



סב SAMECH BET

To continue with this letter, permit me to re-emphasize some facts about the wedding ring, and the circle.

The design of the סב *samech* is a closed circle. A circle represents infinity, because it has no beginning or end.. The סב *samech* represents the infinite power of G-d's infinite light. The סב *samech* also symbolizes an ambitious, enterprising individual.

The circular aspect of the סב *samech* represents support, like the rings that encircle and hold together all the elements of life.

As I have stated before, the סב *samech* resembles a wedding band. In a relationship, a husband and wife have a strong desire to be wholly bonded as well as an intermittent need to separate. Since a circle has no points of distinction, the many different aspects of marriage do not need to conflict with one another: they can be ultimately bound together within the same uninterrupted structure of the circle. I will get into some more 'husband and wife' stuff in a bit.

When you pick up someone who has fallen, you support and encircle him or her. With the wedding ring we are saying in effect, "This ring has no beginning or end, no highs or lows. The characteristic of encircling is constant. So, too, will my commitment to you be constant, encompassing your whole being, regardless of the highs and lows of the relationship."

Remember, the numerical value of the **ס** *samech*, the fifteenth letter of the *alef-bet*, is sixty. In the Priestly Blessing⁵ recited every morning there are fifteen words and sixty letters. When the **כֹּהֵן** *kohen* blesses the people,⁶ he must put his two hands together. When he does this, he is displaying two **ש** sheens..which is a doubling display of the heart of G-d. Going further, there are thirty bones in each hand, sixty when the hands are joined.

How about, we do some words with the **ס** *samech*!

סֵדֶר – **seder**..means order...the **פֶּסַח** is a **Seder**, everything in order. If you put the **ב** *beit* in front it makes the word **בְּסֵדֶר** or **beseder** meaning o.k., in order., or ‘everything is in order.

סְגוּלָה – **segoolah** means ‘unique quality’. Or a peculiar people. Some translations interpret as ‘a Treasured’ People. This is what Israel is called....She is judged more harshly because of her ‘unique **quality**’ by G-d. That’s why marriages are being hit so hard today..They are made in Covenant and **שָׂטָן** wants to destroy them. Especially those in G-d’s ministry. Amen?

סָפָר – **safer**..means ‘to tell’..However if you move the vowel from **eh** to **a**, you change the meaning of the word **סָפָר** to **סָפַר** **safar** ‘to count’...so when you go to the bank, you go to the ‘teller’. Why are they called ‘tellers’?...because way back when, they mis-pronounced the word **סָפַר** **safar** which should had been ‘counters’ and instead are called ‘not counters’ but ‘tellers’.

סְפָרַד – **sfarad** which means ‘Spain’...so Jews that came from Spain are called **sfaradim**, or **Sephardic** Jews.

סוֹף – **sof**...means end. If you say **סוֹף סוֹף** **sof sof** that means ‘finally’

Promises from God that begin with the **ס** – **samech** are (Psalms 5:12, *For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield.* Psalm 32:7, *You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You*

surround me with songs of deliverance. Psalm 125:2, As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever., Psalm 119:116-117 Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope. Ps 119:117 Uphold me that I may be safe, That I may have regard for Your statutes continually.

סָבָא sah-bah is ‘Grandfather’..picture support for the סָ samech, and house, family for the בַּ Beit...so a Grandfather supports the house or family.

סָבָתָא sahv-tah is ‘Grandmother’

סוּס soos is ‘horse’ The horse is support to the rider....The rider is supported by the horse!

סֵפֶר se-fer is ‘book’ Lets look at this one. This picture tells us that the book will support the mouth of a man or woman. (a book helps you speak to other people)..the סָ samech, is ‘support’, the פֵּי fey (which we have yet to study) means ‘mouth’, and the רֵאשִׁי reysh, (which we have not studied either) means ‘head or person’

כִּסֵּא kee-say is ‘chair’

סוֹד sod is ‘secret’....lets dissect this word.

סִמְנִיִּם siymaniym means ‘signs or symbols. Let’s break this one down as well.

The first סָ samech in the תּוֹרָה Torah with regard to living beings appears in the narrative of the creation of Eve. Originally, G-d created man and female as one organism...*Ge 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.* However, since man has a spiritual need for a partner, G-d took one of Adam’s sides, and He filled in flesh (בָּשָׂר) basar, in its place.. *Ge 2:21 ¶ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.* And from it he fashioned the first woman..אִשָּׁה eeshah. The סָ standing for enclosure, in the word וִיסְגוּר vee sagur (and will be closed), indicates

that the woman who became a separate being is meant to provide support' **ס** to the human mission from a different perspective than she could have as part of a man. As scripture tells us, she was to become his helper, corresponding to him, to render **סמך** samech, support. Thus, in both the physical and spiritual realms, she is to complement him in his role as head of the household. The **אישה** eeshah, or wife, is neither **איש** eesh, man's shadow nor his servant, but his 'other self'....so that the two together form a complete human unit.

I Now, be ready for this guys.....In order to bring about completeness of the man-female unit, the **אישה** eeshah must be ready to act as an opponent. This apparent contradiction...that she must both assist and oppose.....is expressed as..."If he is worthy, she is a helpmate; if he is unworthy, she is an opponent. That is, if man carries out his mission properly, his wife should encourage and assist him, but if he goes wrong, like soooo many of us do....at least me....just ask **my** wife, it is her duty to stand up to him, making him aware of his weak points and offering constructive criticism. I don't have to remind any of us that we all have blind spots when it comes to seeing our own flaws objectively. It comes down to them making us better men in order to serve our G-d and our family with more holiness. I'm getting off this subject right now....to painful.....just kidding....maybe.

Pr 18:22 ¶ He who finds a wife finds a good thing And obtains favor from the LORD.

Aspire to inspire before you expire

Take what you need and give the rest away!