

HEBREW: SWORD OF JUSTICE (7) –Letter ‘Zayin’

ZAYIN

The seventh Hebrew letter ‘Zayin’ is pictured at right:

The rabbis picture **Zayin** as a ‘Sword’.

The Christian picture is ‘**Sword of the LORD**’. It brings the sinner to justice, and applies to people under the Law. Therefore, its first application is to Israel, not to the Christian church. The Christian church is under Grace (5), not the Law (10). We are loved regardless of sin. Israel was a slave to the Law, and disobedience was punished. The application can be broadened to all people not under Grace. Even those who are not of Israel have the Law written on their hearts. They are accountable to God for their sin. Their conscience testifies they have done wrong and they live in fear of justice (guilt).

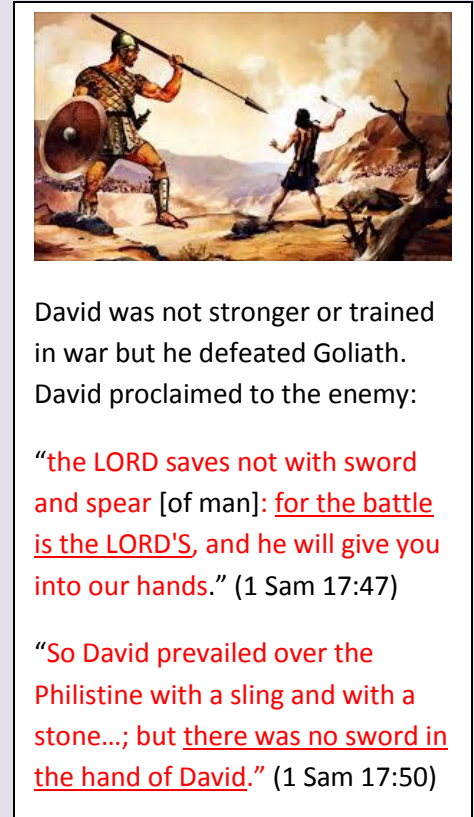
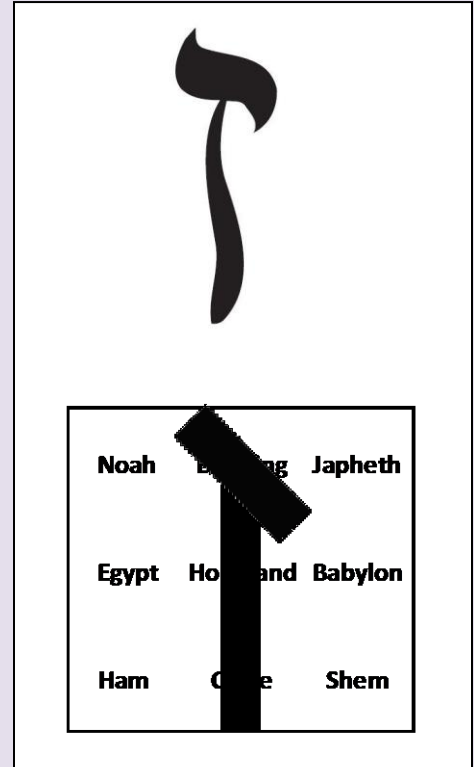
“If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.” (Deut. 32:41)

The **Sword of the LORD** speaks of divine justice, so that the leaders of Israel, such as Joshua, were in fear of walking amiss:

“And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?” (Josh. 5:13-14)

Yet, the **Sword of the LORD** would fight on behalf of the people of God when he appointed them to recompense his enemies:

“When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon!” (Judges 7:18)



David was not stronger or trained in war but he defeated Goliath. David proclaimed to the enemy:

“the LORD saves not with sword and spear [of man]: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.” (1 Sam 17:47)

“So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone...; but there was no sword in the hand of David.” (1 Sam 17:50)

David knew the giant Goliath was doomed to defeat because he mocked the God of Israel. Goliath made God his enemy and that meant certain destruction. (See panel with verses on the right).

All Sin is disrespect to God. It is haughty, proud, boastful, and defiant. Goliath was not an Israelite yet he was still judged by God’s Law. The first commandment of God’s Law is: ‘You shall have no other gods before me.’ God must be honored. God rightfully demands to be respected.

