

WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF MORMON TEACH?

Class 08

The Secrets of The Language

What is (true) Faith?

Faith =

אמונה

אמונה

emunah

The Hebrew root **aman** means firm, something that is supported or secure.

This word is used in Isaiah 22:23 for a nail that is fastened to a "secure" place.

Faith =

אמונה

אמונה

emunah

Derived from this root is the word emun, meaning craftsman.

A craftsman is one who is firm and secure in his talent. .

Faith =

אמונה

אמונה

emunah

The feminine form of **emun** is the word **emunah meaning firmness,** something or someone that is firm in their actions.

Faith =

אמונה

אמונה

emunah

When the Hebrew word *emunah* is translated as "faith," as it often is, misconceptions of its meaning occur.

Faith is usually perceived as a knowing while the Hebrew *emunah* is a firm action.

To have faith in Elohiym is not knowing that Elohiym exists or knowing that he will act,

rather it is that the one with *emunah* will act with firmness toward Elohiym's will.

Faith =

אמונה

אמונה

emunah

Therefore:

TRUE FAITH is FIRMNESS TOWARDS or
TO DO GOD'S WILL

Faith =

אמונה

אמונה

emunah

Therefore:

LITERALLY:

FAITH = EMUNAH =

FIRMNESS and/or STEADINESS TO DO GOD'S WILL

Why Make this Distinction?

Because FIRMNESS and STEADINESS never occur
in the Bible (or D&C)

Instead, we get Faithfulness

Deuteronomy 32:4

HEB: וְאֵין עֹל אֱמוּנָה מְשַׁפֵּט אֵל

NAS: A God of *faithfulness* and without

KJV: a God of *truth* and without iniquity,

INT: are just A God of *faithfulness* and without injustice

1 Samuel 26:23

HEB: אֲשֶׁר נָתַתְּךָ אֱמֻנָתוֹ צְדָקָתוֹ וְאֶת-

NAS: [for] his righteousness *and his faithfulness*; for the LORD

KJV: his righteousness *and his*

faithfulness: for the LORD

INT: each his righteousness *and his faithfulness* after delivered

2 Kings 12:15

HEB: הֵם עֹשִׂים: בְּאֱמֻנָה הַמְּלָאכָה בְּיָדָם

NAS: the work, for they dealt *faithfully*.

KJV: on workmen: for they dealt *faithfully*.

INT: the work for *faithfully* they dealt

2 Kings 22:7

HEB: הֵם עֹשִׂים: בְּאֱמוּנָה יְדָם בְּיָדָם

NAS: for they deal *faithfully*.

KJV: because they dealt *faithfully*.

INT: their hands for *faithfully* they deal

Yet where do we see FIRMNESS / STEADINESS
equated to FAITH?

Yet where do we see FIRMNESS / STEADINESS equated to FAITH?

Jacob 2:49 Look unto God with **firmness of mind** and pray unto Him with exceeding faith, And He will console you in your afflictions, And He will plead your cause and send down justice upon those who seek your destruction;

Helaman 2:118 And the Lamanites had become, the more part of them, a righteous people, Insomuch that their righteousness did exceed that of the Nephites because of **their firmness and their steadiness in the faith.**

Helaman 5:100 "And now because of their steadfastness-when they do believe in that thing which they do believe- **For because of their firmness when they are once enlightened,** Behold, the Lord shall bless them and prolong their days, notwithstanding their iniquity;

Emunah = Firmness

Mormon 4:94 Be wise in the days of your probation; Strip yourselves of all uncleanness; Ask not that ye may consume it on your lusts;

But ask with a firmness unshaken, that ye will yield to no temptation, But that ye will serve the true and living God.

Emunah = Steadiness/Faithfulness

[Alma 1:43](#) And now because of the **steadiness** of the church, they began to be exceeding rich, having abundance of all things whatsoever they stood in need –

[Alma 18:2](#) And now my son, I trust that I shall have great joy in you because of your **steadiness and your faithfulness unto God**; For as you have commenced in your youth to look to the Lord your God, Even so I hope that you will continue in keeping His commandments; For blessed is he that endureth to the end.

Emunah = Steadiness/Faithfulness

[Alma 19:1](#) ..., have ye not observed the **steadiness** of thy brother, his **faithfulness and his diligence** in keeping the commandments of God?

[Helaman 2:118](#) ...

And the Lamanites had become, the more part of them, a righteous people, insomuch that their righteousness did exceed that of the Nephites because **of their firmness and their steadiness in the faith.**

[Helaman 4:48](#) And thus we can behold how false, and also the **unsteadiness** of, the hearts of the children of men.

Yea, we can see that the Lord in His great infinite goodness doth bless and prosper those who put their trust in Him.

Emunah = Steadfastness

[1 Nephi 1:37](#) And he also spake unto Lemuel, saying: "O that thou mightest be like unto this valley, **firm and steadfast** and immovable in keeping the commandments of the Lord!"

[2 Nephi 11:45](#) And notwithstanding we believe in Christ, We keep the law of Moses and look forward with **steadfastness** unto Christ until the law shall be fulfilled, For, for this end was the law given;

Emunah = Steadfastness

[2 Nephi 13:29](#) Wherefore, ye must press forward with a **steadfastness** in Christ, Having a perfect brightness of hope and a love of God and of all men.

[Mosiah 2:21](#) And humble yourselves, even in the depths of humility, calling on the name of the Lord daily, And **standing steadfastly in the faith of that which is to come** which was spoken by the mouth of the angel.

[Mosiah 3:21](#) "Therefore, I would that **ye should be steadfast and immovable**, always abounding in good works, That Christ, the Lord God Omnipotent, may seal you His, That you may be brought to heaven, That ye may have everlasting salvation and eternal life through the wisdom and power and justice and mercy of Him who created all things in heaven and in earth, who is God above all. Amen."

Emunah = Steadfastness

[Alma 1:36](#) Now this was a great trial to those that did stand fast in the faith; Nevertheless, **they were steadfast and immovable in keeping the commandments of God**, And they bore with patience the persecution which was heaped upon them.

[Alma 3:84](#) "And behold, it is He that cometh to take away the sins of the world; Yea, the sins of every man which **steadfastly** believeth on His name.

Emunah = Steadfastness

3 Nephi 3:16 And they would not depart from it, **for they were firm and steadfast and immovable, willing with all diligence to keep the commands of the Lord.**

(Review from last week)

Describing a Pencil to 'Westerners'

We love adjectives.

Long, round, yellow, skinny, eraser is pink.



(Review from last week)

If asked 'Eastern' (Hebrew thinking) People:

Hebrews would say:

It writes and erases words.



(Review from last week)

Western Mind:

- Sees as object first—**WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE**

Eastern Mind:

- Sees as purpose first—**Instead they see WHAT IT DOES**

(Review from last week)

To be Angry...in Hebrew

Pictograph of anger was a Nose.

Why?

Because when really angry the nose flares.

English translators scramble to translate...Challenge is more than words, it is always to connect Hebrew Culture to Western culture.



'Extensive' use of Adjectives in Hebrew...

[Alma 27:30](#) "And now behold, I say unto you,

I fear **exceedingly** that the judgments of God will come upon this people

because of their **exceeding** slothfulness,

Yea, even the slothfulness of our government

and their **exceeding** great neglect toward their brethren,

yea, toward those which have been slain.

Examples of Nephi's 'extensive use' of Adjectives...

[1 Nephi 1:5](#) And it came to pass as he prayed unto the Lord there came a pillar of fire and dwelt upon a rock before him, And he saw and heard much; And because of the things which he saw and heard, he did quake and **tremble exceedingly**.

