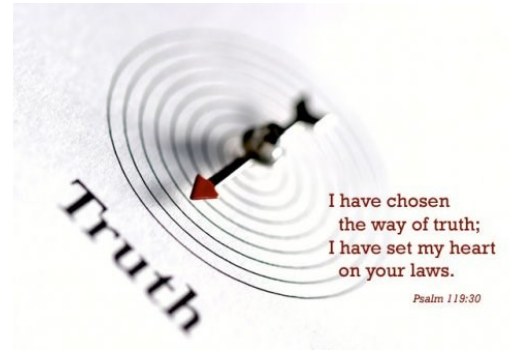


Psalms 119 & the Hebrew Aleph Bet - Part 19



The nineteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is called “*Qof*” (pronounced *kof*) and has the sound of “k” or “q” as in “queen”. It appears in the following three forms:

Book Print	Manual Print	Cursive

Writing the Letter: *Qof*

	This letter looks like the English “P”, except that the curved part doesn’t connect with the stem.
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The *aleph bet* is what modern Hebrew calls the alphabet (22 letters that *Yahweh* used to speak the universe into existence). But Biblically, *Aleph Tav* are the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Each individual letter is called an Oat. Oat = sign. It is saying something (giving a Spiritual Message).

Qof is the letter which symbolizes the Bride of Christ. It signifies that which is made holy and is set apart for holy use. “It is written, Be ye HOLY, for I AM HOLY,” 1 Peter 1:16.

“Holy, Holy, Holy, is *Yahweh* of hosts, Who was and Is, and is to come!” (Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8).

Qof is the first letter of the word *Qodesh*, meaning, “HOLINESS.”

“Worship *Yahweh* in the beauty of HOLINESS,” Psalm 29:2.

“For *Yahweh* hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. This is My Rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with Salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy,” Psalm 132:13-16.



Spiritual Meaning of the *Qof*

Qof = K, Q and 100 and means “LAST”, “LEAST”, “HOLY” and “HOLINESS”



“It is a great deal better to live a holy life than to talk about it. Lighthouses do not ring bells or fire cannons to call attention to their shining – they just shine.”

– Dwight L Moody

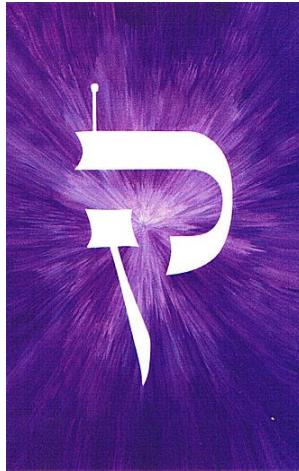
During the days of the Temple, if one found a container marked with the letter *Qof* (ק) it was immediately identified as a container bearing consecrated contents.

Qof (ק) was used to label sacred objects, because this letter symbolizes “holiness” and marks that which is holy.

Yahweh is HOLY, and He desires holiness on behalf of His People, saying, “You shall be holy, for I AM HOLY,” Leviticus 19:26.

The Tzaddi (the letter just before Qof) is the letter of Righteousness. Are these two letters bearing the exact same message? No! Tzaddi is the walk of Righteousness – but holiness is the END OF THE PATH. It is the final goal of Righteousness by Faith.

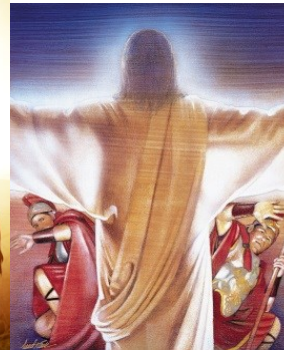
Romans 6:19 “...For as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.”



Only the 144,000 – Christ’s Bride, will full partake of the full *Qof* experience. They will (by Yah’s Grace) reach the End of the Way of Holiness:

Isaiah 35:8 “And an Highway shall be there, and a Way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it...”

Isaiah 62:12 “And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of Yahweh: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.”



Paul stated that Yahshua has become “our righteousness, HOLINESS and redemption,” 1 Corinthians 1:30.

The true Church are those “...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying (making holy) work of the Spirit, for obedience to Yahshua Messiah.” 1 Peter 1:2

Yahweh makes us holy in order that we may live righteously, but also, we are to live righteously – empowered only by *Yah* – that we may grow in Holiness. Thus, there is the aspect of being made holy as well as the aspect of developing Holiness.



