

RUWAH ELOHIM (SPIRIT OF GOD)

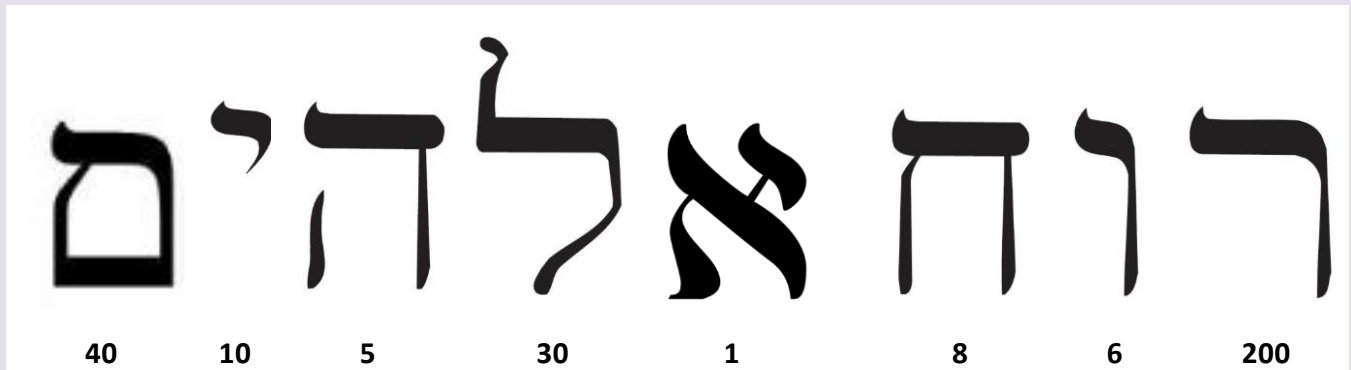
INTRODUCTION

This paper will look at the divine name ‘**RUWAH ELOHIM**’ (SPIRIT OF GOD). We will extract the meaning of the name by 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 in the Hebrew counting system. 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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The second name of God that occurs in Scripture is ‘**Ruwah Elohim**’ or Spirit of God:

“*And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God [Ruwah Elohim] moved upon the face of the waters”* (Genesis 1:3)



The story now according to the meaning of the Hebrew letters: (reading them from right to left)

LION’S MOUTH ~ MAN ~ CELEBRATION : OX ~ TRAIL OF BLOOD ~ GRACE ~ AUTHORITY ~ STRUGGLE

Notice that the picture for the Hebrew letter **Resh** is ‘Head’ but we used ‘Lion’s Mouth’ because that is the spiritual meaning of number 200, which is the Hebrew number of **Resh**. The sense of the meaning in a particular word will be best expressed using one or other of the meanings. The meanings of any Hebrew letter, either as a picture or as a spiritual number are interchangeable in the language of God.

This story now helps explain the work of the **Spirit of God**. The story says:

LION’S MOUTH ~ MAN

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.

The **Lion** in this case is the second person of the Trinity: the **Word of God**. Creation was spoken into existence by him: “**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made...**” (John 1:1-3). So, when the **Lion** [the **Word of God**] opened his mouth, the **Spirit of God** came out of it! The word ‘**Ruwah**’ means ‘Breath’. The third person of the Trinity, the **Spirit of God**, is pure spirit: invisible like the Father.

What do we find in the Lion’s Mouth? We find Man. When God created the universe, the crown of all creation was Man, who was made in God’s image (Gen. 1:27). From our previous study of the name **Elohim** we also appreciate that Man ought not to take his existence for granted. The Lion that opens his mouth wide for man to exist can also shut it and swallow him in an instant!

LION’S MOUTH ~ MAN ~ CELEBRATION

The word ‘**Spirit**’ [**Ruwah**] is completed with the Hebrew letter **Khet** which means ‘celebration’. Why the celebration? “**God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.**” (Gen. 1:31). Every piece of art is a reflection of the vision and skills of the artist. Elohim is the God of all Grace, full of goodness towards others. When he beheld his creation, he celebrated that he had made life to be good, like himself. All his creatures and his universe displayed his invisible nature and infinite power – so that even mortal man could appreciate the wonder of his Creator (Romans 1:20).

