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Pictured here is the first and last letter of the Hebrew Alphabet known as the "Alef & Taw." These two letters represent eternity or (the beginning and the end). They were created from the beginning by YaHuWaH at creation. In the original Hebrew Scriptures we can actually see these letters in the text but the English translators left them out:

Bereshiyth (Genesis) 1:1 In the beginning Elohiym created **†** **א** ALEF & **ת** TAW the heaven and **†** **ו** WAW, ALEF & **ת** TAW the earth.

Satan hi-jacked these symbols later on and used them for pagan sun-god worship, but long before that, YaHuWaH used them in the Hebrew alphabet to illustrate a prophetic picture of our Mashiyach (Messiah) as the sacrificial animal (the red heifer) being nailed to a cross!



After the Exodus when the children of Yisra'el were in the wilderness, they began to murmur and complain against YaHuWaH, and so he sent fiery serpents to bite them and many of them died (Numbers 21:6). But many of them began to repent and when they did, YaHuWaH instructed Mosheh (Moses) to make a pole and put a fiery serpent on the pole for them to look upon and then they would not die from being bitten by the serpent. This was a prophetic shadow picture of the future Mashiyach (Messiah) who would later on become a curse for us (John 3:14). But later on this image of the serpent on a pole became an idol that was used for worship and YaHuWaH was against this.

The Yisra'elites also began to worship a graven image of the calf (as seen in this image of the alef or the ox head), and because of this, he broke the first covenant that he made with them when Mosheh (Moses) broke the first set of stone tablets (Exodus 32:19). Later on in history, even the Christian Churches began to worship and bow down to this image of the Taw as a wooden cross. These symbols were always meant to symbolize our Mashiyach, but we are commanded not to bow down and serve these images (Exodus 20:5). They only serve as illustrations for us---nothing more. We are commanded not to worship YaHuWaH through graven images or created things.

In this illustration of the *"Alef & Taw,"* in it's earliest ancient form it shows us a picture of the red heifer (the ox head) being nailed to the *"two sticks"* of Ezekiel 37:16 (the stick of Ephrayim & Judah). Mashiyach is the *"Alef & Taw"* which means *"the first and the last"* or *"the beginning and the ending"* (Revelation 1:8; 1:11; 21:6; 22:13). The last Hebrew letter, the *"Taw"* is shaped like a cross because it means that we must come to the *"end"* of the old sinful nature. In *Tehilliyim (Psalms) 51:5* Dawiyd (David) declared: *"Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."*

Our Mashiyach came to put an end to this sinful nature---not the Mosaic Law! This is precisely why Yahuwshuwa commanded us to *deny ourselves*, take up our cross (stauros) daily and to follow him (Matthew 16:24). Later on in this article, you are going to see that the furniture in the Tabernacle of Mosheh (Moses) from an aerial view, is arranged in the shape of a cross and it brings us to the *"end"* of the sinful man!

Yahuwshuwa will not automatically cleanse everyone with his blood without repentance. We have to make the journey through the pattern of the Tabernacle which teaches us how to die to self!

When we reach the *"end"* of the Tabernacle in the *Holy of Holies*, we die! Any priest who had unrepentant sin would die there in the *Holy of Holies*. Therefore, our Mashiyach made the journey for us! The book of Revelation was spoken to the Apostle Yahuwchanon (John) *"in the Hebrew tongue"* (Revelation 9:11, 16:16), but later on it was translated into Greek. And so in the Greek translation of the book of Revelation, Yahuwshuwa referred to himself as the *"Alpha & Omega,"* which is the first and last letter of the Greek alphabet. But in Hebrew

(which is the language John the Apostle spoke and wrote in) he would have said this to Yahuwchanon (John):

Chazown (Revelation) 1:8 *I am the Alef and the Taw, the Beginning and Ending, says 𐤀𐤅𐤅𐤁𐤏 YaHuWaH which is, and which was, and is and who was and which is to come, the Almighty.*

As you can see above, our Mashiyach was revealing himself as YaHuWaH in his resurrected state!

Chazown (Revelation) 1:9 *I, Yahuwchanon (John), who also am your brother and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of 𐤀𐤅𐤅𐤁𐤏 Yahuwshuwa Mashiyach, was in the island that is called Patmos for the Word of Elohiym and for the testimony of 𐤀𐤅𐤅𐤁𐤏 Yahuwshuwa Mashiyach.*

Chazown (Revelation) 1:11 *"...I am the Alef and the Taw, the First and the Last."*

What is even more interesting is that the word "Taw" is the Hebrew word for "**mark**" as seen in *Ezekiel 9* and it is a mark that Elohiym puts on the foreheads of his elect who are sealed. The letters in the word "Taw" even tell a message:

Taw, Alef, Waw

This means: *"the cross, the sacrificial animal, and the nail."*

The Apostle Sha'awl (Paul) spoke of this "mark" as being a "mark" that he bore in his own body:

Galatiym (Galatians) 6:17 *From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of 𐤀𐤅𐤅𐤁𐤏 YaHuWaH 𐤀𐤅𐤅𐤁𐤏 Yahuwshuwa.*

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The above link shows an illustration of how the progression of the letter "Taw" (Tav) has undergone changes over

the centuries, as seen by the illustration above. The “cross” or the “Taw” was never meant to be an idol or an object of worship to be used as some sort of “talisman.” The “cross” or the “Taw” is a symbol of self-denial.

We are shown in these two letters that the *Alef* represents our “*animal-like*” nature which is sinful and prone to its own desires of the flesh. But when we kill this “*animal-like*” nature, by denying ourselves daily, we are then able to walk by the power of the resurrected Mashiyach, which is the power of the Ruwach ha’Qodesh (Holy Spirit).

Two different Greek words are used to describe the instrument upon which our Mashiyach was crucified. The first Greek word that we see for “*cross*” is as follows:

#4716. stauros: a stake or post (as set upright), i.e. (specially), **a pole or cross** (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively, exposure to death, i.e. **self-denial**; by implication, the atonement of Messiah:----cross.

But there is another word that we see in the Strong’s Greek Concordance in the book of Acts where it says that our Mashiyach was nailed to a tree. We see this word for “*tree*” in *Acts 5:30, 10:39, & 13:29* as the follows:

#3586. xylon: a beam from which any one is suspended, a gibbet, **a cross**; a log or timber with holes in which the feet, hands, neck of prisoners were inserted and fastened with thongs; a fetter, or shackle for the feet.

What this means is that there were actually two different pieces of wood!

The piece that he carried across his shoulder was the “*xylon*” which was a “*cross-beam*.” But the piece that was already standing at the execution site was the “*stauros*” or the upright pole! Hence, he was crucified on the Taw or a cross-shaped instrument. Mashiyach became a “curse” for us as he nailed “*Tammuz*” (sun-god worship) to the tree!

The image of the cross was created by YaHuWaH himself at Creation:

Bereshiyth (Genesis) 1:1

In the beginning Elohiym **created** **א** the heaven and **אדמה** the earth.

As you can see, in the beginning our Creator made the **Alef & the Taw!** This means that he created the Hebrew alphabet, but he also prepared a human body for our Yahuwshuwa Mashiyach from the beginning:

*Ibriym (Hebrews) 10:5 Wherefore when he comes into the world, he says, Sacrifice and offering you would not, but **a body have you prepared for me:***

*Ibriym (Hebrews) 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: **although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.***

*Ibriym (Hebrews) 9:26 For then must he often have suffered **since the foundation of the world:** but now once in the end of the world has he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*

*Chazown (Revelation) 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.***

1st Keefa (Peter) 1:

19 But with the precious blood of Mashiyach, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

As you can see from the above scriptures, Yahuwshuwa Mashiyach was always in eternity past the **“lamb slain from the foundation of the world!”** This means that in eternity, he is the sacrificial lamb in the past, the present and the future! Now we know why Satan hi-jacked this symbol as an object of worship for the pagan sun-god Tammuz! But Satan had no idea that by doing this, he was creating the very instrument upon which his own kingdom would be demolished!

Much like Haman in the Persian Empire (Esther 7:9-10) who prepared the gallows for Mordechai the Jew, we see that Satan made a Roman Cross for

Mashiyach to be crucified upon and as a result, his own kingdom was destroyed!

The image of the “cross” was made of “*two sticks*” or “*two poles*” for many prophetic reasons. We can also see that these two sticks demonstrate “*Two Houses of Yisra’el*” and “*The Two Greatest Commandments.*”

Vertical Love for YaHuWaH & Horizontal Love for Our Neighbor:

Marqos (Mark) 12:

30 And **you shall love YHWH your Elohiym** with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength: this is the first commandment.

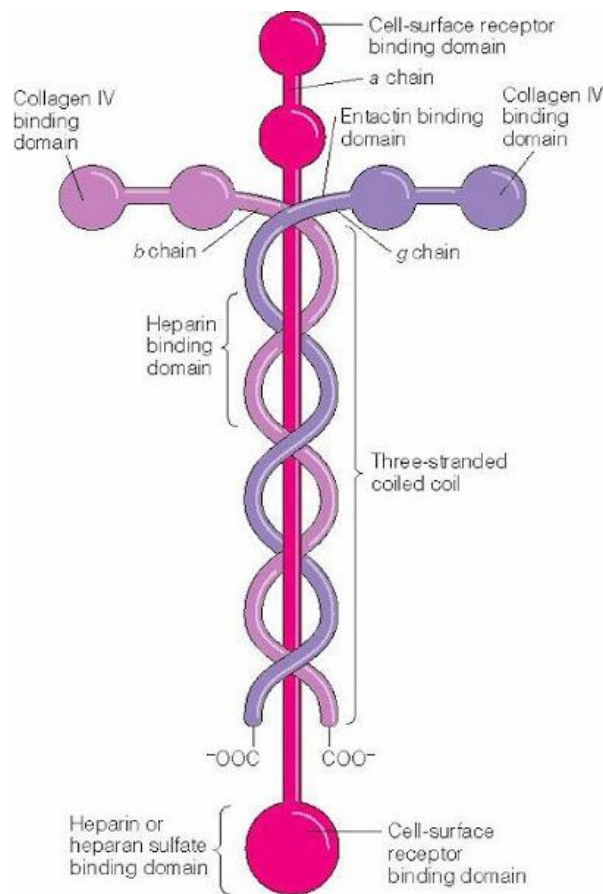
31 And the second is like, namely this, **you shall love your neighbour as yourself.** There is none other commandment greater than these.