Hebrew Words Beginning with Qof:

Hebrew Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
קדוש	<i>kadosh</i>	“holiness” – Isaiah tells us that the angels in Heaven praise God saying, “ <i>Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh is Yahweh, Master of Legions, the whole world is filled with His Glory,</i> ” Isaiah 6:3.
קדשים	<i>kedoshin</i>	“separation from all others for the sake of her future husband”. When a Hebrew woman becomes engaged, she enters a period of <i>kedoshin</i> . This is a shadow-picture of Christ’s People and their forsaking of all idolatry for His Sake.
קדָשִׁים	<i>Kadashim</i>	(kah-dah-SHEEM) Holy things; consecrated things; sacrifices.
קדש אה השם	Qadesh et HaShem	(ka-DAYSH et hash-SHEM) n. To sanctify the Name of God by noble deeds or by martyrdom.

Qof: When Man Really Does Become an Ape



In light of all that *Qof* teaches concerning holiness, it may come as a surprise to learn that *Qof*'s name, spelled out - קוף - means “monkey”. How can this be? What does a monkey have to do with holiness? As one Hebrew scholar explained:

When a man does not elevate himself beyond the ordinary, when a man does not act in a way to create sacredness, when a man does not endow his situation with holiness, man is no more than an ape. (Robert M Haralick, The Inner Meaning of the Hebrew Letters, p 269)

Scripture speaks often of man’s baser, carnal or “animal” nature. Holiness may easily be mimicked, or “aped”. Apart from indwelling godliness, we can become worse than animals. We are to be on our guard, to not allow the carnal man to take over the driver’s seat of our souls.

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true Righteousness and Holiness,” Ephesians 4:22-24.

Qof (ק) is the only letter which extends below the line. (Other letters only extend below the line in their FINAL forms, but not in their standard form, as does the letter *Qof*.) In addition to holiness, *Qof* also represents the depths to which mankind may sink, by acting like animals and just going with our carnal impulses and feelings. Doing this is the opposite of holiness.

Qof words include Kadosh (holy).

The holiness of God is His "specialness". He is to be honored above all else.

Korban (sacrifice) is also a Qof word.

Qof comes from the root Karev which means to come close.

A Qof year is a year to come closer to God.

Qof: Shows Zion vs. Babylon

Occurring over 150 times in the Bible, the word “Zion” essentially means “fortification.” In the Bible, Zion is both the city of David and the city of God. As the Bible progresses, the word “Zion” transitions from referring primarily to a physical city to having a more spiritual meaning. Zion, represents the People of Yahweh – the Holy People – His Bride:

Isaiah 51:16 “...Say unto Zion, thou art My people.”

Psalms 125:1 “...They that trust in YHWH shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.”

THE PEOPLE WHO TRUST IN YHWH

WILL BE MOUNT ZION!

Yahweh’s Temple – His House – is built up of individual stones – each of which represents a saved PERSON:

- 1 Peter 2:5 “**Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to YAH by *Yahshua*.”
- Ephesians 2:19-21 “...Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yahshua Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy Temple in *YHWH*.”

It is the Zion of Yahweh’s people, not the literal city of Jerusalem that is foretold in Micah’s End-time Prophecy:

- Micah 4:1-2 “But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of YHWH [or a living temple built with living stones] shall be established in the top of the mountains, it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YHWH, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He teach us of His Ways, and we will walk in His Paths: for the Law shall go forth of Zion, and the of YHWH from Jerusalem.”

Zion is also the STONE, foretold in Daniel’s vision, which Yahweh uses to break the kingdoms of the heathen nations at the end of the world. We know this by connecting Daniel 2 with Jeremiah 51:

- Daniel 2:34 & 45 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands ... Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands...
- Jeremiah 51:20 “Thou art My battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms.”