Goliath said: ‘I defy the ranks of Israel!’ (1 Sam. 17:10) David said: ‘I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel whom you have defied.’ (1 Sam. 17:45)

When you show disrespect to another individual, you are also showing disrespect to the God who made them. Sin against man is sin against God. In effect, Goliath was standing like Zayin in the Truth-Square: Goliath’s defiance and disrespect disdained God’s blessing. Goliath’s insolence defied his obligation to live a holy life. Goliath’s behavior, which is the fulfillment of the nature of unrighteous Man (seen in the Hebrew letter **Vav** in the previous study) is based on unbelief: ‘There is no God.’ Goliath defied God to curse him.

The character **Zayin** is identical to the character **Vav** (Man) in that the head is turned away from **Heh** (Grace). But in **Zayin** the chin is elevated, in the position of disdain, and disrespect. Unbelievers despise God!

The glittering **Sword of the Lord** flashes!

Goliath has judged himself! The very things he disdains he will lose. Goliath stood on the Truth-Square and defied God. Goliath is fallen. Now we see on the Truth-Square: the Sword of Lord is standing.

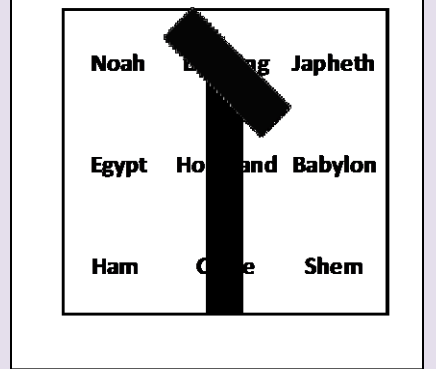
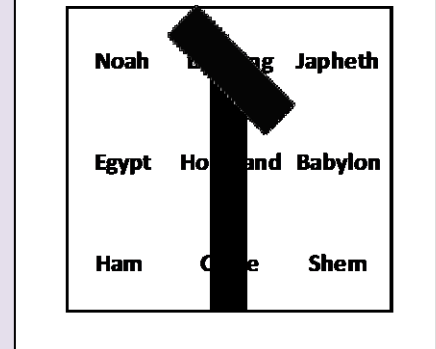
ANALYSIS OF ZAYIN – IN GOD’S TRUTH SQUARE

(An Appendix on the last page explains the Truth-Square)

These are the words of the Truth-Square that are not cancelled:

OPEN MOUTH (Japheth) SAVIOR (Noah) KING & RULER (Babylon)

SLAVE (Egypt) NAME (Shem) BURNT (Ham)



Translation:

LORD (Savior) GOD ALMIGHTY (King & Ruler) CRIES OUT! (Open Mouth)

SLAVE! My NAME you have BURNT (Disrespected)

Justice: **Your NAME shall be BURNT (Life Discontinued)**

H'eh means *the Grace of God*. **Zayin** means *the Justice of God*.

The spiritual numbers in the Truth-Square tell a story.

The letter **Zayin** cancels three stones. The numerical value of the three stones is $15 = 2 + 5 + 8$. The number 3 (for the three stones) means 'God' and the number 15 means 'Peace' or 'Covenant'.

Goliath is a representative of all sinners who defy God. When Goliath uttered defiance against the Lord, he cancelled or broke his peace (15) or covenant (15) with God (3). God quickly brought justice, Zayin (7), upon his head.

The spiritual numbers of the six stones that are not cancelled by **Zayin** have a value of $30 = 1 + 3 + 4 + 6 + 7 + 9$. The spiritual number 30 means 'Blood'. In the justice of God, defiance and disrespect of God is a capital offense. The first commandment is the greatest commandment '**Ye shall have no other gods before me**'. Man who is created by God, who has received his life's breath from God, is duty bound to show reverence for God. The penalty for breathing out disdain and disrespect for God is to lose one's breath, to have one's life taken away.

The statue below sits atop the Old Bailey courthouse in England. In the left hand is a set of legal scales representing the right to a fair trial under the Law. In the right hand is the **Sword of Justice!**



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.