[1 Nephi 1:47](#) And it came to pass that I, Nephi, being **exceeding young**, nevertheless, being large in stature

[1 Nephi 1:66](#) And it came to pass that when my father had heard these words, he was **exceeding glad**,

[1 Nephi 1:74](#) And we began to be **exceeding sorrowful**; And my brethren were about to return unto my father in the wilderness,

[1 Nephi 1:88](#) And it came to pass that when Laban saw our property, that it was **exceeding great**, He did lust after it

[1 Nephi 1:109](#) And I beheld his sword, And I drew it forth from the sheath thereof and the hilt thereof was of pure gold, And the workmanship thereof was **exceeding fine**,

[1 Nephi 1:131](#) And it came to pass that when Laman saw me, he was **exceedingly frightened**, and also Lemuel and Sam,

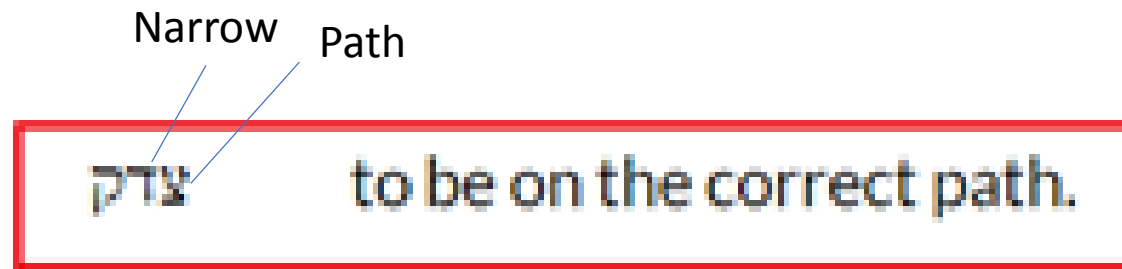
(Review from last week)

Hebrew 'Righteous' was a Strait Narrow Path

2 Nephi 13:11 And again, it (baptism) showeth unto the children of men the **straitness** of the **path** and the **narrowness of the gate** by which they should enter, He having set the example before them;

2 Nephi 13:25 And then are ye in this **strait** and **narrow path** which leads to eternal life;

Narrow Path



קָטָן to be on the correct path.

(Review from last week)

Ancient Hebrew Definition of 'Correct' =

- Means to be on the **Straight and Narrow Path**

Ancient Hebrew Definition of 'Iniquity' =

- **Means to be Crooked or Twisted.**

(Review from last week)

Look what the Book of Mormon says...(AND HOW it says it)

Alma 5:34

Yea, I perceive that **ye are making
His paths strait;**

I perceive that it hath been made known unto you
by the testimony of His word
that He **cannot walk in crooked paths,**

In the Days of Moses....

1:8

THEBES. INSCRIPTION ON STELE OF MERENPTAH.

XIV.

The image shows a fragment of an ancient Egyptian inscription on a stele, specifically the fragment known as 'Thebes. Inscription on Stele of Merenptah'. The fragment is rectangular and contains 24 lines of hieroglyphs. The hieroglyphs are arranged in horizontal lines, with some lines containing decorative elements like lotus flowers. The fragment is numbered 1:8 on the left and XIV. on the right. The hieroglyphs are arranged in horizontal lines, with some lines containing decorative elements like lotus flowers. The fragment is numbered 1:8 on the left and XIV. on the right.

Ancient Hebrew was actually 'Pictograph' not 'letters' taken from Egypt.



Over 700 Egyptian hieroglyphics, Moses people determined to use 22 of these.

That is why eventually, the Hebrew modern language has 22 Hebrew characters. They all started from Egyptian hieroglyphics.

<https://www.ancient-hebrew.org/ancient-alphabet/ancient-pictographic-alphabet.htm>

The Characters Evolved over time

Early Hebrew

20th-12th Century BC (1900-1100 BC)

Selected Egyptian Pictographs



Middle Hebrew

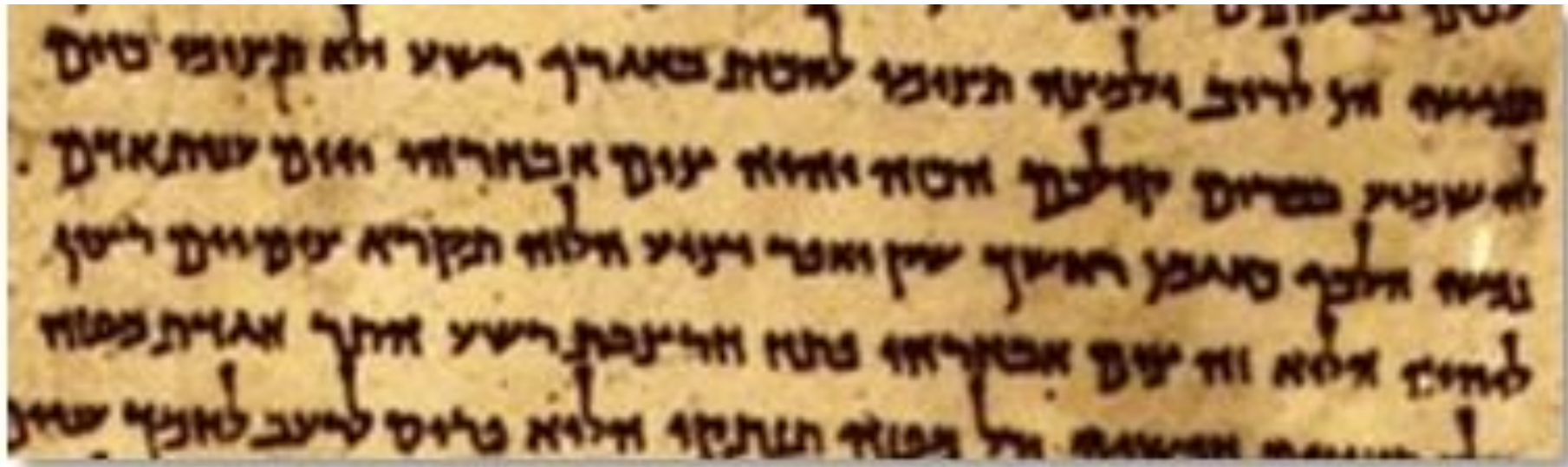
About the 12th Century BC-5th Century
Prior to Babylonian Conquest



Late Hebrew

4th-1st Century BC

After Babylonian Conquest



Modern Hebrew

After 11 th Century AD







































So what was used to write in Lehi's Day?

Egyptian Script

How would minimally educated 1800's rural New York state teenager have known this?



| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aleph Image: Ox Head Meaning: Strong, Power, Leader |  |  |  |  | Lamed Image: Shepherd Staff Meaning: Teach, Yoke, Bind, Toward |  |  |  |  |
| Boyt Image: Tent Meaning: Family, House, In |  |  |  |  | Mem Image: Water Meaning: Chaos, Mighty, Blood |  |  |  |  |
| Gimel Image: Foot Meaning: Gather, Walk |  |  |  |  | Nun Image: Sprout Meaning: Continue, Weir |  |  |  |  |
| Dalet Image: Door Meaning: Move, Hang, Entrance |  |  |  |  | Samekh, Sin Image: Thorn Meaning: Grab, Hate, Protect |  |  |  |  |
| Hey Image: Man with arms raised Meaning: Look, Reveal, Breath |  |  |  |  | Ayin Image: Eye Meaning: Watch, Know, Shade |  |  |  |  |
| Vav Image: Tent Peg Meaning: Add, Secure, Hook |  |  |  |  | Pey Image: Mouth Meaning: Blow, Scatter, Edge |  |  |  |  |
| Zayin Image: Mattock (Hoe) Meaning: Food, Cut, Nourish |  |  |  |  | Tsadey Image: Man on his side (Trail?) Meaning: Wait, Chase, Snare, Hunt |  |  |  |  |
| Hhet Image: Wall Meaning: Outside, Divide, Half |  |  |  |  | Quph Image: Sun at the horizon Meaning: Condense, Circle, Time |  |  |  |  |
| Tet Image: Basket Meaning: Surround, Contain, Mud/Clay |  |  |  |  | Resh Image: Head of a man Meaning: First, Top, Beginning |  |  |  |  |
| Yud Image: Arm and closed hand Meaning: Work, Throw |  |  |  |  | Shin, Sin Image: Two front teeth Meaning: Sharp, Press, Eat, Two |  |  |  |  |
| Kaph Image: Open palm Meaning: Bend, Open, Allow, Tame |  |  |  |  | Tav Image: Crossed Sticks Meaning: Mark, Sign, Monument |  |  |  |  |

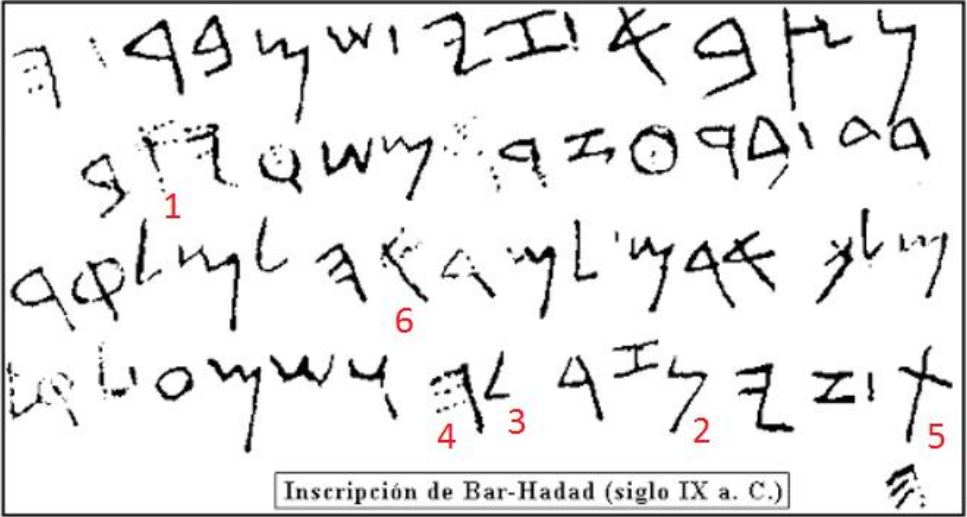
Bat Creek Stone...Paleo Hebrew

- 1889 Found in Tennessee



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bat_Creek_inscription

Bat Creek Stone...



