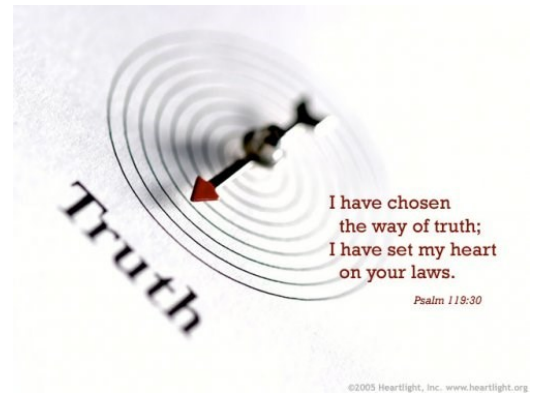
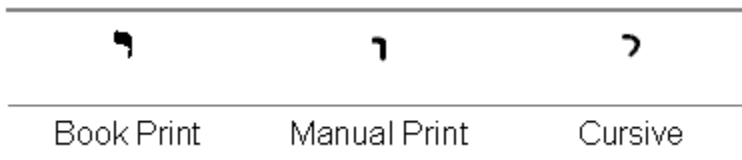


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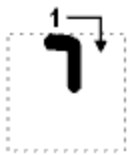


The tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is called “*Yod*” (rhymes with “mode”). *Yod* makes the same sound as “y” does in “yes”. In modern Hebrew, the *Yod* appears in three forms:



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

MANUAL PRINT VERSION



Note that the stroke descends only about halfway toward the baseline.

Writing the Letter: *Yod*

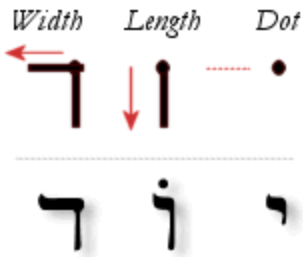
	<p>Practice making the <i>Yod</i> here:</p>
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Yod: The “Atom” of the Consonants

The letter *Yod* is the 10th letter of the Aleph-Bet, having the numeric value of 10. The pictograph for *Yod* looks like an arm or hand, whereas the classical Hebrew script is constructed of a single *tag* upward, a *kots* downward, and a middle portion. *Yod* is the most frequently occurring letter in the Scriptures as well as the smallest of the letters.

Suspended in mid-air, *Yod* is the smallest of the Hebrew letters, the “atom” of the consonants, and the form from which all of the other letters begin and end:

In Jewish tradition, *Yod* represents a mere dot, a divine point of energy. Since *Yod* is used to form all the other letters, and since God uses the letters as the building blocks of Creation, *Yod* indicates God's Omnipresence.

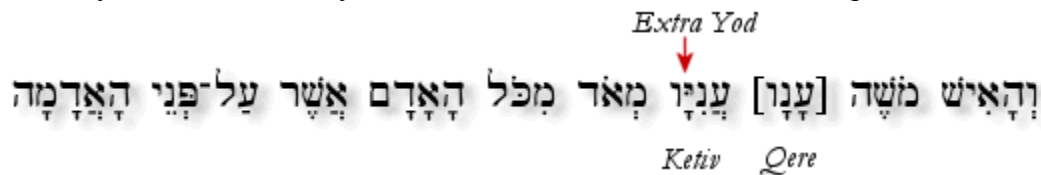


In fact, the word *יוד* (*yod*) itself depicts something of the geometry of Creation. It begins with the *Yod* itself, as a dot, and then moves downward, from the divine toward the created order to form *Vav* (the "hook" of creation). Finally it moves outward in the horizontal realm as *Dalet* (the "doorway" of creation). This can better be seen with the illustration on the left.

Since *Yahshua* upholds the world by the Word of His power (Hebrews 1:3), and *Yod* is part of every Hebrew letter (and therefore every word), *Yod* is considered the starting point of the presence of God in all things - the "spark" of the Spirit in everything.

Yod: The Letter of Humility

The letter *Yod*, being the smallest of the letters, is also a picture of humility. *Yod* can be seen as a mark of humility in the text that says Moses was "the most humble man" upon the face of the earth (Numbers 12:3):



The Jewish scribes say that an extra *Yod* is inserted in the word *ana* (meaning humble or meek) to emphasize the humility of Moses.

Israel is likewise called the "smallest of the nations" (Deuteronomy 7:7) and is considered a type of *Yod* before the great nations of the earth:

כִּי־אַתֶּם הַמְּעַט מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים "for you are the smallest of the peoples."