Bible Prophecy Compares Both the Bride of Christ – Zion - AND the Whore of Revelation – Babylon – to Women:

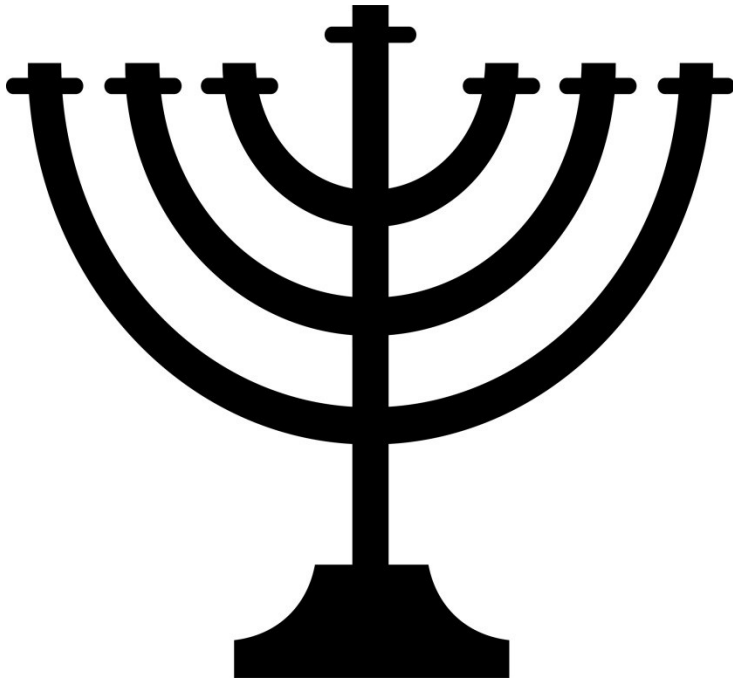
- Jeremiah 6:2 “I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.”
- Revelation 17:5 “And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, **BABYLON** the Great, the **MOTHER** of HARLOTS and Abominations of the Earth.”
- “Come out of her My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and receive not of her plagues...”

The letter *Qof* is a reminder that WE are being CALLED OUT OF BABYLON – INTO ZION!



The First Set of Seven Letters:

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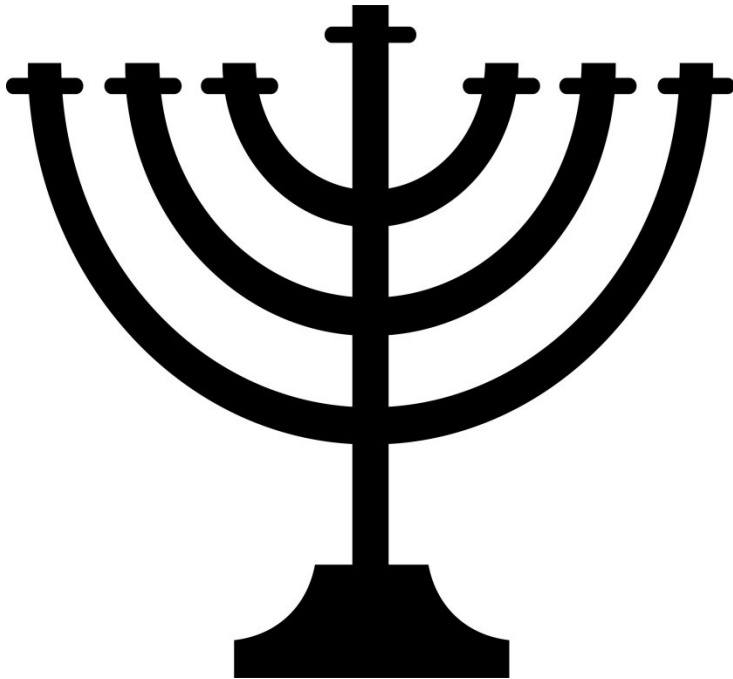


The first seven Hebrew letters portray the GOSPEL:

א	<i>Aleph</i> – In <i>Yah's</i> Image
ב	<i>Beit</i> – <i>Yah's</i> Word, Tabernacling in Flesh
ג	<i>Gimel</i> – The Elijah Message
ד	<i>Dalet</i> – ...I Stand at the Door and Knock
ה	<i>Hey</i> – The Breath of <i>Yah</i>
ו	<i>Vav</i> – Man Joined with Heaven
ז	<i>Zayin</i> – Sword (Weapon) of our Warfare

The Second Set of Seven Letters:

ח ט י כ ל מ נ



The second grouping of seven Hebrew letters portray the SPIRITUAL WALK:

