

# The Hebrew Alphabet



Hebrew Word Pictures.

What are they?

Ancient Hebrew, like Egyptian hieroglyphs, was originally a pictographic language. Pictures symbolized words, and later sounds.

Yod =  
Hand

Chet =  
Fence

Vav =  
Nail

Dalet =  
Door

Bet =  
Home

Alef =  
Ox



kaf



yod



tet



chet



zayin



vav



hey



dalet



gimmel



bet



'alef



tav



shin



resh



qof



tsade



pey



'ayin



samech



nun



mem



lamed

Tav =  
Cross

Shin =  
Teeth

Resh =  
Head of  
a Man

Ayin =  
Eye, See

Mem =  
Water

Lamed =  
Tongue

Let's learn some of the secrets God has placed in the Hebrew language for us.



# “God” written in stone.



In Hebrew, we read from **right to left**.  
In English, we read from **left to right**.

**EL** – As in Elohim, EL Shaddai

**EL** = Alef + Lamed

**Alef** = Ox, Leader, First, Strong

**Lamed** = Shepherd Staff, Tongue, Controller

**EL** – God is the Strong Leader, the First Leader, the First Tongue

"Word Picture"		Classical Hebrew	
Pictograph	Meaning	Hebrew	Meaning
	Strong Leader		Name for God; "Strength." Used 250 times in the <i>Tanakh</i> .

# Important Reminder



- Hebrew word pictures do not replace, define or limit scripture.
- They *illustrate* scripture.
- The word pictures are valid only when they agree with Scripture.

# Father: Strength of the \_\_\_\_\_?



**Ab (Abba) – Father, “Daddy”**

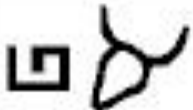

*“And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’” Galatians 4:6*

**Ab = Alef + Bet**

**Alef = Ox, Leader, First, Strong**

**Bet = House**

**Father is the Strength of the House, the Leader of the House.**

	Strength (of the) house		Father
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# What is “religion” in Hebrew?

**Dat – Religion**

**Dat = Dalet + Tav**

**Dalet = Door, Entrance**

**Tav = The Cross, Sign (of Covenant)**

**IN HEBREW:**

**Religion is the Door to the Cross!**



Before Christ , *Tav*  
looked like a CROSS.

**FROM:**



**TO:**



Tav

After the Resurrection, the  
shape of *Tav* was changed.



Why do you think the shape of the  
letter Tav was changed after the  
Resurrection of Jesus Christ?

In Hebrew, the word picture for “Religion”  
means “the Door to the Cross.”





# YHVH = Yahweh = Jehovah



- *Yahweh or YHVH = Jehovah, the Redemptive name of God*

- *YHVH = Yod + Hey + Vav + Hey*

- *Yod* = hand

- *Hey* = behold!

- *Vav* = nail

- *Hey* = behold!

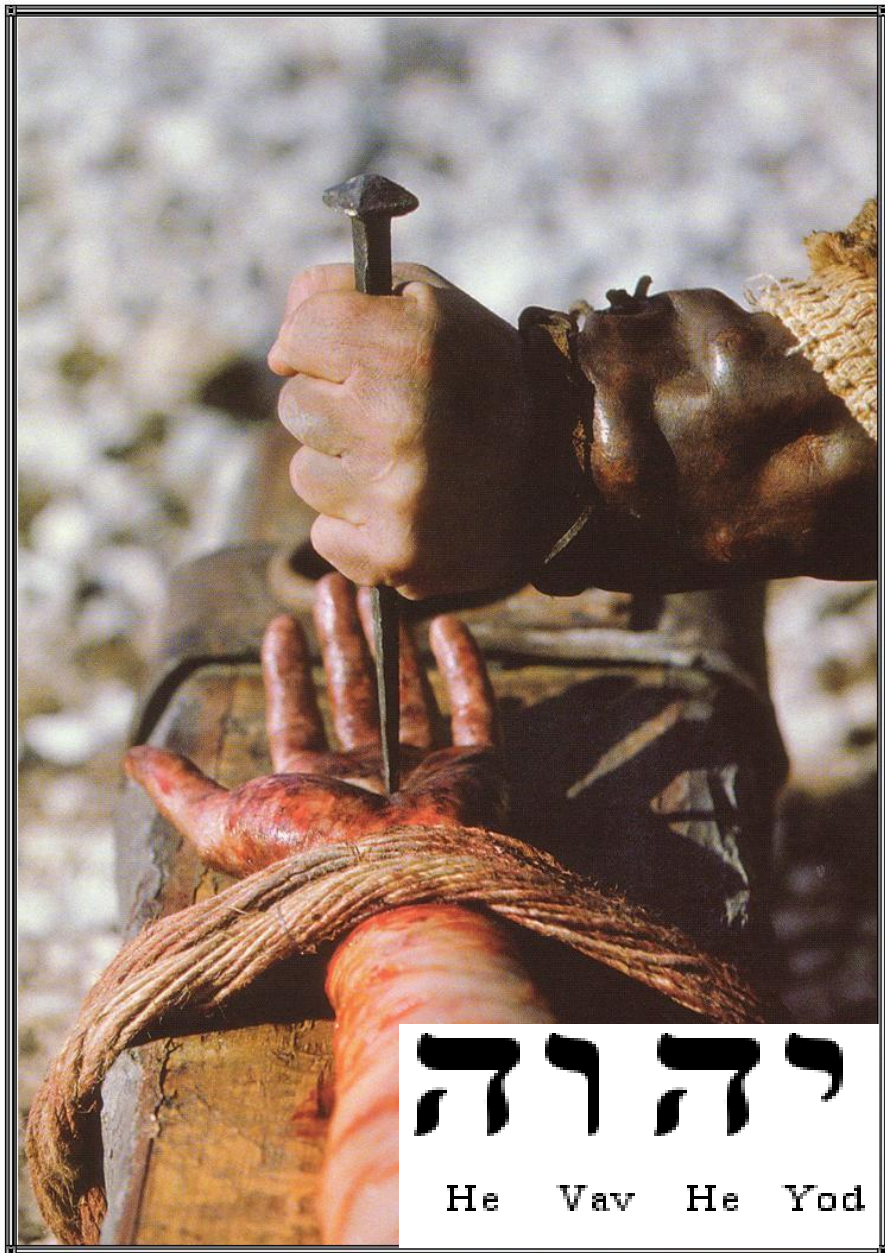
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He Vav He Yod