Spiritual Meaning of the Yod

Yod = 10 and means "HAND" of *Yahweh* or "WORKS" of *Yah*.

The *Yod* is the Hand of *Yahweh*, reaching and grasping. It signifies the Father holding what is HIS.

God's special things, that He declares are "MINE", most often begin with *Yod* (Y):

His Holy, Covenant Name: **YHWH**

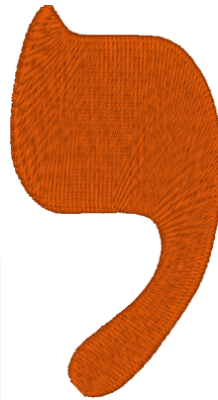
His Holy People: **Yisrael**

His only begotten Son: **Yahshua**

His holiest Day: **Yom Kippur**

Yod is also the first letter of "Yada" meaning "to KNOW INTIMATELY" – those who God calls "MINE" are privileged to know Him intimately.

Yod is related to WORK. With His Hands, *Yahweh* WORKED with man intimately, to personally form him from the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7). The other things He simply spoke into existence. But with mankind, He stooped down and personally molded him.



Yahweh's concern for even the smallest details of Torah is reflected in the Words of *Yahshua*, Who said, "...not so much as a YOD or a stroke (tagiin) will pass from the Torah til all is fulfilled." (Matthew 5:18 – Jewish New Testament)

Though small and humble, the significance of the YOD is marked by the fact that each letter which follows it is a multiple (numerically) of ten. Thus, the YOD is a factor of ALL the remaining letters, which in turn, reflect YOD's characteristics: SPIRITUALITY (YOD is elevated above the line), HUMILITY (YOD is the smallest letter), MATURITY and ORDER (YOD's numeric value is 10), and STRENGTH (YOD is "hand" or "power").

The letters *Yod* and *Kaph* denote different aspects of the hand. *Yod* is the Active Hand by which to grasp and hold things. It is a symbol of personal power and possession (ultimately showing the Power and Ownership of *Yahweh*). *Kaph* is the Open Hand meaning to give and receive things.

<p>Yod Suffix: י</p> <p><u>Active/Grasping Hand</u></p> <p>First Person Possessive</p> <p>מִפְתָּחִי</p> <p>Maph-te-chee (MY Key)</p>	
<p>Kaph Suffix: כ</p> <p><u>Open/Giving Hand</u></p> <p>Second Person Possessive</p> <p>מִפְתָּחֶךָ</p> <p>Maph-te-ach-kah (THY Key)</p>	



Hebrew Words Beginning with Yod:

Hebrew Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
יצחק	yitschâq (Isaac)	Yahweh Has Made Me Laugh <u>Genesis 17:19</u> And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac : and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.
יוסף	yôsêph (Joseph)	Yahweh Has Added to me and Taken Away my Reproach <u>Genesis 30:23-24</u> And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach. And she called his name Joseph ...
ירמיה	yirmêyâh (Jeremiah)	Yah will rise <u>Psa 69:14</u> Deliver ^{H5337} me out of the mire, ^{H4480 H2916} and let me not ^{H408} sink: ^{H2883} let me be delivered ^{H5337} from them that hate ^{H4480 H8130} me, and out of the deep ^{H4480 H4615} waters. ^{H4325}
ישוע	yêshû'âh (Yahshua)	Salvation of Yah <u>Psalm 21:5</u> His glory ^{H3519} is great ^{H1419} in thy salvation: ^{H3444} honour ^{H1935} and majesty ^{H1926} hast thou laid ^{H7737} upon ^{H5921} him.

The presence of the *Yod* also shows that a person is empowered by *Yahweh* to do His mighty Work. One example is found in the changing of the name Hoshea (הושע) to Joshua (יהושע) by the addition of a *Yod* at the beginning. When Moses placed his hands upon Hoshea, he was filled with the Spirit of *Yah*, empowered and given the authority to do His Work. This changed his name from "Salvation" (Hoshea) to "the Salvation of *Yahweh*" (Joshua or *Yahshua*).

Yod: The Creative Work of Yahweh is in the word "Exist"

Hey ☩ Man w/arms raised

Yod י Arm w/closed hand

Vav ו Tent peg

Tav ט Two crossed sticks

-Havet-
Derivative of H1961
"Exist"



John 19:19 "And Pilate wrote a title too, and put it on the stake, and it was written: **יהושע OF NATSARETH, THE SOVEREIGN OF THE YEHUDIM.**"

Isaiah 53:5 "But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our crookednesses. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

The word "Exist" – a derivative of Strong's H1961- is in Hebrew, "Havet." The letters are *Hey*, *Yod*, *Vav*, *Tav*; and reading right to left, the word would look like this: הוית or in pictographic ancient Hebrew (see the illustration on the left). These letters are an image of the crucifixion of Messiah when drawn together.

