

HEBREW: MAN (6) – Letter ‘Vav’

VAV

The sixth letter in Hebrew is **Vav**, see character at right.

The Rabbis say the picture of **Vav** means ‘hook’, like the hooks that connected the tabernacle curtains to the posts.

The Christian picture of **Vav** is ‘**Man**’, since man was born on the sixth day. The fat top is the head and the legs hang down.

Significantly, in the character the fat head of man, who thinks he does not need God, covers the ‘Blessing’ stone. In all ancient cultures, bowing was a symbol of recognizing a superior. But, as superior as God is, man lifts his head to say: ‘I don’t recognize God and I don’t need God’s blessing’.

Also significantly in this characterization, man is all head – he has no torso, no heart. He relies on his own strength, his legs. As we see from the picture, his life is unstable, not well balanced!

The legs of man cancel two stones: the Holy Land and the Curse. This is the extension of man’s thinking he does not need God.

Man says ‘I don’t need to live a holy life’, and ‘There is no Curse (for sin)’. This is the sum of man’s wisdom! The character **Vav (Man)** is facing away from the previous character: **H’eh (God’s Grace)**. Man reasons: if there is no curse then there is no need for forgiveness from God.

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

Let’s read the hidden message from God in the 3-Square concerning **Vav (Man)**. The hidden message is revealed in the stones that are uncovered or un-cancelled: (right to left, top to bottom, as Hebrew)

OPEN MOUTH (Japheth) <is> SAVIOR (Noah)

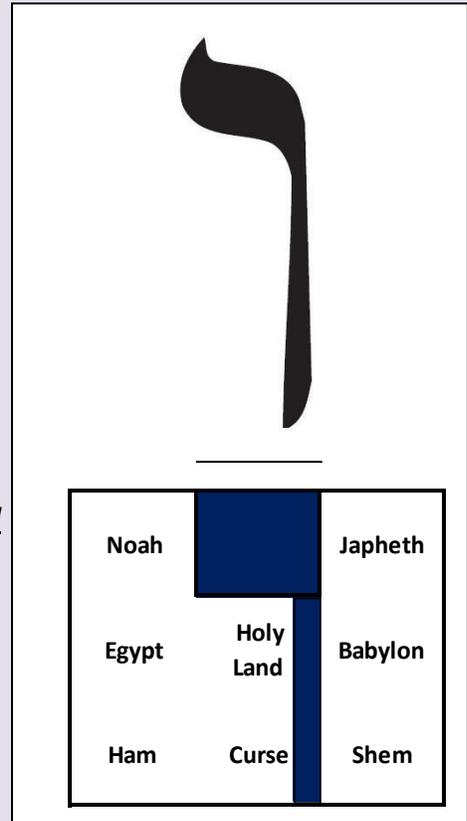
WORLD KINGDOM (Babylon) <in> BONDAGE (Egypt)

NAME (Shem) <is> BURNT (Ham)

The translation of the message:

Man says: ‘Savior is Dead (open mouth)’ / God says: ‘Savior Alive (open mouth: cries out)’

Man says: ‘Savior is Kingdom of Bondage’ / God says: ‘Unbelief’ is Kingdom of Bondage!



Man burns up God's Name / God burns up Man's Name (no remembrance of the wicked)

Look what happens to the man who dies without God. The picture for this is man falling backwards. Man came from dust and Man returns to dust. There are three rows in the Truth-Square: the top row signifies Heaven, the middle row signifies Life in the World, and the bottom row is the Earth, or dust. This is where Man ends up.

How visual do the Hebrew characters make the truth of God! When man dies, he dies face up. What this means is after his physical death in this world his eyes will open and he will see the God he did not believe in while he was walking on the Earth.

"It is appointed for Man once to die, then face the Judgment"
(Hebrews 9:27)

What happens to Man's strength in Death? He has none. So, in fact the true picture of Man is the Truth-Square at the bottom of the box to the right: the legs of Man, his strength is gone!

Man is dead. He covers the stone whose number is 7 'The End'.

What is the hidden message? We must read the stones from the perspective of the dead man looking up: reading bottom to top, from right to left:

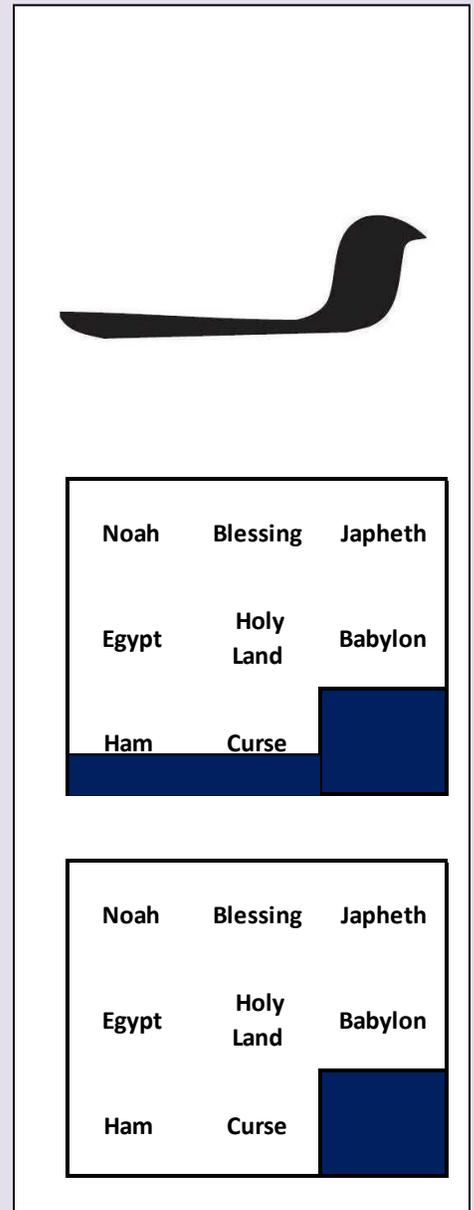
KING (Babylon) <is> OPEN MOUTH (Japheth)

