

Hebrew Year 5778 – Meaning of the Symbols

Hebrew number 8



The eighth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is called "Chet" (rhymes with "mate") and has the (light scraping) sound of "ch" as in "Bach."

In modern Hebrew, the letter Chet can appear in three forms:

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1. The Mystery of Chet

According to the Jewish mystics, Chet is the letter of life, since *חיים* (*chayim* - life) and *חיה* (*chayah* - living) both begin with this letter. True life comes from *חסידות* (*chasidut* - devotion). Chet (8) is also the number of grace, *חן* (*chen*) and the number of wisdom *חכמה* (*chokmah*).

Since Vav represents people or others, and Zayin represents time, Chet is a picture of spending time in community, *חבורה* (*chavurah*).

Chet also is the letter of light, since the Vav represents the *yashar* light that descends from God and Zayin represents the *chozer* light that ascends or returns to God. Therefore, some of the Jewish mystics consider Chet to be the doorway of light from heaven.

2. The Gematria of Chet

Since Chet is formed from Vav (6) and Zayin (7), one gematria value would be thirteen, the same value as *אהבה* (*ahavah* - love). It is also the value for *אחד* (*echad* - one). Putting these ideas together, we can see that love unifies us in true fellowship, just as the Mashiach Yeshua taught us:

3. Chet and the Doorway of Life

The word *חַי* (*chai*) is short for *chayim* (life), and the letter Chet can be seen to resemble a doorway where the blood of the lamb was daubed during the first Passover (Exodus 12:7):

4. Chet is the Number of New Beginnings

Since Chet represents the number 8, we can see how it represents grace, *חן* (*chen*) and the concept of new beginnings:

5. Chet is the Letter of Discipleship to Jesus

Since we learned that Vav (6) represents man and Zayin (7) represents the Crowned Man who wields the sword of the Holy Spirit (i.e., Jesus the King of the Jews), we can see that Chet is a picture of discipleship to Jesus:



http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Grammar/Unit_One/Aleph-Bet/Chet/chet.html

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Hebrew number 70



The sixteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is called "Ayin" (pronounced "ah-yeen"). Like Aleph, Ayin has no sound of its own, but usually has a vowel associated with it.

In modern Hebrew, the letter Ayin can appear in three forms:

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1. The Meaning of Ayin

The word *Ayin* אֵינִי means "eye," "to see," and by extension, to understand and obey (see Jer. 5:21, Isa. 6:10, Matt. 13:15, etc.). Ayin further represents the *primeval light*, that is, the spiritual light of God mentioned in Gen. 1:3 (in distinction to celestial lights mentioned in Gen. 1:14-18). According to Jewish midrash, this divine light is far greater than the light that emanates from the sun and stars. Though concealed in the Torah, the spiritual eye can behold the presence of this radiance, but only by means of inner eye given by the Ruach HaKodesh.

HEBREW: EYES OF THE LORD (70) – Letter 'Ayin'

AYIN

The *sixteenth* Hebrew letter 'Ayin' is pictured at right:

The spiritual number **16** means '*Sacrifice*'.

In Hebrew the character **Ayin** is used to represent *the number 70*.

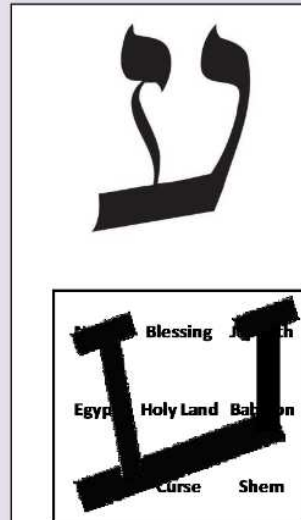
The number **70** means '**Elder**': a '*Righteous*' (14) '*Life*' (5). **70=14x5**

The rabbis picture **Ayin** as '**Eye**'.

Christians picture **Ayin** as: '**Eyes of the LORD**' or '**Eyes on the LORD**'

It speaks of someone who has a '**Pure Heart**', who '**Sees God**', and who is '**Seen by God**'.

Jesus said "**Blessed are the *pure in heart*, for *they will see God***".



The letter **Ayin** is comprised of a **Zayin** (*Sword of Justice*) on the left hand side and a **Vav** (*Nail or Man*) on the right hand side. The figure

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<https://biblenumbers.files.wordpress.com/2014/02/hebrew-ayin-eyes-of-the-lord1.pdf>