

# 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”**

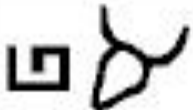

*“And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’” Galatians 4:6*

**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!

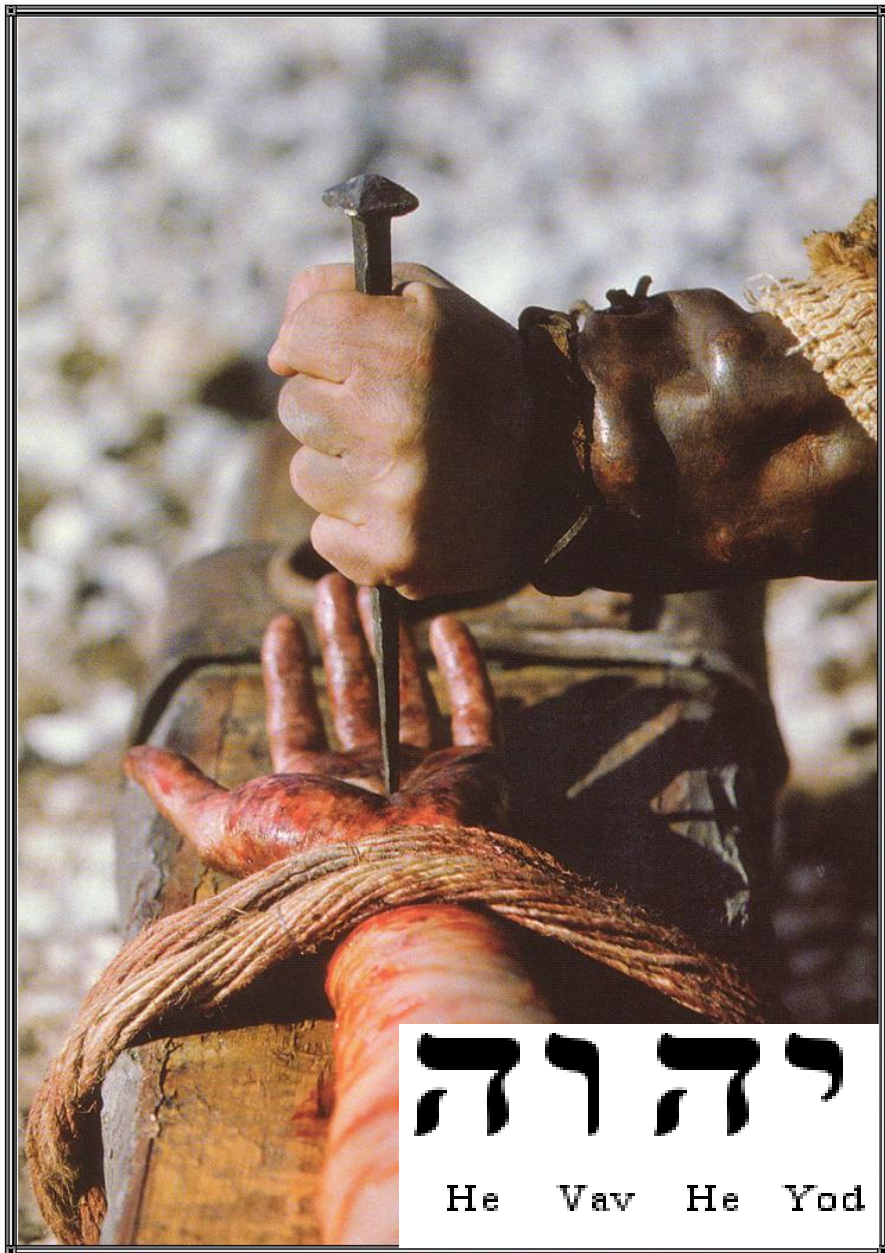


He Vav He Yod

- 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!!!

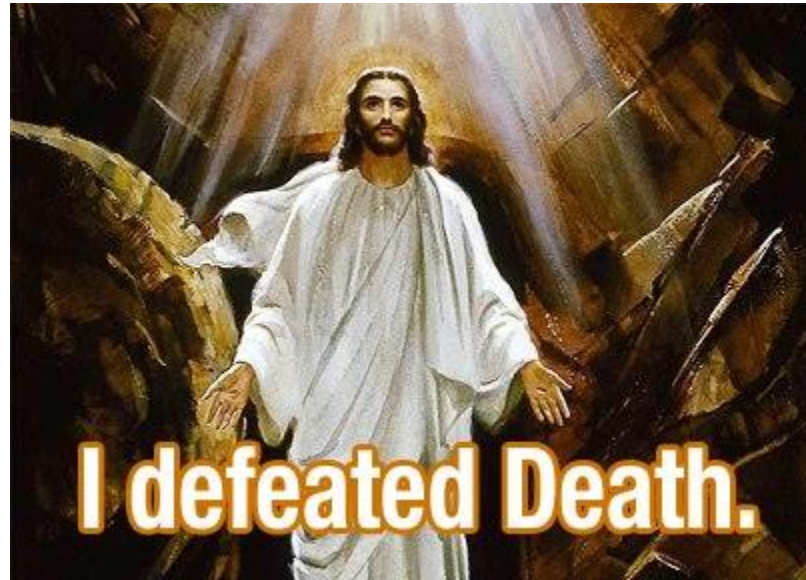
The Nail.



Behold!!!

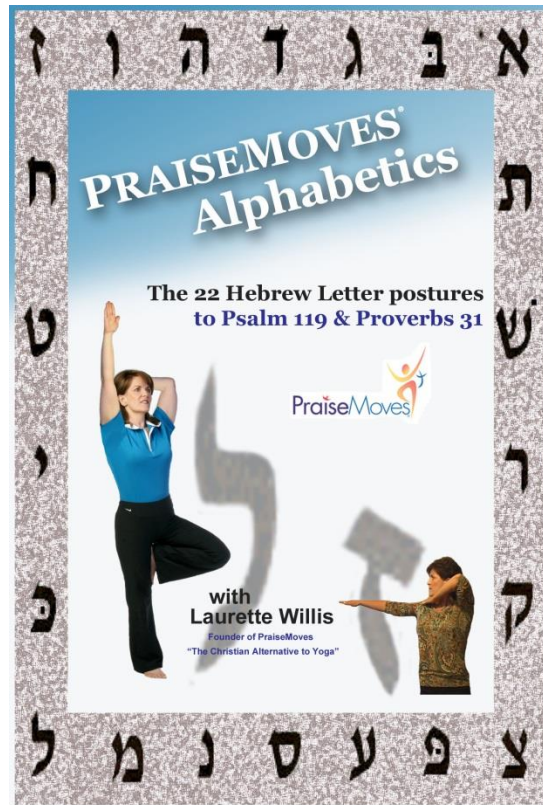
He is

**ALTOGETHER WONDERFUL!**



**Glory to God!**

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