Creation Testifies to the Taw or “Cross” of our Mashiyach

Pictured here is a “*laminin*” cell that looks like a cross!

Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every human and animal tissue. You see, laminins are what hold us together---literally. They are cell adhesion molecules. These laminins are what hold one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart. If you look up “laminin” in any scientific or medical piece of literature, this is what you will see!

The body of Mashiyach or *The Two Houses of Yisra’el*, are literally held together by his one sacrifice on the Taw or the cross! The



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Apostle Sha'awl (Paul) also illustrated this to us:

*Eph'siym (Ephesians) 2:15-16 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; **for to make in himself of two one new man**, so making peace; And **that he might reconcile both unto Elohiym in one body by the cross**, having slain the enmity thereby:*

What is even more amazing is that this laminin cell has two other coils wrapped around it creating a "three-stranded coil." We see this principle illustrated in Matthew 13:33 where our Mashiyach likened the kingdom of heaven to a woman who mixed leaven into "three measures of meal." These three measures of meal represent three groups of people: *The House of Ephrayim, the House of Judah and their Gentile companions* as described in Ezekiel 37:16-17. This laminin is a perfect picture of how Yahuwshuwa is holding all three groups of people together by his one sacrifice on the Taw (cross)!

*Qoheleth (Ecclesiastes) 4:12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a **threefold cord is not quickly broken**.*

At creation, Elohiym first created the Hebrew Alphabet and then he used those letters in his alphabet to "speak the word" whereby everything was created:

*Ibriym (Hebrews) 11:3 Through faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of Elohiym**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

Since there are 22 letters in the Hebrew Alphabet, and our Mashiyach (Messiah) is the WORD who became flesh in John 1:1, it means that the Hebrew Alphabet is a schematic of him. Every single letter in the Ancient Paleo Alphabet is a "pictograph" of our Mashiyach and we are created "in his image" with 22 strands in our human DNA! These letters contain "frequencies" by which



everything in the material world came into being and is held together. In other words, life itself and all matter


cannot exist without his spoken word! That is why calling upon his true Hebrew name, YaHuWaH carries with it vibrations that can heal our mind, body and spirit! But even YaHuWaH has given his son a name that is *"which is above every name"* (Philippians 2:9). That name is YaHuW'shuwa. In John 5:43, Yahuwshuwa said *"I am come in my Father's name."* The Son's name has the Father's name in it! His name YaHuW + Shuwa means ***"YaHuWaH is salvation,"*** and we are commanded to call upon that name for salvation in Acts 4:12.


Ma'aseh Shlichyym Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

YaHuW'shuwa is the name that we call upon for salvation! His name has two Hebrew letter *"waw's"* in it that mean *"the nail, the tent peg."* Why are there *"two nails"* or *"two tent pegs?"*

Because there are *Two Houses of Yisra'el* whom he came to reconcile to himself by his one sacrifice on the Taw!

The entire Hebrew Alphabet is summed up in the ***"Alef & Taw,"*** the first and the last, the beginning and the ending. King Dawiyd (David) understood this and he wrote a Psalm for every Hebrew letter in the alphabet. Every 8th verse begins a different letter in Psalms 119 starting with the *Alef* and ending with the *Taw*.

Tehilliym (Psalms) 119:1 Alef  Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the Towrah (law) of YHWH.

Tehilliym (Psalms) 119:169 Taw  Let my cry come near before you, O YaHuWaH: give me understanding according to your word.

You will notice that Psalms 119:1 begins with the *"Alef"* and a declaration about those who are *"undefiled"* and how they walk in the Towrah. The word *"undefiled"* here tells us that the sacrifice of Mashiyach typified in the red heifer is the only way that we can live undefiled as seen by the verses below in Numbers:

*Bemidbar (Numbers) 19:2 This is the ordinance of the Towrah (law) which YHWH has commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Yisra'el, that they bring you **a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke:***
*Bemidbar (Numbers) 19:17 And **for an unclean person they shall take of the***

ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:

You will also notice that in Psalms 119:169, the only way that we can “come near” or approach the throne in heaven is by the sacrifice of Messiah on the Taw or the cross!

Our Mashiyach embodied *The Two Houses of Yisra’el* by becoming as “*the least*” (the last) at his first coming (Messiah Ben Joseph), but then he resurrected and became “*the first born*” over all creation (Colossians 1:15). He humbled himself and became as the least among us.

In his role as Yahuwceph (Joseph) he was portrayed as “*the suffering servant.*” But when he returns, he will be as the “*first*” as “*Mashiyach ben Dawiyd*” (Messiah son of David), the conquering reigning king. He will then bring together the *Two Houses of Yisra’el* as the “*first & the last.*” There will no longer be competition in his house because both houses will become one stick, (one olive tree) when the remnant from each of these “two houses” become “born-again” into incorruption (immortality), they will both be his “*first-born*” as *The Whole House of Yisra’el*!

Hence, he made the “*Two Sticks*” of Yahuwdah (Judah) & Ephrayim one stick or one tree in his hand! What is even more revealing is that when you look up this Hebrew word for “*stick*” in the prophecy of *Ezekiel 37:16*, the word is “*eytz*” which means “*tree.*” And so two trees were used to make the *Two Houses of Yisra’el* one again!

The first time that Yisra’el is likened unto an olive tree is seen by the prophet Jeremiah:

Yirmeyahuw (Jeremiah) 11:16 YHWH called your name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he has kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.

But this one olive tree became two separate olive trees in 1st Kings 12, when *Judah & Ephrayim* became two separate nations under King Jeroboam & King Rehoboam. This gives clarity now for the entire purpose of Mashiyach (Messiah)

Yahuwshuwa coming to earth at his first coming as it is explained perfectly by the Apostle Sha'awl (Paul):

Eph'siym (Ephesians) 2:

*11 Wherefore remember, that **you being in time past Gentiles** in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;*

12 That at that time you were without Mashiyach, being aliens from the commonwealth of Yisra'el, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without Elohiym in the world:

*13 But now in Mashiyach Yahuwshuwa **you who sometimes were far off are made near by the blood of Mashiyach.***

14 For he is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

*15 Having **abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances (dogma); for to make in himself of two one new man, so making peace;***

*16 And **that he might reconcile both unto Elohiym in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:***

*17 And came and preached peace **to you which were afar off, and to them that were near.***

What were these “**ordinances**” that kept the “*Two Houses of Yisra'el*” separated? It was because YaHuWaH divorced the *Ten Northern Tribes of Yisra'el*, that the Rabbis thought they had to keep these tribes from being allowed to come back into covenant. Therefore, these Rabbis invented man-made “**ordinances**” to build up a wall around the outer court of the temple which would prevent these estranged tribes from being allowed to come into the *Temple of YaHuWaH*. And so the Greek word for “**ordinances**” that the Apostle Sha'awl (Paul) used in Ephesians 2:15 is **dogma** which means “*a man-made decree.*” The Rabbis made extra laws that were against the Towrah because it kept these Gentiles from being allowed to come into the outer court of the temple so that they could

“hear the Towrah of Mosheh” and be saved! The *“enmity”* (hatred) between *The Two Houses of Yisra’el* was therefore caused by the sins of the divorced tribes and their idolatry, and also the sins of these Rabbis whereby they introduced such a law that would keep the Gentiles *“afar off”* from the covenants of promise.

Mashiyach abolished not the Mosaic Law (Towrah) but he abolished the *“enmity”* (the hatred brought on by the sinful nature) that existed in both houses of Yisra’el, which in turn and caused these Rabbis to invent these *“ordinances.”* These were the laws that were *“against us”* not the Towrah or the Mosaic Law as many have falsely taught and believed. These *“ordinances”* were against the Gentiles (the divorced tribes) because it left them *“without hope”* of knowing the Creator as Sha’uwl expressed in Ephesians 2:11 for they were *“aliens”* from *The Commonwealth of Yisra’el*.

The Two Sticks or Trees of Ephrayim & Yahuwdah

The Two Greatest Commandments in the Towrah involve loving YaHuWaH with our entire being which is our *“vertical”* relationship with him. And secondly we are commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves which is our *“horizontal”* relationship with others.



And so Mashiyach was nailed to a vertical beam which represents our vertical relationship with our Father in Heaven. And he was also nailed to a horizontal beam which represents our horizontal relationship with our fellowman. When these two beams are put together, they form the Taw which was made out of *Two Trees* or *Two Sticks* for the *Two Houses of Yisra’el*!

The Apostle Sha’uwl (Paul) confirmed this in his letter to the Ephesians as seen above.

Yahuwshuwa Mashiyach Has Reconciled Ephrayim & Yahuwdah, (Jew & Gentile) by the Taw or Cross!

Even though the pagans hi-jacked this symbol and used it as an object of worship for the cross of Tammuz and Mithra, YaHuWaH ordained before the foundations of the world, that this letter “Taw” would be the mark that YaHuWaH places on the foreheads of his “last-born” of the elect (Ezekiel 9 & Revelation 7). In the last days, YaHuWaH is going to gather two groups of his remnant back to himself. The first group (Ephrayim) “on the whole” has already been “born-again” from above. They are called “*my first-born*” (Jeremiah 31:9), and this is why his “mark” is the “*Alef*.” Ephrayim may not be back in the physical land of Yisra’el yet, but he has already “come home” to the Father and his Towrah spiritually speaking. But Yahuwdah (Judah) on the other hand is already back in the physical land of Yisra’el but he has not received his spiritual inheritance yet until he sees that Yahuwshuwa is his Messiah. That is why the “mark” that seals the House of Yahuwdah (Judah) is the “*Taw*” because he will be the “last” to become “born-again” by the Spirit. Now I am not speaking about individuals here. I am speaking in terms of “nations.” Ephrayim is a multitude of nations, and so when we speak of him, we are speaking about all “born-again” followers of Messiah Yahuwshuwa that are in the nations. I am speaking in general terms. There is a “remnant” from both houses of Yisra’el who are already sealed as the “elect.” The House of Ephrayim on the whole was the first one to receive the besowrah (gospel) of Yahuwshuwa after he ascended back to the Father. The House of Yahuwdah as a nation will not receive his gospel until he returns, even though there are individual Jews who have accepted his covenant and they are called “Messianic Jews.” Those Jews have now been assimilated into “Ephrayim” for the time being. But when Mashiyach returns, he will make both houses as “one stick” in his hand, and at that point, Ephrayim will lose his tribal identity and he will be grafted into Yahuwdah (Judah), the tribe of the bridegroom!