CURSED <is> HOLY LIFE (Holy Land) and GOD'S BLESSING

BURNT (Ham) <and> BOUND (Egypt) <is> SAVIOR (Noah)

The interpretation of this amazing spiritual message is the judgment after his death of the man who turned his back on God in his life in the world:

In your life you turned your back on God. You said: 'The King (of Heaven) is Dead (open mouth)'. This is what the Living King (of Heaven) Cries Out (open mouth) to you now: 'Cursed is the Holy Life (life after death in Heaven) and God's Blessing (righteousness and peace) for you! Because you have 'Burnt the Savior' in your heart on Earth, 'Bound is the Savior' to you! He is not free to save you now! God turns his back on you (in the afterlife)!



Man who is living on the Earth is blinded to God; he is living in rebellion to God. He has turned his back on God. With turned back he cannot see him. But, when Man dies he is blind no more! He sees God! How terrible is this irony.

The Righteous Man is the man who turns to God, who faces God.

This is pictured in first and second pictures in the box at right:

The Righteous Man stands on new legs. He has confessed that his own strength, his old legs, are not able to save him, so those legs are gone. He is standing in his new legs (his belief in the Promise of God), which is in the blood of the Messiah, who lived a perfect Holy Life then died in the Holy Land, in the center of the Truth-Square. The blood of the Messiah drips down and cancels the Curse stone below.

See what happens to the righteous man when he dies: he falls forward. He dies face down with his legs (his faith in the blood of the Messiah to cancel the Curse) still with him. See the third character in the box.

Now instead of reading the message from the bottom up, like the unrighteous man, we read the message from the top down, because it is being declared by God above:

OPEN MOUTH (Japheth) KING (Babylon):

GOD’S BLESSING <of> HOLY LIFE (Holy Land)

SAVIOUR <is> BOUND (Egypt)

The message is translated:

The Living (Open Mouth) King of Heaven Cries Out (Open Mouth): Blessing (Righteousness and Peace) and Holy Life (in Heaven) to You! Savior is Bound (to do this)!

Look what the strength of the Righteous Man has done. His faith in the Messiah to over-rule sin, represented as his legs stretched out behind him, has cancelled the Curse and the Burning!

Here a profound mystery is revealed. Man has two deaths: the first death is the physical death, which follows the Curse of God in the Garden of Eden; the second death is the spiritual death, which is the eternal burning! The work of Messiah Jesus in over-coming through

Noah		Japheth
Egypt	Holy Land	Babylon
Ham	Curse	Shem

Noah	Blessing	Japheth
Egypt	Holy Land	Babylon
Ham	Curse	

his death on the Cross cancels both of the deaths of the unrighteous Man. The righteous Man receives a double blessing: spiritual life in the here-and-now, and eternal life in Heaven with God in the everlasting state.

Before we close this study, let's look at the hidden message in the stones using the spiritual meaning of the numbers of the stones, instead of the names on the stones.

Unrighteous Man With His Back Turned to God (see page 2, letter **Vav**):

Covers: only one stone: stone 2. The number 2 means 'Division' or 'Break Apart'. Man has broken his relationship to God. He has lost the blessing (of God's Grace): his Fat Head covers that place. The legs of man cancel the two stones beneath the Fat Head of Man.

Hidden Message: Six stones are uncovered or un-cancelled, their sum is 30. The number 30 means 'Blood'. The broken relationship with God leads to bloodshed (30). Man without God is a murderer. Jesus said when we slander and accuse we are guilty of murder. No carnal man alive today can say they have never slandered or accused another person of sin; even if they did not say it, they conceived it in their evil thoughts. All have sinned. All are guilty before God. In the judgment we will have no legs to stand on.

Righteous Man Prostrate Before God (see page 4 at bottom, **Vav With New Legs Falls Forward**):

Covers: one stone, stone 7. The number 7 means 'The End'. Righteous Man reaches the end of his own strength and bows before God. By his faith in the blood of the Messiah, the other two stones in the bottom row are cancelled.

Hidden Message: Six stones remain uncovered or un-cancelled above the prostrate Righteous Man. Sum is 6 'Man' on the top row and 15 'Peace' or 'Covenant' on the next row. Man (6) finds Peace (15) with God! And look: The Curse is cancelled! The Burning is cancelled! The two deaths of man are cancelled: physical death, and eternal death.

Important message in the stones not to be missed! In order for Man to make Peace with God through a Covenant, there needs to be payment for Man's sin (bloodshed). There are millions of people who bow to God every day as a religious duty. But they have no peace with God. They need a blood sacrifice to wipe away their sin of bloodshed. Whose blood is required? It must be the blood of the Messiah who lived a Holy Life.

Oh Man! Turn to God, bow before God, and offer God your faith in the blood of the Messiah Jesus!

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.