In Nephi's Writing

1 I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents, therefore, I was taught somewhat in all the learning of my father,

And having seen many afflictions in the course of my days, nevertheless, having been highly favored of the Lord in all my days,

Yea, having had a great knowledge of the goodness and the mysteries of God, Therefore, I make a record of my proceedings in my days;

Yea, I make a record in the language of my father,

which consists of the learning of the Jews,

and the language of the Egyptians;

In the Book of Mormon

Many (all) Words have meaning derived from Ancient Hebrew.

Hebrew writers loved 'double meaning'.....

I **Nephi** being **large** in stature.....

The root 'Nephi' is used in Hebrew Old Testament 'Nephillium' word for giants.

The Hebrew root word '**Nephi**' means **large/tall**.

Hebrew writers loved 'double meaning'

The **Hebrew** root word '**Nephi**' means **large/tall**. Only one other time is someone's stature mentioned.

[1 Nephi 1:47](#) And it came to pass that **I, Nephi**, being exceeding young, nevertheless, **being large in stature**, And also having great desires to know of the mysteries of God,

[1 Nephi 1:135](#) And now **I, Nephi**, **being a man large in stature**, and also having received much strength of the Lord, Therefore, I did seize upon the servant of Laban and held him that he should not flee.

Hebrew Prophets loved 'double meaning'WHY?

- Demonstrates Mastery of language.
- Exhibits Wit.
- Drives home understanding to those who know the nuance of the language.
- But to 'get it' as Westerners, have to understand the language.

The Book of Mormon demonstrates Ancient
Hebrew Authenticity Throughout.

Hebrew Word....Translated in the Bible and Book of Mormon...'**Thick Darkness**'...

From King James and Inspired Version:

Exodus 10:22

And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven;
and there was a **thick darkness** in all the land of Egypt three days:

Exodus 20:21

And the people stood afar off,
and Moses drew near unto the **thick darkness** where God was.

Book of Mormon uses Thick Darkness too....

So....fill in the Blank again....

3 Nephi 4:18

And it came to pass that there was **thick darkness**
upon the face of all the land,

insomuch that the inhabitants thereof which had not fallen
could _____ the vapor of darkness;

Fill in the Blank again....

3 Nephi 4:18

And it came to pass that there **was thick darkness**
upon the face of all the land,
insomuch that the inhabitants thereof which had not fallen
could **feel** the vapor of darkness;

What is the point? Hebrew had a word for 'Darkness' that could 'Be Felt.'

BUT...King James and Inspired Version Never mention a darkness that you can 'feel.'

However...

Go to original Egyptian/Ancient Hebrew pictograph and meaning...

Thick Darkness 'can be felt!'

It is a darkness

that CAN BE FELT.

EXACTLY AS THE BOOK OF
MORMON STATES.

3067) אֶרְפָּל (עַרְפָּל GhRPL) ac: ? co:

Dark ab: ?: [from: עֵנַן - dark clouds]

N^m) אֶרְפָּל (עַרְפָּל GhR-PL) —

Thick Darkness: A heavy darkness that can be felt. [freq. 15] |k|j|v|: thick darkness, darkness, gross darkness, dark cloud, dark| {str: 6205}

~~~~~

(From Jeff Benner's [Ancient Hebrew Lexicon](https://www.ancient-hebrew.org/ahlb/aleph.html))

<https://www.ancient-hebrew.org/ahlb/aleph.html>

# How can someone know this without understanding the Nuance of Hebrew when these words did NOT EXIST in the BIBLE?.

## 3 Nephi 4:18

And it came to pass that there was thick darkness upon the face of all the land, insomuch that **the inhabitants thereof which had not fallen could feel the vapor of darkness**;

3067) שֶׁ-חֹמֶה (ערפל GhRPL) ac: ? co:

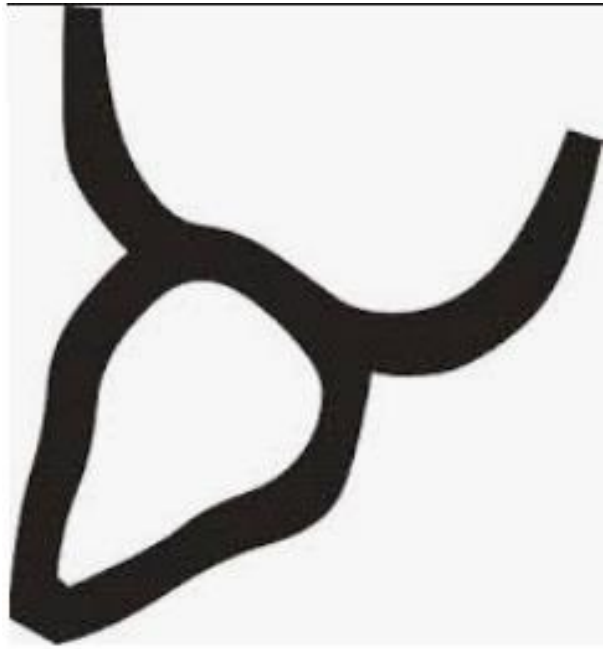
**Dark** ab: ?: [from: חֹמֶה - dark clouds]

N<sup>m</sup>) שֶׁ-חֹמֶה (ערפל GhR-PL) —

**Thick Darkness**: A heavy darkness that can be felt. [freq. 15] |kjb: thick darkness, darkness, gross darkness, dark cloud, dark| {str: 6205}

~~~~~

(From Jeff Benner's Ancient Hebrew Lexicon)
<https://www.ancient-hebrew.org/ahlb/aleph.html>



Israel's Idol?

It was a 'calf' (male cow, or OX)

Why?



The language of Egypt associated OX as a symbol of THEIR GOD.

Early
Hebrew



Middle
Hebrew



Late
Hebrew



Modern
Hebrew



Ancient Name: Lam?

Pictograph: Shepherd Staff

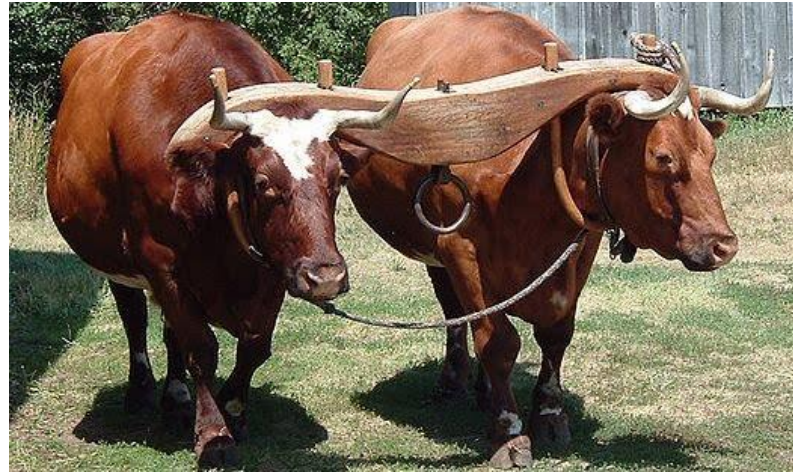
Meanings: Teach, Yoke, Bind, Toward

Sound: L

By **Jeff A. Benner**



L sound



Yoke....

Or...