Before the second coming of Mashiyach, there will be a remnant from the House of Yahuwdah (Judah) who will not worship the beast nor take his mark. Ezekiel 5 reveals that there will be “one-third” who will be saved and the other “two-thirds” from the House of Yahuwdah (Judah) will be deceived by the Anti-Messiah and they will be destroyed.

The “one-third” of Yahuwdah who will be spared will receive this mark in their foreheads called “*Taw*” which indicates that they will be the “last” to receive the gospel of Yahuwshuwa and they will “*sigh and cry at the abominations*” of the Anti-Messiah in the temple. We can see these letters in the original Hebrew TaNaKh:

Yechezqel (Ezekiel) 9:4 And YaHuWaH said unto him, Go through the midst of the city through the midst of Yerushalayim (Jerusalem), and **ⲧⲏⲣⲏⲧⲏ** set a mark **ⲧⲎ** TAW & **WAW** upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.



You will notice two words above in Hebrew which are represented by Ancient Paleo Pictographs and these words are "*Tawvah*" and "*Taw.*"

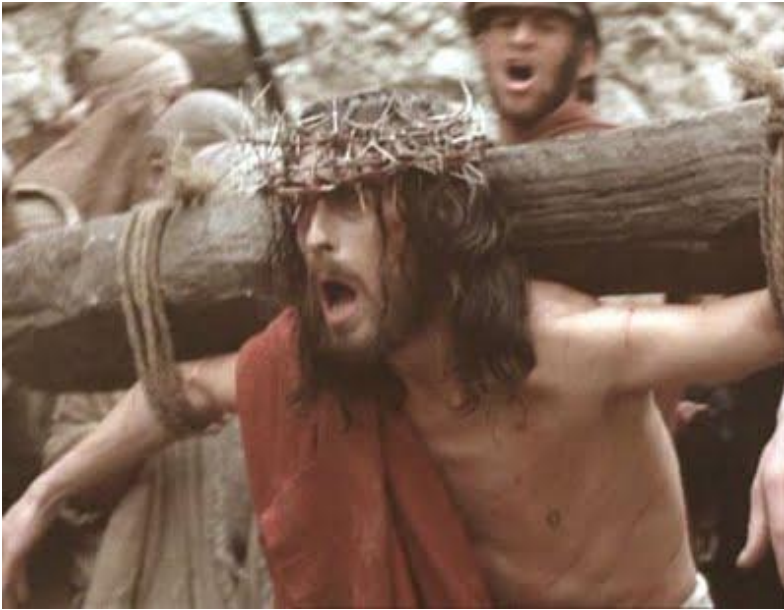
The word *Tawv* means “to mark out” and *Tawv* means “a mark.” Hence, what it really says is: “**mark out a mark** upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and cry **for all the abominations** that be done in the midst thereof.”

As you can see, those who are against the abominations mentioned in *Ezekiel* 8 (pagan sun-god worship) receive this mark. What is this “mark”? In the Strong’s Hebrew Concordance, the word for *mark* in the above verse is seen as follows:

8420 *tav taww* from 8427; a mark; by implication, a **signature**--desire, mark;

#8427 *tavah* *taw-vaw'* a primitive root; **to mark out**, i.e. (primitive) scratch or (definite) imprint:--scrabble, set (a mark).

The phrase: “**mark out**  **a mark** ” is telling us a story: **Waw** (nail or tent peg), **Hey** (breath or Spirit of YHWH), **Taw** (cross), **Waw** (nail or tent peg), **Yod** (arm of YHWH), **Taw** (cross). This word “*tawvah*” contains the Hebrew letters above and it is saying that there are two nails (for his hands and feet). There are also two tent pegs for both houses of Yisra’el, or two tents of Jacob. And by the inspiration (breath) of YaHuWaH, our Mashiyach (who is the arm of YaHuWaH) was sent to die on *Two Sticks* (cross or Taw) for the *Two Houses of Yisra’el*! And those who have faith in his finished work on the cross (Taw) are the ones who receive his mark!



The Xylon or Cross Beam is the Burden of Ephrayim

Pictured here is the “*xylon*” or cross-beam that our Messiah carried to the “*stauros*” or execution stake that was already standing there as a permanent structure. Yahuw-shuwa carried only the ***cross-beam***” across his shoulders and then when he arrived, they attached the “cross-beam” to the upright pole or

stake. The “*stauros*” was a permanent structure that remained in the ground and it was reused for other prisoners to be executed on.

As I mentioned earlier, two different Greek words are used to describe the execution stake that our Mashiyach was crucified on. The word for “*cross*” in the Greek Strong’s Concordance is “*stauros*” and it means “*a stake, or pole.*” But another word is used for the word “*tree*” from *Acts 5:30, Acts 10:39 & Acts 13:29*. That word for “*tree*” is *xylon* which means a “*cross-beam.*” The word “*stauros*” also means “*self-denial*” and so this gives more meaning behind some of the statements that the Apostle Sha’uwl (Paul) made:

1st Qorin’tyim (Corinthians) 1:18 For the preaching of the two sticks (cross) is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of Elohiym.

Sha’uwl (Paul) was stating that he was preaching a message of self-denial! He was not speaking about an object that people wear around their necks. We are not supposed to make the cross into an object of worship or treat it like a “*good luck charm.*”

The image of the “cross” was made of “*Two Sticks*” or “*Two Trees*” to illustrate to us how this all points to “*Two Houses*” of Yisra’el and the “*Two Greatest Commandments!*” The first and greatest commandment involves “*vertical*” love for YaHuWaH. But the second greatest commandment is “*horizontal*” love for our neighbor!

Mashiyach bore our burdens for us in the same way that Simon of Cyrene (a Gentile) carried his burden for him:

Mattithyahuw (Matthew) 11:

28 Come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*29 Take **my yoke upon you**, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls.*

*30 For **my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.***

Yahuwshuwa did not add any heavy yoke to the Towrah of Mosheh like the Pharisees did. He makes it easy and enjoyable for us to keep his commandments.

What is prophetic about the above illustration? It shows that Yahuwshuwa carried the “xylon” or cross-beam across his shoulder to the “stauros” that was already standing there at the execution site. And this means that the “stauros” represents the *House of Yahuwdah (Judah)*, the stick that was already at home in Jerusalem and keeping the Sabbaths and the Feasts of YaHuWaH (a sign of his covenant). But the “stick” who was “*afar off*” was Ephrayim (the prodigal son). And so Yahuwshuwa Mashiyach came for those *Ten Northern Tribes* who were “*afar off*” and he made the journey for them by carrying the “stick” of Ephrayim to the “stick” of Yahuwdah (Judah) in order to make them “one stick” by the cross or Taw! In Matthew 27:32 the Romans compelled a man by the name of Simon of Cyrene (a Gentile) to carry the cross, and this signifies that the way was being made for the Gentiles to come back home to the covenant.

The stick of Ephrayim was the stick that Yahuwshuwa carried to the stick of Yahuwdah (Judah) and it was already standing there when he arrived! He made both sticks one!



The Burden or Yoke of Ephrayim Made Easy & Light

Pictured here are two oxen that are “*yoked*” together. *The Ten Northern Tribes of Yisra’el* who were divorced by YaHuWaH became known as “*Ephrayim*” because it was Yahuwceph’s son Ephrayim who inherited the “wealth of the nations” according to *Bereshiyth* (Genesis) 48:18-22.

Ephrayim was born in Egypt and he was accustomed to being in bondage, or slavery to paganism and idolatry. That is why often times in scripture, we see that Ephrayim is likened unto a bull or a heifer who is under a heavy yoke of bondage (Hosea 10:11).

Why is he in bondage? It is because *The Two Southern Tribes* (Judah & Benjamin) or the Jews added extra man-made laws to the Towrah of Mosheh (Moses) called “the oral law” or the Talmud. And so Ephrayim decided that it was too burdensome to keep the commandments. This is why in 1st Kings 12, the *Two Houses of Yisra’el* (Ephrayim & Yahuwdah) split under *King Jeroboam & King Rehoboam*. King Solomon had placed heavy tax burdens on the people of Yisra’el, but after he died, his son Rehoboam (Rechab’am) refused to lighten their taxes. And so this is why the *Two Houses of Yisra’el* split. This is a metaphor for what happened later on in history when *The House of Judah* placed heavy religious burdens on the people of Yisra’el as well.

As a result, King Jeroboam (Yarob’am) ruled over the “Ten Northern Tribes” and he invented pagan holidays patterned after Ba’al as he set up a golden calf at Mount Ephrayim and at Dan. To this day, many born-again Christians who are identified prophetically with the House of Ephrayim are still keeping the pagan holidays of Ba’al (Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day etc.) and so the pattern has not changed since the two houses split. Ephrayim continues to be in idolatry as a whole (whether knowingly or

unknowingly). And Yahuwdah (Judah) continues to stay at home in the physical land of Yisra'el.

What was our Messiah's mission at his first coming? He came as "***Mashiyach Ben Yahuwceph***" (the suffering servant) in order to bring *The Ten Lost Tribes of Yisra'el* back to the Father's instructions (Towrah). And so our Mashiyach Yahuwshuwa "***bore the burden of Ephrayim***" across his shoulder when he journeyed to the stauros (pole) as he carried the "cross-beam" for Ephrayim. This cross-beam was a burden across his shoulders, just like in the picture of these oxen that are yoked with a burden across their shoulders.

As we can see from the prophetic verses below, the *House of Ephrayim* are non-Jewish believers who are still in bondage to their stiff-necked rebellion against the Father's instructions (Towrah):

Hoshea (Hosea) 10:11 And Ephrayim is as a heifer that is taught, and loves to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephrayim to ride; Yahuwdah (Judah) shall plow, and Ya'aqob (Jacob) shall break his clods.

Debariym (Deuteronomy) 33:17 His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephrayim, and they are the thousands of Menashsheh (Manasseh).

Because Ephrayim was born in Egypt, he is accustomed to being in bondage to pagan idolatry. But this prophecy reveals that Yahuwdah (Judah) will plow the harvest field for Ephrayim and the sons of Ya'aqob (Jacob) will make the soil ready for the seeds. They will join in the last days to help Ephrayim's burden and make it light!

Yirmeyahuw (Jeremiah) 31:18 I have surely heard Ephrayim bemoaning himself thus; You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn you me, and I shall be turned; for you are YHWH my Elohiym.

Once again, we see that Ephrayim is being chastised because he thinks of the Mosaic Law (Towrah) as being a big burden on his shoulders. He still does not realize that Mashiyach carried his burden and made it easy and light for him to obey Towrah by the power of the Ruwach ha'Qodesh (Holy Spirit)!

