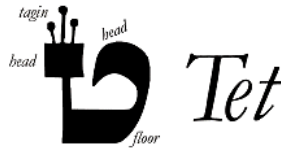


# Psalm 119 & the Hebrew Aleph Bet - Part 9



The ninth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is called “*Tet*” (rhymes with “mate”). *Tet* is anciently pronounced as “th” not “t” (which is the sound the *tav* makes). In modern Hebrew, the *Tet* appears in three modern forms:



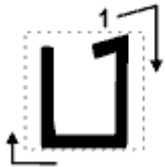
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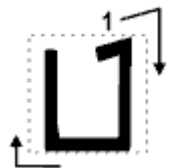
Write the manual print version (or "block" version) of *Tet* as follows:

## MANUAL PRINT VERSION



Note that the initial horizontal stroke slightly ascends from the left to right before descending.

## Writing the Letter: *Tet*



Practice making the *Tet* here:

## *Tet*: The Letter of Good or Evil

*Tet* is a paradoxical letter in that it reveals both good טוב (*tov*) and evil. The form of the letter is "inverted," suggesting hidden goodness, like that of a woman who is pregnant with child. However, sometimes the potential for goodness טהרה (*tahorah*) is perverted, and impurity or filth טומאה (*tumah*) results.

*Tet* is the least frequently occurring letter in the Scriptures (*Yod* is the most popular). The letter first appears in *Genesis 1:4*: “And God saw the light, that it was **good**: and God divided the light from the darkness.”

But note even here that there is a sort of paradox. God saw that the light was *good*, but God *separated* the light from the darkness, thereby making a distinction.

**Tet and the Mystery of Evil** - God is the source of all that is good in the universe:

הוֹדוּ אֶת־יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת כִּי־טוֹב "Give thanks to *Yahweh* of Hosts for He is good..." (Jer. 33:11).

Yet even though God is categorically good, since He is the ultimate reality and Creator of all, He is the One who ultimately controls the affairs of humankind, both the good and the calamitous:

יֹצֵר אֹר וְבוֹרֵא חֹשֶׁךְ עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם וְבוֹרֵא רָע "I form (*yotzer*) the light, and create darkness (*choshekh*); I make peace (*shalom*) and create evil (or calamity) (*ra*). I *Yahweh* do all these things (Isaiah 45:7).

**Romans 8:28** "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His Purpose."



Consider Joseph's answer to his brothers, when they feared he might take revenge upon them for having sold him into slavery, as a young teen...

**Genesis 50:20** "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant (allowed) it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."

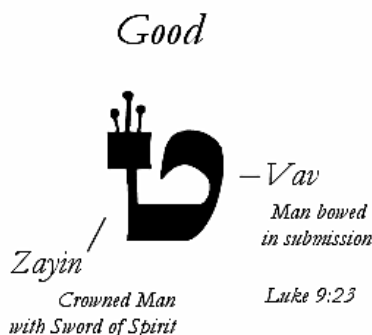
**The Gematria of Tet**

The letter *Tet* has the value of 9 (some Hebrew words that have this value include **אח** (*ach*), meaning brother, and **בגד** (*beged*), meaning garment). Using the "reduced" form of gematria, the word **אמת** (*emet* - truth) also has the value of 9 (above).

1 -	א
40 -	נ
400 -	ת
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441 -	4+4+1 = 9

**Tet: The Letter of Blessing or Cursing**

The parts of *Tet* (*Vav* and *Zayin*) are the same as the parts for *Chet*, but the difference appears in the *Vav*, or that aspect of the letter that represents man. As we will see below, the letter *Tet* can picture either the man that is in rebellion before *Yahweh* or the man that is surrendered to Him:



When a man (*Vav*) is bowed down before the Crowned Man (*Zayin*), taking upon himself His yoke (*Chet*), then his soul is subject to the discipline of *Yahweh*, and the nine-fold Fruit of the Spirit will grow in his life (Galatians 5:22-23). This man will die to himself and all that is outside the yoke of Christ (Luke 9:23).

On the other hand, if the soul refuses to bow down and instead rebels, the inner life will take on the characteristics of the serpent (*nachash*), satan. If that

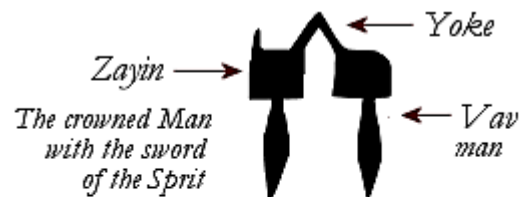
man chooses to live for himself, relying on his own inner sense of autonomy, he will share the fate of satan and "eat dust," or the stuff of the flesh.