Hey, being a man with his arms raised, represents Messiah. **Yod**, shows his hand(s) clenched. **Vav** depicts the pegs driven into our savior's wrists, while **Tav** illustrates the Cross He died on, as described in John 19:19, and Isaiah 53:5. (All pictured on the left.)

Without the gift of Messiah we could not exist, for He is the "Lamb slain

from before the foundations of the world" (Rev. 13:8), who has taken upon himself the death penalty for our sin, as Sha'ul says "For the wages of sin is death, but the favorable gift of Elohim is everlasting life in Messiah *Yahshua* our Master" (Romans 6:23). This is *Yahweh's* ultimate WORK (the *Yod*) for mankind.

Yod: The Letter of Yah's Salvation



The most powerful Work of *Yahweh*, for lost mankind, is the Work of Salvation. This Work is signified in the letter *Yod*. *Yahshua*, the Name of the Son, is the Salvation of *Yahweh* – a *Yod* message threaded throughout the Old Testament – hidden only because Bible translators wrongly thought His Name was Jesus. Thus, they translated His Name to its meaning. But, let's restore His Name in the following verses about *Yahshua* – and about *Yod*:

Gen 49:18 I have waited^{H6960} for Thy Salvation (Yahshua),^{H3444} O Yahweh.^{H3068}

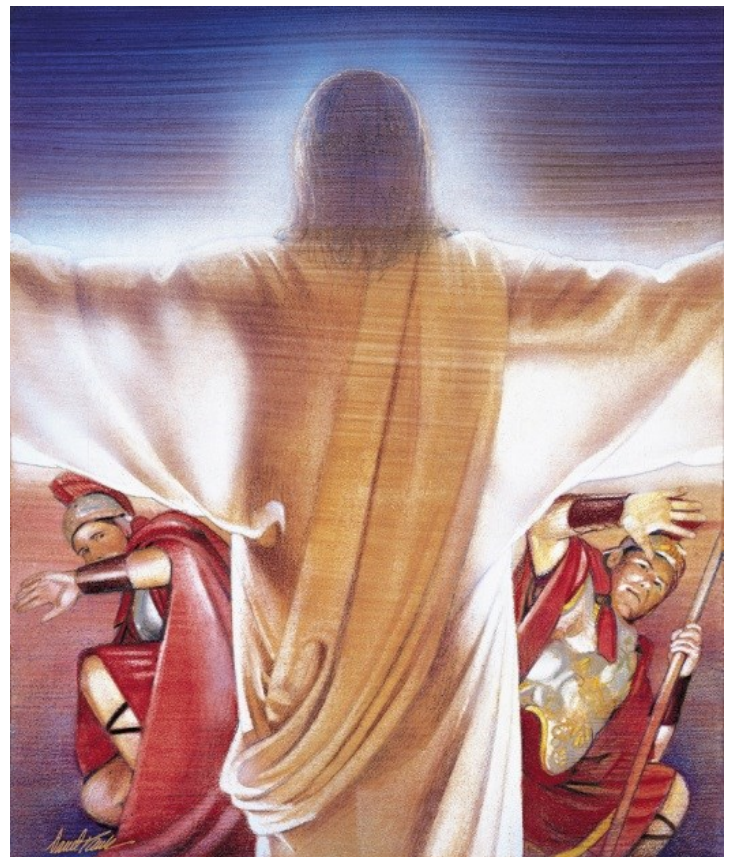
Exo 15:2 Yahweh^{H3050} is my strength^{H5797} and song,^{H2176} and He is become^{H1961} my Salvation (Yahshua).^{H3444} He^{H2088} is my God,^{H410} and I will prepare Him an habitation;^{H5115} my father's^{H1} God,^{H430} and I will exalt^{H7311} Him.

