

# Out of Zion Ministries

Mt Carmel – Israel



**Introduction:** We have become aware of the fact that a number of Bible teachers and preachers base their sermons on mistranslated or misunderstood scripture verses. We want to introduce this new mid-week teaching in fulfillment of our calling to be a light and blessing to the nations. Please do check out what we will be sharing and if you find the teachings to be in error, please do contact me to discuss the issue.

**The LORD bless you and keep you as you seek Biblical truth and incorporate it into your spiritual life ..... David & Josie**

**Genesis 12:3 *I will bless those that bless you and I will curse you***

In light of the fact that I am called to be a blessing to the nations, the above verse is the obvious choice for the first edition of Hebrew Nuggets. In the original Hebrew **text, the first part of the translation is correct. In the verse GOD does say "I will bless those who bless you."** The best way for you to fulfill that condition so that you receive blessings from the LORD, is to bless Israel by standing with us as the world comes against us, and even more importantly, praying and interceding for Israel's protection, the return of all Jewish people to the **land (Ezekiel 36:8-10)**, and salvation for all Jews (**Romans 11:27**).

The mistranslation that I want to point out is in the 2nd part of the verse. Most translations say "and I will curse those who curse you." The original Hebrew text uses two different words that have been translated as 'curse'. The first word is **ARAR** which does mean to curse or destroy, but the second word is **KALAL** which means to make light. Therefore the correct translation of the verse carries an even more serious warning. The **God of Israel** is warning that He will curse or destroy those who take Israel lightly or who treat Israel as unimportant.

## ***Zechariah 2:8 ... whoever touches you (Israel), touches the apple of God's eye***

I decided to make the focus of the second in the new series on the above verse from **Zechariah 2:8**, because if my understanding of the true meaning of the verse is correct, it is very connected to last week's verse from **Genesis 12:3**, and it holds great importance for the Church, for the World and for every person individually.

The Hebrew word that is translated apple or stone is "**BABAH**." The word **BABAH** more accurately means pupil or lense. Therefore that verse really is **saying *whoever touches Israel is touching the pupil or lense of God's eye***. Here is the very serious implication of that verse ..... everything we see, we see through our pupils or the lenses of our eyeglasses. **Zechariah 2:8** is telling is that Israel is the pupil or lense of Gods's eye. That means everything God sees in our personal life, the life of our church and the life of our nation, He sees through the lense of Israel and the Jewish people.

We who have this revelation need to warn those who don't - our family and friends, our church leaders, the media and our government leaders, that the **Creator of the Universe** is observing that way they think, feel, talk and behave towards Israel and the Jewish people, and as we saw in last week's nugget, God promises to bless those who bless Israel and He threatens to deal very severely with those who take Israel and the Jews lightly.

## ***Exodus 11:7 That you may know that the Lord (YHVH) makes a difference between the Egyptians and Israel*** by Josie

How many times have we heard someone say that God loves everyone the same ? This is true. The Bible does say that God is no respecter of persons, but **YHVH** Himself says of Israel in **Exodus 11:7** that He makes a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. I looked up the Hebrew word for difference and it is PALAH. That word translated back into English is discriminate. This translation gives a much more powerful understanding and meaning of the word. If we allow the reference to Egypt to represent the nations, then we see that God ***makes a difference or discriminates*** between Israel and the nations.

Why did the God of Israel want to make a difference or discriminate between the Egyptians and Israel ? The answer is in **Exodus 11:9 *So that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt*** and in **Exodus 9:14. *That you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth.*** Today, and in the future, God will still use Israel and the Jewish people to proclaim He is the God of all other gods, and to make known His great name throughout the nations.

As a confirmation of what we are saying look at **Exodus 19:5 *Now therefore, if you will obey my voice, and keep my covenant, then you shall be a special treasure unto me above all peoples.***

Therefore we can clearly see from the Word of God that He sets His people Israel apart from all other nations, as being separate and different. In Old Testament times Israel meant the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but of course today Israel also includes all born again believers from every nation, who are not Jewish, but are "grafted in" to Israel.

Therefore as New Covenant believers we can know that **YHVH** differentiates or discriminates in our favor.

## The meaning of "Israel" - a Powerful Statement by the Creator of the Universe

The Hebrew letters that make up the word Israel are **Yud Shin Resh Alef Lamed** Y S R A L pronounced **YISRA EL**

In the Bible's name are very important and have a very specific meaning. I used to think that there were 2 strong possibilities for the meaning of the name Israel

1/ **YSR EL** ..... **YS(HA)R** = yashar means straight EL is God so the name ISRA EL can mean to be straight with God

2/ **Y S(A)R EL** .... Y = future tense S(A)R means a ruler or prince EL is God so Y SAR EL can be interpreted as ... to be a ruler or prince with God in the future

However I recently asked a native born Israeli what the word Israel means. She gave me the following explanation that I immediately sensed was a better and much more powerful meaning of the word.