In short, how the *Tet* will be represented depends upon our personal decision to give our lives to the Messiah

and be yoked together with Him. Will we choose to surrender our lives, offering ourselves as living sacrifices, or will we inwardly rebel and live in the selfish pride that marks the devil?

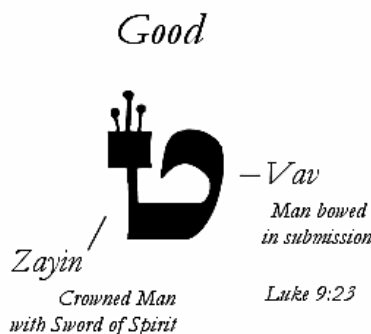
הַחַיִּים וְהַמָּוֶת נָתַתִּי לְפָנֶיךָ הַבְּרָכָה וְהַקְּלָלָה וּבַחֲרָתָּ בְּחַיִּים

"I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life..." (Deut 30:19).



שָׂאוּ אֶת-עַלְי עֲלֵיכֶם וְלִמְדוּ מִמֶּנִּי

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;



Luke 9:23

Luke 9:23-24 "And He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for My Sake, the same shall save it."

Both *chet* and *tet* are constructed from the same two letters: *zayin* and *vav*. They *zayin* is the Crowned Man, representing Christ and the *vav* is man. In *chet*, the *zayin* and *vav* are yoked together, but the *vav* still appears straight, having just entered the yoking experience with Christ. Remember the Saviour's invitation.

Matthew 11:29 "Take My Yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Look carefully at the verse.

- **Why** are we to be yoked to *Yahshua*? – **TO LEARN OF HIM**
- **What** do we learn of Him during the yoking? – **TO BE MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART**
- **How** are we rewarded, when we learn to be meek? – **HE GIVES US REST!**

Rest, the meaning of the Word "Sabbath" represents Eternal Life... When we are yoked to *Yahshua* in the *chet* experience, the next step is to bow in submission to *Yahweh*, dying to self and, in lowliness and meekness of heart, seeking HIS WILL – not ours – be done. Nine is the number of JUDGMENT – a person who submits to *Yahweh* and dies to self, having been yoked to *Yahshua* is Judged with REST – LIFE, now and forever...

But a person who refuses to submit, rejecting the idea of bending his will to *Yahweh's* and dying to self, is also Judged. Such a person is living under the spirit of the Serpent – rebellion. And the Judgement which is received by the rebellious is this:

NO YOKING → NO LEARNING OF HIM → NO LEARNING OF HIM → NO REST

Psalms 95:10-11 "Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known My Ways: Unto whom I swear in My Wrath that they should not enter into My Rest."



## Spiritual Meaning of the Tet

*Tet* = 9 and means either “yoked and submitted” or “a snake” either way it is “to surround”. *Tet* stands for “JUDGMENT” and for “FRUIT”.

Within *Yahweh*’s Righteous Judgments, we reap the fruit of what we sow. Thus, *TET*, stands for JUDGMENT and for FRUIT –

Galatians 6:7-9 *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”*



*The letter TET reveals a matter of Life and Death –*  
*“You will be dead, so long as you refuse to die,”*  
*George MacDonald*

*Tet* is for the word “*Tov*”, which means “GOOD”. Our Saviour explained that there is only ONE Who is GOOD, and that is God (Matthew 19:17). All that God creates is GOOD (Genesis 1:31). *Tet* is the letter of OBJECTIVE GOOD. God is able to turn all circumstances into GOOD. “And we know that ALL THINGS work together for GOOD to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose,” (Romans 8:28).