1Ch 16:23 Sing^{H7891} unto Yahweh,^{H3068} all^{H3605} the earth;^{H776} shew forth^{H1319} from day^{H4480} ^{H3117} to^{H413} day^{H3117} His Salvation (Yahshua).^{H3444}

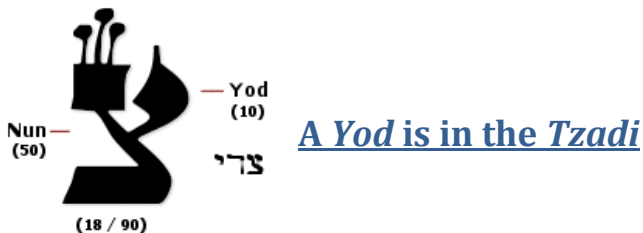
Psa 28:8 Yahweh^{H3068} is their strength,^{H5797} and He^{H1931} is the saving (Yahshua)^{H3444} strength^{H4581} of His anointed.^{H4899}

Isa 52:7 How^{H4100} beautiful^{H4998} upon^{H5921} the mountains^{H2022} are the feet^{H7272} of him that bringeth good tidings,^{H1319} that publisheth^{H8085} peace;^{H7965} that bringeth good tidings^{H1319} of good,^{H2896} that publisheth^{H8085} Salvation (Yahshua)^{H3444} that saith^{H559} unto Zion,^{H6726} Thy God^{H430} reigneth!^{H4427}

Isa 52:10 Yahweh^{H3068} hath made bare^{H2834} (H853) His holy^{H6944} Arm^{H2220} in the eyes^{H5869} of all^{H3605} the nations;^{H1471} and all^{H3605} the ends^{H657} of the earth^{H776} shall see^{H7200} (H853) the Salvation (Yahshua)^{H3444} of our God.^{H430}



Yod is Part of all the Other Letters



The Meaning of Yod as Ten

The word יוד (*yod*) means "arm" or "hand" and the numeric value is ten. Now ten is a number marking *shelemut*, or completion and order, as evidenced by the following:

- The base 10 number system is universal. Just as *Yod* is part of all of the previous letters of the alphabet (as a component), so *Yod* is part of all of the numbers. It is said by the sages the *Yod* does not mean 10 because we have ten toes and fingers but we have ten toes and fingers because *Yod* means 10.
- There were ten things created on the first day and ten things created at the end of the sixth day of creation.
- There were ten generations from Adam to Noah, suggesting that the godlessness of those generations was made complete.
- There were ten generations from Noah to Abraham, suggesting that the godliness of those generations was made complete.
- According to midrash, there were ten trials given to Abraham to demonstrate his merit as the father of the nations.
- There were ten plagues issued during the Exodus of Egypt.
- God gave us Ten Commandments.
- The "tenth part" shall be holy for the LORD (Leviticus 27:32).
- There are ten days of Awe - from Tishri 1 to Tishri 10, culminating in Yom Kippur, which occurs on the 10th day of Tishri.



Yod Mysteries in a Torah Scroll

- An *undersized* Yod appears in Deuteronomy 32:17:



Reason for the small Yod: "You neglected the Rock *who begat you*." *Yahweh* is made "small" when we turn away from Him through neglect.

- On the other hand, an *oversized* Yod appears in Numbers 14:17:



"Let the power of my Yah *be great*."

Reason for the large Yod: Here Moses' intercession for the people of Israel is made, and the oversized *Yod* depicts the mighty power of *Yahweh* to Save, even to the uttermost.

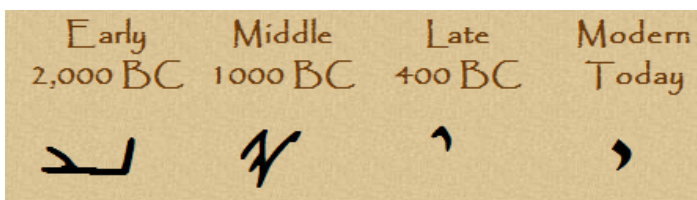
- Finally, a *Yod* is *missing* in Exodus 32:19:




"...Moses cast the tables *from his hands*."

Reason for the missing Yod (normally present in the spelling of Ketiv): This shows that when *Yahweh's* Law is broken, His indwelling Presence and Power is lost in our lives.

A Paleo-Hebrew Look at Yod



The Early Semitic pictograph of this letter is , an arm and hand. The meaning of this letter is work, make and throw, the functions of the hand. The Modern Hebrew name "yod" is a derivative of the two letter word "yad" meaning "hand", which was probably the original name for the letter.