**ISRAEL = GOD (EL) WILL PREVAIL**

We can see this meaning in the story of Jacob wrestling with the Angel in **Genesis 32:28** ***Then he said your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel for you have striven with God and prevailed***

Therefore I believe that when God says that He is the God **of ISRAEL**, He is really declaring that in spite of the Devil's frantic attempts at destroying Israel and taking God's place in Heaven and on Earth (the Temple Mount in Jerusalem), **YHVH will prevail - YHVH will have the victory.**

That also means that in spite of the whole world rising up against Israel, the nation of Israel and the Jewish people will prevail and have the victory

in **Romans 11:17** Paul teaches us that non Jewish Believers are grafted into the Olive Tree (Israel). We have learnt that Olive trees are almost indestructible.

That means if you are grafted into the Olive Tree, no matter what the Devil throws against you, you will prevail - you will also have the victory

## The Meaning of the Name "Yeshua"

The **Son of God** is known by a number of names - Jesus in English, Iesous in Greek, Gesu in Italian, Isa in Arabic, Yesu in Chinese.

When any of those names are used most people know who it refers to, but I am not sure that His name in other languages carries the full meaning of His name in Hebrew. I know for sure that in English, the word Jesus does not have a specific meaning. However in the Bible, Hebrew names carry a strong meaning.

In 1 **Samuel 25:25** it is written that **as is a person's name so is the person.** That means that the person becomes what his or her name represents.

I believe that the dynamic behind that is that we know words are powerful - life and death is in the power of the tongue (**Proverbs 18:21**)

When we call a person by their name, we are really declaring or prophesying the meaning of the name over the person and the power of the word slowly builds the type of person that the name means.

The Lord's mother and father did not call Him Jesus - they called Him by the name He was given at birth - YESHUA.

The word Yeshua means **SALVATION** **Isaiah 12:2 Behold God is my salvation** in Hebrew ... **Hineh El Yeshua ti**

Every time the Lord's parents Joseph and Miriam called their son home for dinner, they were prophesying salvation over Him and He grew up to become the Saviour of the World

and as the Bible declares there is no other name under Heaven by which we can be saved (**Acts 4:2**)

Parents and grandparents .... we need to ensure as best we can that our children and grandchildren receive the name that God has destined for them and pray that they will become the person that their name declares them to be.

## **Ruach ha Kodesh - The Holy Spirit**

In English we say The Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost. The Spanish and Brazilians say Espiritu Santo. The French say Espirt Saint. The Germans say Heiliger Geist and in Sweden it is Helig Ande. Here in Israel the Hebrew name for the spirit of **YHVH is Ruach ha Kodesh**. Lets take a look at what those Hebrew words mean.

Spirit in Hebrew is the word **Ruach**

**Ruach** is also translated as breath or wind

I believe that if God uses the same Hebrew word for spirit and breath in the natural, there must be a spiritual connection also

When God created Adam, he was an amazing form, but he was not a living being until God put His breath or spirit into the body and Adam became alive (**Genesis 2:7**)

When babies are born they are not living independent of their mother's resources until they take their first breath.

When I ask people where in their bodies their spirit is located, most people point to their lower chest area.

However I think otherwise. In **Leviticus 17:11** we read that ***the life of the flesh is in the blood***.

we know that it is our breath (spirit) that keep us alive, so it makes sense to me that the spirit is in the blood and is present throughout our entire body, where ever the blood flows to.

This explains why some people can see an 'aura' around other people. They are seeing the visible spiritual force that is flowing through the veins of the person.

When we breathe, the breath or the spirit comes in to our lungs and from there it is absorbed into the blood.

the reason why we feel that our spirit is in the lower chest is that the largest quantity of blood in one place in our body is in the heart.

that is not from the Bible, its just what I believe may be the case ..... Now lets look at the rest of the name of the Holy Spirit in the original Hebrew .....

ha is the easy part - it simply means the

**Kodesh** - is the noun from the word Kadosh which does mean Holy. The word holy in English and most other languages also means sacred, saint, saintly, hallowed, blessed.

May the Father fill you afresh with His Ruach ha Kodesh, to comfort you, to teach you, to lead you, and to empower you to be the person He created you to be

### ***Deuteronomy 8:18 Remember the LORD your God as it is He who gives you the power to get wealth*** - (by Josie)

This week's Nugget is actually the reason why David and I decided to send this weekly teaching out. When I realised what the original Hebrew says, and how the 'prosperity doctrine' teachers have based their doctrine on a wrong translation, I realised that there needed to be correction. Most prosperity preachers pick up on the words 'power to get wealth' and apply it to gain personal riches. They stop quoting the verse there, and never read the last part which says, *'that He may establish His covenant, which He swore to your fathers.'*

Most English translations do say 'wealth', but that is not the correct interpretation from the original Hebrew text where the word is 'Chayil', pronounced Hi Eel, which means virtue, valour, might, strength.

The same word is used in **Proverbs 31:10** *Who can find a virtuous woman ? In the Hebrew it is written 'Eshet Chayil'* which more accurately means a woman of valour. We can see that it is the same word chayil as used in **Deuternomy 8:18**, and it has nothing to do with making money or getting rich.

In the Jewish prayer book, there is a dedicated chapter titled Eshet Chayil - (woman of valor) **Proverbs 31** which Jewish husbands pray over their wives every Friday night before they celebrate the Sabbath. The husband is not praying for his wife to be rich. He is praying that his wife will have physical and spiritual strength and might to be an excellent wife, mother and God- fearing woman.