- The word picture tells us that the **REDEMPTIVE** name of God (**Jehovah**) is:

**Yod – Hey – Vav – Hey**

**The Hand - BEHOLD! The Nail - BEHOLD!**



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He Vav He Yod

Yahweh, Jehovah,  
The Name of God  
the Redeemer is:

The Hand.

Behold!!!

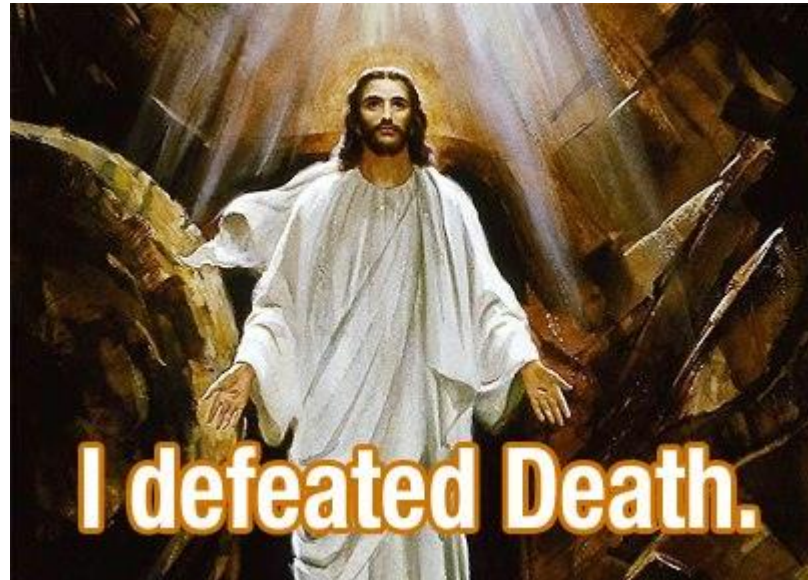
The Nail.



Behold!!!

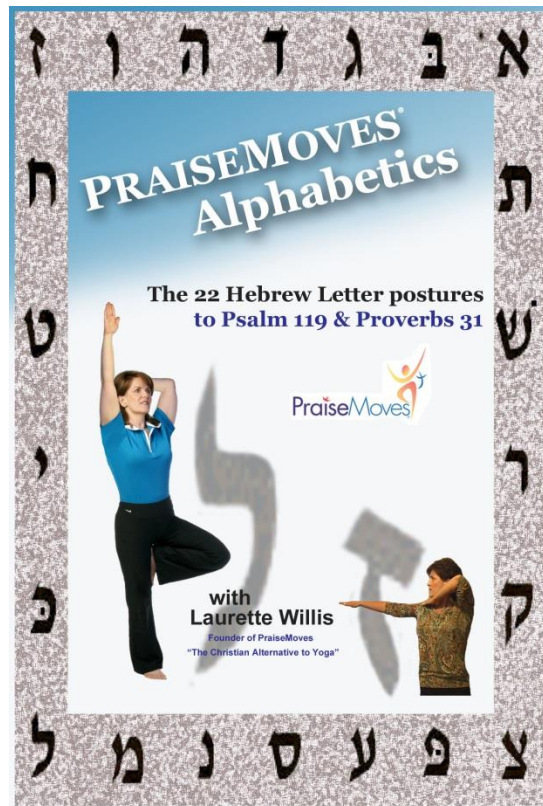
He is

**ALTOGETHER WONDERFUL!**



**Glory to God!**

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