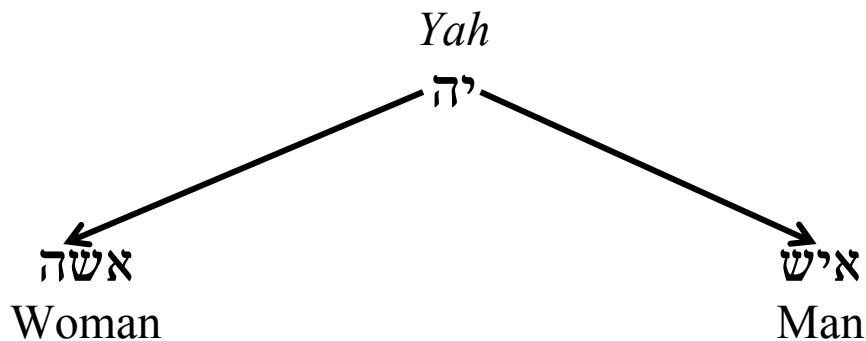
The ancient and modern pronunciation of this letter is a "y". In Ancient Hebrew this letter also doubled as a vowel with an "i" sound. The Greek language adopted this letter as the "iota", carrying over the "i" sound.

Spiritual Secrets of the Yod and Hei

The Word יה (*Yah*) is the shortened form of God’s Name יהוה (*YHWH*). The *Yod* represents the Power, Might, Ownership and Creative Work of *Yah*. The *Hei* represents the Holy Spirit. The *Yod* is more masculine while the *Hei* is more feminine.

The characteristics of these two letters are reflected in the Hebrew words for “man” (אִישׁ *ish*) and “woman” (אִשָּׁה *ishah*). *Hei* has the softest sound of all the letters – being a mere exhalation of breath. It is affixed to the ends of words to form a feminine ending. This is the letter found at the end of *ishah* (“woman”). But *Yod*, which means “hand” and represents power and the work of forming things. This is graphically seen in the word וַיִּצַד (vy’yitzer) which means “and He formed”. When we look closely at this word, we see two *Yods* in it, representing the two Hands of *YHWH* used to form man from the dust of the earth. *Yod* is the letter found in the CENTER of the word “man” אִישׁ – showing that not only was man created by *Yah*, but within man is to be the Power and Presence of *Yah*.

When God made man and woman, He placed the *Yod* (י) in man and the *Hei* (ה) in woman, causing them to display the corresponding characteristics of God in their natures. This is depicted in the diagram below.



One without the other is incomplete. But together, the husband and wife (empowered by *Yahweh* and indwelt by His Spirit) depict *Yahweh*’s Nature to the world. It is important that a man be a *Yah*-empowered man and that a woman be a Spirit-filled Woman. One sometimes meets men who are ashamed to be men and women who are ashamed to be women. Men and women individually belong to a very honorable gender and need not be ashamed of it. The *Yod* of the male and the *Hei* of the female, come directly from the Name of God – *Yah*!

When man loses the characteristic of the י, representing his Godly masculinity, and the woman loses the characteristic of the ה, representing her Spirit-filled femininity, then all that is left is *eesh* – “fire”, which consumes them in their unholy desires to live apart from God’s Grace.

אִישׁ	— י	= (<i>eesh</i> “fire”) אֵשׁ
אִשָּׁה	— ה	= (<i>eesh</i> “fire”) אֵשׁ

YOD: Torah, Remembering Yahweh and Working Righteousness

Mal 3:16 Then ^{H227} they that feared ^{H3373} Yahweh ^{H3068} spake ^{H1696} often one ^{H376} to ^{H854} another; ^{H7453} and Yahweh ^{H3068} hearkened, ^{H7181} and heard ^{H8085} it, and a Book ^{H5612} of remembrance ^{H2146} (TORAH) was written ^{H3789} before ^{H6440} Him for them that feared ^{H3372} Yahweh, ^{H3068} and that thought ^{H2803} upon His Name. ^{H8034}

Mal 3:17 And they shall be ^{H1961} Mine (Yod shows possession), saith ^{H559} Yahweh ^{H3068} of hosts, ^{H6635} in that day ^{H3117} when ^{H834} I ^{H589} make up ^{H6213} My jewels; ^{H5459} and I will spare ^{H2550} ^{H5921} them, as ^{H834} a man ^{H376} spareth ^{H2550} ^{H5921} his own son ^{H1121} that serveth ^{H5647} him.

Psalm 119:73-80 Shows the Yod

In Psalm 119:73-80, we find the *Yod* section. In this part of Psalm 119, we see awareness of and praise for *Yahweh's* mighty Works – His *Yod* – *Yah's* Work (His Hand) not only formed us, but His Order and Ten-part *Torah* Keeps us protected in His Power, as true, obedient sons (and daughters).