I believe that **Deuteronomy 8:18** is really saying that we need to remember the God of Israel, because only through Him, are we able to be the kind of people - people of valour, virtue and might, both physically and spiritually, to serve Him and to do His will in establishing His covenant.

## **Jerusalem - The City of Peace**

I was inspired to share my thoughts about the name Jerusalem as Sunday this week was Jerusalem Day. This is the day that Israel remembers and celebrates the re-unification of the Holy city at the end of The Six Day War in June 1967. The entire city of Jerusalem was returned to Jewish control for the first time in 1900 plus years. As I wrote in last Friday's comment, for the Jewish people it was a miracle, and for the Muslims it was a tragedy.

The most important aspect of Jerusalem is the this is the city where YHVH has chosen to place His name and to dwell there forever. 2 Chronicles 7:16 - Psalm 2:6 - Psalm 9:11 plus many more similar verses.

Now lets look at the possible meaning of the Hebrew name Jerusalem. Again what I am writing is simply my own thoughts from my limited understanding of Hebrew.

The Hebrew name of the city is Yeru shalayim

Yeru = you (plural) will see      Shalayim = peace (plural)

If I am correct then Yerushalayim can appears to mean .... you (plural) will see peace twice

**In Isaiah 9:6** Yeshua is called Sar Shalom - Prince of Peace

The city of Jerusalem saw the Prince of Peace 2000 years ago and we believe that the city of Jerusalem will see the Prince of Peace a second time - very soon.

Again if I am correct then the Hebrew name Yerushalayim is actually a prophetic declaration that the Messiah is coming back to that city - Hallelu YAH !

## **The 'Gospel' - What is it really ?**

The word Gospel is mentioned in the New Testament more than 90 times. The original Greek word is **euaggelion** which literally means a good message - therefore the Gospel is also called the Good News, and the Good News is that every one can be cleansed and forgiven of their sins and reconciled to YHVH with the promise of eternal life in His Kingdom

One of the verses containing the word Gospel is Yeshua speaking in **Luke 4:18** ***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the GOSPEL to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised***

What does the word Gospel really mean from a Hebrew perspective ?

That is a very easy question to answer as Yeshua was quoting the exact words of the prophet Isaiah. We can look at the words of Isaiah in the language he spoke them in - Hebrew. If we look up **Isaiah 61:1** we can see that the Hebrew word Isaiah spoke that has been translated as 3 words preach the Gospel, is only 1 word - **Strong's # H1319 Besar** which means **to proclaim or declare good**. Today religious Jews often say a variation of that word over each other as a blessing, declaring God's goodness over the other person.

I believe that the Biblical inference is pointing to the goodness of God.

If we read on in the Isaiah 61 and Luke 4 passages we see that YHVH in His goodness is wanting to heal the brokenhearted, set the prisoners free, restore sight to the blind, to comfort those who

mourn, and by doing so He proclaims the coming of His Kingdom.

Only God can carry out the supernatural aspects of those passages, but as His co-workers (1 Cor 3:9), we can proclaim the Gospel and declare that God is good and that He has extended an invitation to every tribe and every tongue to accept the blood sacrifice of His own Son Yeshua, the Lamb of God. In accepting Yeshua as Lord and Messiah, and acknowledging and repenting of sin, anyone and everyone can be reconciled to our Father in Heaven and inherit the promise of **Eternal life in His Kingdom.**

Is that not **GOOD NEWS** ? If you agree then let's all proclaim and declare the Gospel as we have never done before

## Shabbat - the Sabbath

Most Christians believe that Sunday is the New Testament **Sabbath day**. However if we study the word Sabbath we will see that it is locked in time by its original Hebrew name.

Hebrew words have 2 or 3 letters as the root of the word

Sabbath is **Shabbat** in Hebrew. The letters are Shin Bet Tav pronounced as SHA BUT

YHVH instructed His people to rest or sit one day a week (for our own good) - the Hebrew word to sit has 2 letters in its root Shin Bet pronounced SHEV

He also instructed His people to rest or sit on the Seventh day - the Hebrew word for Seven is Shin Bet Alef pronounced SHEVA

So if we put that all together we should rest or sit (shev) on the seventh day (Sheva) because it is the Sabbath (Sha but)

and finally the Biblical week has always begun on Sunday and the New Testament confirms it ....

Sunday is referred to as the Lord's day or the first day of the week

If Sunday is the first day of the week, then the day before must be the seventh day

Therefore it is OK to call Sunday the Lord's day, but Saturday is the **Sabbath day** and can never be changed

Also the seven day week with the seventh day as the day of rest is the very foundation of the Universe established by the Creator - YHVH - the God of Israel

## Adam - the First Man

In Hebrew **Adams** name is very interesting .....

keeping in mind that most Hebrew words have a 3 letter root, there are some other words that have the same letters in the root and do seem to be related

A = Aleph = the number 1 or first

Dam = Dalet Aleph Mem = blood

Adom = Aleph Dalet Vav Mem = red

also in Hebrew the word for earth is Adama

Adam's name is first mentioned in Genesis 3:20 but we don't see where God names him

As I have shared before Biblical names always express who the person is or declares who the person will be (1 Sam 25:25 ... as is his name so is he)

Looking at the above Hebrew makeup of the name Adam ( Aleph DAM ) it confirms that he was the first blood who came from the (red) dust of the earth

