a system of oppression. Even wealthy people bought into this false system thinking that it would help people. What was intended as good is a system where people relinquish their rights to a few people who then control them. These leaders are free to commit murder and impose themselves on their own people. Stalin is said to have murdered some 20 million people and the Communist regimes of the 20th century murdered more than 90 million people. Communism is a religion of evil. Why not talk about a religion that had produced so much evil?

People come up with all kinds of ideas, but if they are not founded on the truths of the scriptures, they will bring disaster and distress. Some people think that taking care of the environment trumps all ideals and they will even kill for their belief. Communists often support ideas like taking care of the environment. Communism seems like a religion that is for the people. I am all for taking care of the environment, but not for killing people to achieve that.

It goes without saying that we need direction for our consciences, so we need to take care of our spiritual lives. We need physical things for life, but we also need a spiritual life founded on truth, so we do not become misguided. Deuteronomy 8:3 NKJV says, "Man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD." In the prayer for our portion for today, it talks about God looking upon us. My friend who got healed could have kept walking away from God after he got healed, but he did not.

If you do not listen to God and do not keep His commandments, you have your back towards God and you are walking away from Him. If you are keeping His commandments, you are following Him and looking to God for the life you are leading. We follow God in this life which leads to eternal life with a good God sometime in the future. We are pilgrims on a lifetime journey to eternal life. 1 Peter 2:11-12 NKJV says, "Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable."

Violating God's commandments can lead to death and worst of all, spiritual death. Proverbs 14:12 NKJV says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." This seems a little drastic, but I have known people who made terrible mistakes with their lives. God has our best interests at heart so stay strong and do what is right. Do things God's way.

God will hear us if we are sorry for our sins, but we can keep God away by our self-willed sin. Isaiah 59:1-2 NKJV says, "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear." The worst part of this is your separation from God in the lake of fire for eternity. That is what it says in the New Testament book of Revelation, didn't it? Why miss out, decide you will instead be in God's future eternal kingdom.

If we confess our sins to God and decide to keep His commandments, He will hear us and forgive us; He can hear us because He is God. Psalms 103:10-12 NKJV says, "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Confessing your sin to a person does not give you forgiveness; they are not God.

Trying to mend personal relationships is good. Remember, Leviticus 19:18-19 NKJV says, "You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. You shall keep My statutes." We are not to hold onto grudges or take vengeance, especially over small matters. Sometimes people are unwilling to forgive and there is nothing you can do about that. Sometimes it is difficult to forgive others who have done some terrible wrong. We are still not to hold onto grudges, but staying in relationship with them may cause you to sin against them. We are supposed to have a justice system in our country that prosecutes others for wrongdoing. A government system that does not prosecute wrongdoing is not a system of justice.

God's ways give us peace and protection. You cannot feel more protected than being healed and helped in life by an almighty God who cares about us. Rabbi Shaul said in Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." I pray every day. It is important to cast your cares on God and seek His help. 1 Peter 5:7-8 NKJV says, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." The Bible says there is a devil, and we need to stand strong and do what is right. Do not give into wrong thinking whether it is from our own thinking, from society, or from the devil.

Remember, we are in a spiritual battle, and we need to stand up and fight spiritually so we do what is right and good. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NKJV says, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God." Stay true to God's commandments and to biblical truth and do not accept the false ideals and religions of the world.

Pray every day for all things. Rabbi Shaul also said in Ephesians 6:18 NKJV, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." Live like God tells you to live and pray like you believe in and

trust in God. We are also to pray for others and to ask for blessings and help from our good and merciful God.

### **Torah Study**

Again, the Torah portion for this week is Naso and Naso means, "to lift up." Naso begins with God instructing Moshe to take a census of the L'vi'im (Levites), the families of Gershon, M'rari, and K'hat, from 30 to 50 years of age. The Levites were camped closest to the Mishkan (Tent of Meeting, Tabernacle in the desert). They were given that status because they did not commit the sin of the golden calf. It is an object lesson; we see God using object lessons in the Bible. Those who are pure are closest to God, so we also should seek to be pure. The Levites were to do various acts of service for the Mishkan while Israel was in the wilderness. Anyone who had a discharge, tzara'at (affliction of skin, clothes, or house), or touched the dead were to go outside the camp. Restitution for someone we have wronged includes an extra 20 percent, a woman whose husband was jealous would go through a test, and a person making a nazir vow is described.