<p>יָדְךָ עָשׂוּנִי וַיְכוֹנְנֵנִי הַבִּינֵנִי וְאַלְמֹדָה מִצִּוְתֶיךָ: MITSVAH</p> <p>יִרְאֶיךָ יִרְאוּנִי וְיִשְׂמְחוּ כִּי לְדַבְרֶךָ יִחַלְתִּי: DABAR</p> <p>יָדַעְתִּי יְהוָה כִּי צְדָק מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ וְאַמוּנָה עֲנִיתָנִי: MISHPAT YHWH</p> <p>יְהִינָא חַסְדֶּךָ לְנַחֲמֵנִי כְּאִמְרֹתֶךָ לְעַבְדֶּךָ: IMRAH</p> <p>יְבֹאוּנִי רַחֲמֶיךָ וְאַחֲיָה כִּי תוֹרֹתֶךָ שָׁעֲשָׂעִי: TORAH</p> <p>יָבֹשׁוּ יָדַיִם כִּי־שָׁקַר עָוֲתוֹנִי אֲנִי אֲשִׁיחַ בְּפִקּוּדֶיךָ: PIQUWD</p> <p>יָשׁוּבוּ לִי יִרְאֶיךָ וַיִּדְעוּ וַיִּדְעוּ יְדֵעֵי עֲדוּתֶךָ: EDUWTH</p> <p>יְהִלְבֵּי תָמִים בְּחֻקֶיךָ לִמְעַן לֹא אֶבּוֹשׁ: CHOQ</p>	<p>73 Your hands have made me and formed me. Give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.</p> <p>74 Those who fear you will see me and be glad, because I have put my hope in your word.</p> <p>75 Yahweh, I know that your judgments are righteous, that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.</p> <p>76 Please let your loving kindness be for my comfort, according to your word to your servant.</p> <p>77 Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.</p> <p>78 Let the proud be disappointed, for they have overthrown me wrongfully. I will meditate on your precepts.</p> <p>79 Let those who fear you turn to me. They will know your statutes.</p> <p>80 Let my heart be blameless toward your decrees, that I may not be disappointed.</p>
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Keyword Study: Psalm 119:73-74 (words starting with *Yod* are highlighted)

“JOD. **Thy Hands** have made me and fashioned me: **give me understanding**, that I may learn Thy Commandments. They that **fear Thee** will be glad when they **see me**; because I have hoped in Thy Word.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Thy Hands	H3027	yâd	a hand (the open one) power, means, direction, ordinance, strength
Have made	H6213	ʿâsâh	to do or make, accomplish, advance, appoint, bring forth, bruise, fashion, finish, fulfil, be warrior, workman, yield, use.
Fashioned me	H3559	kûn	to be erect, to set up, establish, appoint, prosperous, faithfulness, fashion, ordain, order, perfect, (make) preparation, prepare (self), provide, make provision, (be, make) ready, right, set (aright, fast, forth), be stable, (e-) stablish, stand
Give me Understanding	H995	bîyn	to separate mentally (or distinguish), understand: instruct, have intelligence, know, look well to, mark, perceive, be prudent, (deal) wise (-ly, man).
Fear Thee	H3373	yârê'	fearing; morally reverent: - afraid, fear (-ful).
Will be Glad	H8055	sâmach	to brighten up, be (causatively make) blithe or gleesome: - cheer up, be (make) glad, (have make) joy (-ful), rejoice
See me	H7200	râ'âh	to see, advise self, behold, consider, gaze, take heed, mark, meet, be near.

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

Yahweh, it is Your Hand that has created me. And it is You who gives me the power, strength and ordination to fulfill Your Calling as a warrior and workman. You have established and appointed me, making me ready to do that which You have ordained. It is through Your Provision that I am established and made to stand. Please grant me wisdom and understanding. Help me to mentally separate that which is pleasing to You from that which is not. Help me to understand and obey Your Commandments. In so doing, those who fear You and reverence Your Way will be strengthened and cheered up when they behold my faith-filled life, or are near me. Let this be my influence on them for, by Your Grace, I will faithfully wait – keeping Your Word – until Your Return.