Staff...



The Staff Represented Authority

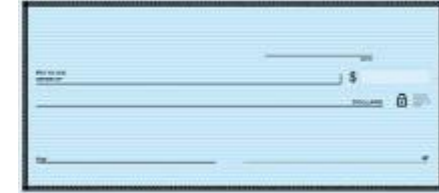
What did Jesus Say?

Take my yoke upon you....

When Jesus Commissions Disciples....

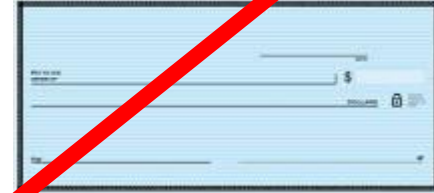
What did Jesus Permit his disciples to carry on their missions?

Why?



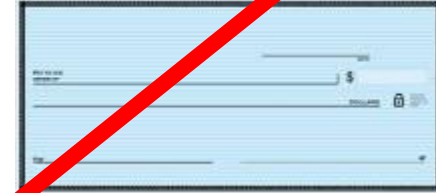
Why??

- You Get a Staff (only)



Why?? Because it represented God's Authority in Them

- You Get a Staff (only)



Prayer during Baptism

But Book of Mormon (Jesus) states....

[3 Nephi 5:25](#)

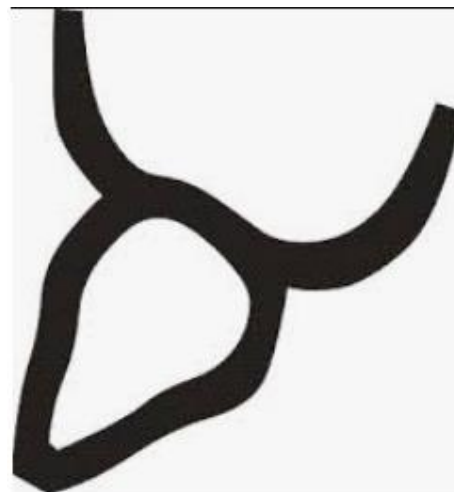
And now behold, these are the words which ye shall say,
calling them by name, saying,

'Having authority given me of Jesus Christ,

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Ghost.

Amen.'

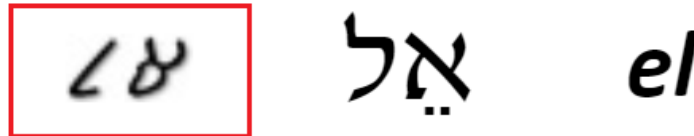
Put them together—God is Strong Authority



Ancient Hebrew Name for God

God

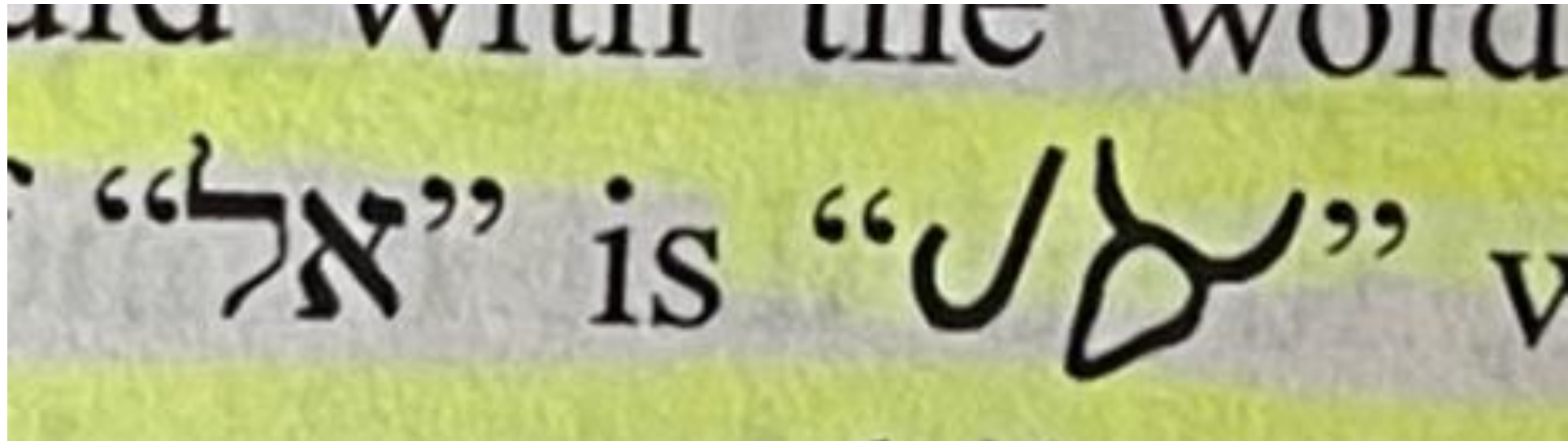
By **Jeff A. Benner**



When reading the Bible it is better to have an Ancient Hebrew perception of Elohiym rather than our modern western view. The word el was originally written with two pictographic letters, one being an ox head and the other a shepherd staff. The ox represented strength and the staff of the shepherd represented authority. First, the Ancient Hebrews saw Elohiym as the strong one of authority. The shepherd staff was also understood as a staff on the shoulders, a yoke. Secondly, the Ancient Hebrews saw Elohiym as the ox in the yoke. When plowing a field two oxen were placed in a yoke, one was the older more experienced one, and the other was the younger and less experienced. The younger would then learn from the older. The Hebrews saw

God is 'Strong Authority'

- Ox head=Authority
- Shepherd Staff=Strength



(From Jeff Benner's [His Name is One](https://www.ancient-hebrew.org))
<https://www.ancient-hebrew.org>

God—Elohiym—STRONG AUTHORIT(IES) (PLURAL)

“אלה” (eloah) is made
(iym) to the end of
1 “אלהים” (elohiym), a

In Western thinking...

PLURAL is QUANTITY

We think of ONE meaning has to be an object.

And ELOHIM (Plural Gods) causes consternation...

But...we are reading words written by Hebrews...

Hebrew writers were saying....

Elohim wasn't plural Gods or more than one people.

It was still 'One' God to the Hebrew.

The Plural was qualitative, meaning

"God has all these Qualities"

So what does the Book of Mormon say?

1 Nephi 3:197 For **there is one God and one Shepherd** over all the earth;

2 Nephi 13:32 And now behold, this is the doctrine of Christ, And the only and true doctrine of the **Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God without end. Amen.**

Mosiah 8:31 29

And **because He dwelleth in flesh, He shall be called the Son of God;**

30 And having subjected the flesh to the **will of the Father**, being the Father and the Son - The Father, because He was conceived by the power of God, and the Son, because of the flesh, **thus becoming the Father and Son,**

And They are one God, yea, the Very Eternal Father of heaven and of earth -

Hebrew writers saw many things as ONE....

2 Nephi 1:95

For there is a God and He hath **created all things** -

Both the **heavens and the earth and all things that in them is,**

“IS” is correct Hebrew because they saw the Heavens and Earth as ONE Creation

Ancient Hebrew—Spelling of ‘Father’ (abh)



FATHER = Oxhead AND Tent



Father means = **Authority** of the Home



Ancient Meaning of Father and Nephi's Intellect.....

1 Nephi 1:41 – 45 (Laman and Lemuel murmuring)

.....did murmur because they knew not the dealings of that God who had created them;

And it came to pass that my father did speak unto them in the Valley of Lemuel

with power, Being filled with the Spirit until their frames did shake before him;

And he did confound them, that they durst not utter against him;

Wherefore, they did do as he commanded them;

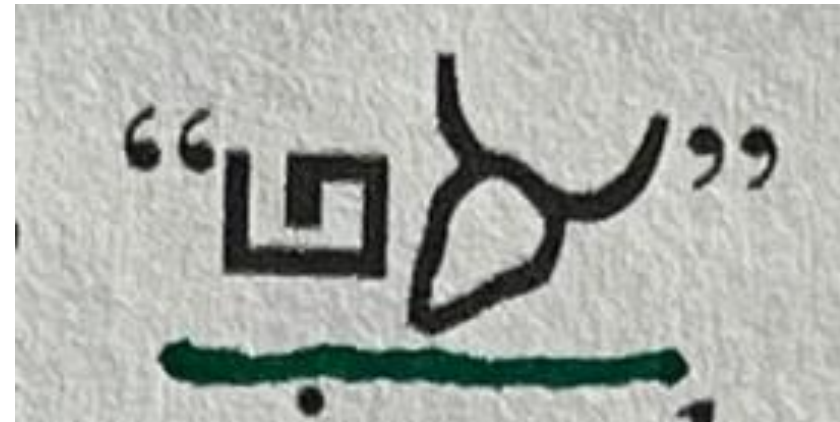
(LEHI SPEAKS WITH AUTHORITY OF FATHER)

Then what does Nephi say next????

