



Yeshua in the Hebrew Alphabet-5

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Jewish writers say the seventh letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *zayin*, represents a weapon or a sword. The sword is a remarkable weapon. The Israelites attacked their enemies on numerous occasions using the sword. It was used to protect the defenseless (Esther 9:5), to deter crime (Numbers 25:1-5 and Romans 13:3-4), to avenge the death of the innocents (1 Samuel 15:33), and to bring judgment to the nations that transgressed against the LORD (Ezekiel 5, 6, 33; Isaiah 65:12; Luke 21:20-24; Matthew 23:38-24:2). In Hebrews 4:12 we see that the Word of God is a sword, "For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Isaiah 49:1-13 describes Messiah as the sword of the LORD when it says, "... He has made My mouth like a sharp sword...."

John 1:1, 14 and 1 John 1:1-2 describes Yeshua as being "The Word" and that Word "becoming flesh." We also see in Ephesians 6:17 that the Holy Spirit tells us to "take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" and to mix it with prayer and supplication in the Holy Ghost that we might be able to boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel. When we say yes to Yeshua and invite Him into our heart, like it or not, we are immediately inducted into the army of God. We are also given the weapons to be victorious and advance the Kingdom of God. As inductees we have all of heaven behind us.

Scripture does not exhort us to use the sword to get wealth to increase the size of our building, salary, or ministry programs. We should be using the sword to get initiatives from heaven to protect the defenseless, care for the widows and orphans, help the poor and the single moms, heal the sick, and set the captives free. There is coming a day when the King of Kings and Lord of Lords will exercise the "Sword of the Spirit (His Word)" to judge not only the nations on these initiatives but His chosen people and His bride as well. Revelation 19:15 and Isaiah 2:4 say, "...out of His mouth will go a sharp sword, and with it He will strike the nations... and ...rebuke many people." Will He rebuke you?

Let's make it a point this coming year to use the sword of the spirit for it's intended purpose, to not only divide our soul and spirit, but to prefer others above ourselves, to advance the Kingdom of God by catching hold of initiatives from heaven which will protect the defenseless, care for the widows and orphans, help the poor, heal the sick, and set the captives free.



Jewish writers say the eighth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *heth*, represents a fence or enclosure. The Torah rendition of the letter alludes to sin. It looks like this,  the wavering line at the top alludes to the inconsistent spirit of a sinner! A fence usually has two purposes: first, as a means of defense to protect property located inside of the fence and second, to define property boundaries.

As a means of defense, the Scriptures are clear in their message. Palm 59:9 and 89:18 declare the LORD will defend His people. Psalm 7:10 proclaims the LORD will defend those who are upright (pleasing and righteous) in heart. Isaiah 43:1 says that the LORD will redeem His own. Are you His? I like this scripture because it gives us a picture of Yeshua as our kinsman-redeemer. We were not redeemed by accident, but it was a plan of God's from the very beginning of time. Redemption was always in the heart of the Father. He always had it in His heart to make a way for us to get back to Him.

In Isaiah 31:5 and 2 Kings 19:34 the LORD promises His chosen people that He will defend Jerusalem. Not only will He defend Jerusalem, but Zechariah 2:5 tells us that "He will be a wall of fire all around her, and He will be the glory in her midst." Almost every week the prayer team at RDM prays for the peace of Jerusalem. Jerusalem is also representative of His people. If you have accepted Yeshua as Messiah in your heart, you have been grafted into His people; and, do you know what? He will be a wall of fire around you if you will trust Him to be so.

Isaiah 5:1-7 gives us an even richer meaning of *heth* as a fence. It depicts the LORD singing to those within His protection, taking out the stones in their lives, planting in them the choicest vine (Holy Spirit), erecting a protective tower, and making a winepress to press out all that would separate Him from His people so that only good fruit would result. Being pressed is not the exciting part of any relationship. I trust, that unlike Israel of old, you will allow the Holy Spirit to press out all hindrances to a deeper relationship with God so you continue to hear the song of the LORD and delight in His defense. If you belong to the LORD, then you are within His boundaries and as Zechariah 1:14 declares, He is jealous over you.

Heth shows us that Yeshua is our defender, our protective hedge, and our fortress. He is the enclosure that you want to be within. You always want His fence around you.



The Aaronic Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you; The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually).

Numbers 6:24-26 (Amplified)