

JEHOVAH ELOHI SHEM (LORD God of Shem)

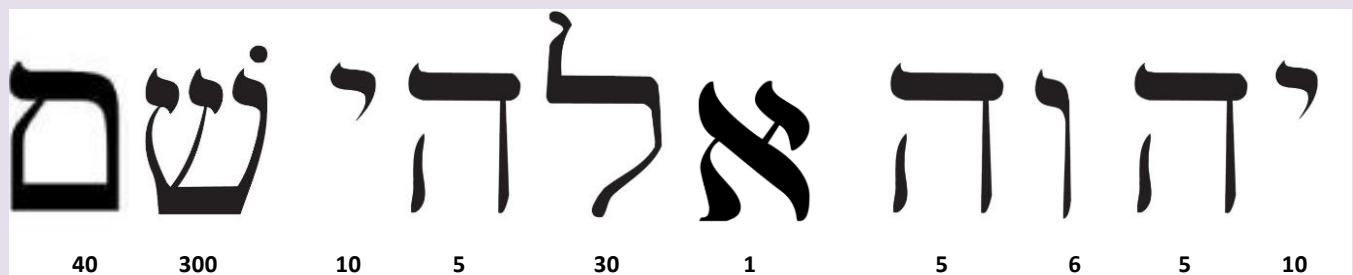
INTRODUCTION

This paper will look at the divine name 'JEHOVAH ELOHI SHEM' (LORD God of Shem). We will extract the meaning of the name through the composition of the Hebrew letters. Each Hebrew letter has a meaning¹; for example: Aleph has the meaning 'Ox' or 'Sacrificial Ox'. Each Hebrew letter also stands for a number: Aleph is 1. All numbers have spiritual meanings in the Bible². When we read a name of God in Scripture the letter pictures and numerical values provide layers of depth into its meaning. Through understanding we may worship his holy name in spirit and truth.

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Noah was the one to use this name of God: "**Blessed be the LORD God of Shem**" (Genesis 10:26). How humble of the prophet Noah not to describe Elohim as the LORD God of Noah! Noah was not looking back at the deliverance of man from the flood he was looking forward to the Savior of the World.

Here is the name from the Text: (Notice that the **Elohim** is missing the **Mem**: it becomes **Elohi**)³



This name of God has ten letters, and so it speaks of the 'Testimony' (10) – God's holy people.

The word Shem has the following Hebrew letter picture: [the Hebrew word 'Shem' means 'Name']

GOD REVEALED ~ SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE

When **Ham** went into his father **Noah's** tent and saw his nakedness and reported it to his brothers, **Noah** being a spiritual man realised this event was from the Lord's hand: he was using it to reveal to **Noah** a mystery. He made it abundantly clear to **Noah** that **Ham** did not have the spiritual credentials to be the forefather of the Messiah. On the other hand, **Shem** and **Japheth** covered their father's nakedness: they forgave his sin so to speak. This is the spirit of Grace, which speaks of the spirit of **Elohim** as we have already demonstrated. There was a spiritual struggle between good and evil in the family of Noah, and God revealed to Noah on whom his spirit rested.

¹ The meaning of Hebrew letters is presented in depth on Page 22.0 Hebrew on our website.

² The spiritual meaning of Bible numbers is explained in our Number Maps available on the home page of the website.

³ When the Yod is at the end of the word it becomes the possessive: 'God (El) of' or 'Elohi'

Interestingly, Japheth was the eldest son. How do we know? The descendants of Japheth are the first ones to be listed in the table of nations (Genesis 10). The normal convention in Scripture is to list sons in order of birth. However, although Ham was the youngest (Gen. 9:24) he was listed before **Shem** in the Table. This speaks of Ham usurping the inheritance of **Shem**, which was fulfilled when Nimrod invaded the land divided to **Shem**. It also foreshadows the rejection of Christ from his rightful inheritance, as King of the Jews. **Shem** is listed in third place. But the number three means 'God' and 'truth'. **Shem** loses land to Ham, but **Shem** inherits the honor of being the progenitor of Christ.

This illustrates the principle: "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name [**Shem**] he gave the right to be called children of God – children not born of natural descent, nor of a human decision or a husband's will – but *born of God*." (John 1:12-13)

The numerical sum of the Hebrew numbers in **Jehovah Elohi Shem** is **412**. The number **412** is equal to **4 x 103**, which means 'Message' (**4**) of 'Name of God' (**103**)!