Nephi makes Perfect Hebrew word play on The Word 'Father'

1 Nephi 1:46

And my father dwelt in a tent.



(tent, Authority =Father)

Not coincidentally, Nephi mentions his father 'living in a tent' over 10 times in his writing.

Nephi mentions this many times....demonstrating
the Ancient Hebrew meaning of Father

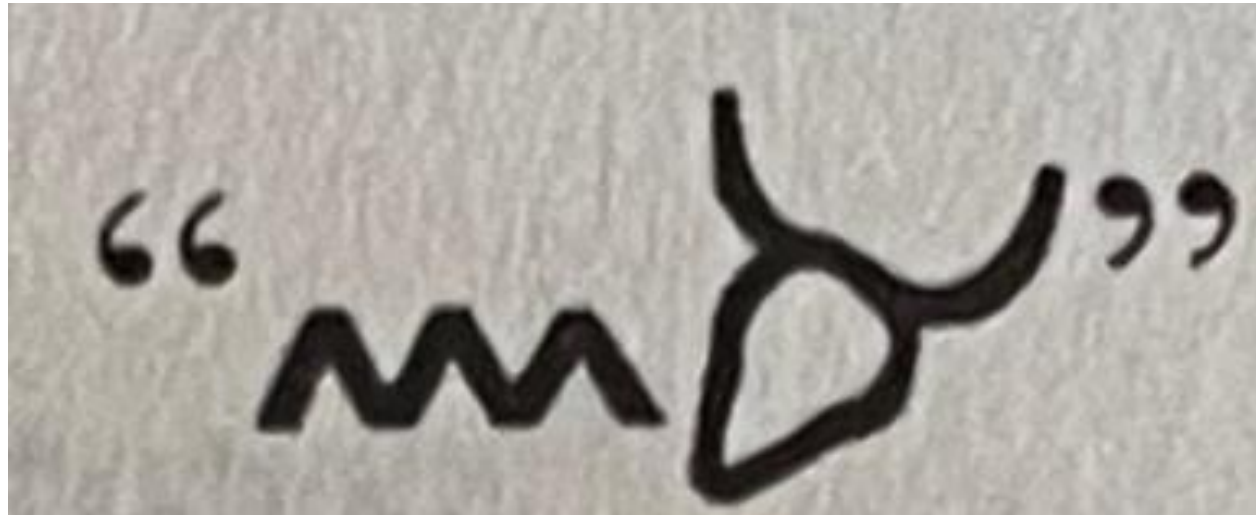
[1 Nephi 1:46](#) And **my father dwelt in a tent.**

[1 Nephi 1:59](#) And it came to pass that I, Nephi, returned from speaking
with the Lord to **the tent of my father.**

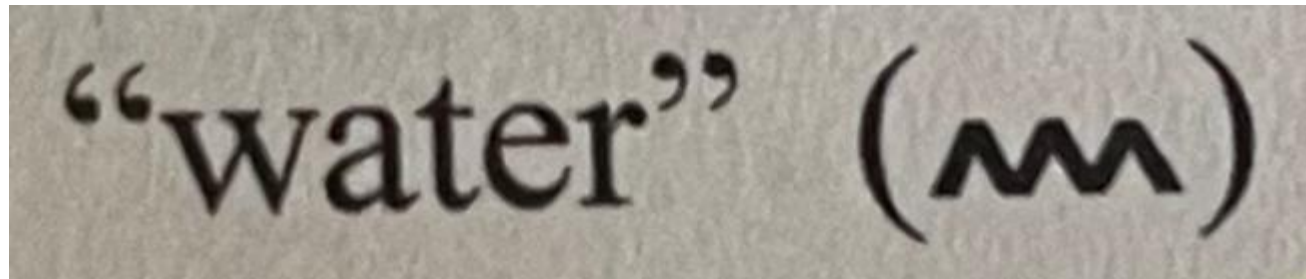
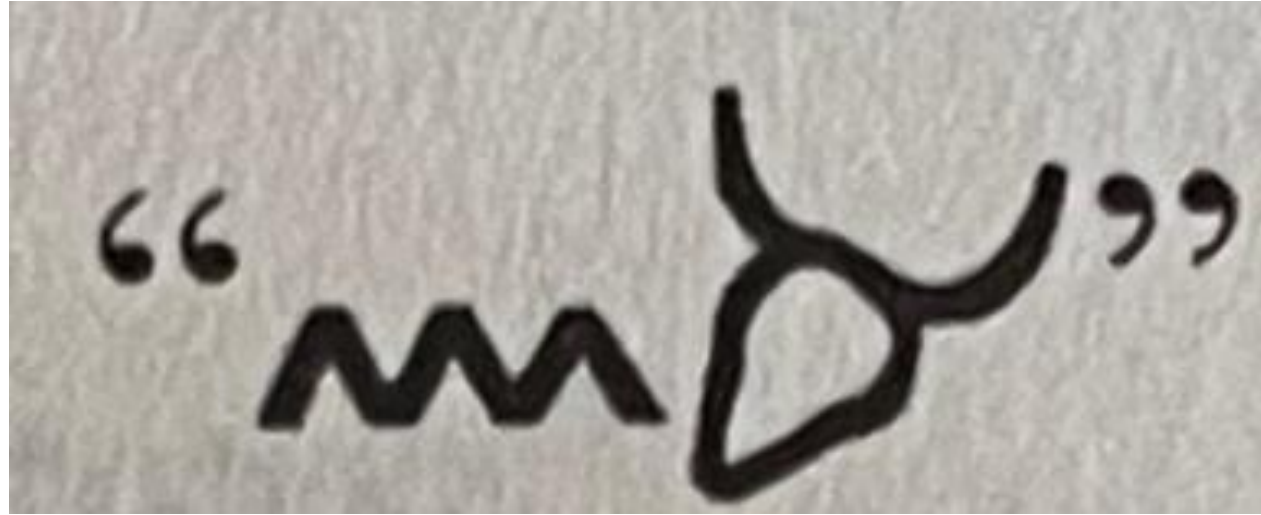
[1 Nephi 2:37](#) And it came to pass that we did come down unto
the tent of our father;

[1 Nephi 3:22](#) And all these things of which I have spoken were done as
my father dwelt in a tent in the Valley of Lemuel.

Ancient Hebrew Word—'Woman/Mother'

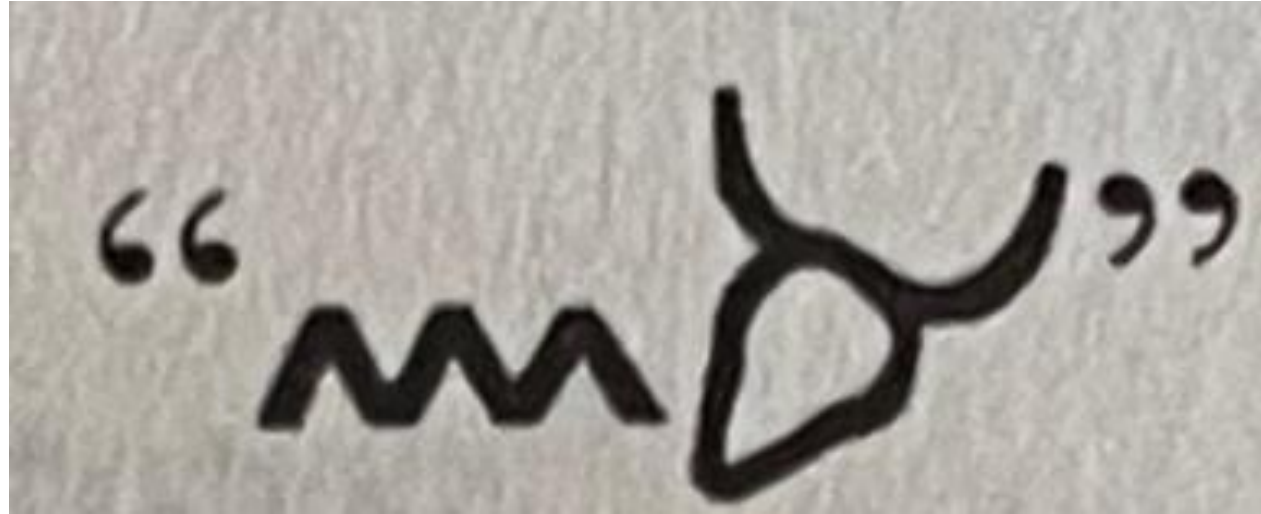


Hebrew—'Woman'



Strong, Sticky Water.....one who 'BINDS' the home together.