*Tet* (9) is the number of the FRUIT of the SPIRIT and FRUIT-BEARING. There are 9 FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT listed in Galatians 5:22: **Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Gentleness, Goodness, Faithfulness, and Self-Control.**

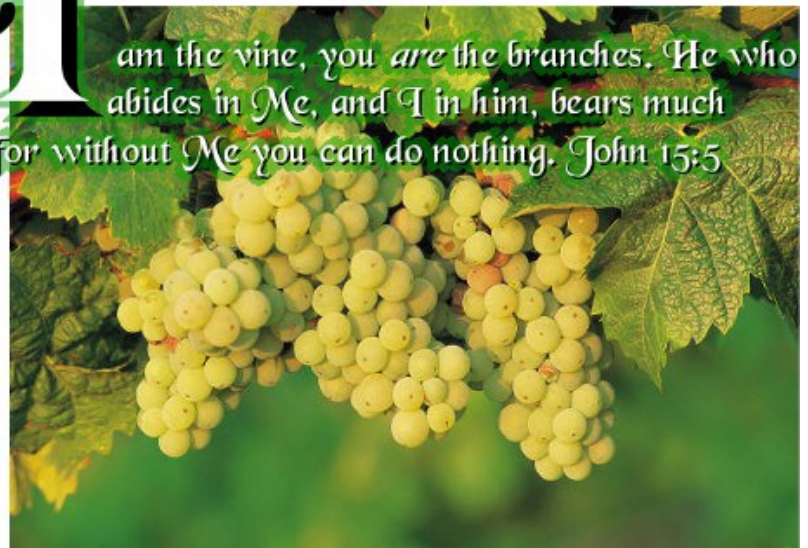


It takes 9 months for the FRUIT of the womb to form. Our Saviour was called “The SEED of DAVID,” exactly 9 times in Scripture! He came forth from being conceived by the Holy Spirit after 9 months in Mary’s womb.

*Yahshua* told us that we can BEAR FRUIT only as long as we ABIDE in Him, the TRUE VINE. As He expounded about the VINE, and the BRANCHES in John 15, He explained 9 times, in chapter 15, that we must ABIDE in Him to BEAR FRUIT!

**I**

am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5



## Hebrew Words Beginning with Tet:

Hebrew Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
טבח	tabach	<b>Kill, (make) slaughter, slay</b> <u>Deu 28:31</u> Thine ox <sup>H7794</sup> shall be slain <sup>H2873</sup> before thine eyes, <sup>H5869</sup> and thou shalt not <sup>H3808</sup> eat <sup>H398</sup> thereof: <sup>H4480</sup> thine ass <sup>H2543</sup> shall be violently taken away <sup>H1497</sup> from before thy face, <sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H6440</sup> and shall not <sup>H3808</sup> be restored <sup>H7725</sup> to thee: thy sheep <sup>H6629</sup> shall be given <sup>H5414</sup> unto thine enemies, <sup>H341</sup> and thou shalt have none <sup>H369</sup> to rescue <sup>H3467</sup> them.
טהד	tohar	<b>Clearness, glory, purifying</b> <u>Psa 89:44</u> Thou hast made his glory <sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H2892</sup> to cease, <sup>H7673</sup> and cast <sup>H4048</sup> his throne <sup>H3678</sup> down to the ground. <sup>H776</sup>
טבצ	taba	<b>Drown, fasten, settle, sink</b> <u>Psa 69:14</u> Deliver <sup>H5337</sup> me out of the mire, <sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H2916</sup> and let me not <sup>H408</sup> sink: <sup>H2883</sup> let me be delivered <sup>H5337</sup> from them that hate <sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H8130</sup> me, and out of the deep <sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H4615</sup> waters. <sup>H4325</sup>
טלא	tela	<b>Lamb</b> <u>Isa 40:11</u> He shall feed <sup>H7462</sup> his flock <sup>H5739</sup> like a shepherd: <sup>H7462</sup> he shall gather <sup>H6908</sup> the lambs <sup>H2922</sup> with his arm, <sup>H2220</sup> and carry <sup>H5375</sup> them in his bosom, <sup>H2436</sup> and shall gently lead <sup>H5095</sup> those that are with young. <sup>H5763</sup>

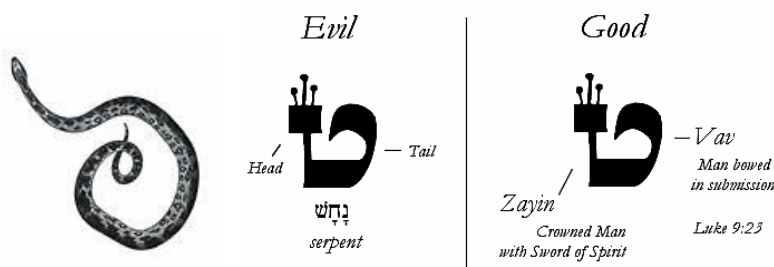
**Us SIN God**

The letters *chet* ח and *tet* ט spell the root of the word טח (chitah), which means “sin”. Thus, in the formation of the Hebrew word chitah (sin), we see a powerful Truth: the power of sin, טח (chitah), is effectively dealt with in our lives when we have experienced both life in Messiah (symbolized by ח) and death to self (symbolized by ט). This message is found in Romans 12:1-2 – “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

