





SAMECH-ALEPH

Samech – means a prop or support, heal , or a thorn, or to turn. It also symbolizes a slow twisting life (a plant being changed by a prop), and also turning aside (like the plant). It carries the value of 60 which is the number of protection. It is also the 15th letter of the 22 in the Aleph-Bet.

 – **samech** – means also to lean on, rely on. The  is a closed circle, representing infinity. No beginning or end.

Let's take a closer look at this number '15'. This number represents, or is a picture of 'rest'...which comes after deliverance, number 14. The 15th day of the first month is the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a day of 'rest' for the children of Israel. The 15th day of the 7th month begins the Feast of Tabernacles, also a day of 'rest'. G-d delivered Israel's firstborn from death on the 14th; then, at the beginning of the 15th day at sunset, the children of Israel began to leave Egypt by night. This night is called "The Night to Be Much Observed Unto the L-rd". (Exodus 12:40-42) *Ex 12:40 Now the time that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years..... Ex 12:41 And at the end of four hundred and thirty years, to the very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt..... Ex 12:42 It is a night to be observed for the LORD for having brought them out from the land of Egypt; this night is for the LORD, to be observed by all the sons of Israel throughout their generations....(Numbers 33:3) Nu 33:3 They journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the next day after the Passover the sons of Israel started out boldly in the sight of all the Egyptians,...(Deuteronomy 16:1)... "Observe the month of Abib and celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night.*

On this same day 430 years earlier, after the sun had gone down ending the 14th, G-d told Abraham in a vision that his descendants through Isaac would end up as slaves in a foreign country.....but that He would release them from this bondage after 400 years....(*Genesis 15:12-16*)... *Ge 15:12 ¶ Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him.... Ge 15:13 God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years..... Ge 15:14 "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions..... Ge 15:15 "As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. Ge 15:16 "Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."*

Exactly 430 years later...on the same night...this prophecy was fulfilled as the children of Israel left Egypt on the 15th day of the first month. *Ex 12:40 Now the time that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred*

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On the same night, in order to guarantee His covenant promises to Abraham, the L-rd passed between the parts of sacrificial animals, as evidenced by a burning lamp and a smoking furnace, which wholly consumed the sacrifices. *Ge 15:17 ¶ It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces. Ge 15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: Ge 15:19 the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite...Ge 15:20 and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim*

In performing this ceremony, G-d was pledging His future death as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world....guaranteeing the future ‘rest’ from sin for all who inherit eternal life.

On this same day, the 15th day of the first month in 30 AD, as the sun was setting to end the 14th...Yeshua’s body was placed in the tomb. Thus, Yeshua began His three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. For us Believers, the 15th day of the first month, the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, pictures ‘rest’ from their sins, having had them removed by Yeshua’s blood on the 14th. The 15th day of the 7th month begins the Feast of Tabernacles. For the children of Israel, it pictured ‘rest’ from the long harvest season. They were to dwell in booths in remembrance of their trek in the wilderness.

Prophetically, the 15th day of the 7th month pictures the coming Millennium when the world will have ‘rest’ from sin because of the binding of Satan on the Day of Atonement. Under Yeshua’s reign, salvation will then be offered to all the world....the great spiritual harvest of G-d for 1,000 years.

If we were to investigate the number ‘60’, of which the letter ס samech carries, we would find that the Priestly Blessings are composed of 3 verses, comprising of a total of 60 letters. And of course, the Priestly Blessing or the Aaronic Blessing is all about peace, or ‘rest’. Interestingly, in addition to the 60 letters, we can see that those 60 letters make up the ‘15’ words, the same ordinal number that represents the letter ס. Furthermore when we include the Gematria of the letter ם we see the following. ס = 60, ם = 40, ף = 20...==120..which represents the double portion of blessing given in both the former covenant and the newer covenant of ישוע Yeshua.

Going further, the ף = 10, and the ף=5==15...יה is one of the Sacred Names of G-d.

The Samech ס, is the only regular letter in the Hebrew alphabet that contains an enclosed space within itself. The circle that is formed by ס is allegorical, or having hidden spiritual meaning that transcends the literal sense of a sacred text. G-d has no beginning and no end. Just like the wedding ring conveys a similar message about the union between two souls. 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.

