

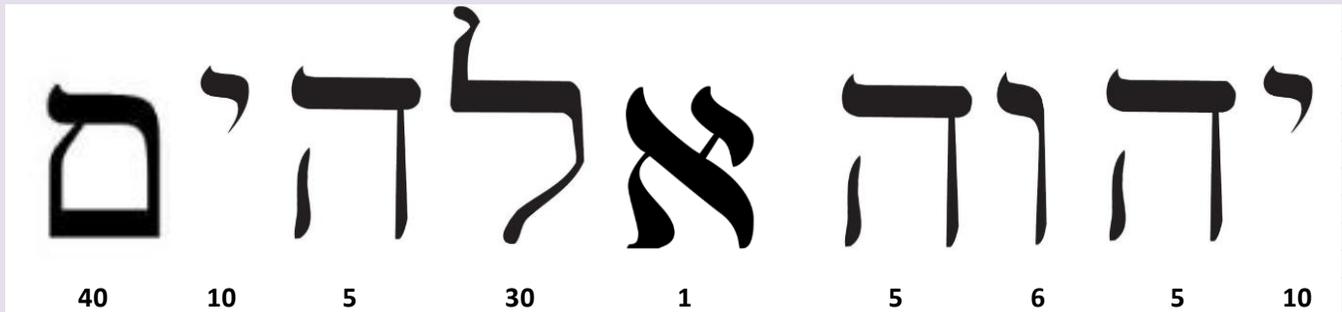
## JEHOVAH ELOHIM (LORD GOD)

### INTRODUCTION

This paper will look at the divine name 'JEHOVAH ELOHIM' (LORD GOD). We will extract the meaning of the name by the composition of the Hebrew letters. Each Hebrew letter has a meaning<sup>1</sup>; for example: Aleph has the meaning 'Ox' or 'Sacrificial Ox'. Each Hebrew letter also stands for a number. Aleph is 1 in the Hebrew counting system. All numbers have spiritual meanings in the Bible<sup>2</sup>. 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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The third name of God is mentioned in chapter 2 and chapter 3 of Genesis in relation to the account of God's face-to-face relationship with Adam, his creation of Eve, the fall and the judgments.



This is the sacred name of God. We can understand glimpses of him through the numbers and Hebrew letters. A fuller understanding is possible through faith in the blood of Christ, enlightening by the Spirit of God, the resurrection of the body (and mind), and an eternity gazing into his wonderful face.

Make no mistake: Jesus is JHVH. John the Baptist described his ministry as follows: “**I am the voice of one calling in the desert ‘Make straight the way for the Lord’**” (John 1:23). John the Baptist was quoting from Isaiah 40 verse 3. The word in Isaiah for ‘Lord’ is Jehovah. Jesus approved the teaching of John the Baptist (Matt. 11:10-11) and confirmed John’s purpose was to prepare the way for himself.

The first letter is ‘Yod’ which means **HAND OF GOD** and has the spiritual number **10** which means ‘**Testimony**’. The second person of the Trinity is the **Word of God** (Rev. 19:13)<sup>3</sup>. If you want to know what God is like – look at him! Everything he says and does glorifies the Father. He is the **Faithful and True Witness** (Rev. 19:11). All creation proceeded from his mouth. All Scripture proceeded from his mouth. When we see creation we learn about God (Psalm 19:1-4). These are God’s witnesses.

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

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

<sup>3</sup> The 333rd verse of that Book!

The second letter is 'H'eh' which means **GRACE** and has the spiritual number **5** which means 'Grace' or 'Life'. As John so beautifully describes Jesus "In him was life, and that life was the light of men." (John 1:4). Grace means to offer charity or good things to those who do not deserve them. Grace looks to the needs of others ahead of oneself. Grace is the act that proceeds from a heart of love: boundless affection for poor and suffering creatures. Why did Jesus come? "For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son..." (John 3:16) Jesus is Grace incarnate.