Making amends for damages is a commandment of God. Our country has incorporated this law into practice in our country as well as many other biblical commands. We have insurance to help us make proper amends for damages and determine what is just. Yeshua taught that we are to make satisfactory restitution in Matthew 5:40.

The person making the nazir vow was to eat or drink **no** grape products and that included raisins. Drinking fermented beverages is permitted (just no grape wine). They are to make offerings at the end of the vow and the typical vow lasts 30 consecutive days. The nazir vow was often made to obtain something like a baby or a healing. It could be made for almost any reason including just to be pious. At the end of the vow, the person was to shave their head and burn their hair. Any type of fast for the purpose of healing or just to be closer to God is a good thing.

I sometimes fast things like TV and video games, and food. I have to be careful with fasting food and people who could have physical issues from fasting food should be careful. The Torah teaches us to protect life (and to protect the lives of others) and taking care of ourselves is a commandment of God. For example, if we are supposed to be taking medication, we should take it unless we are healed. A medical professional can determine if we are healed.

I like to bring up different understandings at times. Matthew 2:23 refers to Jeremiah 31:6. Not all Hebrew manuscripts read the same and some Egyptian Torah scrolls refer to Yeshua being a Nazarene. Jeremiah 31:6 NKJV, "For there shall be a day when the watchmen will cry on Mount Ephraim." The word "watchmen" is the word for Nazarenes (Notzrim in Hebrew). In some Egyptian manuscripts it reads, Yesh will be called a Nazarene. (Ki Yesh ... notzri in Hebrew). It is possible that is what Matthew saw in his Torah scroll; namely that "Yeshua will be called a Nazarene." Informed rabbis (those that actually know the Old Testament) easily see a connection between Matthew 2:23 and Jeremiah 31:6 even without knowing about these other manuscripts.



There is a theology that was made up for Matthew 2:23. Theology is a belief system and not God's word. But this is a nice explanation. Yeshua grew up as a netzer of the line of David. Those in the line of David left Bethlehem to protect themselves against King Herod, the murderous Roman appointed king. A netzer is an underground shoot from a plant that begins growing in another place; in this case those who made up this doctrine (also called theologians) say it refers to those in the line of David, the netzer of the branch of the line of David, who had moved away from Bethlehem to protect themselves.

What is the easiest and most probable explanation? There were manuscripts that seemed to say that Yeshua would be called a Nazarene. The Jewish Rabbi Eliyahu Soloveitchik (who lived in the 1800s) said that Matthew 2:23 refers to Jeremiah 31:6. Even rabbis can figure this out so why not theologians.

Here is a sidenote on the murderous Roman leadership in Yeshua's time. Herod was appointed by the Roman Empire. The Roman appointed leadership also included the Roman appointed chief priest. They are the ones who put Yeshua to death. Those crying out for His death were sent to do that by the Roman leadership (see Matthew 27:20). Yeshua said that the Roman leadership and the Gentiles would put Him to death (see Matthew 20:18-19) and that is exactly what happened. The Roman Empire turned it around on the Jews and they blamed the Jews, but it was the Roman Empire who put Him to death. It seems that the curse the Romans proclaimed fell on them when they made up their pagan Roman/Greek religion. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 NKJV says, "Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

The Aaronic Blessing is given in Numbers 6:24-27. It says we are to put God's name on Israel, on those who believe in the true God. In our era, we are to still do this blessing over believers. The people of Israel were believers; believers in the Messiah Yeshua are believers. According to Exodus 3:15, God's name is Yě-hō-váh. God's real name has been found in 2,363 different manuscripts pointed as Yě-hō-váh, **never** as Yahweh, and once otherwise according to Doctor Nehemiah Gordon. It is not uncommon to find God's name pointed a number of times as Yěhōváh in a single manuscript. Years ago, I wanted to see if this was true, and it took me no time at all to find God's name pointed as Yěhōváh in the manuscript I was looking at. So, the people who say we do not know how to say God's name are wrong. Also, God's name as Yěhōváh is used over 6,000 times. So, the people who say we cannot say God's name because it is too holy to say are also wrong. The no namers will use Hashem which means "the Name." Calling God "it" is not respecting God and the name of Yěhōváh.