## **Psalm 102:18 These things are written for a future generation**

The following verses look very much like a picture of the Holocaust

**Psalm 102:3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.**

**Psalm 102:4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.**

**Psalm 102:5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.**

**Psalm 102:9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,**

**Psalm 102:11 My days are like a shadow that declines; and I am withered like grass.**

Then we see the LORD preparing to bring the nation of Israel back from the dead

**Psalm 102:13 The LORD will arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, the set time, has come.**

and it is a preparation for the Lord to return **Psalm 102:16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.**

most Bible translations then say in **Psalm 102:18 This shall be written for the generation to come or a generation to come**

however that is not what the Hebrew literally says

the Hebrew word translated as future is **acharon**

ask anyone in Israel what **acharon** means and they will tell you the last

therefore it seems to me that what the LORD is telling us here in His word is a confirmation that for the generation that looks back at the Holocaust and the restoration of Israel as recent history ..... it is the last generation before the return of Yeshua - that's us brothers and sisters

**Hallelu YAH and Maranatha Yeshua** ..... are we ready ?

## Amen by Josie

Many of you who receive these Hebrew nuggets, would probably say you don't speak Hebrew, or know any words in Hebrew, and that is mostly true. However, what you probably don't realise is that you all do know and say at least four Hebrew words that you use constantly in your prayer and praise language.

They are **Hallelujah**, **Shalom**, **Messiah** (pronounced Masheach in Hebrew) and **Amen**

I want to focus on the word **Amen**

It is a word we usually say at the end of a prayer. Or we often interject an Amen when someone is speaking or teaching.

When we respond this way, we are saying "I agree 100% with you". I agree *with what you are saying or teaching*". *I affirm. Sometimes it is translated as "so be it". Or I have the faith to believe for what you are teaching and/or praying because I witness its true.* Let us look at the Hebrew root of word Amen, which will give the real meaning.

The word has the same Hebrew root as **emunah** which means faith and is also connected with the word **emet** meaning truth. The idea expressed is of firm trust, acceptance, reliability and faithfulness.

If Amen comes from Emunah and means faith - then when say Amen if we are praying to God, we are in essence, saying **I believe You O Lord**, will be faithful to do what we are asking - so be it according to your word.

Sometimes when we are in our weekly prayer watches, and as led by the Holy Spirit, we sing the word Amen over and over at the end of a worship song, endorsing the words of the song and believing God will be faithful to do what we have proclaimed in the song. This is also a very beautiful and powerful way to express this Hebrew word Amen

It's just one Hebrew word, but filled with power - let us all begin to say many more "**Amen's**"

## Torah

The word **Torah** refers to the first five books of the Bible. Most of the Christian world translates the word **Torah** as Law. A more accurate translation of **Torah** is instruction, precept or principle.

The Hebrew word **Torah** is derived from a root that was used in archery, **yareh** which means to shoot an arrow in order to hit a mark.

Therefore the Torah is God's instruction designed to teach us His standard or design for our lives.

King David recognised the benefits of the Torah in **Psalm 19** when he said "**The Torah of YHVH is perfect restoring the soul**" and all the way through Psalm 119.

The Torah is God's blueprint for your best life here - it should be the goal of every believer. You do not have to pay attention to the Creator's instructions, but if you do, your soul will be **refreshed and restored**.

## Keren

this nugget will explain why it has been claimed for 2000 years that the "Jews are of the Devil" and it is the classic example of how some parts of the Hebrew Bible have been mistranslated by anti-Semitic Christians.

The Hebrew word **Keren** is the name of our daughter-in-law.

The word has 3 meanings that I know of **1/ a ray of light    2/ a horn    3/ a financial fund**

So when translating that word from the original Hebrew text of the Hebrew scriptures, the translator needs to be very careful and unbiased

Therein lies the problem ..... most of the people who translated the Hebrew into Greek hated the Jewish people

In the book of Exodus when Moses comes back down from meeting **GOD** at the top of Mt Sinai, the Hebrew text says that Moses had "**Keren**" on his head

Now think about it .... after meeting the Creator of the Universe, did Moses have horns on his head ? **or was his head bathed in light ?**

Most of the original Greek manuscripts say horns which is what you would expect from a biased person with a deep hatred of the Jewish people

And that is why for 2000 years the Jews have been accused of "**being of the Devil**"

The moral of the lesson is that we all need to be very careful how we read and interpret the Bible

## Maschiach – Messiah

Most Christians refer to the Son of God as Jesus Christ. More accurately we should call Him Jesus the Christ, because Christ is not His name, but the description of His ministry

as we shared in the Nugget on June 17th the Lord's real name in Hebrew is Yeshua which means salvation

now we will look at the meaning of the word Christ which comes from the Greek word Christos (Strong's G5547) which means anointed one

the word Messiah comes from the Hebrew word limshoch which means to anoint from which comes the word Maschiach (Strong's #H4899) which also means the anointed one, so the translation from Hebrew to Greek is accurate

I am not sure about other languages but in English when we say the name Christ or even if we use Messiah, most people would not be aware that it means the Anointed One and not Saviour as many believe.

Of course Yeshua the Messiah is the Saviour because He is the One that the Father sent to Earth as His Anointed One to save the world from sin

## Jehovah Yireh - by Josie

One of the LORD's names that most Believers know is Jehovah Jireh. Jireh is usually translated as provider. however the Hebrew word is Yireh which is not provide but is the future tense to see.

