



## ת TAV BET

Tav ת (400) – shape of seal or stamp; meaning is code or note, stamp or impression; God's stamp is truth. Last letter of first word in Torah is Tav (bereshit); Aleph is first, Mem is middle, Tav is last. At very beginning is God's impression (stamp) of truth. Tav represents God's pt of truth and impression left on the soul as it comes into the body to reveal His truth in the world. Made up of Dalet and Nun...they spell out Dan. Last tribe to march in wilderness...cleaning up everything that was left behind. Dan also spells out judgement. When we leave this world every soul is judged. Word for death in Hebrew ends in Tav. Abraham purchased burial place for Sarah for 400 pieces of silver. Every ending leads to a new beginning.

Since we see the ת tav as a cross, or sign, let's look at something that really reflects ישוע Yeshua. Scripture tells us that G-d made him who had no sin to be sin for us...11 Corinthians 5:21. ***“He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*** The Hebraic word for sin is חטא chatah. Now look at this. If you attach or add the word sin חטא to the letter ת that represents ‘cross’, we get the word חטאת ..cha ta at, that means ‘sin offering’.

While we are on the subject of the ‘cross’, we might ask ourselves, ‘How can the ת represent a cross when it doesn't even look like one.’ Most Christian art shows that ישוע Yeshua was crucified upon a ‘T’ shaped structure. To surprise you, this ‘T’ shape was indeed used for some crucifixions, but was not the rule. In a Roman style crucifixion the executioner was dictated more by convenience than by tradition. A crucifixion was equally as effective whether the victim was nailed to a tree, a wall, a post, or a ‘T’ shaped structure. It didn't make a hill of beans to the executioner if a victim was hung with his arms straight out to the side or over his head, or if his feet were placed together or wide apart in a spread-eagle fashion.

As public executions took place on Golgotha, it was common practice to a more permanent arrangement that would be constructed for the convenience of the executioner.

A horizontal cross beam would be carried on the persons' shoulders to where he was to be executed. When he arrived there, his hands would be nailed to that cross beam, and then, with the victim nailed to it, the cross beam would be raised into position and hung on hooks that would be pre-attached, into two vertical posts.

When you would look at it, it almost was identical to the letter ת. Then the executioner would nail through the side of each foot either to another horizontal crosspiece, close to the ground, or to the vertical posts on either side, securing the victim in a ‘spread-eagled position. So, the victim's hands would be up and out and

his feet would be spread wide apart, which would be the exact shape of the pre-temple form of the letter **ת** which is shaped like an 'x'

Let's get a little deeper with this word for 'truth' **אמת**. Maharal, who, was one of the outstanding Jewish minds of the sixteenth century compares **אמת** to the life-sustaining sun, which illuminates the world and cannot deviate one iota from its defined orbit. So is **אמת** precisely bound; if one deviates from it only slightly, he slips into the tangent of **שקר** sheker, meaning 'falsehood'.

Likewise, there is no such thing as just a little falsehood: even a trifle of it turns truth into a lie. Truth is eternal, but when even the smallest numerical unit of **אמת**, namely the **א**, is omitted, what remains is **מת** met, death...or 'dead'.

Moreover, Maharal states, even an incomplete truth is tantamount to a lie, for falsehood is not the opposite of truth but its absence.

Because it is so easy to slip from life-giving truth to deadly lies, the **תורה** Torah prohibits lying with an unusual expression. Rather than simply stating, 'do not lie, Exodus 23:7 demands, "*Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent or the righteous, for I will not acquit the guilty.*" 'Go far away from falsehood'.

**אמת** is eternal, infinite, all-encompassing, just as its letters encompass the entire world of Aleph-Bet, which begins with **א**, has its center at **מ**, and ends with **ת**. The central letter, **מ** (representing G-d's **מלכות** malchot, Kingship, is flanked by 13 letters on each side (the five final sofit letters are included in this count). The twenty-six letters surrounding the King allude to His Holy Name, which as a gematria of twenty-six. **י** = 10, **ה** = 5, **ו** = 6, **ה** = 5 ===26.