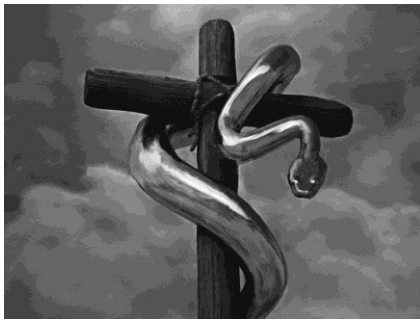
## Tet: What You See is What You Get:

There is an old computer expression: WYSIWYG (pronounced wiz-ee-wig)... It means What You See is What You Get. At first, with computers, what the programmer could see on his screen, wasn't necessarily what would appear in the final outcome – programmers worked hard to bring computers to the point of WYSIWYG. But our interest in this concept isn't technological development – it's spiritual. WYSIWYG is the message of the letter Tet.

There is a famous optical illusion (shown on the right), which depicts both a beautiful young woman and an old woman with a wart on her nose. Some suggest that whichever image you first see indicates something about how you think and perceive the world. But, whether or not this is true of this image, it is a good illustration of the Tet. Like the image of the two women, Tet is the letter with two messages – two Judgments. And what you spiritually see in Tet is determined by your own personal experience and choice regarding Yahweh.



Just as the picture on the previous page shows a WOMAN, either way you look at it, so the letter *Tet* is the letter of DEATH, either way you look at it... It is either death to self – by our being fully bowed to (surrendered to and in submission to) *Yahshua* (the Crowned Man)... Or it will be ultimate death – by our being rebellious against *Yahweh*, following the spirit of the Serpent. After all, nine is the number of Judgment – which is BLESSING to the obedient, and CURSING to the rebellious.






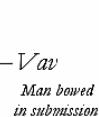

idolatrous lie!

This concept is aptly illustrated in the story of Moses with the brazen serpent, in the wilderness. Usually artists portray the brazen serpent as coiling about the Cross, blasphemously showing his domination over it, demonstrating the serpent's "greater strength" by gaining the victory over the Cross! With such a perspective – the Tet is the letter of ultimate DEATH. For the venom of the Serpent's rebellious sting cannot be drained out of us while we believe such an

But when the brazen serpent was constructed, Moses depicted it correctly, showing Genesis 3:15. The serpent's head was crushed- having been impaled by the powerful STAKE – the CROSS – which dealt the snake a death-blow, having been driven through its head.

Only by beholding the Truth about the Serpent, and the power of Christ on the Cross could the poisoned person be saved. The message was simple, LOOK AND LIVE! By beholding, we become changed. And in the final Judgment - WHAT YOU SEE (what you have spent your life beholding) IS WHAT YOU GET.



 <p><i>Evil</i></p> <p>Head /  / Tail</p> <p>שָׂרָפָה serpent</p>	<p><i>Good</i></p> <p> — Vav</p> <p>Zayin /  — Man bowed in submission</p> <p>לֹאֵךְ Crowned Man with Sword of Spirit</p> <p>Luke 9:23</p>	
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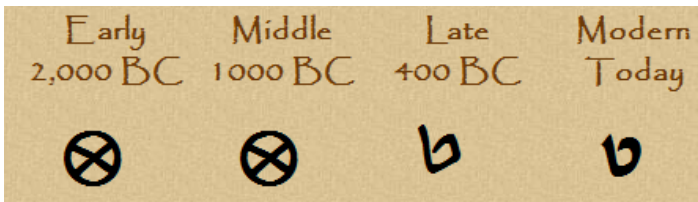
The message of Tet is summed up in Deuteronomy 30:15-20:

“**SEE**, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love YAHWEH thy God, to walk in His Ways, and to keep His Commandments and His Statutes and His Judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and YAHWEH thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish... I call Heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live. That thou mayest love Yahweh thy God, and that thou mayest obey His Voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him (be yoked unto): for He is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which Yahweh sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**So, when you look at the Message of Tet, what do you see? A Serpent? A man bowed before the Crowned Yahshua?  
What you see determines the Judgment you will get.**



## A Paleo-Hebrew Look at Tet



The original pictograph for this letter is ☒, a container made of wicker or clay. Containers were a very important item among the nomadic Hebrews. They were used for storing grains and other items. Wicker baskets were used as nets for catching fish. The meanings of this letter are basket, contain, store and

clay.