When we put the first two words together we see God's offer of Grace through Jesus:

### **HAND OF GOD ~ GRACE**

The spiritual number is **15** 'Peace' (15=10+5). Jesus graciously offers his hand of Peace to all. In Hebrew Jesus offers 'Shalom': this is not just the cessation of hostilities – this is the deep assurance of wounds healed, restored, and forgiven. Jesus healed the sick, gave the blind their sight, and raised the dead because there is no sickness, blindness, and death in God's peace. If there is no sin, there is no curse. If there is no curse, there is no death and no disease. In God's peace there is only life! And life to the full!

"The Spirit of Jehovah [Grace and Peace] is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the prisoners [of sin] and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Jehovah's favor [Jubilee: forgiveness of debts]." (Isaiah 61:1-2)

The third Hebrew letter is 'Vav' which means 'Man' or 'Nail'. Here is something fascinating! The Hebrew letter **Vav** signifies unrighteous man. How is it possible for a Hebrew letter with a connotation of sin to be found in the name of righteous **Jehovah**? What this signifies is not that **Jehovah** is unrighteous but that in the heart of **Jehovah** is an abiding love and tenderness for sinners. If **Vav** had not been in the heart of **Jehovah**, when Adam and Eve sinned God could have simply incinerated this universe and started over again. We know he can do it because he is going to create a new heavens and a new earth eventually. In the meantime, **Jehovah** is rescuing as many sinners as he can in order that they might eat from the tree of life and dwell eternally with him. Simply put: Jesus loves you.

When we put the first three letters together we see what happens when Jesus offers Grace:

### **HAND OF GOD ~ GRACE ~ MAN / NAIL**

The hand of God (**Yod**) that came to earth in the person of Jesus offering Grace (**H'eh**) and forgiveness of sins to unrighteous man (**Vav**) is nailed (**Vav**) to the Cross!

The spiritual number of these three letters is **21** 'Lawlessness' and 'Appointed Time' (21 = 10 + 5 + 6). Here is the vindication of **Jehovah's** good name: he did not deserve to die, to be nailed to the Cross! It

was a lawless act to condemn **Jesus** to death on the basis of his confession that he was the Son of God. He was telling the truth to the Jewish high priest: **Jehovah** is without sin. We also see in these three letters the prophetic sign of **Jesus'** death, that it occurred precisely at the appointed time as predicted through the prophets (Daniel 9:26).

The fourth and final Hebrew letter is '**H'eh**' which means **Grace**. Unrighteous men nailed **Jesus'** hands offering peace to the Cross. Did God turn his back on mankind for this heinous crime? **Jehovah** has demonstrated all through history from the Garden of Eden through to Calvary and to all eternity his capacity to keep offering Grace when he is spurned. The well of love from which he draws his love for unrighteous man has no bottom. God is love!

All four letters in the sacred name of God:

### **HAND OF GOD ~ GRACE ~ MAN / NAIL ~ GRACE**

The rejection of Christ by the Jews (**Yod-Heh-Vav**) results in the offer of **Grace** to the whole world! The spiritual number of his name is **26** 'Gospel' (26 = 10 + 5 + 6 + 5). What good news! The love of God!

When we put the sacred name **Jehovah** together with **Elohim** what do we get? The spiritual numbers of each add up to **112** 'Generosity to the Poor'! (112 = 86 + 26). Ahh! This is the heart of **Jesus**.

Psalm 112 "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor." (verse 9)

### **THE SOFIT MEANING**

The last letter of **Elohim** in the name **Jehovah Elohim** is a **Sofit Mem**, which is a different shape than the regular **Mem** and which has a different value under the Sofit interpretation of numbers<sup>4</sup>.



The LORD God (**Jehovah Elohim**) has the meaning 'Holy Man' (**8**) of the 'Court of the Lord' (**84**) [**672 = 8 x 84**]. As the representative of **Elohim** in the Court of the Lord in heaven **Jesus** has authority to make covenants and to pronounce judgments. Here is the connection of this name to the Garden of Eden.

<sup>4</sup> This is explained in our paper on Sofit numbers on Page 22 HEBREW on our website.

