

Summary of the Portion

The Silent Speech of the Desert: Setting the Scene for the Book of Numbers

זָשַׁמַּל (*chasmal*; color electrum)

זָשַׁח (*chash*; silent)

מַל (*mal*; speaking; separation)

chash – mal – mal = silence, separation, and speech

submission, separation, and sweetening

בְּמִדְבָּר (*bamidbar*) = 248 = **אַבְרָהָם** (*Avraham*; Abraham) = **בְּצֵלֶם** (*b'tzelem*; in the image)

בְּהִבְרָאֵם (*behebaram*; “when they were created” Genesis 2:4)

Nachshon in the Lead

Being Mindful of *Bamidbar*