Woman = 'Strength' of the home.

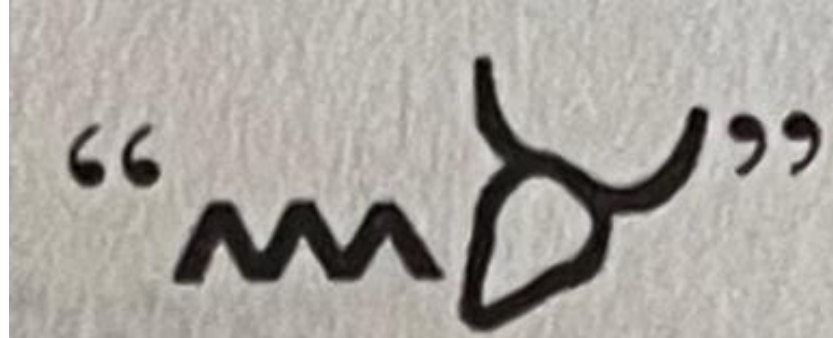


Woman meant 'Strength'.....one who 'BINDS' the home together, or literally 'The STRENGTH of the HOME'

Nephi writes the only place in scripture (I know of) that Women are referred to as 'STRONG'

1 Nephi 5:57

(speaking of the women in the wilderness) **they were strong**, yea, even like unto the **men**;



Woman meant 'Strength'.....one who 'BINDS' the home together, or literally 'The STRENGTH of the HOME'

Word meaning brings deeper understanding

Ancient meanings:

Genesis 1:27

So God created man **in his own image**,
in the image of God created he him;
male and **female** created he them.

Word meaning brings deeper understanding

Ancient meanings: Poetic A/B/C

Genesis 1:27

(A) So God created man **in his own image**,
(B) **in the image of God** created he him;
=> (C) **male** and **female** created he them.

Word meaning brings deeper understanding

- (A) So God created man **in his own image**,
- (B) **in the image of God** created he him;
- => (C) **male** and **female** created he them

Ancient meanings:

God = is the 'Strong Authority'

Father = 'Authority' of Home Mother (woman) = 'Strength' of Home.

A diagram consisting of two blue arrows. One arrow starts from the word 'Authority' in the text below and points to the word 'Strong' in the text above. The other arrow starts from the word 'Strength' in the text below and points to the word 'Authority' in the text above.

Word meaning brings deeper understanding

Again, the meaning of “ONE”

The **man** and **woman** (masculine and feminine) are ‘**ONE**’ deriving **Authority** (from God) and ‘**Strength**’ (also from God).

Both need each other,
the Strength from God,
and Authority from God
To be ONE to have a home.

MERCY, JUSTICE-

The Book of Mormon uses perfect Hebrew gender Pronouns describing GOD. The Masculine Justice, the Feminine Mercy. How would someone have known?:

[Alma 19:106](#) And thus they are restored into His presence,
to be judged according to their works,
according to the law and **justice**;
For behold, **justice** exerciseth all **HIS** demands,
And also **mercy** claimeth all **which is HER** own;
And thus, none but the truly penitent are saved.

How Could a New York Farm Boy known to have chosen the exact matching Gender for Mercy and Justice and to even use Pronouns to describe them, and wrap it all together...?

MERCY, JUSTICE

Elohim and Adonai—the names of God, roots describe Justice and Mercy.

This is the only place in all Bible or Book of Mormon where His and Her are used in same verse

Perfectly parallels the Hebrew meaning of the masculine and feminine words Justice and Mercy, which perfectly depict the meanings of the names of God, which perfectly represent the right hand and left hand of God.

Which represents the ULTIMATE destiny of man—to experience fully the mercy of God or the Justice of God.

...in Ancient Hebrew Mercy means ...to be wrapped in Arms for Protection

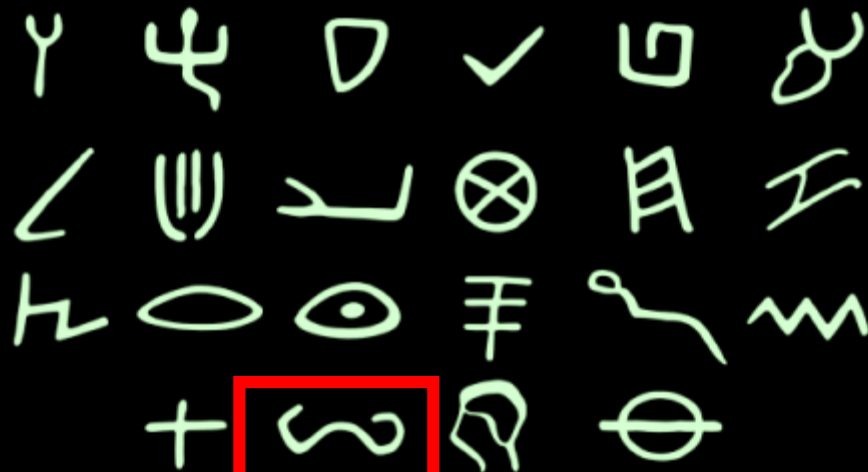
רחם (common, רחם / r.h.h.m) **Translation:** HAVE.COMPASSION (V)
Definition: Literally to cradle in ones arms to protect or cherish. By extension to have or show sympathy or sorrow. **KJV Translations:** mercy, compassion, pity, love, merciful **Strong's Hebrew #:** h.7355

<https://www.ancient-hebrew.org/ahlb/hhet.html>

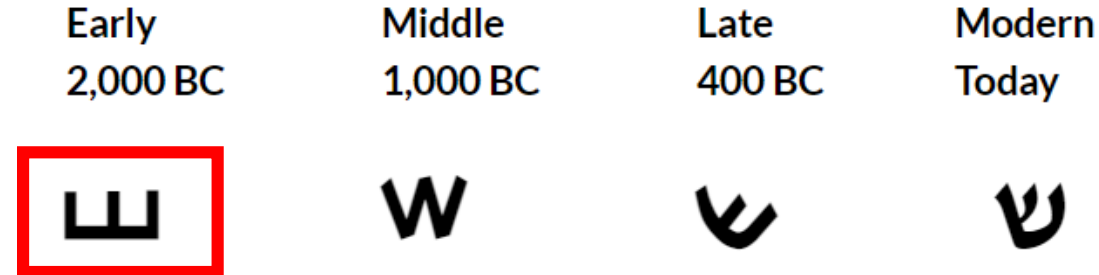
Alma 16:217

And thus **mercy** can satisfy the **demands of justice**, and encircles them in the arms of safety, while he that exercises no faith unto repentance, is exposed to the whole law of the **demands of justice**; therefore, only unto him that has faith unto repentance, is brought about the great and eternal plan of redemption.


Paleo Pictographs



(Review from last week)



Shin

The Ancient picture for this letter is , a picture of the two front teeth. This letter has the meanings of teeth, sharp and (from the function of the teeth when chewing). It also has the meaning of two, again, both or second from the two teeth.

The modern Hebrew name for this letter is shin, a Hebrew word meaning tooth. Hebrew and Arabic agree that the sound of this letter is "sh".

What does this look like?

The parent root for this word is "שד" (shad). The original pictographs for this word are, "שד." The "ד" (sh) is a picture of the two front teeth and has the meaning of "sharp," "press" (as from chewing) as well as "two." The "ש" (d) is a picture of a tent door with a meaning of "hang" or "dangle" as the door is hung or dangles down from the top of the tent.

The combined meanings of the "ד" and "ש" would be "two dangles." The goat was a very common animal within the herds of the Hebrews. It produces milk within the udder and is extracted by the goat kid by squeezing and sucking on the two teats dangling below the udder. The function of these teats is to provide all the necessary nourishment for the kids, as they would die without it. The Hebrew word "שדד" (shaddai) also has the meaning

This word is....El Shaddai

Hebrews Understood this 'to nourish'

The word "שד" (teat) is often coupled with the word "אל" (mighty, strong) creating the phrase "אל שד" (el shaddai) literally meaning the "mighty teat," hence we can see the translator's reluctance to literally translate this phrase in this manner and instead using the more sanitized "God Almighty."