ח	<i>Chet</i> – Abundant Life is found in <i>Yah</i>
ט	<i>Tet</i> – Judgment – Life (Fruit of Spirit) in Death to Self
י	<i>Yod</i> – The Hand (Works) of <i>Yah</i>
כ	<i>Kaf</i> – Grace-empowered Works (Obedience)
ל	<i>Lamed</i> – A Light to the World
מ	<i>Mem</i> – Living Water from the Belly
נ	<i>Nun</i> – Fish, Building up the Church, Humility

In the final series of letters, we find *Yah's* Promises and Encouragements as well as Warnings. *Tzaddi* is the center letter. From *tzaddi* radiate both the Promises awaiting the person who hungers and thirsts after RIGHTEOUSNESS, as well as the warnings which accompany unrighteous living. *Tzaddi* is an exceedingly important letter, because its name (*tzaddi*) is the root of the word (*tzaddik*), which means “righteousness” or “righteous man”. It is fitting that *tzaddi* should follow *ayin* rather than precede it since “the eyes of *Yahweh* are on the righteous,” (1 Peter 3:12).

The Third Set of Seven Letters:



The third grouping of seven Hebrew letters portray *Yah's* PROMISES and WARNINGS to His Church:

ס	<i>Samech</i> – We are Supported and Encompassed by <i>Yah</i>
ע	<i>Ayin</i> – Eye – Window to the Soul
פ	<i>Peh</i> – The Power of Speech (Living Word)
צ	<i>Tzaddi</i> – The Righteousness of the Saints
ק	<i>Kof</i> – Holy unto <i>Yahweh</i>
ר	<i>Resh</i> – Human Reasoning vs. Obedience
ש	<i>Shin</i> – Peace and Protection

And the Final Hebrew letter (*Tav*) ת is set apart – on its own – the Capstone Message which underlies all the three sets – it is the letter of the Cross of Messiah!

Psalms 119:145-152 Shows the Qof: In Psalms 119:145-152, we find the *Qof* (*Kuf*) section. In this part of Psalms 119, we see what it means to be pursue holiness, as a true part of *Yah's* Church:

ק	19 KUF
קראתי בכל לב עוני יהוה חקיו אצרה:	145 I have called with my whole heart. Answer me, <i>Yahweh</i> ! I will keep your statutes .
CHOQ YHWH	
קראתיך הושיעני ואשמרה עולתיך:	146 I have called to you. Save me! I will obey your statutes .
EDAH	
קדמתי בנשוף ואשועה לדבריך לדברך יחלתי:	147 I rise before dawn and cry for help. I put my hope in your words .
DABAR	
קדמו עיני אשמרות לשיח באמרתך:	148 My eyes stay open through the night watches, that I might meditate on your word .
IMRAH	
קולי שמעה כחסדך יהוה כמשפטך חניני:	149 Hear my voice according to your loving kindness. Revive me, <i>Yahweh</i> , according to your ordinances .
MISHPAT YHWH	
קרבו רדפי זמה מתורתך רחוקי:	150 They draw near who follow after wickedness. They are far from your law .
TORAH	
קרוב אתה יהוה וכל מצותיך אמת:	151 You are near, <i>Yahweh</i> . All your commandments are truth.
MITSVAH YHWH	
קדם ידעתי מצותיך כי לעולם יסדתם:	152 Of old I have known from your testimonies , that you have founded them forever.
EDAH	

Keyword Study: Psalms 119:145-146 (words starting with *Qof* are highlighted)

“KOPH. **I cried** with **my whole heart**; **hear me**, O LORD: **I will keep Thy Statutes**. **I cried** unto Thee; **save me**, and I shall keep Thy Testimonies.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
I Cried	H7121	qârâ'	A primitive root (rather identical with H7122 through the idea of <i>accosting</i> a person met); to <i>call</i> out to (that is, properly <i>address</i> by name...): that are bidden, call (for, forth, self, upon), cry (unto), (be) famous, guest, invite, mention, (give) name, preach, (make) proclaim (-ation), pronounce, publish, read, renowned, say.
My whole	H3605	kôl	the <i>whole</i> ; hence <i>all</i> , <i>any</i> or <i>every</i> , altogether... (the) whole
heart	H3820	lêb	the <i>heart</i> ; the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the <i>centre</i> of anything: care for, understanding
Hear me	H6030	ʿânâh	to <i>eye</i> or (generally) to <i>heed</i> , <i>pay attention</i> ; to <i>respond</i> ; <i>begin</i> to speak; (cause to, give) answer, hear...
I will keep	H5341	nâtsar	to <i>guard</i> , in a good sense (to <i>protect</i> , <i>maintain</i> , <i>obey</i> , etc.)... keep (-er, -ing), monument, observe, preserve (-r), subtil, watcher (-man).
Thy Statutes	H2706	chôq	an <i>enactment</i> ; an <i>appointment</i> , appointed, bound, commandment, convenient, custom, decree, due, law, measure, necessary, ordinance, portion, set time, statute, task
Save me	H3467	yâsha'	to <i>be open</i> , <i>wide</i> or <i>free</i> , to <i>be safe</i> ; causatively to <i>free</i> or <i>succor</i> : - defend, deliver, help, preserve, rescue, be safe, bring (having) salvation, save (-iour), get victory