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**Revelation 1:8, Yesha'yahu Isaiah 44:6.** Re 1:8 "*I am the Alpha and the Omega,*" says the Lord God, "*who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.*" ..... Isa 44:6 "*Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.'*" He says the same thing in both the **הברית החדשה** ha brit cha dasha and the Tanakh. He is saying that He is the 'eternal Word of Creation'. **ישוע** – Yeshua is 'every letter' of the **תורה** Torah. The word for sign is **אות** ot....

Look at this word...we see the Father..א and within the son ה...we see the sign..ת..

Covenants always require a 'sign' Why did ישוע Yeshua have to go to the 'Cross'? Hebrews 12:2.. says..."fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

What was written on the Cross?.. **Yochanan John 19:19-22..** Joh 19:19 ¶ *And Pilate wrote an inscription also, and put it on the cross. And it was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."* Joh 19:20 *Therefore this inscription many of the Jews read, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, [and] in Greek.* Joh 19:21 *And so the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"* Joh 19:22 *Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."* Why did the Chief Priest tell Pilate to change what was written?. The inscription in Hebrew reads 'JESUS THE NAZARINE THE KING OF THE JEWS'. The acronym where you take the first letters of the sequence Yeshua Hana tzreeve Venelech Haya hodeem...and those letters were יהוה YUD HEY VAV HEY. The Sacred NAME OF G-D. What did Jesus accomplish on the Cross? **Colossians 2:13-14, Ephesians 2:14-15.** Say the following: Col 2:13 ¶ *And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, Col 2:14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us [and] which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."*

Eph 2:14 ¶ *For He Himself is our peace, who made both [groups into] one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall".... Eph 2:15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, [which is] the Law of commandments [contained] in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, [thus] establishing peace,"*

When we receive ישוע – Yeshua – Jesus we receive the ת – Tav...His Mark on our לב – lev, our heart ...for ever. Sealed by the רוּחַ הַקֹּדֶשׁ Ruach Ha Kodesh...The Holy Spirit of the Living G-d.

בת – bat means 'daughter. We look at the ב – Bet and we see 'house or family' and then we see the ת – Tav which means 'sign or covenant'...Now we can see what the word בת – bat really means. The daughter is the house joined or the covenant of the house...she joins together two households. דת – dat is the word for 'religion' We see the ד – Dalet as the door and the ת – Tav as the sign or covenant...so..Religion is the door of the sign or the door of the cross.

שבת – Shabbat is a special time for G-d's people. It means that we REST from our ORDINARY work and cares of the previous week. It's a time to focus on אֲדֹנָי – Adonai, His Word, and family. The letters of Shabbat are interesting in their meaning. The ש Sheen means 'to consume', the ב Bet means 'household', and the ת Tav means 'to seal or to covenant'. So, if we honor the Shabbat as the Lord commanded us to do, then **He will consume our household and establish a covenant with us, sealing us with His glory and grace.**

As we close, and as we see the cross..the ת we can now understand...that our hands of our sin nature have been nailed down so that we no longer have to do the things we once did.

Our feet of our sin nature have been nailed down so that we no longer have to go where we used to go.

Our mind of sin nature has been pierced by a crown of thorns so that we no longer have to think the way we used too...

Our heart of our sin has been run through by the spear of the soldier, so that we no longer have to desire what we once lived for.

**ישוע** Yeshua did all of that for us....If we would only believe and accept..amein?

This concludes our primary learning of the 22 letters of G-d's alef-bet. You have no idea how humbling this time I have had with you has affected me...and my walk with the lord. Each one of you are soooo amazing and I covet the times we have spent together..learning ...sharing....and growing in the One that we hold 'most high'. There are many more awesome and deeper things in G-d's 'holy tongue' coming our way..we have just begun...may **השם אדני** Ha Shem Adonai grant you his **שלום** shalom!

Next Saturday, we start our journey on learning all about the **טלית** Tallit and the **ציצית** Tzitzit...a mind blower...B'mid bar Numbers 15:38-39....***Nu 15:38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:..... Nu 15:39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:***

**REVELATION 22:12-13....."PAY ATTENTION!" SAYS YESHUA, "I AM COMING SOON, AND MY REWARDS ARE WITH ME TO GIVE TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE. I AM THE ALEPH AND THE TAV; THE FIRST AND THE LAST, THE BEGINNING AND THE END."**

**ASPIRE TO INSPIRE BEFORE YOU EXPIRE....TAKE WHAT YOU NEED...GIVE THE REST AWAY!**