El Shaddai Literally means 'Mighty Breasts'

But Why would this be a word for GOD?

The Hebrews saw breasts representing the PERFECT NOURISHMENT.

An human infant can survive first year of life on breast milk.

They saw breasts (animal or human) as the perfect source of Nourishment.

Obscure, but El Shaddai used in Joseph's Blessing...

Genesis 49:25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee;

and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with

blessings of heaven above,

blessings of the deep that lieth under,

blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:

26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills.

They shall be on the head of Joseph,

and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

But what does Book of Mormon say??

I used to think this was one of the most 'out of place' scriptures in the Book of Mormon.

Now realize it is a beautiful proof of its authenticity

The Blessing of Nourishment

1 Nephi 5

56 And we did travail and wade through much affliction in the wilderness;
And our women bore children in the wilderness;

57 And so great were the blessings of the Lord upon us that while we did live upon raw meat in the wilderness,
our women did give plenty of suck for their children and were strong,
yea, even like unto the men.

And they began to bear their journeyings without murmuring.

=

The Blessing of Nourishment

1 Nephi 5:

58 And thus we see that the commandments of God must be fulfilled;

59 And if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God, He doth nourish them and strengthen them and provide ways and means whereby they can accomplish the thing which He hath commanded them;

60 Wherefore, He did provide ways and means for us while we did sojourn in the wilderness.

Ancient word for God—who nourishes

Remember, they saw a pencil and thought not yellow, but action.

El Shaddai appears only few times, one is in the blessing of JOSEPH
(Nephi is a descendent of Joseph)

This is God referred to as El Shaddai—the
one who nourishes

Literally means 'Mighty Breasts'

This didn't mean Hebrews saw God with Breasts or was an 'androgenous being'
But this was not strange or awkward for Hebrews because **they saw this as PURPOSE**
not OBJECT (remember the pencil—it writes and erases)

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| באל | Ba'al | master | Isaiah 54:5 |
| עושה | Oseh | maker | Isaiah 54:5 |
| קנא | Qana | jealous | Exodus 34:14 |
| אל שדי | El Shaddai | mighty breasts | Genesis 17:1 |

And Perfect Parallelism.

Parallel of (earthly) women nourishing their children with plenty, to (eternal) GOD nourishing his children with PLENTY.

A teenage boy couldn't have known any of this. But someone writing about God Nourishing like Breastmilk could only be one acquainted with the Ancient meaning of the Hebrew word.

Dead see Scrolls...

Remember they saw as **PURPOSE**, not **OBJECT**

10. תשמח נפשי בכבודך VSM fgh

TRANSLATION

1. I recall you, O **Zion**, for (the purpose of) blessing:
with all my might I love you,
blessed forever is your memory.
2. What you hope for, O **Zion**, (is) great,
that peace, the **deliverance** you long for (lit., the expectation of
your **deliverance**), will come.
3. Generation after generation will dwell in you,
faithful generations (in) your wonder.
4. Those who desire the day of your **salvation**
will rejoice in your great glory
5. They will suckle at the **nipple** of your glory,
and toddle in your glorious squares.
6. May you remember the faithful (acts) of your **prophets**,
since through the deeds of (or, in the works of) your faithful you
are glorified.

There is a parallel with breastmilk—complete nourishment for the 1st year of life.

El Shaddai conveyed the idea of SUFFICIENCY.

Total dependence, but total reliance without concern

Hebrew word for SINLESS is BLAMELESS.

Blameless, innocent, the one who is fed only from its mother's milk, is the one spiritual comparison to one that relies solely on our Heavenly Father, one who lives without sin.

Nephi shares this as they are embarking on a journey of total reliance.

His response, our GOD IS TOTALLY SUFFICIENT.

A breastfeeding mother can not forget she has a nursing child.
God can not forget to meet your needs.

HE IS THE ONE WHO MAKES THIS COMPARISON of HIMSELF to prove to us his promise.

Calling the Hebrew God 'The Mighty Breast'??

But the translators had a hard time with this one—couldn't say God was the might breast, because we see as objects rather than purpose.

So instead, they called him **'The Almighty'**

But to the Hebrews it was El Shaddai the one who nourishes.

Mark Blizt



(return)

בְּרֵאשִׁית, בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

Earth and Heavens Elohim Created In Beginning

בְּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

Earth and Heavens Elohim Created In Beginning

בְּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ



Aleph Tov

=God The Beginning and the End

(Greek: Alpha and Omega)

=ALL CREATION (Like from A to Z)

=EVERLASTING

UNTRANSLATED IN ALL ENGLISH VERSIONS!!

Hebrew Aleph Tav / Greek Alpha Omega



Mark



God's

The Vav Aleph Tav

aleph א = the ox head, thus strength, power, leader

vav ו = the tent peg, thus add, secure, hook

tav ט = crossed sticks, thus mark, sign, signal, monument

Revelation—(Greek) The Alpha and Omega

[Revelation 1:8](#) I am **Alpha** and **Omega**, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

[Revelation 21:6](#) And he said unto me, It is done. I am **Alpha** and **Omega**, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

[Revelation 22:13](#) I am **Alpha** and **Omega**, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Saying (Hebrew) 'I Am the Aleph Tav'

I Am the Aleph-Tav: God and Cross

Most people will be shocked to know that 'Jesus' appears ten times (1000%) more in the Old Testament than he does in the New Testament.

In fact Jesus the Aleph-Tav appears 9612 times (uninterpreted) in the Old Testament but only 983 times in the New Testament.

(Samuel Koiki Author)



(return)

Earth

and

Heavens

Elohim

Created

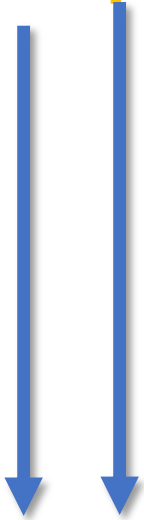
In Beginning

בְּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ



Aleph Tov

=God The Beginning and the End
(Greek: Alpha and Omega)

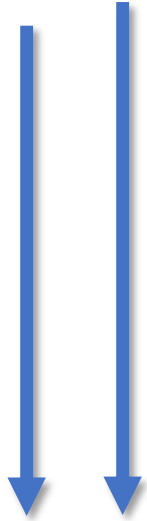


Aleph Tov “Connection”

Earth and Heavens

Elohim Created In Beginning

הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ



Aleph Tov

“Connection”
Also means
“MAN”

GOD would be THE HUMAN
CONNECTION between HEAVEN
and EARTH

Rashi Says....

- **Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac (Shlomo Yitzhaki)**, known as **Rashi**
- He was born in France in 1040.
- One of the most influential Jewish commentators in history.

Rashi—God as Judge (Elohim) Created

ברא אלהים ולא נאמר ברא ה', שבתחלה עלה במחשבה לבראתו
במדת הדין, ראה שאין העולם מתקיים, הקדים מדת רחמים ושתפה
למה"ד, והיינו דכתיב ביום עשות ה' אלהים ארץ ושמים:

GOD [AS JUDGE] CREATED — It does not state 'ברא ה'
“The Lord (the Merciful One) created, because at first God intended to
create it (the world) to be placed under the attribute (rule) of strict
justice, but He realised that the world could not thus endure and
therefore gave precedence to Divine Mercy allying it with Divine
Justice. It is to this that what is written in (Genesis 2:4) alludes — “In
the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven”.

https://www.sefaria.org/Rashi_on_Genesis.1.1.2?lang=bi&with=TALMUD&lang2=en

(return)

Rashi—The Spirit of God... 'LIKE A DOVE'

עַל פְּנֵי תְהוֹם. עַל פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם שֶׁעַל הָאָרֶץ:

ON THE FACE OF THE DEEP — i. e. the waters which were upon the earth.

וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת. כִּסֵּא הַכְּבוֹד עוֹמֵד בְּאֵוִיר וּמְרַחֵף עַל פְּנֵי
הַמַּיִם בְּרוּחַ פִּי שֶׁל הַקָּב"ה וּבְמֵאֲמָרוֹ, כִּיּוֹנָה הַמְּרַחֶפֶת עַל הַקֶּן,
אֶקוּב "טִיר בִּלְע"ז:

וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS HOVERING —

The throne of Divine Glory was standing in space, hovering over the face of the waters by the breath of the mouth of the Holy One, blessed be He, and by His command, even as a dove hovers over its nest. In old French acoveter.