Cross References: Psa_100:3, Psa_111:10, Psa_138:8, Psa_139:14-16; Job_10:8-11; 1Ch_22:12; 2Ch_2:12; Job_32:8; 2Ti_2:7; 1Jo_5:20; Psa_34:2-6, Psa_66:16; Mal_3:16

Keyword Study: Psalm 119:75-76 (words starting with *Yod* are highlighted)

I know, O Yahweh, that **Thy Judgments [are] right**, and [that] **Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me**. Let, I pray Thee, **Thy merciful kindness** be **for my comfort**, according to Thy Word unto Thy servant.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
I know	H3045	yâda'	to <i>know</i> (properly to ascertain by <i>seeing</i>); acknowledge, acquainted with, advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware, for a certainty, comprehend, consider
Thy Judgments	H4941	mishpât	a <i>verdict</i> (favorable or unfavorable) a <i>sentence</i> , decree divine <i>law</i> , the penalty; <i>justice, right, privilege</i> , to be judged, manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right
(are) Right	H6664	tsedeq	the <i>right, prosperity</i> : - just (-ice), right (-eous)
Thou in Faithfulness	H530	'ēmûnâh	<i>firmness; security; moral fidelity</i> : - faith (-ful, -ly, -ness, [man]), set office, stability, steady, truly, truth, verily
Hast Afflicted Me	H6031	'ânâh	to <i>depress</i> , abase self, afflict (-ion, self), chasten self, deal hardly with, gentleness, humble (self)
Thy Merciful Kindness	H2617	chêsêd	<i>kindness; reproof, beauty</i> : - favour , good deed (-liness, -ness), kindly, (loving-) kindness, reproach
For my Comfort	H5162	nâcham	to <i>sigh</i> , that is, <i>breathe</i> strongly; to <i>be sorry, console</i> or <i>rue</i> ; comfort (self), ease [one's self], repent (-er, -ing, self)

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

Yahweh, I acknowledge (for I have seen) that Your favorable or unfavorable sentences are right. You give privileges and measure judgment in due order. I understand that when You chasten and afflict me – even when You deal hard with me – Your reproof is a demonstration of Your loving Favour and Your Kindness. You reprove me to bring me to repentance. In this I am truly comforted! This is a blessing You bestow unto Your Bondservant, as Your Word has Promised.

Cross References:

Deu_32:4; Job_34:23; Jer_12:1; Psa_25:10, Psa_89:30-33; Heb_12:10-11; Rev_3:19 Psa_86:5, Psa_106:4-5; 2Co_1:3-5

Keyword Study: Psalm 119:77-78

“Let Thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for Thy Law is my delight. Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in Thy Precepts.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Let Thy Tender Mercies	H7356	racham	<i>compassion the womb (as cherishing the fetus); tender love, (great, tender) mercy, pity</i>
That I May Live	H2421	châyâh	<i>to live, to revive: - keep (leave, make) alive, give (promise) life, (let, suffer to) live, nourish up, preserve (alive), quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life), be whole</i>
Thy Law	H8451	tôrâh	<i>a precept or statute, especially the Decalogue or Pentateuch: - law</i>
My Delight	H8191	sha'shûa'	<i>enjoyment: - delight, pleasure</i>
Be Ashamed	H954	bûsh	<i>to pale, to be ashamed; to be disappointed, or delayed: - (be, make, bring to, cause, put to, with, a-) shame, be (put to) confounded, become dry</i>
They Dealt Perversely	H5791	'âvath	<i>to wrest: - bow self, (make) crooked, falsifying, overthrow, deal perversely, pervert, subvert, turn upside down.</i>
Without a Cause	H8267	sheqer	<i>an untruth; by implication a sham (often adverbially): - without a cause, deceit (-ful), false (-hood, -ly), feignedly, liar, + lie, lying, vain (thing), wrongfully.</i>
Meditate	H7878	śfyach	<i>to ponder, converse, utter: - commune, complain, declare, meditate, muse, pray, speak, talk (with).</i>

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

Let Your Loving Compassion come unto me – as that of a tender mother cherishing the child of her womb – so that I may be nourished, preserved, restored, and made to live. I ask this because understanding and obeying Your Torah is my pleasure. Let the arrogant and presumptuous ones be confounded and disappointed in their evil purpose. For they have worked to subvert and overthrow me through deceit and falsifying. They attack me without a cause because I have and will speak on Your Precepts. I will declare them. I will muse and pray upon them. I will ponder them.