Although the translation is not correct, the meaning is right and is a confirmation of the nature and character of our Heavenly Father, the GOD of Israel.

YHVH's main characteristics are His love for His children and faithfulness to protect us and provide all of our needs. The descriptive name of Jehovah Jireh is a confirmation of that.

That name is really telling us that God will see (our needs or our situation) and because He sees our needs, and sees our needs before even we do, He promises to make the provision.

The evidence for this comes from Genesis when Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac, the son of promise.

When he went up the mountain to offer Isaac as a corban (sacrifice) Abraham was willing to pay that price, however GOD was not really requiring Isaac's life and when He saw Abrahams willingness to go through with it, God intervened and supernaturally provided the lamb to take Isaac's place.

Abraham named the place Jehovah Yireh to let all who become sons and daughters of Abraham know that his God saw Abraham's need and provided the lamb to take his place.

## Hebrew

As we look at the meaning of Hebrew words from the Bible, the word Hebrew itself is very interesting.

The word comes from Old French *Ebreu*, via Latin from late Greek *Hebraios*, from Aramaic *ivray*, based on Hebrew *ivri* which is understood to mean one from the other side (of the river).

It is thought that the descendants of Abraham were call Ivrim (eev reem) - Hebrews because of the fact that Abraham crossed over the Euphrates River on the way to the Promised Land

In a way all who are in a blood sealed covenant relationship with the God of Israel are Ivrim - Hebrews, because we have all crossed over from eternal death to eternal life and passed through the waters of baptism.

Another interesting point connected to the word Hebrew is that Spain is also known as Iberia which is a very similar word to Ivrim - In Hebrew the letters B & V is the same

A very large number of Jews (Hebrews or Ivrim) lived in Spain until from the time of the destruction of the First Temple (588 BC) the time of the Spanish inquisition (1492)

The headquarters of the Inquisition was city of Toledo which was designed as a replacement or pseudo Jerusalem

The name Toledo seems to be related to the Hebrew word toldot which means generations

## **Kavod - Glory**

We all talk about the Glory of God. The Hebrew word we translate as Glory is Kavod. Kavod comes from the word Kaved which means most accurately weight. The same word is used for the liver.

Messianic musician Paul Wilbur sings Let the weight of Your glory fall. We often hear people in meetings asking YHVH to send His Glory. Do we really know what that means ?

Back in the days of ancient Israel, when the Glory or Kavod fell, the people fell prostrate on the ground.

What else would you really expect, when the presence of the Creator of the Universe is close by ?

I would expect that the incredible weight of His Glory would drive everything in the area to the ground.

But lets not let stop us from cry out to YHVH to send His Glory down

## **Kadosh - Holy**

The Hebrew word Kadosh is usually translated as Holy,

Kadosh can also be translated as pure, sanctified, set apart, sacred, saintly

The main dynamic that comes across in each of the above interpreted words is to be different

The interpretation that I prefer is sanctified which comes from the Greek word hagios (sacred - consecrated) and the Latin sanctus

The message that these interpretations send to me is that if we really want to be people who are holy before the Holy God YHVH, then we need to be truly sanctified or set apart from the crowd

One way we can be sure that we are holy in that way is to live according to the way YHVH instructed His people to live

Some of the ways we can do that is to follow His calendar - keeping the Shabbat on the 7th day, not the first day, and we observe His Holy feast days, which are His appointed times. Keeping to these dates and not the pagan based ones will definately set you apart (and bring on you ridicule and even persecution)

Following the instructions YHVH gave us in His Torah will also set you apart, even from many who call themselves Christians, and will also bring ridicule and persecution from those you have worshipped with for years

Being Kadosh (sanctified and set apart) in this life will set us apart for eternity - and I mean REALLY APART - if you know what I mean - if you dont knw what I mean then read Luke 16:19 -

## Sheva –Seven

The Hebrew word Sheva is a very interesting word. It usually means seven.

The word Sheva is actually central to the creation of the Universe as it marks the end of the creation process.

The word Sheva is first seen in Genesis 2:2. Actually the word there is Sheviyi which means seventh.

From that first appearance of the word, Sheva and its derivatives becomes one of the most recurring words in the Bible

Sheva has a 2 letter root Shin & Vav (Sh V sound) and is pronounced Shev which means to sit

The word Sabbath comes from the word Sheva - as the Sabbath is the seventh day - the day we are instructed to sit and rest

The Hebrew word for a week (seven days) - Shavua also comes from Sheva

The original Biblical Feast that the New Testament event known as Pentecost (50 days) is based on is Shavuot which is the plural of Shavua ( $7 \times 7 = 49$ )

Here is the mis-translation ..... The name Beersheva is nearly always translated as Seven Wells. I have even heard preachers name the 7 different wells. However they are making it all up. The word Beer does mean well, but sheva also means an oath. You can read in Genesis 21:31 that the place was really named Beer Sheva - the well of the oath. There was only 1 well not 7. This is another example of how we need to be careful with translating from the original Hebrew text.