But the mystery deepens. There are two men in the Lion’s mouth! The first man is **Vav** – the mortal man of this earth, who is capable in abstract of looking at creation and understanding an invisible all-powerful creator must have made all this. The second man is **Khet** – the spiritually alive man who knows God personally and intimately – all the passions and tenderness of his heart. In spiritual numbers 6 is the number of Adam, the Old Man, who was created on the 6th day. But when the creation week was over, there remained for the world to see Jesus, the New Man, who has the spiritual number 8 which means ‘New Beginning’ (Rom. 5:12-17). Adam was fashioned out of dust by the **Spirit of God**. The same **Spirit of God** over-shadowed the Virgin Mary and breathed into her womb the incarnation of the **Word of God**. The second person of the Trinity, who pre-existed, who set aside his divine attributes in heaven and humbled himself to be born as a child of Mary, also grew and become Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World (Phil. 2:6-11).

The spiritual numbers explain more to us. The number for **Ruwah** is 214 which is 200 + 14. The number 200 means ‘Lion’s Mouth’ and the number 14 means ‘Righteous’. How did Jesus describe the work of the Spirit to his apostles? “**Unless I go away the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go I will send him to you. When he comes he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me and righteousness and judgment.**” (John 16:8) “**He will guide you into all truth**” (John 16:13). A primary role of the **Spirit of God** is to enlighten believers and to reveal spiritual truth. Scripture itself was scribed by men who were carried along by the **Spirit of God** (2 Peter 1:21).

Put **Ruwah** (214) together with **Elohim** (86) and what do you get? You get **Ruwah Elohim**: 'The Light of God' (300) or 'God Revealed' (300) [300 = 214 + 86]! The Hebrew letter with the numerical value of 300 is **Sheen**, which has three strokes set on top of the base: the third person of the Trinity:

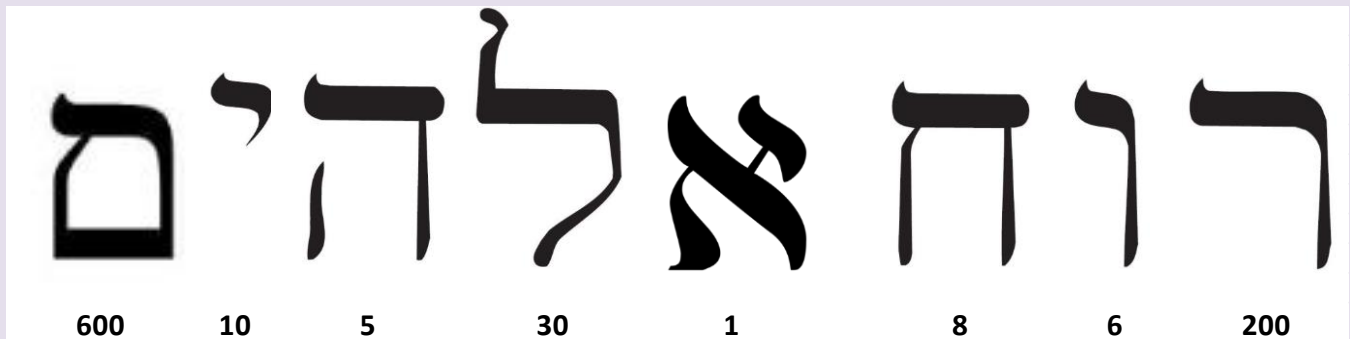


The Spirit of God is invisible, but He is pictured in the Hebrew letter **Sheen**, so we may know He exists.

THE SOFIT MEANING

The last letter of **Elohim** in the name **Ruwah 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 numbers³.

The name **Ruwah Elohim** with the **Sofit Mem** numerical value:



The total numerical value of the name of God is now **860**. This number can be parsed into its roots in a variety of ways all of which explain the work and purpose of the **Spirit of God**:

The **Spirit of God** (860) is the 'Testimony' (10) of 'Elohim' (86) [860 = 10 x 86]. Jesus said of the **Spirit**: "the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:26)

The **Spirit of God** (860) is the 'Testimony' (10) of 'Forgiveness of Sins' (25) through 'Messiah' (61) [860 = 10 x {25 + 61}]. Jesus said "Peace [Shalom] I leave with you; my peace I give you." (John 14:27)

The **Spirit of God** (860) is the 'Testimony' (10) of 'Utter Weakness' (25) <to those who refuse> 'Messiah' (61) [860 = 10 x {25 + 61}]. "He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin" (John 16:8)

³ This is explained in our paper on Sofit numbers on Page 22 HEBREW on our website.