Below, in *Yirmeyahuw* (Jeremiah), we see a prophecy about how Ephrayim sees Towrah (Mosaic Law) or the commandments of YaHuWaH as being burdensome instead of a delight. But the prophet *Yirmeyahuw* (Jeremiah) prophesied that the day would come when Ephrayim would no longer say “*the burden of YaHuWaH*” for he will begin to obey the Towrah with joy!

Yirmeyahuw (Jeremiah) 23:36 And ***the burden of YHWH shall you mention no more***: for every man’s word shall be his burden; for you have perverted the words of the living Elohiym, of YHWH of hosts our Elohiym.

Yirmeyahuw (Jeremiah) 23:38 But since you say, ***The burden of YHWH***; there-fore thus says YHWH; Because you say this word, ***The burden of YHWH***, and I have sent unto you, saying, ***You shall not say, The burden of YHWH.***



Our Mashiyach Yahuw-shuwa carried a “***cross-beam***” across his shoulders to the stake (pole) that was already standing there at the place called “*The Skull*” for Ephrayim! The burden he carried is for Ephrayim who needs to be delivered from bondage to his lawlessness

and his, anti-Towrah ways!

Mattithyahuw (Matthew) 11:30 ***For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.***

Pictured above is a ***yoke***. This is what is used to yoke together two animals in the field who plow together. This is what the Apostle Sha’uwl (Paul) meant when he warned us not to be “***unequally yoked together with unbelievers***”:

2nd Qorin’thiym (Corinthians) 6:14 Be you not ***unequally yoked*** together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion has light with darkness?

If we yoke together two oxen or two donkeys, they work well together. But if we yoke one donkey and one ox or bull, then they will not be compatible and



nothing will get done! The field will not get plowed. A donkey and a lamb are both used to symbolize the *“first-born”* of the house of Judah (Genesis 49:11, Exodus 13:13 & Zechariah 9:9). But the bull is symbolic of Ephrayim (the ten lost tribes) according to *Hoshea 4:16 & 10:11*.

Sheep are obedient and they obey the voice of the shepherd. But bulls and donkeys are stubborn and stiff-necked as they need to be yoked in order to be made obedient so that they can plow. But a bull and a donkey usually cannot be yoked together for they are *“unequally yoked.”* Our Mashiyach performed the role of the **Passover Lamb** during Pesach (Passover), but he also performed the role of the **Red**

Heifer which is the only sacrifice that is to be down outside of the camp. The red heifer sacrifice was done by the priests in the temple when the altar became defiled. They had to escort the heifer out of the camp, kill the heifer and then burn the heifer down to ashes. Then they would mix the ashes of the heifer with water and they would use that as a cleansing solution to cleanse the articles of the temple and the altar. The instructions are found in Numbers 19.

The red heifer had to be perfect and not one white hair could be found on this heifer. It had to be without spot or blemish. The instructions for Yom Kippur are found in Leviticus 16, where the priest in the temple had to first sanctify himself with a bull (heifer) sacrifice, and then he killed the *sacrificial goat* for the nation of Yisra’el. His final act was to mix the blood of the *heifer* (or a bull) with the blood of the *“Yom Kippur Goat”* and then he would sprinkle the mixed blood together on the altar! Beloved do you know what that symbolizes?

It means that when our Mashiyach returns on the *Day of Vengeance* (Yom Kippur), he will make the two families or the *Two Houses of Yisra’el* one house, one family, one blood, one bride, one stick in the hand of YaHuWaH! In other words, the blood of the *heifer* symbolizes the *House of Ephrayim* and the blood



the Yom Kippur Goat symbolizes the House of Yahuwdah (Judah). The prophecy of Ezekiel 37:16-18 will be fulfilled on Yom Kippur!

Two Trees for Two Houses of Yisra'el

This picture is an excellent depiction of how Mashiyach was nailed to "two trees." One tree (the vertical one) was for Yahuwdah as the House of Yahuwdah was already stand-

ing before YaHuWaH because they were still at least observing the Sabbaths and the covenant to some degree. The vertical tree is also symbolic of our vertical relationship with the Father as seen in the greatest commandment which is to *"love YaHuWaH with all of your heart, mind, soul and strength."*

The House of Yahuwdah was already keeping the first four commandments out of the ten, but they often neglected the other 6 commandments to *"love your neighbor as yourself."* Our Mashiyach, however had many rebukes for the Scribes & Pharisees who "added" many traditions to the Towrah and thus making it more difficult for the other lost tribes to keep.

But the other lost tribes were no longer keeping the Sabbaths and biblical feast days (mowediyim) as commanded by YaHuWaH. And so they were *"afar off"* from the covenant. This is why Mashiyach made that journey and carried that other "tree" across his shoulders (the xylon) as he was carrying the *"stick of Ephrayim"* (Ezekiel 37:16-19). This stick was the horizontal tree for our horizontal relationship with our fellowman. The 2nd greatest commandment tells us to *"love your neighbor as yourself."*

The Gentiles were not obeying the first 4 commandments out of the 10, but often times they demonstrated more love for their fellow man as illustrated in *"The Parable of the Good Samaritan"* (Luke 10:33). See my other article entitled *"Messiah in the Parable of the Good Samaritan: Freedom from*

Depression."

When our Mashiyach finally arrived at the place where the stauros (stake) was standing, he had the xylon (cross-beam) across his shoulders and this was fastened to the already standing stauros (representing Judah). This is how he demonstrated the two sticks of *Yahuwdah & Ephrayim* as one stick or one tree in his hand. He used two trees to make the Two Houses of Yisra'el one again!

Shemot 12:1-14

1. On the 10th of Aviv choose the lamb.

2. Kept for 4 days of inspection for any blemishes need to be tested.

3. On the 14th day the lamb will be slayed it at twilight "between the eve (1500hrs)

4. When the Kohen HaGadol finishes the slay of the lamb he shouted "it is finished"

First wash, shed the wool of the lamb; kosher slaughtering, then drain the blood for sacrifice use and then skin clean it

AN ANCIENT WAY OF COOKING THE LAMB



Pictured here is the way that the Lamb was cooked in ancient times at the very first Passover in Egypt and beyond.

ANCIENT WAY OF COOKING PASSOVER LAMB

The Passover Lamb was crucified (impaled) on an execution stake, and then its intestines, called the "*Crown of Shame*" was placed on its head every Passover.

The Fiery Serpent on the Pole

When the Children of Yisra'el in the wilderness complained and murmured against YaHuWaH Elohiym and against his anointed servant Mosheh, they were punished by YaHuWaH who sent fiery serpents to bite the people as a punishment:

Bemidbar (Numbers) 21:

5 And the people spoke against Elohiym, and against Mosheh, Wherefore have you brought us up out of Mitzrayim (Egypt) to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loaths this light bread.

*6 And YHWH sent **fiery serpents** among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Yisra'el died.*

7 Therefore the people came to Mosheh, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against YHWH, and against you; pray unto YHWH, that he takes away the serpents from us. And Mosheh prayed for the people.

*8 And the YHWH said unto Mosheh, **Make you a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole:** and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looks upon it, shall live.*

*9 And Mosheh made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that **if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.***

YaHuWaH commanded Mosheh to place a fiery serpent on a pole and the children of Yisra'el would look upon it as a future picture of Mashiyach Yahuwshuwa who would become a "curse" for us and then they would live. The Apostle Yahuwchanon (John) also recognized this as a prophetic symbol of Mashiyach:



Yahuwchanon (John) 3:14 And as Mosheh lifted up the serpent in the wilder-ness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

As you can see by the illustration above, the “pole” that is shown looks like a cross, not just an ordinary straight pole. But how can we be sure that it was a “cross” and not just a pole?

We can see in the Ancient Paleo Hebrew Pictograph Letters what it says in Numbers 21:8:

Bemidbar (Numbers) 21:8 נִמְדַּבַּר H559 אָמַרְתָּ H3068 אֶל H413 מֹשֶׁה H4872 אֲמַרְתָּ H6213 אֶל־מֹשֶׁה H8314 אֲמַרְתָּ H7760 **וְ** H853 אֶל־ H5921 אֶת־הַנָּחָשׁ H5251 אֲשֶׁר־אָמַרְתָּ H1961 אֶל־מֹשֶׁה H3605 וַיַּעַל־הָאֱלֹהִים H5391 אֶת־הַנָּחָשׁ H7200 **וְ** H853 אֶת־הַמֶּלֶךְ H2425

Bemidbar (Numbers) 21:8 אֶת־הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר־אָמַרְתָּ אֶל־מֹשֶׁה אֲמַרְתָּ אֶל־מֹשֶׁה וַיַּעַל־הָאֱלֹהִים אֶת־הַנָּחָשׁ וְ

*Bemidbar (Numbers) 21:8 And **אָמַרְתָּ** said to Mosheh, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a **pole** **וְ** ALEF & TAW. And it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.”*

The word used in *Numbers* 21:8 for “pole” is the Hebrew Strong’s Word:

#5251 nec

1) something lifted up, standard, signal, signal pole, ensign, banner, sign, sail

a) standard (as rallying point), signal


b) standard (pole)

c) ensign, signal

What you will notice is that the English word for “pole” does not exist in the Ancient Hebrew. Instead the word for *Alef & Taw* is shown where the translators placed the word “pole” instead:

#853. ‘eth ayth apparent contracted from 226 in the demonstrative sense of entity; properly, self (but generally used to point out more definitely the object of a verb or preposition, even or namely):--(as such **unrepresented in English**).

As you can see, the Strong's Concordance says that this word #853 *ayth* for *Alef & Taw* is **UNREPRESENTED IN ENGLISH!** The English translators did not know what to do with these Hebrew letters, so they placed the word "*pole*" there instead!

Here is what is shown in *Numbers 21:8* instead of the word "pole" in Paleo Pictographs: 

Alef (the red heifer), **Taw** (the cross or two sticks), & **Waw** (the nail).

Whenever the *Alef & Taw* is in the original Hebrew text it does not appear in our English Bibles--it is not represented!

Hence the "pole" is actually the *Alef & Taw* with the serpent wrapped around it!