Yěhōváh is often translated as Lord in our Bibles. The word "Lord" in Exodus 3:15 is the Hebrew word Yěhōváh (יהוה, yud-hey-vav-hey). Exodus 3:15 NKJV says, "Moreover God said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: The **Lord** God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is **My name forever**, and this is My memorial **to all generations.**'"

Then the portion continues with articles of the Mishkan being consecrated and set up. Moshe accepts offerings from the leaders of the tribes, and they are described. The portion ends with God speaking to Moshe from above the Ark between the two K'ruvim (Cherubs).

The Tanakh often refers to those who worship idols as having committed adultery. Spiritual adultery is loving something more than God or worshipping idols. God is the husband of the believers in the Old Testament portion. Isaiah 54:5 NKJV says, "For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is His name." This relationship remains the same for believers in Yeshua (see 2 Cor. 11:2); those who believe in the Messiah Yeshua should not worship any idols or believe in a different Messiah or they are committing spiritual adultery. Deuteronomy 12:31 NKJV says, "You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods." Doing any pagan ritual is wrong and even copying pagan practice is disgusting to God.

Also, the nazir vow teaches us to pursue God deeply to receive special blessings and to seek purity. In this portion, God defines how the priest is to bless the people. It is important for us to understand that God wants to bless us when we do things His way including how we pronounce blessings on the people. Also, just as God chose how we were to bless people, God chose speaking in tongues as a way to pray in this Messianic age; Shaul said that he wished all believers spoke in tongues, and he said the things he was sharing in 1 Corinthians 12-14 are commandments of the Lord (see 1 Corinthians 14:37). You can make all the excuses you want; they are commandments of God. Shaul said believers are to seek the spiritual gifts. 1 Corinthians 14:1 NKJV says, "Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts."

The Haftarah for Naso is Judges 13:2-25. The Haftarah portion is about an angel of the Lord coming to tell the wife of Manoach who was barren that she would have a child who was to be a lifetime nazir and gave her specific instructions for while she was pregnant. Since being childless was important in her time, she could have been deeply seeking the Lord for a child and even did a nazir vow herself. Her pregnancy involved not eating any grape products like in a nazir vow. Her son, Samson, would begin to rescue Israel from the power of the Philistines. Samson was empowered by God for his entire life with herculean strength; believers in the Messiah Yeshua are empowered supernaturally by God through the Holy Spirit; God's commandments and the Holy Spirit are our helpers (see John 14:26). Believers in God are supposed to accept the Messiah Yeshua and the Holy Spirit (see Acts 2:38-39). This is a blessing from God through the Messiah.

**Commandments, Implied Commandments, Permissions, and other Concepts.**  
**(We can also understand commandments are being implied from other scriptures in the Bible. There are other possible concepts than what is shared here.)**

**Those who are unclean are not to enter the area of sanctuary and to live outside the camp. Numbers 5:2-3.**

**When someone wrong's someone, they are to confess it to God, make restitution, and add 1/5 of its worth for restitution. Numbers 5:5.**

**A provision is made to exonerate a woman suspected of adultery. Numbers 5:12-15.**

**A nazir vow typically lasts for 30 consecutive days and includes not eating or drinking any grape products, not cutting their hair, not entering the tent of a dead person, not to become unclean, to shave their head at the end of the vow and burn the hair under a peace offering, and make a sacrifice. Numbers 6:2-21.**

**The Kohanim are to put God's name on His people and bless them with specific words. Numbers 6:23-25.**

**The Ark is to be carried on the shoulders of the Levites. Numbers 7:9.**

**Let's say the Aaronic Blessing from Numbers 6:24-26:**

יְבָרֶכֶּךָ יְהוָה, וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ  
 יְאֵר יְהוָה פְּנֵיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיַּחַנֶּךָ  
 יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פְּנֵיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

Yě-hō-váh bless you and keep you.

Yě-hō-váh make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

Yě-hō-váh lift up His face upon you, and give to you peace. Amen.

Thank you for being with us today.