## Menorah

The seven branch candle stand in Judaism is called the Menorah in Hebrew and is usually translated as candlestick or lampstand

Its design details were explicitly given by YHVH to Moses in Exodus 25:31 - 40

The word Menorah seems to have a reference to the lamp or light of God (YHVH)

The book of Revelation mentions the 7 Spirits of God four times (Rev 1:4, Rev 3:1, Rev 4:4, Rev 5:6)

Many commentators relate those 7 Spirits to Isaiah 11:2 *And the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah*

If we go back to Isaiah 11:1, we see that the passage is referring to the Messiah - Yeshua. *And a Shoot goes out from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.*

Yeshua the Son is the incarnate image of His Father YHVH, therefore all 7 Spirits of the Father, also rest on the Son

We know that pure natural light is made up of the 7 colours of the rainbow

Just as the 7 colours of the rainbow produce pure light, so do the 7 Spirits of YHVH produce pure light - the LIGHT of God

Just as Yeshua shines forth the light of His Father, we are all called to shine that same light into an increasingly dark world

## Jewish

Today we use the word Jewish to describe people from all the 12 tribes of Israel - but that is not really correct as the word Jewish really only refers to one tribe.

The word Jewish comes from the Hebrew word **Yehudah (Judah)** just one of Jacob's 12 sons

Biblical Hebrew names always have a specific meaning

In the book of Samuel we read that as is a persons name so is the person. That means the person's personality takes on the aspects of the meaning of his or her name

The name **Yehudah** means a praiser of God.

Of course when a non-Jewish person comes into a blood covenant relationship with the God of Israel, he or she is grafted into the Olive Tree - Romans 11:17 (Israel) and becomes a fellow citizen (Ephesians 2:19) with the people of Israel. The born again person is now an Israelite, but they do not become a Jew. You have to have the DNA of Judah to be a Jew and our DNA does not change when we are born again.

However in the true meaning of the name **Yehudah (Judah)** we should all become "Jews" - praisers of YHVH.

And **YHVH** and His Son **Yeshua** the Messiah are the only ones worthy to be praised - **Hallelu YAH**

## Ruach - Spirit

The Hebrew word for Spirit is **Ruach**

**Ruach** is also used for the words breath and wind

If **YHVH** uses the same word for those 3 different words then there must be a connection

That is why worshipping, declaring the Word, praying, and blowing shofars is powerful

Because when we do those things our ruach (breath or spirit) is getting out and into the physical and spiritual atmosphere, both of which are affected by the spirit behind our activity.

The Bible also tell us that Satan is the Prince of the Power of the Air (**Ephesians 2:2**)

I did not know what power of the air meant until I received a revelation while I was teaching about the power of our words in a meeting in China

I believe the Holy Spirit showed me that the power of the air is the spiritual dynamic that takes our words or shofar blasts and turns them into physical and / or spiritual changes.

And Ephesians 2:2 tells us that there is power in the air (Ruach) and the Satan is the prince of that power

that mean Satan controls everything that travels through the air which should be of concern to all of us

that is why we must be very careful what we allow ourselves and those dear to us, to be exposed to (eg: tv programs, movies, music and books)

however we must also consider that the Devil is a prince, but Yeshua is a King - in fact Yeshua is the King of Kings

And we must always remember ... GREATER is He who is in us, than he who is in the world (1 John :4)

## Yom Kippur

As the sun sets today, the Jewish people in Israel and around the world commemorate the **Biblical** day called **Yom Kippur (Leviticus 23:27-32)**

The Hebrew words **Yom Kippur** are usually translated as the **Day of Atonement**

**Yom** does mean **Day** but **Kippur** comes from the Hebrew word **Kaparah** which more accurately means **covering**

**Yom Kippur** is the most solemn day of the **Biblical calendar**

it is a day when the vast majority of the Jewish community in Israel stops everything, including eating and drinking, reflect on their behaviour over the last year, and ask God to forgive them for their sins.

In the days of the **Temple**, the **High Priest** would prepare two goats as a **sacrifice** for the collective sin of the Jewish people

One goat was killed and the High Priest would enter the **Holy of Holies** and sprinkle the blood on the **Mercy Seat** to make **atonement** for the sin of the nation. The second goat was called the **Azazel** which means **Hell** and this goat was sent out into wilderness with a red cloth tied around its neck. Jewish custom says that the goat would return after 3 days and the cloth around its neck was now white, signifying that **GOD** had forgiven the sin.

Today there is no **Temple** and no place to sacrifice animals on **Yom Kippur**. In Judaism there is **no blood** and **Hebrews** tells us *without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin (Hebrews 9:22)*

However there is still a **Lamb** today - **Yeshua the Lamb of God** who *came to take away the sin of the world (John1:29)*

The **Good News** of the **Gospel** is that **Messianic Jews** and **all non-Jews** who have accepted **Yeshua** as **Messiah** and **Lord** and have been grafted into the **Olive Tree (Israel)** have **Yom Kippur** every day

Even **7 times a day** or **more** we can come into the **Holy of Holies** and ask for the **blood of Yeshua** to cover our sins and keep us in **rightstanding** with the **FATHER**

**Therefore** let us thank **YHVH** for His **mercy** and His **grace** towards us and for sending **His Son** to be our **Kaparah**

## Succah - Tabernacle

We are now in the time of Succot or the Feast of Tabernacles. Succot is a wonderful time of rejoicing before the LORD. We read of how Yeshua was in the area of the Temple during Succot in John 7:37. The Jewish custom is that on the last day of Succot water, which is usually in short supply by the end of the long dry summer season, is poured out as a prophetic sign of the rains that are hopefully about to come. The key point of the passage is that Yeshua is the living water.