Pictured below is a close-up picture of the word used in Ancient Paleo Hebrew for the word "*pole*" in *Numbers 21:8*. The word in our English translation says "pole" but in the original Hebrew Pictograph, it is an *Alef, Taw, Waw*---in other words, the *red heifer, the cross, and the nail!*

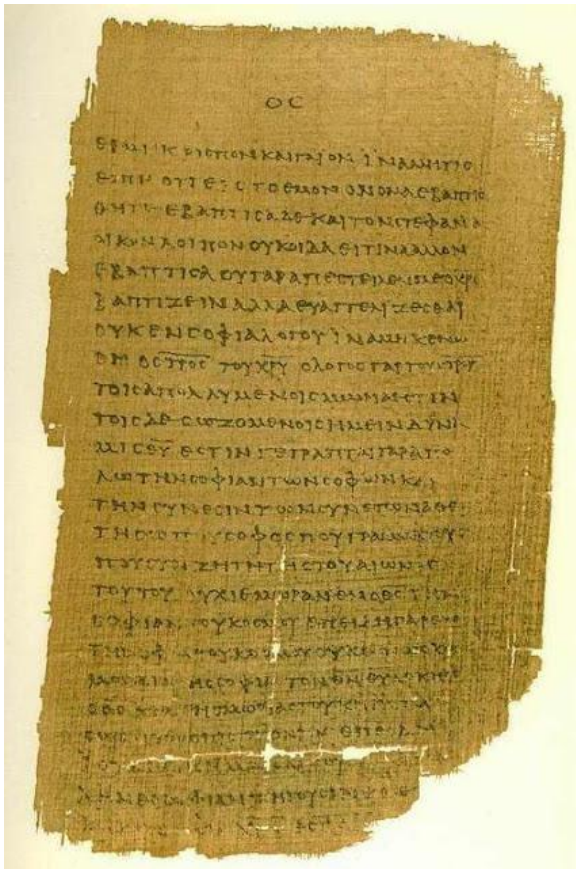


The "pole" that Mosheh erected with the serpent for the Yisra'elites to look upon was the cross or the Taw! Yahuwshuwa explained to his disciples that this was a "typology" of himself, the "Alef & Taw" who would be lifted up on a pole as a symbol of "sinful mankind." He came "*in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh*" (*Romans 8:3*).

Yahuwchanon (John) 3:14 And as Mosheh (Moses) lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

The Hellenic P46 Greek Manuscript shows that the word for "cross" is actually the term "*two sticks*" which is what the Ruwach ha'Qodesh (Holy Spirit) had been showing me all along, but then a friend of mine showed me what it says in this manuscript, and I was amazed at his findings:

From the 2nd Century C.E. Hellenic P46 with place markers:



1st Qorint'tiym (Corinthians) 1:17

ου γαρ απεστειλεν με ο **χρς** βαπτιζειν αλλα ευαγγελιζεσθαι ουκ εν σοφια λογου ινα μη κενωθη ο **στρος** του **χρυ**

1st Qorint'tiym (Corinthians) 1:17

For Mashiyach (**χρς**) did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Good News, not in wisdom of speech, lest the **two sticks** (**στρος**) of Mashiyach (**χρυ**) should be made of no effect.

1st Qorint'tiym (Corinthians) 1:18

ο λογος γαρ του **στρου** τοις απολλυμενοις μωρια εστιν τοις δε σωζομενοις ημειν δυναμις θεεστιν

1st Qorint'tiym (Corinthians) 1:18

For the preaching of the **two sticks**

(**στρου**) is to those that perish foolishness, but to "The Ones Being Saved" it is the power of **Elohiym** (**θυ**).

The Righteous Branch Brings Both Houses of Yisra'el Together

You will notice that this illustration of the two branches or two sticks resembles the Ancient Hebrew letter **Y** "Waw" (Vav in Modern Hebrew) which is a "nail" or a "tent peg." There are "two tent pegs" (for two tents) or *Two Houses of Yisra'el* in the name of our Messiah Yahuwshuwa.



This name "Joshua" in the Hebrew TaNaKh (Old Testament) is seen with 6 Hebrew Letters from right to left in Ancient Paleo Pictographs: **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ**

Yod, Hey, Waw, Shin, Waw, Ayin


In English these letters are represented as **YaHuWShuWA**. The Hebrew Letters for the name Joshua are seen as follows in Modern Hebrew: **יהושוע**.

This is why the name of our Savior Yahuwshuwa is so important! His name reveals his plan of salvation to us. When Yahuwshuwa returns, and brings together these “two sticks” into one stick (Ezekiel 37:16-17), then his name will no longer be YaHuWShuWA at his second coming. For he will then be called “YaHuWaH” because there will no longer be “Two Houses of Yisra’el” for both houses will be united as only “One House of Yisra’el!”

And so there will no longer be “two tent pegs” or “two nails” in his name or “two waws.” *The Whole House of Yisra’el* will be under “one tent” or one covering, in Messiah’s New Millennial Kingdom! The book of Revelation confirms this:

Chazown (Revelation) 1:

*7 Behold, he comes with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and **they also which pierced him:** and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Awmane.*

8 I am ALEF & TAW  the beginning and the ending, says YHWH, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

You will notice that it was *YaHuWaH the Almighty* who was pierced and he is the one who is coming back for his bride!

***Note:** in our English Bibles, whenever we see the term “*the Lord*” in the New Testament, it is difficult to know whether or not it is speaking of the proper name of YaHuWaH or if it is the word “*master*.”

But if we look up the original word in the Hellenic Manuscripts, we can know for sure by the use of these two letters “*kappa sigma*” (KC) which are abbreviations or “place-markers” for the proper name of YaHuWaH. Because the Greeks could not properly translate the name YaHuWaH into Greek with the Greek Alphabet, they simply used the letters *KC* or *Kappa Sigma* to let the reader know that they should say the proper name of YaHuWaH in Hebrew when they see these letters. Later on in the 1500’s Erasmus created a brand new word for the place-marker KC (Kappa Sigma) and called it “*kurios*” which is the Modern Greek translation for “*Lord*,” which simply means “*master*.” You can view the original manuscripts at this website to find out if the word being used in a given verse is “*master*” or if it is the proper name of the Creator YaHuWaH.

And so in our English Bibles, it says that it was “*the Lord*” or “*the Master*” who was pierced, but the Codex Sinaiticus tells us that the actual word there is not Master or Lord at all---it is the sacred name of YaHuWaH!

The Apostle Sha’uwl (Paul) also spoke of these two branches in *Romans 11*. He referred to the “*wild branches*” (Ephrayim) as “Gentiles” and he referred to the “*natural branches*” (Yisra’el) or “Jews,” because when the whole house is united under one king Yisra’el always referred to themselves as “Yahuwdiy” or Jews since they were under the “scepter” or authority of their Jewish King. It is for this reason that prophecy refers to our Mashiyach as THE BRANCH:

*Yirmeyahuw (Jeremiah) 23:5 Behold, the days come, says YHWH, that I will raise unto Dawiyd (David) a **Righteous Branch**, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.*

*Yirmeyahuw (Jeremiah 33:15) In those days, and at that time, will I cause **the Branch of Righteousness** to grow up unto Dawiyd (David); and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.*

When Yahuwshuwa returns we will all be grafted into HIM as ONE BRANCH!

Horizontal & Vertical Meet

Many people in the Messianic and Hebraic Roots community are offended at the Roman symbol called “the cross,” because it was used as a pagan symbol for Tammuz and Mithras. But long before the pagans hi-jacked this symbol, it was used as an illustration for the *Alef & Taw*.

In our Mashiyach’s name there are 6 Paleo Hebrew Letters and they are seen with “two nails.” The number “6” is the number for mankind because YaHuWaH created Adam (man) on the 6th day. Yahuwshuwa died as “*the Son of Man*.” There are also 6 commandments that teach us how to love our fellow-man, to correspond with the 6 Hebrew letters to the name of Mashiyach Yahuwshuwa (YHWSWA).

Within these 10 Commandments, the first 4 of these commandments teach us

how to love **YaHuWaH**. And since there are also 4 Hebrew Letters to the Father's name, we can see yet another pattern as follows: **יהוה**

Yod, Hey, Waw, Hey

The Father's name has 4 letters and the Son's name has 6 letters which equals 10 letters for the *Ten Commandments*! But these ten "hang on" only *Two Commandments*. When the Pharisees asked Yahuwshuwa "*Which is the Great Commandment in the Towrah?*" This was his reply to them:

Mattithyahuw (Matthew) 22:38-40

37 Yahuwshuwa said unto him, You shall love YHWH your Elohiym with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

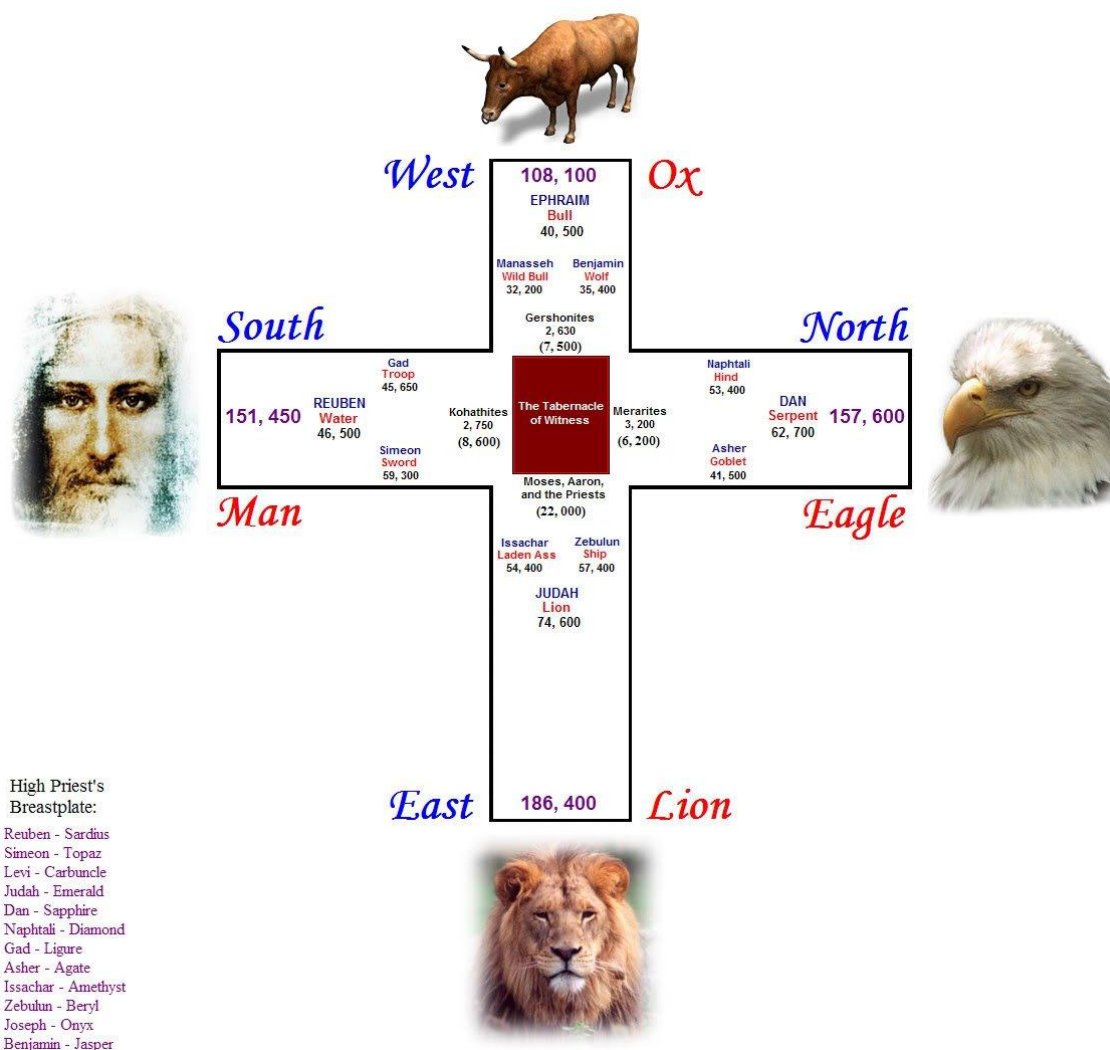
39 And the second is like unto it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

