

JESUS IS THE ALEPH TAV

The Aleph and the Tav are the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The Hebrew alphabet comes to use from its earliest form, pictographs. Words were constructed by putting pictures together illustrating a characteristic of a word. An example is the word “father”. The Hebrew word for father is spelled “ab” in English. In Hebrew it consists of the letters aleph and bet. The aleph represents an ox for strength or leadership and the bet represents a family or house. From this we get the beautiful picture the Father Who is the strength and leader of His house and family.

The Alef Tav appears in the first verse of the Bible:

Genesis 1:1 King James Version

“In the beginning God created^{H1254} **(H853)** the heaven and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1 Hebrew Old Testament
H776 הארץ: H853 ואת H8064 השמים **H853** את H430 אלהים H1254 ברא H7225 בראשית(1)

Remember Hebrew reads from right to left.

This Hebrew word (H853) is a word that appears hundreds of times in our Bibles. However this word is not a translatable word and therefore goes unnoticed.

While I am far from an expert on Hebrew what little I have studied on the subject is fascinating. The **Hebrew alphabet** is very unique and quite amazing. It consists of twenty-two letters that are all consonants. A combination of dots and dashes placed either above or beneath the individual letters give further indication of how the words sound.

According to Kabbalistic teaching the “*otiyot yesod*” (foundational letters – the Hebrew alphabet) was the **vehicle of creation**. In other words the Hebrew Alphabet was given prior to the creation of heaven and earth and subsequently used to create all things.

In our English Bibles Genesis 1:1 reads like this, “In the beginning^{H7225} God^{H430} created^{H1254} **(H853)** the heaven^{H8064} and the earth.^{H776}”

Notice that there is a word (**H853** את 'êth) that is not translated. This is the Hebrew word 'êth which is comprised of the two Hebrew letters ALEPH and TAV. The Hebrew literally reads, “**In the beginning God created (ALEPH/TAV) the heavens and the earth.**”

[1] In “Or Torah”, Rabbi Dov Ber, the Maggid of Mezritch, explained first words of Torah:

Bereshit Bara Elohim Et – “In the beginning God created et” (Gen 1:1). Note that et is an untranslatable word used to indicate that “a definite direct object is next” (thus there needs to be an et before the heavens and the earth). But Dov Ber points out that et is

spelled – Aleph-Tav, an abbreviation for the Aleph-Bet. Aleph is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet and Tav the last, so, he reasoned, in the beginning God created the Aleph-Bet. Since God did this before creating the heavens and the earth, the letters are considered to be the primordial “building blocks” of all of creation.

Genesis goes on to tell us that the first man became a living soul. Interestingly [2] *Onkelos* attaches the ‘vehicle of creation’ (the Hebrew Alphabet) to the first man by his translation of Genesis 2:7...”**and man became a speaking spirit**” *Targum Onkelos* (*ibid.*)

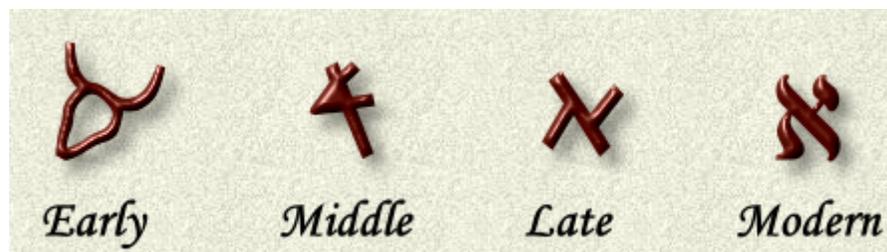
(Genesis 2:7) Then ADONAI, God, formed a person [Hebrew: adam] from the dust of the ground [Hebrew: adamah] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, so that he became a living being.

Does anyone doubt that man has been given creative power?

Perhaps this is exactly what Jesus was referring to in Mark 11:23:

“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** (LEGO) unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.

[3] EARLY HEBREW - PICTOGRAPH - ALEPH



The original pictograph for this letter is a picture of an ox head -  representing strength and power from the work performed by the animal. This pictograph also represents a chief or other leader. When two oxen are yoked together for pulling a wagon or plow, one is the older and more experienced one who leads the other. Within the clan, tribe or family the chief or father is seen as the elder who is yoked to the others as the leader and teacher.

The numeric value of ALEPH is ONE! The ALEPH therefore represents first and foremost the oneness of God.

In some Hebrew translations of the New Testament we find the Aleph and the Tav inserted:

John 1:1 King James Version

(1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1 Hebrew New Testament

בראשית היה הדבר והדבר היה **את** האלהים ואלהים היה הדבר:

Jesus is the Aleph Tav!

Interestingly the ALEPH and the TAV reveal the Plan of Redemption right from the beginning!

[3] EARLY HEBREW - PICTOGRAGH - TAV



The Ancient picture **†** is a type of "mark", probably of two sticks crossed to mark a place similar to the Egyptian hieroglyph of **⦿**, a picture of two crossed sticks. This letter has the meanings of mark, sign or signature. The Modern Hebrew, Arabic and Greek names for this letter is tav (or tau), a Hebrew word meaning, mark. Hebrew, Greek and Arabic agree that the sound for this letter is "t".

JESUS STATEMENT IN REVELATION 22:13 now has even greater meaning:

Jesus said "I am the Alpha and the Omega". In Hebrew he would have said "**I am the Alef and the Tav**".

Isn't this just like our God, "**declaring the end from the beginning**"? Isaiah 46:10

A clear picture of God's plan!

The ALEPH (God robed in the flesh) dying on a CROSS (the TAV).

.Psalm 119, the longest Psalm in the scripture, is divided into 22 sections. It titles each section by a letter of the Hebrew Alphabet from Alef to Tav. Psalm 119 is all about the Word of God. **Jesus is the Living Torah!**

We see a perfect picture in Zechariah of Messiah, the Aleph Tav, being pierced and mourned. The King James Version inserts 'Him' however it's not there in the Hebrew.

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the



spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon
they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only *son*, and
shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

(Zechariah 12:10)

[1] John J. Parsons – from article “Aleph” Hebrew for Christians

[2] <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Onkelos>

[3] <http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/index.html>

[4] <http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/index.html>