We often hear today that the LORD is about to raise up the Tabernacle of David. It seems that the people who make that statement think that the word tabernacle describes is a very majestic thing, however the word tabernacle is the translation of the Hebrew word succah, which was meant to be a simple booth, or temporary dwelling, or a flimsy shack.

We believe that Succot or the Feast of Tabernacles is a prophetic picture or foreshadow of the 1000 year millenium reign of Yeshua in Jerusalem, which leads to the new Heavens and Earth, when those who "pass the test" will dwell in the New Jerusalem with YHVH and Yeshua forever.

We should also have the attitude that this tent we live in now (our body) is also a temporary dwelling and that if we run the race that is set before us, we will receive new and eternal bodies, which do not age, get diseases or dies.

Therefore let us live our lives with that perspective in mind ..... that means we need to give the eternal priority over the now.

And let us rejoice with the Jewish people this Succot they can see who Yeshua really is and accept Him as their sacrificial Lamb.

## Halleluyah

Many times we uses names and words totally unaware that the word is a **Hebrew word** from the **Bible**

we all use the word **Halleluyah** every day - as we should

Not everyone is aware that **Halleluyah** is a Hebrew word

what we are saying is two words in **Hallelu YAH**

As we know **YAH** is a short version of **GOD's** name

And **Hallelu** is the future plural **Hebrew** word for **praise**

So when we say **Halleluyah**, we are declaring that we (many) will **praise YHVH**

Therefore the more we say **Halleluyah** the more **YHVH gets praised**

## **Echad – One**

**Deuteronomy 6:4** *Hear O Israel, YHVH our God is ONE (Echad)*

The relationship of the **Father, Son & Holy Spirit** has been a point of discussion for almost 2000 years.

In **Malachi 3:6** we read that **YHVH** does not change

Therefore the key to understanding the relationship of the **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** can be found in the above verse **Deuteronomy 6:4**

To employ that key we must look at the original language of the text where **YHVH** is describes as **One**

The verse is the basis of the **Shema** which is the fundamental statement of faith for the Jewish people

Most non Messianic Jews have a big problem with the Christian concept of a **triune God**

The key for both Jews and Christians to learn the correct concept of our God is the word **echad**

**Echad** is the Hebrew word for **one**, but more precisely it means a single entity but made up of **more than one part**

There is another Hebrew word from the same root - **Yachid** which means single

The meaning of **Echad** (more than one part) is a confirmation of the Hebrew word **Elohim** which is translated as **God**

**Elohim** is a plural word - more than one being called **God**

There is one more clear proof of the **truine nature** of the God of Israel

**Isaiah 48:16** *And now YHVH and His Ruach (Spirit) have sent Me* (an eternal person speaking in verse 12 and 16 - **Yeshua**)

**Three entities** can be clearly seen in that verse

The nature of God is a mystery, but we can clearly see that although **God is Echad**, He is much more than that -

**He is Echad and He is Elohim - Hallelu YAH**

## Goyim

The Hebrew word **goyim** is the word that the Jewish people use to refer to non Jews.

**goyim** is not and should not be taken as an insult - it simply is the plural of the word **goy** which mean a **nation**

**YHVH** even calls **Israel "goy"** in **Exodus 19:6** *you shall be to me a Kingdom of priests, a Goy Kadosh (a Holy Nation)*

I believe that when **YHVH** looks down at the Earth from Heaven, He only sees 2 groups of people - **Israel** and the **goyim**

The **God of Israel** only relates to **Israel** - the part of **Israel** that is in a **blood covenant relationship** with Him

**Hallelu YAH** (praise **YHVH**) for the **blood of His Son Yeshua**

By that **precious blood** that was poured out on **Calvary** 2000 years ago, we can all have that **covenant relationship** with the **God of Israel**

**Jews** and **Goyim** alike - the broken off Jews can be **regrafted** back into their own **Olive Tree** (**Romans 11:17**)

And those who are not born Jewish can be grafted in amongst the Natural Branches

**No longer aliens and foreigners** from the **goyim** (nations) but **fellow citizens** with those of **YHVH's** own household - **Israel** (**Eph 2:11 - 19**)

## Ha Aretz

In Israel we often refer to our country as **ha Aretz** which translates as **the Land**

However **ha Aretz** can also be used to refer to the whole **Earth**

I am focusing on this word in this week's Nugget to teach you about a possible and serious misunderstanding of **Zechariah 13**

**Zech 13:8** *And it shall be in all the land, (b col ha Aretz) says Jehovah, two parts in it shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left in it.*

Most Bible teachers claim that this verse refers to what will happen to the **Jews in Israel** in the time before **Yeshua** returns - that two thirds of them will be killed.

The original Hebrew text does clearly state that two thirds of people will die in those days, however many of the Bible teachers in Israel believe that the correct meaning does not refer to Israel but the whole Earth.