And so we can see that the first four commandments out of the ten teach us how to love YaHuWaH. And the latter six commandments out of the ten teach us how to love our fellow man. That is why Yahuwshuwa summed up the ten into two.

The illustration of the Taw (cross) therefore depicts a vertical pole which represents the vertical relationship between the Father and the Son as well as our own relationship with the Heavenly Father. And the horizontal pole represents our horizontal relationship with one another. It also represents the earthly priesthood of Levites (horizontal), and the eternal (heavenly) priesthood of Melchizedek which is vertical. And so the *Alef & Taw* perfectly unites Father and Son, and the "*Two Houses of Yisra'el!*"

The Congregation in the Wilderness Arranged in the Shape of a Cross or Taw



Pictured above, we see that the *Twelve Tribes of Yisra'el* were arranged in the shape of a "cross" or a "Taw" in the wilderness. Each of the four creatures shown above are also mentioned in Ezekiel 1:10 as "*the living creatures.*" The fact that our Mashiyach Yahuwshuwa was nailed to two trees in the shape of a "Taw" (two crossed sticks) is highly significant because this shows that his bride (Yisra'el) is his body, and he bore our sins upon his own body:

1st Keefa (Peter) 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed.

*Romiym (Romans) 12:5 So we, being many, are **one body in Mashiyach**, and every one members one of another.*

Once again we see that the bride---the body of Messiah is joined by the two crossed sticks or the Taw!

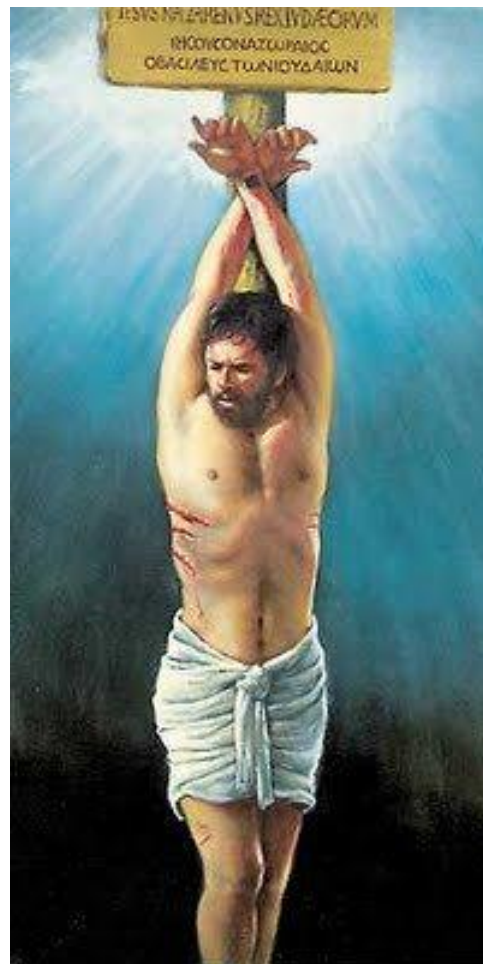
The Stake or Pole?

The Jehovah's Witnesses are the main proponents of the belief that our Mashiyach Yahuwshuwa died on an upright pole and not a cross or two sticks. Those who would argue that our Mashiyach was nailed to a single pole or a stake think that the "cross" is a pagan symbol. But even the **Asherah Pole** is a pagan symbol used to worship a pagan fertility goddess known as "Asherah." We are commanded in scripture to destroy these these Asherah Poles! (Exodus 34:13, Deuteronomy 7:5, 12:3, 2nd Chronicles 31:1). And what does an "Asherah Pole" look like? It is an "upright pole" called an "obelisk" and it is supposed to represent Nimrod's uncircumcised penis! If our Messiah was crucified on a "pole" then he was sacrificed on this pagan idol seen below!



Pictured to the right is an illustration that the Jehovah's Witnesses use to try to "prove" that Mashiyach was executed on a pole. But Mashiyach carried his own cross to the place of execution:

*Mattithyahuw (Matthew) 27:32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: **him***



they compelled to bear his cross.

And so what did he carry if the stake was already standing there as a permanent structure? The Romans did not use a different pole or stake every time they executed a different prisoner. The pole or stake was permanently in the ground like a modern telephone pole. It had to be secured into the ground with rocks and mortar and driven deep into the ground for stability. They did not do this every time they had to crucify another person. Mashiyach did not carry his own pole to the place of execution. He carried a “cross-beam” across his shoulders and then it was fastened to the stauros that was already standing there as a permanent structure.

Wasn't the Cross a Symbol of Tammuz the sun-god?

Some would argue that the cross is a pagan symbol for Tammuz. Pictured



below is the difference between the cross of Ba'al or Tammuz which is more like a *“plus sign”* enclosed in a circle for the pagan sun-god versus the cross of our Mashiyach which is the last letter in the Hebrew Alphabet known as the *“Taw.”*

The Taw (cross) was never meant to symbolize sun-god worship. The brightest star in the solar system is the sun, and Yahuwshuwa is described as the *“the sun of righteousness”* (Malachi 4:2) and he is also *“the bright and morning star”* (Revelation 22:16). But Satan wants to steal worship away from Yahuwshuwa and he wants us to believe that he is the “bright and morning star” (see Isaiah 14:12 in all modern translations). The modern versions say that the *“morning star”* fell from heaven, implying that it was Mashiyach who fell from heaven.

But the King James Version uses the Hebrew Masoretic text which says *“heylel ben shachar”* which means *“son of the morning.”* This is accurate, because it means that Lucifer was merely a *“son”* (a created being). The modern translations like NIV, NASB, CJB use the Greek Septuagint which says *“boker kokab”* (the morning star). This is incorrect as the Gnostics are deliberately deviating from the Hebrew Masoretic text by calling Lucifer *“the morning star.”*

It is Mashiyach Yahuwshuwa who is the bright and morning star--not Lucifer:

*Chazown (Revelation) 2:28 And I will give him the **morning star**.*

*Chazown (Revelation) 22:16 I Yahuwshuwa have sent my angel to testify unto you these things in the congregations. I am the root and the offspring of Dawiyd (David), and **the bright and morning star**.*

This prophecy about Mashiyach being “the sun of righteousness” is not a misprint, nor is it a Catholic interpolation (as some have supposed):

*Mal’akiy (Malachi) 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall **the Sun of righteousness** arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.*

The reason why Mashiyach is being referred to here as “**the sun**” is because he came to us in the 4th Millennium (the 4th day of creation). YaHuWaH also created the sun on the 4th day of creation. Yahuwshuwa Mashiyach is also described as the “bright and morning star” and the sun is the brightest star in the solar system. Now we know the reason why sun-god worship is a sin. It is because Satan wants to take the place of Mashiyach by having people worship the “**object**” which is the sun itself rather than the one who created the sun. Yahuwshuwa also comes from the Tribe of Yahuwdah (Judah) and Judah was the 4th son born to Jacob & Leah. Mashiyach was also crucified on the 4th day of the week (Wednesday).

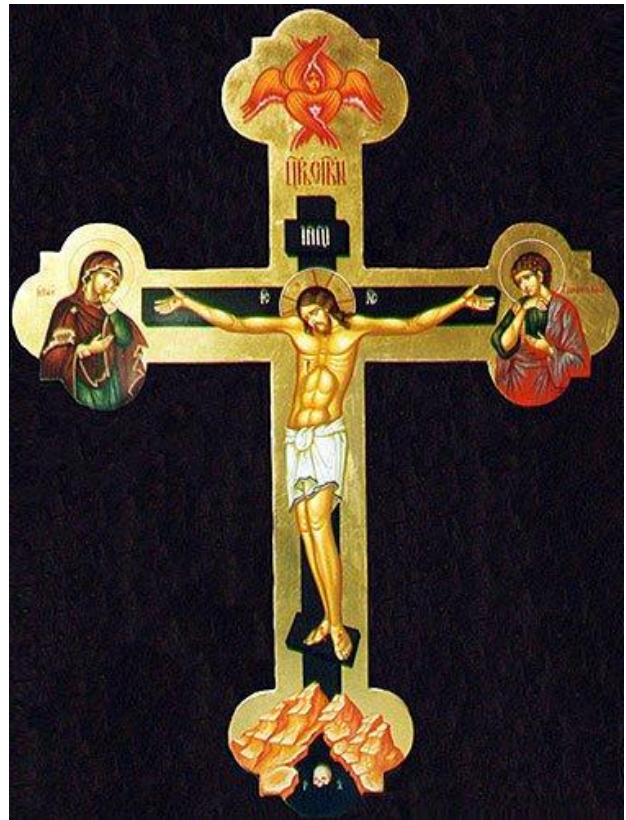
There are many created objects used as metaphors to describe Yahuwshuwa, but we are not supposed to worship the created object itself. He is seen as: the lamb, the sun, the bright and morning star, the living water, the river of life, the bread of life, the door, etc. But we obviously do not worship lambs, doors, or bread. There is a fine line between seeing our Mashiyach in metaphors within creation and worshipping those created things. In *Romans 1:25* we are told to worship the Creator instead of the created things in nature.

