

HEBREW: SAINTS SURROUNDED (60) – Letter ‘Samekh’

SAMEKH

The fifteenth Hebrew letter ‘Samekh’ is pictured at right:

The spiritual number **15** means ‘Weak’ (5) in ‘Truth’ (3). $15 = 5 \times 3$.

In Hebrew the character **Samekh** is used to represent the number 60.

The spiritual number **60** means ‘**Earthly King**’.

The rabbis picture **Samekh** as ‘**Laying Hands On**’ a bull, or a leader, as with ordination of priests. But the bull is a symbol of Gentile kings too.

Christians picture **Samekh** as ‘**Saints Surrounded**’ by unbelievers.

The opening verse of the **60th** Book of the Bible:

“**To God’s elect, strangers in the world, scattered...**” (1 Peter 1:1)

The opening words of the **60th** Psalm of David:

“You have shaken the land and tore it open:

mend its fractures, for it is quaking.

You have shown your people desperate times;

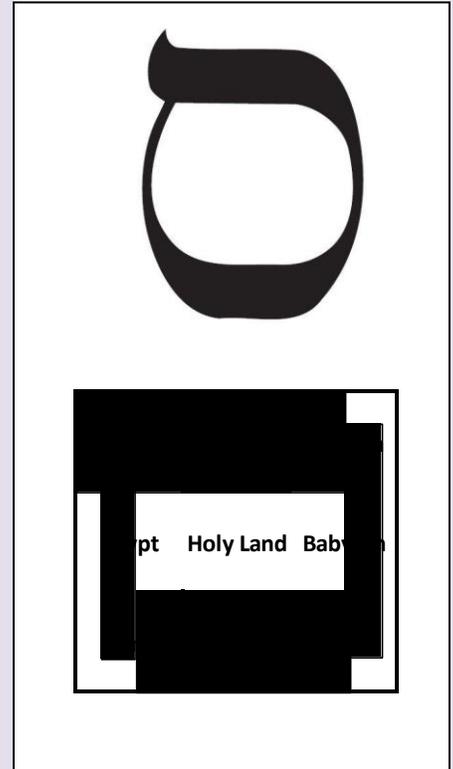
You have given us wine that makes us stagger.” (Psalm **60**:2-3)

The **60th** verse of the Bible is the speech of Satan, which is a lie:

“**You will surely not die’ the serpent said to the woman**” (Gen.3:3)

The Hebrew letter **Samekh** looks very similar to the closed version of the Hebrew letter **Mem** which means ‘Spiritual Defeat’.

The intention of God was that He would be the King of Israel: Only He would watch over the holy people as they enjoyed the Holy Land. The Laws in the land would be the laws of God. But, when earthly kings from foreign nations invaded Canaan, the holy people were surrounded by the enemies of God. People of strange tongue (of Satan’s speech: who did not fear God). Those were times of great distress for God’s people: they became strangers in their own land, and the God given foundations of their nation were ripped up.



To the author **Samekh** looks like the *m**o**u**t**h**o**f**t**h**e**s**n**a**k**e* open to strike!
God's people are between his jaws stretched wide to devour.

ANALYSIS OF SAMEKH – IN GOD'S TRUTH SQUARE (Appendix on last page explains the Truth-square)

The names on the stones in the Truth-Square reveal the hidden meaning in the letter **Samekh**:

The three stones that are completely covered: (reading right to left; top to bottom)

BLESSING NOAH (*Savior*) **CURSE**

Translation: *The Blessing (of bowing to) the Savior is Cursed!* (Society rejects the knowledge of God)

The five stones that are partly covered: (reading right to left; top to bottom)

JAPHETH (*Open Mouth*)

BABYLON (*King*) **EGYPT** (*Bondage*)

SHEM (*Name*) **HAM** (*Burnt*)

Translation: *Cry out to all People: You are the King's Slaves! Burn Up (hope/faith) in the Name of God.*

The solitary stone in the midst that is not covered by the coiling snake of **Samekh** that surrounds:

HOLY LAND (*Holy Life; Holy One; Messiah*)

Translation: *Although we are surrounded; we can live a holy life; we can keep our faith in Messiah*

The numbers on the stones support the hidden message on the names of the stones:

The sum of the numbers on the stones that are completely covered: **13** '*Rebellion*' [13=2+3+8]

The sum of the numbers on the stones that are partly covered: **27** '*Holy Truth*' [27=1+4+6+7+9]

The total number of stones completely or partly covered: **40** '*Trial of Faith*' [40=13+27]

Translation: *The Earthly King of Earthly Wisdom (not from above) Rebels to the Holy Truth*

The number on the solitary stone in the midst: **5** '*Weakness*' or '*Grace*' or '*Life*'.

Translation: *Although weak and surrounded, by God's Grace, God's people are Untouched by Unbelief!*

Conclusion: The testimony of God survives in spite of oppression ~ the power of God works in us.

APPENDIX – GOD’S TRUTH SQUARE

The Truth-Square is a set of blocks or stones arranged in a 3 x 3 square. The spiritual **number 3** means ‘**God**’ and ‘**Truth**’. The number 9 = 3 x 3 means **God’s (3) Truth (3): ‘Judgment’ (9)**. The LORD is “*Judge of all the Earth*” (Gen. 18:25).

In the **Truth-Square** we see the **four corners of the Earth**, each one in the direction it belongs relative to the Holy Land: **Europe** is North; **Americas** are West, **Africa** is South, and **Asia** is East. (Note: The North side of the 3-square is not a corner, that is why the North must appear in the North-East quadrant of the 3-square). The four corners of the Earth also correspond to the fathers of all peoples. Japheth is the father of Europeans. Noah is the spiritual father of Americas.

<p>NOAH (Americas)</p> <p>3</p>	<p>BLESSING</p> <p>2</p>	<p>JAPHETH (Europe)</p> <p>1</p>
<p>EGYPT (Slavery)</p> <p>6</p>	<p>HOLY LAND (Israel)</p> <p>5</p>	<p>BABYLON (City of Cain)</p> <p>4</p>
<p>HAM (Africa)</p> <p>9</p>	<p>CURSE</p> <p>8</p>	<p>SHEM (Asia)</p> <p>7</p>

The **Holy Land (5)** also stands for **Israel** the people God called to dwell there and it stands for **Messiah** who was born there and will rule there. God put a **Blessing (2)** and a **Curse (8)** before **Israel**. To the east is **Babylon (4)**, which also signifies **Kingdom** or **World Rule**. To the west is **Egypt (6)**, which is the land of **Slavery** and **Bondage**. **Shem (7)** can also mean **Name**, and **Ham (9)** can also mean **Burnt**.

Each stone in the Truth-Square also signifies a number: 1 to 9. Of course, numbers have their own spiritual meanings. For more information on that, please see the Number Maps on our site.