Cross References:

Lam_3:22-23; Dan_9:18; Psa_1:2; Heb_8:10-12; Psa_7:3-5, Psa_25:3, Psa_35:7, Psa_69:4, Psa_109:3; 1Sa_24:10-12, 1Sa_24:17, 1Sa_26:18; Joh_15:25

Keyword Study: Psalm 119:79-80 (words starting with *Yod* are highlighted)

“Let those that fear Thee **turn** unto me, and those **that have known** Thy Testimonies. **Let my heart** be **sound** in **Thy Statutes**; that I **be not ashamed**.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Turn	H7725	shûb	to <i>turn</i> back, bring (again, back, home again), call [to mind], carry again (back), cease, draw back, fetch home again
That have Known	H3045	yâda'	to <i>know</i> (properly to ascertain by <i>seeing</i>); acknowledge, acquainted with, advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware, for a certainty, comprehend, consider
Let my heart	H3820	lêb	the <i>heart</i> ; the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the <i>centre</i> of anything, understanding, wisdom
Sound	H8549	tâmîym	<i>Entire, integrity, truth</i> : - without blemish, complete, full, perfect, sincerely (-ity), sound, without spot, undefiled, upright (-ly), whole
Thy Statutes	H2706	chôq	an <i>enactment</i> ; an <i>appointment</i> (of time, space, quantity, labor or usage): - appointed, bound, commandment, convenient, custom, decree (-d), due, law, measure, X necessary, ordinance (-nary), portion, set time, statute, task
Be Not Ashamed	H954	bûsh	to <i>pale</i> , to <i>be ashamed</i> ; to <i>be disappointed</i> , or <i>delayed</i> : - (be, make, bring to, cause, put to, with, a-) shame, be (put to) confounded, become dry

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

Let those who reverence and fear You turn back to me. Let those who understand and love Your Testimonies call me to mind and bring me back home (in their hearts) once again. Let my mind, will and emotions be without blemish – entire and established in integrity and truth in Your Law. Let me not become spiritually dry (dead) or be put to shame – disappointed in the End.

Cross References:

Psa_142:7; Psa_25:21, Psa_32:2; Deu_26:16; 2Ch_12:14, 2Ch_15:17, 2Ch_25:2, 2Ch_31:20-21; Pro_4:23; Eze_11:9; Joh_1:47; 2Co_1:12; Psa_119:6, Psa_25:2-3; 1Jo_2:28

Psalm 119:73-80 Reveals the *Yod* Message:

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

Yahweh, it is Your Hand that has created me. And it is You who gives me the power, strength and ordination to fulfill Your Calling as a warrior and workman. You have established and appointed me, making me ready to do that which You have ordained. It is through Your Provision that I am established and made to stand. Please grant me wisdom and understanding. Help me to mentally separate that which is pleasing to You from that which is not. Help me to understand and obey Your Commandments. In so doing, those who fear You and reverence Your Way will be strengthened and cheered up when they behold my faith-filled life, or are near me. Let this be my influence on them for, by Your Grace, I will faithfully wait – keeping Your Word – until Your Return.

Yahweh, I acknowledge (for I have seen) that Your favorable or unfavorable sentences are right. You give privileges and measure judgment in due order. I understand that when You chasten and afflict me – even when You deal hard with me – Your reproof is a demonstration of Your loving Favour and Your Kindness. You reprove me to bring me to repentance. In this I am truly comforted! This is a blessing You bestow unto Your Bondservant, as Your Word has Promised. Let Your Loving Compassion come unto me – as that of a tender mother cherishing the child of her womb – so that I may be nourished, preserved, restored, and made to live. I ask this because understanding and obeying Your Torah is my pleasure. Let the arrogant and presumptuous ones be confounded and disappointed in their evil purpose. For they have worked to subvert and overthrow me through deceit and falsifying. They attack me without a cause because I have and will speak on Your Precepts. I will declare them. I will muse and pray upon them. I will ponder them. Let those who reverence and fear You turn back to me. Let those who understand and love Your Testimonies call me to mind and bring me back home (in their hearts) once again. Let my mind, will and emotions be without blemish – entire and established in integrity and truth in Your Law. Let me not become spiritually dry (dead) or be put to shame – disappointed in the End.

Personal Application:

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

Yod is the Work of *Yahweh*. When He is present in the life of man, man is empowered and enlivened. But when He is removed – man is left to be consumed by the burning lusts of evil desire.

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

The greatest and most powerful Work that *Yahweh* has done is manifesting in the Flesh – *Yahshua* – the Salvation of *Yah* is His greatest Work! It is in *Yahshua* that I can rightly understand Truth and find the strength to keep His Commandments, becoming a citizen of *Yah*'s Orderly and Righteous Kingdom and forsaking the lost ways of Lawlessness.