Digging deeper into the numbers, the sum of the first five letters of **Jehovah Elohi Shem** is **27** which means 'Holy Truth' (**27**). The sum of the last five letters is **385**, which means: 'Five' (**5**) 'False Prophets' (**77**). The numbers indicate that not only will God's Son proceed from the loins of Shem, but a fist full of false prophets will as well! The history of the descendants of Shem confirms the amazing phenomenon that every time one of the descendants of **Shem** blossoms into a God-glorifying spiritual man, a base and blood thirsty enemy come forth from the same root: **Shem** and Ham; Ishmael and Isaac; Jacob and Esau; Joseph and his brothers; Saul and David; Rehoboam and Jeroboam; Jesus and the High Priest; and so on until the end.

This historical lesson alone ought to jar the Jewish sensibility out of any comfort that being a mere descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob might provide them. Paul declares "not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they Abraham's children." (Rom. 9:6-7). The story of Ham and Shem is played over again and over again in every generation. "God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy; and God hardens whom he wants to harden." (Rom. 9:18).

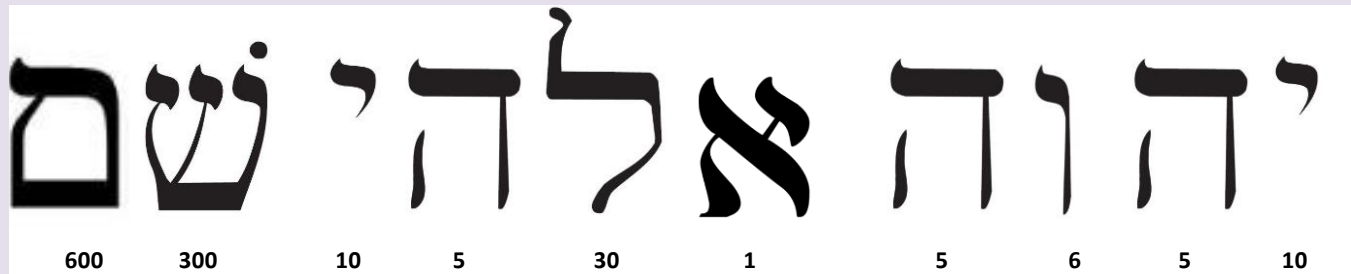
This blessing of **Shem** will continue right to the very end of Daniel's 70th week, when we will see the last division of the children of **Shem** into those destined for glory and those destined for destruction. Those who do not receive the mark of the Beast will be resurrected to life everlasting, and those who do accept the mark of the Beast and worship his image will perish in the last judgments, the bowl judgments of Revelations.

For those interested in our interpretation of the last half of Daniel's 70th week, we invite you to read our paper: 'Cancer – End Time Harvest' on Page 7.0 STARS on our website.

THE SOFIT MEANING

The last letter of **Shem** in the name **Jehovah Elohi Shem** is a **Sofit Mem**, which is a different shape than the regular **Mem** and which has a different value under the Sofit interpretation of numbers⁴.

The holy name with the **Sofit Mem** value:



The numerical value of the name now sums to **972**. The number **972** can be parsed in a number of ways according to its root factors, each of which provides insight and meaning into the name:

The meaning of the name is 'Message' (**4**) of 'Saints Exalted' (**243**) [**972 = 4 x 243**]. Up to now, the reader would not be faulted for wondering why it is called a blessing if Shem's destiny in life is to battle sworn enemies of his soul. Here is the answer: God's promise is for his saints to ultimately be rewarded and triumph over their evil enemies.

The meaning of the name is also 'Government' (**12**) of 'Holy Angels' (**81**) [**972 = 12 x 81**]. The reward is further clarified: God is not promising a victory in every battle on earth. Surely the enemies of Jesus Christ reveled that their nemesis was nailed to a cross and gave up the ghost. God is promising that he will make all things good in his time. Within 40 years of the death of Jesus on the cross, Jerusalem was leveled by Rome and the Temple was utterly destroyed. Imagine the High Priest watching his kingdom perish. God wins in the end. He is the Lord of heaven and earth. Mighty angels do his bidding.

Shem appeared to get the short end of the stick. His land was taken over by the conquest of Nimrod and his empire of world domination: Babylon. Nimrod died and his kingdom was scattered. Shem will awake from his sleep and share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of heaven. Nimrod will awake from his sleep, stand before the great white throne of God's judgment, and be condemned.

The first five letters of the name sum to **27** which means 'Holy Truth' (**27**). The last five letters of the Sofit version of the name sum to **945**, which means: 'God's Wrath' (**63**) or 'God's Peace' (**15**) [**945 = 63 x 15**]. This is what **Jehovah Elohi Shem** means: The holy truth! There is no middle ground in spiritual things! Either you follow God or you follow the enemies of God. Either you enjoy peace with God, with all its eternal blessings, or you are an object of his wrath. Let go of earthly things: trust in your God.

⁴ This is explained in our paper on Sofit numbers on Page 22 HEBREW on our website.