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

I call out to you Yahweh with my whole being. I respectfully, yet desperately (like Jacob wrestling with the angel) accost You, wholeheartedly beseeching You to please pay attention to me, heed me, and respond to me. Please, Father, Speak to me! Please, Father, answer my cries. I will guard and protect Your Commandments. I will keep Your Appointment Times and Decrees. Free me and help me to get the victory over my sinfulness. Enable me, in this way, to obey You and to follow Your Testimonies.

Cross References: Psa_61:1-2, Psa_62:8, Psa_86:4, Psa_102:1 Psa_142:1-2; 1Sa_1:10, 1Sa_1:15; Jer_29:13; Jdg_10:15-16; Mat_1:21; Tit_2:14, Tit_3:4-8

Keyword Study: Psalms 119:147-148 (words starting with Qof are highlighted)

“**I prevented** the dawning of the morning, **and cried**: **I hoped** in Thy Word. Mine eyes **prevent** the night watches, that I might **meditate** in Thy Word.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
I prevented	H6923	qâdam	to <i>project</i> (one self), <i>precede</i> ; to <i>anticipate</i> , <i>hasten</i> , <i>meet</i> (usually for help): - come (go, [flee]) before, meet, prevent.
The dawning	H5399	nesheph	a <i>breeze</i> , <i>dusk</i> (when the evening breeze prevails): - dark, dawning of the day (morning), night, twilight.
and cried	H7768	shâva'	to <i>be free</i> ; to <i>halloo</i> (for help, that is, <i>freedom</i> from some trouble): - cry (aloud, out), shout.
I hoped	H3176	yâchal	to <i>wait</i> ; to <i>be patient</i> , <i>hope</i> : - (cause to, have, make to) hope, be pained, stay, tarry, trust, wait.
Meditate	H7878	šîyach	to <i>ponder</i> , <i>converse</i> (with oneself, and hence aloud) or <i>utter</i> : - commune, complain, declare, meditate, muse, pray, speak, talk (with).

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

I anticipated the dawn, meeting with Yahweh and coming before Him for Help while it was yet night. I cried aloud asking to be free, crying out to Yahweh to grant me freedom. I waited, even though I was pained, I hoped and trusted in Yahweh, patiently tarrying there and waiting upon Him. I did this before the night watches were called – I pondered Your Word, communed, prayed and talked with Yahweh throughout the night, while the clock chimed the passing hours (our modern equivalent to night watches).

Cross References:

Psa_63:1, Psa_63:6, Psa_139:17-18; Lam_2:19; Luk_6:12; Psa_56:4, Psa_130:5; Heb_6:17-19; Psa_5:3, Psa_21:3, Psa_42:8, Psa_88:13, Psa_130:6; Isa_26:9; Mar_1:35

Keyword Study: Psalms 119:149-150 (words starting with *Qof* are highlighted)

