

HEBREW: SOBER REFLECTION (9) –Letter ‘Tet’

TET

The ninth Hebrew letter ‘**Tet**’ is pictured at right:

Tet is a combination of **Vav** (right) and **Zayin** (left) with a solid base.

The rabbis picture **Tet** as a ‘**Snake in a basket**’.

The Christian picture is ‘**Sober Reflection**’. The letter Tet is the least common letter in Scripture. Not very much reflection is going on!

The first occurrence of **Tet** is in Genesis 1:4 which is the phrase: “**God saw the light, and it was good. And God divided the light from the darkness.**” The word ‘good’ or ‘tov’ contains the letter **Tet**.

The Hebrew letter **Tet** is all about dividing the light from the darkness. Our meditation should be upon the Scriptures and other forms of God’s revelation. When we meditate on the things of God we gain a heart of wisdom.

In the sequence of Hebrew letters we saw:

- **Gimel:** Christian – living waters spring up in the soul; Holy Spirit pours out: Sins washed away!
- **Dalet:** Door – their eyes are opened; they see God’s hand in history, in life, in the world
- **H’eh:** Grace – they experience the goodness and riches of restoration as a child of God
- **Vav:** Man – without God, turns his back on Grace, God’s invitation to come for forgiveness
- **Zayin:** Sword of Justice – ready to fall down on Man; capital punishment for disdaining God!
- **Khet:** Forgiven Man – Spared from Sword of Justice; Celebration and Jubilation in New Life!
- **Tet:** Sober Reflection – Grasping the Cost of Forgiveness; Death of Christ on the Cross!

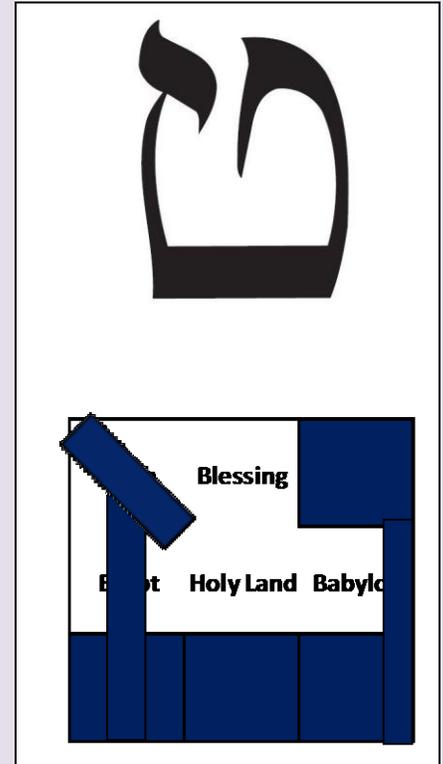
ANALYSIS OF TET – IN GOD’S TRUTH SQUARE (Appendix on last page explains the Truth-square)

The message in the words on the four stones that are covered (top right stone + bottom row) of **Tet**:

JAPHETH (Open Mouth) SHEM (Name) CURSE; HAM (Burnt)

The translation: Gentiles Cry Out: The Curse on My Old Name is Gone (Burnt Up)!

The message in the words on the stones which are uncovered and un-cancelled in Tet:



BLESSING HOLY LAND (Holy One, Holy Life, Messiah)

The translation: *Blessed be the LORD, the Messiah! (Who died to remove the Curse.)*

The thing being meditated upon is the work of Christ on the Cross - what it means to the saved one.

The sum of the value of the four stones that are covered in the character **Tet** is $25 = 1 + 7 + 8 + 9$. The number **25** means 'Forgiveness of Sins'. Part of the sober reflection of the saints is on how close they came to having the Sword of Justice fall on them. They have had a near-death experience.

The sum of the value of the two stones that are untouched is $7 = 2 + 5$. The number **7** means 'The End'.

Part of the sober reflection of the saints is the death of Christ, how much he suffered in order to stand in the way and take the judgement of God that was going to fall on them. Christ was divided (2) in order for Grace (5) to come to those who believe. $7 = 2 + 5$.

The character **Khet** speaks of outward celebration and jubilation: of lifting up holy hands in worship.

The character **Tet** speaks of an inner breaking of the heart upon the meditation of the sacrifice of Christ. This kind of worship is of great worth in God's sight. It puts on no show but that God can see.

This is the experience of King David, who was smitten of heart that he enjoyed all the blessings of a King in a castle, while the LORD who saved him was dwelling in a chilly tent on the outskirts of town:

"Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of the Lord remains in a tent" (2 Samuel 7:2)

After the jubilation, after the celebration, after the exaltation, comes the sober reflection.



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.