The significance of the clay container is that it represents a person. We are the container. And what is within? Ancient Hebrew linguists say that the container contained either a serpent or a Cross... We either contain Life or Death. And oddly, we only have LIFE when we die – to self.

The twenty-second letter of the Hebrew alphabet is a tav with a "t" sound. It is unlikely that the original Hebrew had two letters with the same sound. When the Greeks adopted the Hebrew alphabet this letter the Greek theta.

## Psalm 119:65-72 Shows the Tet

In Psalm 119:65-72, we find the *Tet* section. In this part of Psalm 119, we see vital principles for spiritual Life; in having forsaken the Serpent’s rebellious path and having entered the Path of Life through meekness, submission (as a servant), and humble obedience to *Yahweh*. We also see the awareness of Judgment – the ultimate reward coming to the obedient, vs. the immediate “rewards” to the earthly.

ט	9 TET
טוב עשית עמֵעֶבְדְּךָ יְהוָה כְּדִבְרֶךָ:	65 Do good to your servant, according to your <b>word</b> , Yahweh.
DABAR YHWH	
טוב טעם ודעת למדני כי במצוֹתֶיךָ האֲמַנְתִּי:	66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your <b>commandments</b> .
MITSVAH	
טָרַם אֶעֱנֶה אֲנִי שָׂגָ וְעַתָּה אֲמַרְתָּךְ שְׁמַרְתִּי:	67 Before I was afflicted, I went astray; but now I observe your <b>word</b> .
IMRAH	
טוב־אתָּה וּמְטִיב לְמִדְוֵי חֻקֶּיךָ:	68 You are good, and do good. Teach me your <b>statutes</b> .
CHOQ	
טָפְלוּ עָלַי שִׁקְרָ וַיִּזְמוּ אֵלַי בְּכָל־לֵב אֶצְרַר פְּקוּדֶיךָ:	69 The proud have smeared a lie upon me. <b>With my whole heart</b> , I will keep your <b>precepts</b> .
PIQUUWD	
טָפַשׁ בְּחֵלֶב לֶבָם אֲנִי תוֹרֹתֶיךָ שִׁעֲשַׁעְתִּי:	70 Their heart is as callous as the fat, but I delight in your <b>law</b> .
TORAH	
טוֹב־לִי כִּי־עֲצִיבְתִּי לְמַעַן אֶלְמַד חֻקֶּיךָ:	71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn your <b>statutes</b> .
CHOQ	
טוֹב־לִי תוֹרֹתֶיךָ מֵאֲלָפֵי זָהָב וְכֶסֶף:	72 The <b>law</b> of your mouth is better to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.
TORAH	

## Keyword Study: Psalm 119:65-66 (words starting with Tet are highlighted)

“TETH. Thou hast dealt **well** with **Thy servant**, O LORD, **according unto Thy Word**. **Teach** me **good judgment** and knowledge: for I have **believed** Thy Commandments.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Well			
Thy Servant			
According unto Thy Word			
Teach me			
Good			
Judgment			
Believed			

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

### Cross References:



## Keyword Study: Psalm 119:67-68 (words starting with Tet are highlighted)

**Before** I was **afflicted** **I went astray**; **but now** **have I kept** Thy Word. Thou Art **good**, and **doest good**; teach me Thy **Statutes**.

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Before			
Afflicted			
I went astray			
But now			
Have I Kept			
Doest Good			
Statutes			

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

### Cross References:

## Keyword Study: Psalm 119:69-70 (words starting with *Tet* are highlighted)

“**The proud** **have forged** **a lie** against me: but I will keep Thy **precepts** with my whole **heart**. Their **heart** is as **fat** as **grease**; but I **delight** in **Thy Law**.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
The Proud			
Have Forged			
A lie			
Precepts			
Heart			
Fat			
Grease			
Delight			
Thy Law			

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

### Cross References:

## Keyword Study: Psalm 119:71-72 (words starting with *Tet* are highlighted)

“**It is good** for me that **I have been afflicted**; that I might learn Thy Statutes. **The Law** of **Thy Mouth** is better unto me than **thousands** of **gold** and **silver**.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
It is good			
I have been afflicted			
The Law			
Thy Mouth			
Thousands			
Gold			
Silver			

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

### Cross References:

