

HEBREW: HAND OF GOD (10) – Letter ‘Yod’

YOD

The tenth Hebrew letter ‘Yod’ is pictured at right:

The rabbis picture **Yod** as a ‘**Hand**’. The letter **Yod** is the most common letter in the Hebrew Torah. In fact the traditional teaching is **Yod** is a part of every letter, although for some letters this is a stretch to see.

The Christian picture is ‘**Hand of God**’. It speaks of the upraised hand of God. The hand of authority: often pointing the finger in discipline.

“When the LORD finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.” (Exodus 31:18)

When God spoke to Belshazzar the **Hand of God** appeared and wrote his judgment of the king on the wall:

“Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. His face turned pale and he was so frightened.” (Daniel 5:5-6)

When God spoke to the apostle John in the vision of Revelations, a **Hand of God** appeared:

“Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides...” (Revelations 5:1)

The **Yod** appears as the first letter of many people and persons who revealed the workings of God in their lives on Earth. The truth about God at work in them and through them was written in Scripture also:

- YHVH (**Yod**, H’eh, Vav, H’eh): Jesus of Nazareth
- YWQB (**Yod**, Awyen, Qoof, Beth): Jacob
- YSRAL (**Yod**, Sin, Rosh, Aleph, Lamed): Israel
- YVSF (**Yod**, Vav, Samech, Fay): Joseph

Notice that **Yod** appears in the top right quadrant of the Truth-Square. This is the place of authority, it is the 1st stone, the Aleph stone. All the



Noah	Blessing	Beth
Egypt	Holy Land	Babylon
Ham	Curse	Shem



people in the list above, whose names begin with **Yod** served under the fear of their father or under authority from above.

The Scribes of the Law brought a woman caught in adultery to Jesus. 'In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. What say ye?' Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. He said 'If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, the ones who hear began to go away one by one, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left. 'Go, leave your life of sin' he said to the woman.

Jesus was writing the private sins of each accuser with his finger on the ground. The **Hand of God** once again plays the part of the authority of the God of Heaven keeping order and discipline in his house and among his subjects.

Yod is often interpreted as the Law. That is because the Law of Moses has authority over the Jewish people and over the rest of the world that has not been saved from sin by the blood of Jesus.

Christians are not under the Law of Moses however we are under the authority of governments, parents, husbands, and employers as the case may be. We are called to obey all authorities instituted among men, whether to the king or his appointed ministers. In addition to being obedient to rightful authority in the world, we are also called to be obedient to the Holy Spirit and follow the Way of Jesus, the higher law of self-sacrifice in serving others ahead of ourselves.

Yod is a symbol of the power of authorities to punish and to discipline their subjects. The Bible says all authority comes from God, therefore ultimately **Yod** is the symbol of God's authority.

Do you doubt that all Gentile kings and their people are bound to obey the Law of Moses? Yes they are and there are serious consequences if they do not. What was the sin of Belshazzar? He drank from the gold and silver goblets that his father had taken from the Temple in Jerusalem. Belshazzar was ignorant of the Law of Moses concerning desecrating holy things. That

The King is **Yod**:



The chief is **Yod**:



The parent is **Yod**:



did not matter: Belshazzar sinned because he broke the Law of Moses. *Gentiles are subject to the Law of Moses, even if they are unaware of it.* It is the Law of God: he is Lord of the nations.

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

The message in the word on the first stone in the upper right quadrant that is cancelled by **Yod**:

OPEN MOUTH (Japheth)

Translation: *Authority of God (Hand of God: Yod) is greater than Words (Laws) of Gentiles (Japheth)*

Another interpretation (in the prophetic sense) is that the Gentiles (Japheth) will turn to faith and obedience in Christ in large numbers and thereby come under the direct authority of Jesus Christ.

The message in the words on the rest of the uncovered stones:

BLESSING SAVIOR (Noah) KING (Babylon) HOLINESS (Holy Land)

SLAVE SHEM; CURSE HAM

Translation: *Blessed Savior and Lord of Holiness: (Jesus) the Messiah is King!*

The Living Bow Before Him (Shem); His Enemies Are Destroyed Before Him (Ham)

The numbers on the stones confirm the translation of the words:

The number on the stone of Japheth is **1**. *Hear O Israel, the LORD your God, the LORD is One (1)!*

The number on the stones [Blessed Savior King Holiness] is **14**. The spiritual number **14** means ‘**Righteousness**’!

The number on the stones [Slave Shem; Curse Ham] is **30**. The spiritual number **30** means ‘**Blood**’. This has a twofold meaning: for Shem, the blood signifies *the blood of the covenant of Abraham*; for Ham, the blood signifies *his own blood which is spilt because he will not worship the true God*, but is an idolater.

(Please note that Shem and Ham are types. The time is long past when Africans are all idolaters and Semites all fear the God of Abraham.)

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.