**YHVH** says that when He brings His people back, it is for **good and not for evil, never to be uprooted again**

Some others believe that the Nazi Holocaust was the fulfillment of **Zechariah 13:8** as two thirds of European Jews perished during that horror

Interesting to note that in **Revelation 9:15** one third of all people will perish when the four angels are released

## **Brit - Covenant**

Hopefully most Christians realise that our faith and hope for eternal life with **YHVH** is based on being in a **covenant** relationship with Him and that this **New Covenant** is sealed by the blood of His **Son Yeshua**.

However I am not so sure that every Christian understands what this covenant is really all about .....

A **covenant** is a contract or signed arrangement

The Hebrew word for **covenant** is **BRIT** (pronounced breet)

**BRIT** comes from the root **B(a)R**, which means grain. **B(e)RI** (beri - Strongs # H1277) means to make fat and **BSaR** is the flesh or meat

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As it says in **Hebrews 9:13 - 14** ***For if the blood of goats and bulls ..... sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.***

Let's give thanks to our **Heavenly Father** for sending us **His Son** as a Corban (sacrifice) to provide the precious **blood** which seals the **New Covenant** and cleanses us of all sin,

## **Emet – Truth**

I have begun to study the relevance of the numerical value of Hebrew words - it is amazing !

if we think about it rationally, **YHVH** must have created the **Hebrew** alphabet before He created the **Universe**.

He created the **Universe** by speaking it into being, so there must have already been an **alphabet** for Him to speak words.

The physics that holds the Universe together is based on mathematics which is based on numbers

Hebrew letters carry a meaning and a numerical value, and I am beginning to study the relevance of the numeric value of the letters and the words

Hebrew is like the chemical table - the letters and numbers that make up the symbol for the chemicals give the exact meaning of the symbol

In the chemical table, the symbol for the element tells us exactly what the element is eg Water = **H 2 O**

We know that water is what you get when you add one molecule of Oxygen to 2 molecules of Hydrogen - the letters and numbers tell us exactly what water is made up of

It seems that Hebrew is the same - for instance the word A M e T = truth

**A = 1** and means the beginning    **M = 40** and means the middle    **T = 400** and means the end

So the word **Amet** (pronounced emet) encompasses **all truth**

Here is the amazing numerical connection - if we take off the zeros and add **1 + 4 + 4** we have a total of **9**

**9** is the only number that no matter what you multiply it by the sum of the total always = **9** (**9 x 1 = 9, 9 x 2 = 18 = 9, 9 x 3 = 27 = 9 etc**)

this is making a strong statement that the **Word of God** is absolute unchanging truth - and there can only be **1 truth**

## **Abera C'dabera**

This weeks look at the Hebrew from the Bible is very interesting. In many languages today the words **Abera Cadabera** are associated with magic

magicians often say those words when making something appear or disappear

I just discovered from my study of the Hebrew language that they are in fact Hebrew words

Even more interesting is what **Abera C'Dabera** means

**A = GOD**    **bera = created**    **c debera = like He spoke**

And that totally agree with **Genesis chapter 1** which tells us that **YHVH** created everything that exists by speaking it into existence

However it was **not magic** - it was **supernatural**

**We serve a supernatural, all powerul, all knowing, ever present, loving GOD - Hallelu YAH**

## Onesh - Punishment

The Hebrew word for punishment is **onesh** - spelt Ayin Nun Vav Shin

Ayin = eye Nesh = to fall back

Here is what we glean from the meaning of the letters that make up the word **onesh** or punishment

Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He disciplines **punishes** us

**Proverbs 3:11** *My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of His reproof, for the LORD reproves him who He love, as a father does with the son in whom he delights*

However the LORD's real purpose of **onesh** is to help us to **see** that we have **fallen back** so that (hopefully) we repent and get right with our Abba and try again to be the son or daughter He created us to be

## Baal Perazim - Master of Breakthrough by Josie Silver

**2 Samuel 5:20** *So David went to Baal Perzim and David defeated them (the Philistines) there and he said "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of many waters; Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim.*

**Baal** from the Hebrew means master or owner, or in modern Hebrew, husband.

**Perazim** comes from the word **peratz** to break, split, rupture, burst through

King David had a great victory that day. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was King David's Master, and when King David inquired of His Master if he should go up against the Philistines, His Master (Baal) said yes and I will break through your enemies before you like a breakthrough of many waters.

Therefore King David called that place **Baal Perazim**.

This is a wonderful name to proclaim over your life, if you need a any kind of breakthrough.

For example you can pray ..... **Father I pray that You will be my Baal Perazim over (insert what is it you are specifcally praying for) in the name of Yeshua – AMEN**

## Devar - Word

The **Hebrew** for **word** is **De Va R Dalet - Bayt - Resh** and **DeVarim** for the plural

the letters that make up the word **Devar** are .....

**Dalet = door**

**Bayt = house**

**Resh = Rosh or head (GOD)**

In Hebrew we call the **Bible "Devar Elohim" - the "Word of God"**

The points I am wanting to make with this Nugget are.....

**1) When we read and believe the Word of God, it opens the door of our house to allow Yeshua to come in**

**2) When we pray we say words - our words (devar im) are the door to enter the house of GOD**

**Therefore let us increase the amount of time we read the Word and let us increase our speaking Words to GOD**

**The LORD bless you and keep you as you seek Biblical truth and incorporate it into your spiritual life**