Since there is no beginning or ending at any part of the ‘circle’ of the ם we are all of the same equality in the Eyes of G-d. the ם also represents a wheel, גלגל or galgal. What comes around goes around. In Jewish dancing, they dance in a circle....where everybody feels equal as they dance before the L-rd. Everyone is holding hands and everyone is together....there is a sense of equality and support that one gets.

Also the ring symbolizes a couple’s commitment to each other. A woman symbolizes her uncompromising support of her husband by circling him seven times under the chuppah, (marriage canopy). Similarly, the man’s commitment is symbolized by the giving of a ring. When you pick up someone who has fallen, you support and encircle him or her. This is what Yeshua does for us. He is our ם Samech.

Think about the ring...it has no highs, nor lows. The characteristic of encircling is constant. So, too, will Yeshua’s commitment be to us...constant.....soooooo, if we think about Mt. Sinai, the Jews, or Hebrews were married to God. The Talmud states that the Giving of the Torah at Sinai was the ‘betrothal ceremony’ when God gave us the ring, our wedding band. At that time we committed ourselves to follow God’s Laws, and God then obligated Himself to provide the Jewish people with sustenance and livelihood.

Interestingly the first two letters of the word samech are סמ which spells ‘sam’ and that word means a potion or medicine. It pertains to not only physical, but spiritualness. Are you ready for this? The word ‘סמך’ samech is an acronym for סלח ‘salach’ which means to ‘forgive’, מחל ‘mechal’ means to pardon, and כפר ‘kaper’ which means to ‘atone’. So, when someone goes toward forgiving, pardoning and atoning, he or she achieves a great spiritual healing.. Pretty good hay?

The emphasis ם samech has on its ‘center’ is like the מִשְׁכָּן Mishkan or Tabernacle as the center of the 12 Tribes of יִשְׂרָאֵל Israel on their journey through the desert, the Holy Temple as the center of religious life in יְרוּשָׁלַיִם Jerusalem, and as יְרוּשָׁלַיִם Jerusalem is now the center of Jewish identity throughout the entire world.

ם As being a circle, it shows us the cycle of time. 60 seconds, 60 minutes...being the 15th letter, there are 4 sets of 15 in 60 which also reflects 4 distinct seasons of life; *childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and old age*.. You could say that the ם illustrates that often the end of something is merely the beginning of a new cycle. As we go through the 4 stages of life, even after death, is the beginning into another phase of life...eternal life. **Read Ecclesiastes 3:1 Ec 3:1 ¶ There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven- Daniel 12:2. Da 12:2 "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.** There is a heaven and a hell. Also nature; *spring, summer, autumn, and winter*..one season leading into another until the cycle repeats.

If we look inside our bodies, our white blood cells which are vitally important for the health of the body are circular. They fight infection by assisting red blood cells and have a defensive role in destroying harmful organisms like viruses and bacteria. They assist in the removal of dead or damaged tissue cells. And every 15 days, all our white blood cells are replaced with new ones! Remember....the number 60 is considered among Hebrew scholars to be the number of protection!

ם represents the circle of Covenant...circle of space with *its planets, stars, and moons*. Our planet orbits in a circular rotation around our sun. **Read Isaiah 40:21-22, Isa 40:21 Do you not know? Have you not**

heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? Isa 40:22 *It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.* 42:9, Isa 42:9 *"Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you."* 46:10, Isa 46:10 *Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';* Ecclesiastes 3:15. Ec 3:15 *That which is has been already and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by.*

Let me repeat...The Israelites marched out of Egypt on the 15th day. They were free from bondage...guess what...Yeshua died on **pesech** and brought a new cycle of freedom for all who would believe! **Read Numbers 33:3** Nu 33:3 *They journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the next day after the Passover the sons of Israel started out boldly in the sight of all the Egyptians,*

With both the letter **ב** and the rainbow being a circle, you can see the connection between the rainbow and the covenant God made with man about never destroying His creation through water.

Another connection to 60...King Solomon, or **Shlomo** had 60 of his finest men surrounding his bed every night for protection. **Read Song of Solomon 3:7** Song 3:7 ¶ *"Behold, it is the traveling couch of Solomon; Sixty mighty men around it, Of the mighty men of Israel.*

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