“Hear **my voice** according unto **Thy lovingkindness**: O LORD, **quicken me** according to Thy Judgment. **They draw nigh** that follow after **mischief**: **they are far** from **Thy Law**.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
My voice	H6963	qôl	to <i>call</i> aloud; a <i>voice</i> or <i>sound</i> : - + aloud... proclamation, + sing, sound, spark, thundering), voice, + yell.
Thy lovingkindness	H2617	chêsêd	<i>kindness; piety; reproof, beauty</i> : - favour, good deed, kindly, (loving-) kindness, merciful (kindness), mercy, pity
Quicken me	H2421	châyâh	to <i>live</i> , to <i>revive</i> : keep (leave, make) alive, give (promise) life, (let, suffer to) live, nourish up, preserve (alive), quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life), revive, (X God) save (alive, life, lives), X surely, be whole.
Mischief	H2154	zimmâh	a <i>plan</i> , especially a bad one: - heinous crime, lewdness, mischief, purpose, thought, wicked device, wicked mind
They are far	H7368	râchaq	to <i>widen</i> (in any direction), <i>recede</i> , <i>remove</i> (literally or figuratively, of place or relation): - (a, be, cast, drive, get, go, keep [self], put, remove, be too, [wander], withdraw) far (away, off), loose, X refrain, very, (be) a good way (off).
Thy Law	H8451	tôrâh	a <i>precept</i> or <i>statute</i> , especially the <i>Decalogue</i> or <i>Pentateuch</i> : - law

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

In Your mercy, Father, please hear my voice. Because of Your kindness, please revive me, nourish me, and make me whole. Those who pursue lewdness, evil plans and wicked mindedness are near to me. They are the ones who purposely widen the gap between themselves and Your Holy Law.

Cross References: Psa_22:11-13, Psa_22:16, Psa_27:2; 1Sa_23:16; 2Sa_17:16; Mat_26:46-47, Psa_50:17; Job_21:14; Pro_1:7, Pro_1:22, Pro_28:9; Eph_2:13-14; Psa_51:1, Psa_69:16, Psa_109:21; Isa_63:7; Psa_5:2-3, Psa_55:2, Psa_64:1

Keyword Study: Psalms 119:151-152 (words starting with Qof are highlighted)

“Thou **art near**, O LORD; and all **Thy Commandments are truth**. Concerning Thy Testimonies, I have known **of old** that **Thou hast founded** them **for ever**.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Art near	H7138	qârôb	<i>near</i> (in place, kindred or time): allied, approach, at hand, + any of kin, kinsfolk (-sman), (that is) near (of kin), neighbour, next, (them that come) nigh (at hand)
Thy Commandments	H4687	mitsvâh	a <i>command</i> , (collectively the <i>Law</i>): - (which was) commanded (-ment), law, ordinance, precept
Are Truth	H571	'emeth	<i>stability; certainty, truth, trustworthiness</i> : - assuredly, establishment, faithful, right, sure, true (-ly, -th), verity.
Thou hast founded	H3245	yâsad	to <i>set</i> (literally or figuratively); intensively to <i>found</i> ; reflexively to <i>sit</i> down together, that is, <i>settle, consult</i> : - appoint, take counsel, establish, (lay the, lay for a) found (-ation), instruct, lay, ordain, set, X sure.
For ever	H5769	‘ôlâm	<i>concealed vanishing</i> point; generally time <i>out of mind</i> (past or future), <i>eternity; always</i> : ancient (time), eternal, forever (beginning of the) world (without end).

Rewrite these 2 verses using the fuller meaning you found in your Keyword study above:

You are not only near to me, but you are also near in the spiritual sense – for You are my kinsman Redeemer (Boaz was a shadow picture of Christ as our kinsman Redeemer). Not only have You permanently established Your Law, but you have made it stable, faithful and trustworthy. You give, in it, the sure words of Truth. Your testimonies and witness are from ancient times. You have laid them for an eternal foundation of instruction.

Cross References: Psa_89:34-37, Psa_111:7-8; Ecc_3:14; Luk_21:33; Psa_46:1, Psa_75:1, Psa_139:2, Psa_145:18; Deu_4:7; Mat_1:23

Psalm 119:145-152 Reveals the *Qof*

Message:

(write your own personal “Bible Commentary” Message about these verses, now that you’ve studied them. Include Cross-reference Scriptures.)

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Personal Application:

1. What was the most personally meaningful message of the *Qof* that you found in this study?

Only the 144,000 – Christ’s Bride, will fully partake of the *Qof* experience. They will (by Yah’s Grace) reach the end of the Way of Holiness (Isaiah 35:8 and Isaiah 62:12).

2. What insights about *Yahweh* did you gain?

Yahweh is calling His people into holiness. All who will, may heed this call “**For *Yahweh* hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. This is My Rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with Salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy,**” Psalm 132:13-16.