THE CRUCIFIX IS AN OCCULT TALISMAN USED IN SATANISM

The crucifix is used in satanic rituals and should NEVER be displayed by believers in any way, shape or form! The crucifix denies the power of the resurrection and leaves our Mashiyach DEAD ON THE CROSS!

The Roman Catholic Mass is Blasphemy:

Vatican council page 102 states: "...for in the sacrifice of the Mass, our Master is immolated." Webster's dictionary says: "immolate means to kill as a sacrificial victim."



But scripture tells us: Hebrew 6:6 "...seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of Elohiym afresh and put him to an open shame."

To crucify our Master afresh is to put him to open shame!

LOUIS BOURDALOUE, a Jesuit Catholic priest who authored the book "*The Passion of the Christ*" was born at Bourges France in 1632. An excerpt of his book reveals that the Catholic Church "crucifies" our Master over and over again at each and every mass:

*The passion of Jesus Christ, however sorrowful and ignominious it may appear to us, must nevertheless have been to Jesus Christ Himself an object of delight, since this God-man, by a wonderful secret of His wisdom and love, has willed that the mystery of it shall be continued and solemnly renewed in His Church until the final consummation of the world. For what is the Eucharist but a perpetual repetition of the Savior's passion, and what has the Savior supposed in instituting it, but that whatever passed at Calvary is not only represented but consummated on our altars? That is to say, that **He is still performing the functions of the victim anew, and is every moment virtually sacrificed, as though it were not sufficient that He should have suffered once; at least that His love, as powerful as it is free, has given to His adorable sufferings that***

character of perpetuity which they have in the Sacrament, and which renders them so salutary to us.

This is blasphemy! This Jesuit Priest readily admits that the Eucharist is a perpetual repetition of Mashiyach's suffering!

If Yahuwshuwa (Jesus) is still performing the functions of the victim anew, and is at every moment virtually sacrificed as though it were not sufficient that he should have suffered once, then why were his last words on the cross *"It is finished"*? And why does the word of Yah tell us that he *"died unto sin once"*?

The Greek translation for *"finished"* is *tetelestai*, which means, *"paid in full."* The finality of Mashiyach's finished work on the Taw (cross) has been confirmed by the tearing of the temple curtain that veiled the earthly sanctuary (the Holy of Holies) from sinful man, thus signifying that access to YaHuWaH Elohiym had been restored at that precise moment (Mark 15:38).

1994 Catholic Catechism:

#1366: "The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it represents [makes present] the sacrifice of the cross...and because it applies its fruit...the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit."

#1367: "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: the victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different. In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner."

What is the point of Yahuwshuwa offering himself in an unbloody manner if he says that without the shedding of blood there is no remission for sin? It is the *"shedding of his blood"* that purged our sins:

Ibriym (Hebrews) 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

If the Catechism states that Yahuwshuwa (Jesus) must be offered daily for the

sins we commit daily, yet it is done in an unbloody manner, then it is done in vain!

*Romiym (Romans) 6:9-10 Knowing that **Mashiyach** being raised from the dead dies **no more**; death has no more dominion over him. For in that he died, **he died unto sin once**; but in that he lives, he lives unto Elohiym.*

Mashiyach's sacrifice on the Taw (cross) was a **"once and for all"** event able to atone for our past, present and future sins! Here, scripture shows us that under the Briyth Chadashah (Renewed Covenant), Yahuwshuwa does not have to **"offer himself often"** as the Catholic Catechism falsely teaches. Here is what scripture says in sharp contrast:



Ibriym (Hebrews) 9:25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest enters into the holy place every year with blood of others.

*Ibriym (Hebrews) 9:26-28 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world has he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself... So **Mashiyach** was once offered*

to bear the sins of many.

The Inverted Cross: Symbol of the Anti-Messiah

Pictured here is Pope John Paul II in March of 2000 in Kerazim, Yisra'el. You will notice that he is seated on a throne with an inverted cross!

This is a precursor to the **"Abomination of Desolation"** spoken of by Daniel the prophet. The excuse that the Vatican uses for displaying an upside down cross is that according to "tradition" the Apostle Keefa (Peter), whom they falsely teach was the first pope was crucified upside down. There is no record in scripture of Keefa (Peter) having ever been crucified much less upside down. This

myth of Peter's "upside down" crucifixion is a concoction of Origen who was a Gnostic, and secretly a worshiper of the "sun-god."

I believe this "tradition" is merely a smoke screen in order to use the upside down cross while keeping the Catholic people unsuspecting. Yahuwshuwa told Keefa (Peter) that he would die for the glory of Elohiym. One could merely speculate that he was referring to crucifixion because of the choice of words he uses here: *"you shall stretch forth your hands."* Yet Mashiyach said *"another shall gird you"* meaning another person would "dress" him since he would be too old and feeble to dress himself. When Yahuwshuwa said that Peter would be *"carried where he would not want to go,"* the scriptures indicate that this signified what death Peter would suffer. It is possible that Peter died a martyr for his faith, yet there is no evidence of his crucifixion much less "upside down":

Yahuwchanon (John) 21:18-19 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, When you were young, you girded yourself, and walked where you would: but when you shall be old, you shall stretch forth your hands, and another shall gird you, and carry you wherever you would not." This spoke he, signifying by what death he should glorify Elohiym.

In reality the Apostle Keefa (Peter) was called to preach to the Jews, while it was the Apostle Sha'uwl (Paul) who was called to preach to the Gentiles in Rome. Peter had never even been to Rome (although the Vatican falsely claims to have the bones of Saint Peter).

In reality the persona behind this "first Pope" is none other than the man called *"Simon Pater"* the magician and sorcerer whom the Apostle Keefa (Peter) rebuked for his attempt to purchase the gift of the Ruwach ha'Qodesh (Holy Spirit) for money (Acts 8:9-24). *Simon the Sorcerer* moved to Rome later on and claimed to be a disciple of Keefa (Peter).

The name "Pater" in Latin means "Father" and the term "pappas" (pope) is Greek for "Father," hence the idea that every Pope should be called "Holy Father" is against Mashiyach's commandment in Matthew 23:9. It is noteworthy to mention, that if the upright cross is a pagan symbol, then why does Satan need to invert it? It should be pagan enough as an upright symbol---right? But the fact that Satan always does things backwards and upside down or opposite of what YaHuWaH does, it stands to reason that if Mashiyach's

symbol is the Taw (cross), then Satan's symbol is the very same one only upside down and distorted!

The Distorted Disfigured Crucifix

After his father died, Constantine felt that he was the rightful heir to his father's throne, but Maxentius was also in line to take the throne as the next Emperor of Rome. So in 312 A.D., on October 28th at the Stone Milvian Bridge at the Tiber River, Constantine's enemy, Maxentius and his army stood between Constantine and the throne. As Constantine and his troops were greatly outnumbered, tradition says that Constantine saw a vision of a "cross" in the sky as he heard the words "*in this sign conquer.*"



This is an amazing discovery in light of Revelation 6:2, as the Anti-Messiah (Antichrist) riding a white horse goes forth conquering:

Chazown (Revelation) 6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

The "bowed crucifix" carried by the pope is deliberately bent to associate him with the rider on the white horse of Revelation 6:2, and this "bow" is symbolic for Nimrod who was a mighty hunter.

And so the "bow" is used to symbolize the Anti-Messiah as well. Constantine was one of the "historical" Antichrists because he mingled "Christianity" with paganism. As a result of this "vision" he claimed to have been converted to "Christianity."

However, the "cross" which Constantine saw in the sky was actually an Egyptian "*Ankh*," which is a detestable idol to YaHuWaH. This Egyptian "*Ankh*" came from the recycled ancient Babylonian religion of Nimrod and



Semiramis. It symbolized the sun-god “Ba’al” (Horus in Egypt) and in Rome, this same deity was called “Sol.” Below is pictured the cross that Constantine claimed to have seen in the sky:

This is an Egyptian Ankh. The “*upside down egg*” is a symbol of the fertility goddess, and Tammuz is the reincarnation (supposedly) of Nimrod, one of the many different sun-gods, wherein his symbol later became a capital “T.”

On top of the capitol “T”, the loop is symbolic for his mother/wife Semiramis who gave herself the title “*the goddess of the moon*” or “*The Queen of Heaven*” (Jeremiah 7 & 44). While Constantine claimed to be converted to Christianity, he still secretly worshiped the sun-god. He simply incorporated the story of the gospel into is religion of the sun-deity.

“A Pattern of Prayer in the Tabernacle Entrances”

Exodus 38:18-19, Exodus 36:37-38, Exodus 36:35-36

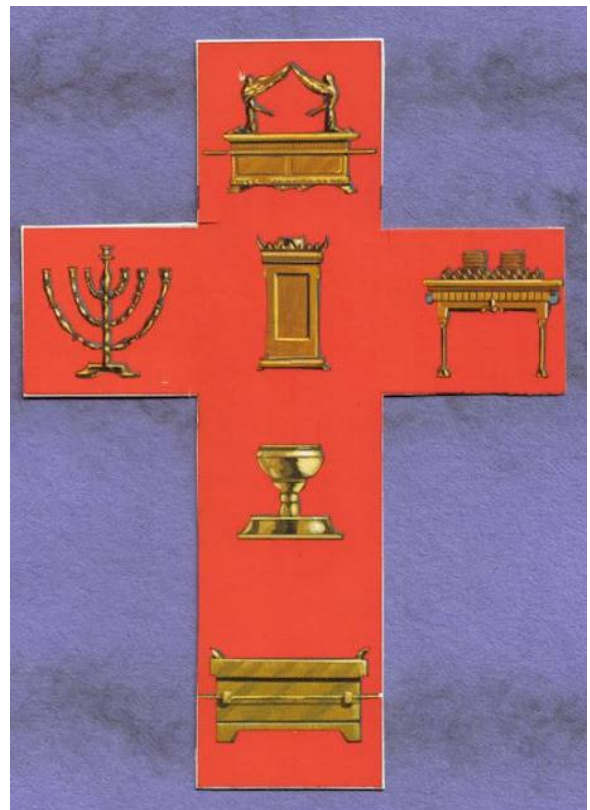
There were three entrances into the Tabernacle of Moses:

The Gate - The Door - The Veil
The Truth - The Way - The Life

Yahuwchanon (John) 14:6

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The Tabernacle is a picture of Mashiyach’s body being crucified for us and the bride is “*the body of Mashiyach.*” In Revelation 1:20 Yahuwshuwa has the seven menorah’s



(lampstands) in his right hand. The seven lampstands are *"the seven assemblies"* (set apart ones, the bride). This is where his right hand was stretched out and nailed. And this is where the lampstand is located in the tabernacle (on the right side), as he is now seated *"at the right hand of Elohiym"* and we, (his bride) are also "seated in heavenly places" with him (Romans 8:34, Hebrews 10:12, Ephesians 2:6).