Where have we heard about
'The Spirit Like a Dove?'

Where have we heard about 'The Spirit Like a Dove?'

[John 1:32](#) And John bare record, saying,

I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a **dove**,
and it abode upon him.

The 'Spirit' Connected to Water Imagery.

25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

([Ezekiel 36:25-27](#)).

The 'Spirit' Connected to Water Imagery.

The Pouring of Water at the Feast of Tabernacles

At the Feast of Tabernacles, or Booths, the priest would pour water next to the altar as the final ritual of this feast. This event looked forward to the time the Messiah would come. Zechariah wrote of that great day when Messiah would come.

https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/stewart_don/faq/the-identity-of-the-holy-spirit/24-why-is-the-holy-spirit-compared-to-water.cfm

(return)

The 'Spirit' Connected to Water Imagery.

Jesus Gives Life-giving Water to Those Who Believe

But those who drink the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life ([John 4:14](#)).

https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/stewart_don/faq/the-identity-of-the-holy-spirit/24-why-is-the-holy-spirit-compared-to-water.cfm

(return)

The 'Spirit' Connected to Water Imagery.

Ezekiel 47:1-12—Water FLOWING from the Temple

47 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east).

The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. ² Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel%2047%3A1-12&version=ESV>

(return)

The 'Spirit' Connected to Water Imagery.

Ezekiel 47:1-12—Water FLOWING from the Temple

47 ³ Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits,^[a] and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. ⁴ Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. ⁵ Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. ⁶ And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?”

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel%2047%3A1-12&version=ESV>

(return)

John 1

1 **In the beginning** was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

2 The same was

3 **in the beginning with God.**

3 All things were made **by him**;
And without him was not any thing
made that was made.

4 **In him** was **life**.
and the life was the light of men.

5 And the **light shineth** in **darkness**.
And the **darkness** comprehended it
not.

אֵת = God,
All Creation
(All) His Words,
All Eternity

וְאֵת = God
'Connected'
/Man

אֵת-הָאֹר
= God's Light
Eternal/
Everlasting
Light

Genesis

1 **In the beginning God** created the heaven
and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void.
And darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of
the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light.
And there was light.

4 And God saw the light that it was good.
And God divided the light from the
darkness.

John 1

5 **And the light shineth in darkness;**
and the darkness comprehended
it not.

6 There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness,
to bear witness of the Light,
that all men through him might
believe.

8 He was not that Light,
but was sent to bear witness of that
Light.

אֵת = God,
All Creation
(All) His Words,
All Eternity

וְאֵת = God
'Connected'
/Man

אֵת-הָאוֹר
= God's Light
Eternal/
Everlasting
Light

Genesis

1 **In the beginning God** created the heaven
and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void.
And darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of
the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light.
And there was light.

4 And God saw the light that it was good.
And God divided the light from the
darkness.

John 1

9 That was the true Light,

which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world
and the world was made by him,
and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own,
and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him,
to them gave he power to become the
sons of God,
even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood,
nor of the will of the flesh,
nor of the will of man, but of God.

אֵת = God,
All Creation
(All) His Words,
All Eternity

וְאֵת = God
'Connected'
/Man

אֵת-הָאֵוֹר
= God's Light
Eternal/
Everlasting
Light

Genesis

1 In the beginning God created the heaven
and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void.
And darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of
the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light.
And there was light.

4 And God saw the light that it was good.
And God divided the light from the
darkness.

John 1

9 That was the true Light,

which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world
and the world was made by him,
and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own,
and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him,
to them gave he power to become the
sons of God,
even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood,
nor of the will of the flesh,
nor of the will of man, but of God.

אֵת

=God,
All Creation
(All) His Words,
All Eternity

וְאֵת

=God
'Connected'
/Man

אֵת-הָאֵוֶר

=God's Light
Eternal/
Everlasting
Light

Genesis

1 In the beginning God created the heaven
and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void.
And darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of
the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light.
And there was light.

4 And God saw the light that it was good.
And God divided the light from the
darkness.

John 1

14 **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.**

(and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying,

This was he of whom I spake,

He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

אֵת = God,
All Creation
(All) His Words,
All Eternity

וְאֵת = God
'Connected'
/Man

אֵת-הָאֵוֶר
= God's Light
Eternal/
Everlasting
Light

Genesis

1 **In the beginning God** created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void. And darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light. And there was light.

4 And God saw the light that it was good. And God divided the light from the darkness.

John 1

(KJ) 17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

(Inspired Version) 17 For the law was given through Moses, but life and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 For the law was after a carnal commandment, to the administration of death; but the gospel was after the power of an endless life, through Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father.

19 And no man hath seen God at any time, except he hath borne record of the Son; for except it is through him no man can be saved.

אֵת = God,
All Creation
(All) His Words,
All Eternity

וְאֵת = God
'Connected'
/Man

אֵת-הָאֵוֶר
"613" = God's Light
Eternal/
Everlasting
Light

Genesis

4 And God saw the light that it was good.

Mosiah 8:90

Therefore,
if ye teach the law of Moses, also teach that it is a shadow of those things which are to come;

John 1

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

את = God,
All Creation
(All) His Words,
All Eternity

ואת = God
'Connected'
/Man

את-האור = God's Light
Eternal/
Everlasting
Light

Genesis

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void. And darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light. And there was light.

4 And God saw the light that it was good. And God divided the light from the darkness.

John 1

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, **I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.**

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Genesis—Rashi (Rabbi 1040 AD)

עַל פְּנֵי תְהוֹם. עַל פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם שֶׁעַל הָאָרֶץ:

עַל פְּנֵי תְהוֹם ON THE FACE OF THE DEEP — i. e. the waters which were upon the earth.

וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת. כִּסֵּא הַכְּבוֹד עוֹמֵד בְּאֵוִיר וּמְרַחֵף עַל פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם בְּרוּחַ פִּי שֶׁל הַקָּב"ה וּבְמֵאמְרוֹ, כִּיּוֹנָה הַמְּרַחֶפֶת עַל הַקּוֹ, אֶקוּב"טִיר בְּלֵע"ז:

וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS HOVERING —

The throne of Divine Glory was standing in space, hovering over the face of the waters by the breath of the mouth of the Holy One, blessed be He, and by His command, even as a dove hovers over its nest. In old French acoveter.

(return)

Aleph-Tov 'LIGHT'

Genesis Chapter 1 בְּרֵאשִׁית

א בְּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ. 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

ב וְהָאָרֶץ, הָיְתָה תְהוֹמוֹ וְרֵקָה, וְחֹשֶׁךְ, עַל-פְּנֵי תְהוֹמוֹ;
וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים, מְרַקְדָּת עַל-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם. 2 Now the earth was unformed and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters.

ג וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים, יְהִי אֹר; וַיְהִי-אֹר. 3 And God said: 'Let there be light.' And there was light.

ד וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאֹר, כִּי-טוֹב; וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים, בֵּין
הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

Aleph Tov Light—Implies ‘Eternal/Everlasting Light’

Phrase ‘Everlasting Light’ only appears in Book of Mormon

[Alma 12:134](#)

Yea, this **light** had infused such joy into his soul,
the cloud of darkness having been dispelled
And the **light** of **everlasting light** was lit up in his soul,

[Alma 14:95](#) Yea, they were encircled about
with **everlasting darkness** and destruction,
But behold, He hath brought them into His **everlasting light**,
yea, into **everlasting** salvation.
And they are encircled about with the matchless bounty of His love.

HEBREW WORD FOR LIGHT='OR'

The LIGHT SHINED IN THE DARKNESS.

WAS THE SAME HEBREW WORD 'OR' FOR LIGHT ALSO
MEANS 'SKIN.'

SOME TODAY MAKE IT POLITICALLY INCORRECT

BLESSING OF NEPHITES=WHITE SKIN

CURSING OF LAMANITES=BLACK SKIN

BUT IF 'SKIN' MEANT 'LIGHT' IN HEBREW ALSO MEANT

NEPHITES- BLESSED, BESTOWED LIGHT AND TRUTH

LAMANITES- CURSED, REMOVED LIGHT AND TRUTH.