His feet are like bronze in *Revelation 3:18* and the bronze altar is at the bottom of the tabernacle (where his feet were). His feet symbolize *"crushing the serpent's head with his heel."* The *"Holy of Holies"* is where his face is. We see him face to face when we are in *"The Holy of Holies."* The table of show-bread is in his left hand (the hidden manna in *Revelation 3:17*), the altar of incense is at his heart which symbolizes worship.

Chazown (Revelation) 5:8 tells us that the *"incense is the prayers of the set-apart ones"* or the saints and this means that the bride (his body) worships from the heart (where his heart would've been positioned on the cross). The *"bronze laver"* is where the water gushed out of his side!

The Tabernacle of Mosheh is in the shape of a cross, and it represents Mashiyach's body, his bride:

1st Qorin'tiym (Corinthians) 12:27 Now you are the body of Mashiyach, and members in particular.

The bride is also the New Yerushalayim (Jerusalem), but YaHuWaH himself and the Lamb collectively make up the temple:

Chazown (Revelation) 21:

2 And I Yahuwchanon (John) saw the holy city, New Yerushalayim (Jerusalem), coming down from Elohiym out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of Elohiym is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and Elohiym himself shall be with them, and be their Elohiym.

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Master YHWH יהוה Ēl Shaddai and the Lamb are the temple of it.

The Two Sons: Ephrayim & Yahuwdah

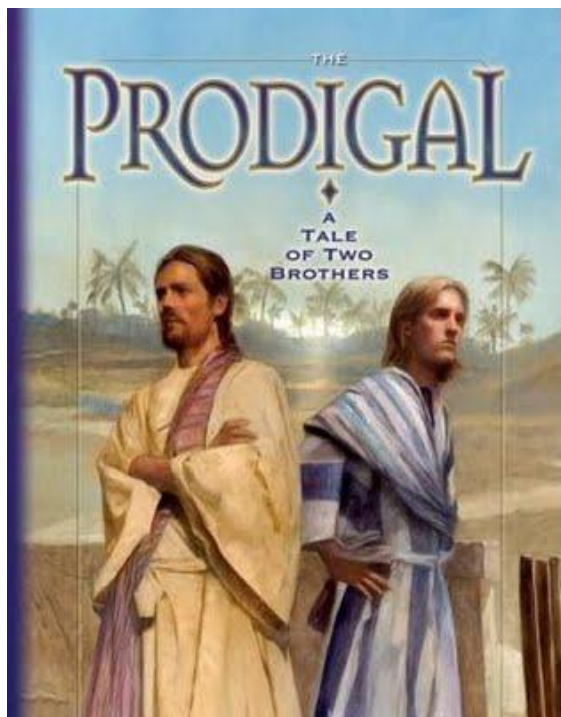
In the story of the prodigal son, the older son represents the *Two Southern Tribes of Yahuwdah (Judah) & BinYamiyn (Benjamin)*.

But the younger son represents the *Ten Northern Tribes of Ephrayim*. When The younger son typified as Ephrayim came back home to the Father and his commandments (Towrah), the Father gave him 3 things:

- 1.) The fatted calf (red heifer for cleansing, atonement).
- 2.) The ring (signet ring or signature, the name, authority, power of attorney).
- 3.) The robe (wedding garment, covering, provision).

Luqas (Luke) 15:

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you,



19 And am no more worthy to be called your son: make me as one of your hired servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight, and am no more worthy to be called your son.

22 But the father said to his servants, **Bring forth the best robe**, and put it on him; and **put**

a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

As you can see here, the fatted calf is for Ephrayim because Ephrayim is called a “heifer” in Hoshea’s prophecy.

This is why the symbol of the “*Alef*” is the symbol of the bull or the ox. Thus, the *Alef & Taw* is for both prodigal sons (Ephrayim & Yahuwdah). You see, at the first coming of Yahuwshuwa, the older son represented Yahuwdah (Judah) and the younger son represented Ephrayim. But after Yahuwshuwa died on the cross for Ephrayim and the nations began to accept the gospel, then the “tables turned.” After the nation of Yahuwdah (Judah) rejected their Messiah, then Judah then became the “prodigal son” who was banished into the nations after the Roman Siege in 70 A.D. The families switched places.

Once both prodigal sons receive atonement for their sins, the Father will give them his name, YaHuWaH as a “ring” on their finger (symbolic of an engagement ring). And then he will also give them a robe or a wedding garment as a covering in order to be allowed into the wedding (Matthew 22:11-12). He will also give them “shoes on their feet” symbolic of their inheritance of land (Joshua 1:3).



The *Alef & Taw* is prophetically a picture of Yahuwshuwa Mashiyach. He is the “*Alef*” because he is the “*Red Heifer*” which sanctifies the altar of our hearts. He is also the “*Taw*” as he is the physical representation of the *Two Sticks* or *Two Trees* for the *Two Houses of Ephraim & Yahuwdah*.

Yahuwshuwa Mashiyach laid down his life as the “*Alef*” or the Red Heifer, on the “*Taw*” or the “two sticks” for both Yahuwdiy (Jew) and Gentile to gather together his sheep from the *Two Houses of Yisra’el*!

***Note to the reader:**

In all of my articles, I am quoting from the 1634 King James Version of the Bible, (unless otherwise stated). However, I have updated archaic words such as **“thee, thou, art, hitherto, thy, thine”** etc. I have also restored the sacred names of deity as they have been removed 7,000 times from the original Hebrew Scriptures. Instead of “the LORD” I use four English letters to represent the four Hebrew letters in our Creator’s name: Yod, Hey, Waw, Hey as YHWH (called the Tetragrammaton). I have inserted lower case letters into YaHuWaH to aid in pronunciation. The word “God” has been restored to the Hebrew “Elohiym”, and the Messiah’s name has been restored from “Jesus” to ancient Hebrew for “Joshua” which is represented by six Hebrew Letters: Yod, Hey, Waw, Shin, Waw, Ayin (YHWSWA). I spell the name of our Messiah as Yahuwshuwa which can be seen in the Strong’s Hebrew Concordance #3091. The modern spelling is Yehowshuwa because of something called “the pre-tonal shortening rule” that was purposely invented to conceal the name of our Heavenly Father. After the Babylonian Captivity, the House of Judah deliberately placed a “ban” on pronouncing the name of our Creator and today in Judaism, they simply refer to him as “ha’Shem” (the name) or “Adonai” (master). But scripture commands us to “call upon the name of YHWH” for salvation (Joel 2:32, Romans 10:13). Hence this “ban” on pronouncing the name of our Creator is a violation of the 3rd Commandment “you shall not take the name of YHWH in vain.” That word for “vain” means “to make his name empty.” Also, for the title “Messiah” I use the Hebrew word Mashiyach from the Hebrew text the letters appear as: Mem, Shin, Yod, Chets (MSYC). Also, there are many names of patriarchs and biblical personalities whose names contain the first three letters of our Father’s name (called the trigrammaton). Examples of these names are: YaHuW’ceph (Joseph), YaHuW’shuwa (Joshua), YaHuW’chanon (John), YaHuW’nathan (Jonathan), EliYaHuW (Elijah), YirmeYaHuW (Jeremiah), YeshaYaHuW (Isaiah), have the first three letters to the Creators name in them. I have restored those names where ever possible and I also include the Hebrew names for books of the Bible with the English name in parenthesis. In Modern Hebrew, the Creator’s name has been removed, from many of these names and they have been shortened to: Y’shua (Joshua), Yosef (Joseph), Yonathan (Jonathan) etc. The reason for this is because in the Jewish Talmud there is a man-made law that enforces a “ban” on pronouncing the sacred name of our Creator. This is against the scriptures, as we are commanded not to “add nor remove” words from the original inspired scriptures (see Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32, Proverbs 4:6, Revelation 22:18-19). Why should this matter? In Zephaniah 3:9 we read an important end-time prophecy about how YaHuWaH is going to restore the human race back to a “pure language” so that we may all “call upon him with one consent.” That pure language is Ancient Hebrew as we find that our Creator actually created the Hebrew Alphabet at Creation. Here is how it reads in the original Hebrew Old Testament:

Bereshiyth (Genesis) 1:1 In the beginning Elohiym created  ALEF & TAW the heaven (shamayim) and  WAW, ALEF & TAW the earth (erets).

The first and last letter of the Hebrew Alphabet is called the “Alef” (A) and the “Taw” (T). These letters are seen in Ancient Paleo Hebrew Pictographs as “the red heifer” or the ox head  and the two sticks (the cross) 

The letter “Waw” is a picture of the “nail” or the “tent peg.” Hence, the message in these three letters is: *“the red heifer sacrifice, the nail, and the cross!”* Since there are 22 Letters in the Hebrew alphabet, and YaHuWaH created us in his image and by the “spoken word” (made up of letters) these letters contain “frequencies” by which everything in the material world exists! That is why there are 22 strands in the human DNA!

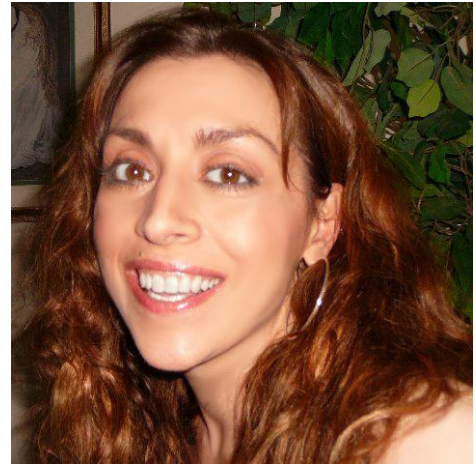
In Revelation 1:8, 1:11, 21:6, 22:13, the Messiah is called “the Alef & Taw” (Alpha & Omega) in Greek. The entire Hebrew Alphabet is a schematic of him! Hence the reason why being restored to the Edenic Language from creation is part of the “restoration of all things” (Acts 3:21).

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