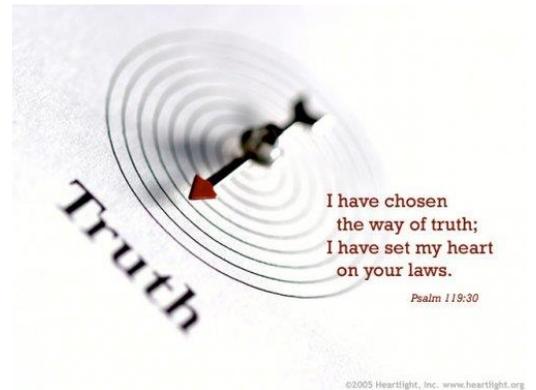
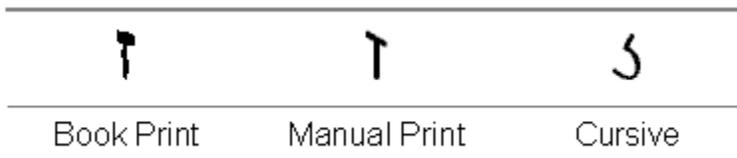


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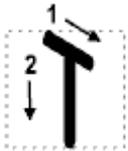


The seventh letter of the Hebrew alphabet is called "Zayin", (pronounced "ZAH-yeen"). It has the same sound as "z" says in "zebra". In modern Hebrew, the *Zayin* can appear in the following three forms:



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

MANUAL PRINT VERSION



Note that the first stroke slightly descends from the left to right.

Writing the Letter: *Zayin*

	<p>Practice making the <i>Zayin</i> here:</p>
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Zayin, the seventh letter of the Hebrew alphabet, concludes the first series of letters, portraying the story of the Gospel. Considering this, let's review briefly what we've found in the first letters:

	<i>Aleph</i>	– represents the ONE, Almighty, invisible God, our FATHER, Who...
	<i>Beit</i>	– "Housed" Himself in human flesh and Scripture, Tabernacling among us...
	<i>Gimmel</i>	– <i>Yah's</i> plea to mankind goes forth from <i>beit</i> , carried by the final Elijahs...
	<i>Dalet</i>	– who "knock" on the heart-door of the lost, inviting them to sup with <i>Yah</i> ...
	<i>Hey</i>	– Those who open their doors (<i>dalet</i>) to the Truth, receive <i>Yah's</i> Spirit (<i>hey</i>)...
	<i>Vav</i>	– Anyone who has been filled with the Spirit and imputed with Messiah's Righteousness, becomes a true man, re-connected to Heaven...

Having received the Spiritual Gifts and Messages of these previous six letters, the new man is ready for effective SPIRITUAL WARFARE. *Zayin* means "weapon" and its form represents the SWORD of the SPIRIT.

Spiritual Meaning of the Zayin

Zayin = 7 and is formed by crowning a vav. It represents a sword.

- The gematria of the word Zayin is 67, which is the same value for **בִּינָה** (*binah*), meaning "understanding".

Zayin is a paradoxical word, since it means "weapon" or "sword," but derives from a root word that means "sustenance" or "nourishment." The root (*zan*) appears in words like (*mazon*), meaning "food." Notice that the word for bread, *lechem*, is contained in the Hebrew word for war, *milchamah*:



But how is food or nourishment related to the sword? The sword of spiritual warfare is needed for our continued nourishment (lest the enemy prevent us from being filled in the Word of Truth). In order to be nourished and at rest in Yah, we must effectively engage in spiritual warfare.

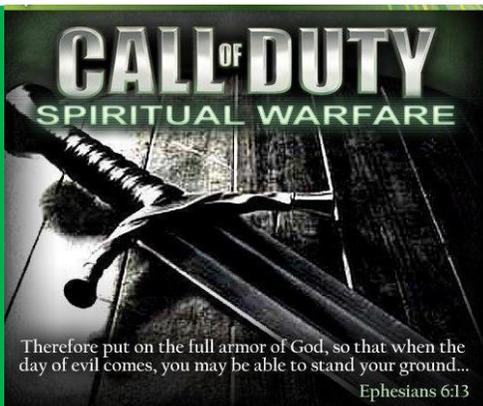
The Seventh-day Rest reveals the Shabbat Queen - Zion - at rest, having received the Word and repented of wickedness.

Ephesians 6:17 The **SWORD** of the **SPIRIT** is the Word of God

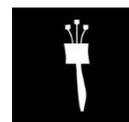
Psalms 149:2-7 Sing to Yahweh a new song... Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples...

ZAYIN: Yahshua WORD of GOD - the SWORD of His Mouth

Revelation 19:15 Now out of His Mouth goes a sharp **SWORD**, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.



Zayin is considered a "crowned" Vav. Just as Vav represents "yashar," straight light from God to man, so Zayin represents **אור חזר** (*or chozer*), or returning light. Just as a woman of valor is the crown of her husband, so Zayin, the 7th letter, is the crown of Vav.



Zayin is used to divide or "cut up" time **זמן** (*z'man*) into units of sevens:

- Shabbat - the 7th day of the 7-day week (the week of days)
- Shavu'ot - the 49th day after Passover (the week of weeks)
- Tishri - the 7th month of the year (the week of months)
- Shemithah - the 7th year of rest for the land (the week of years)
- Yovel - the 49th year (the week of weeks of years)
- The Millennial Kingdom - the 7th millennium of human history



7	ZAYIN	7
SWORD / WEAPON		
to CUT-OFF evil / cause to REST from evil		
SWORD	JESUS / Y'SHUA SABBATH REST WORD of GOD	BELIEVER CUT-OFF evil Enter REST
CONFLICT	REST	WORD of GOD

Hebrew Words Beginning with *Zayin*:

Hebrew Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
זָכַר	<i>zaw-kar</i>	Remember (earnestly) <u>Exo 20:8</u> Remember ^{H2142} the ^(H853) Sabbath ^{H7676} day, ^{H3117} to keep it holy. ^{H6942}
זָמַר	<i>zaw-mar</i>	Sing Praise (singing is a weapon against the enemy) <u>Psa 9:2</u> I will be glad ^{H8055} and rejoice ^{H5970} in thee: I will sing praise ^{H2167} to thy name, ^{H8034} O thou most High. ^{H5945}
זֵית	<i>zay-ith</i>	Olive tree (Olive oil) <u>Hos 14:6</u> His branches ^{H3127} shall spread, ^{H1980} and his beauty ^{H1935} shall be ^{H1961} as the olive tree, ^{H2132} and his smell ^{H7381} as Lebanon. ^{H3844}
זְכוּת אֲבוֹת		(ze-KHOOT a-VOHT) n. "The merits of the fathers." The idea that the righteousness of the ancestors contribute to the welfare and blessings enjoyed by their descendants.
The word זַיִן <i>zayin</i> does not occur in Scriptures. The form of the <i>zayin</i> represents a hand weapon, and means arm, ornament, to arm. The root זוז (<i>zwz</i>) of the verb זִיז (<i>ziz</i>), moving things (like animals) and מזוזה (<i>mezuzah</i>), doorpost. The identical root זוז (<i>zwz</i>) yields זִיז (<i>ziz</i>), meaning abundance, fullness. Another word of interest is זון (<i>zun</i>), to feed.		

The Mystery of the Oversized *Zayin*:

An oversized *Zayin* is found in Malachi 4:4:

זָכְרוּ! תּוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה עַבְדִּי אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִי אוֹתוֹ
בְּהָרֵב עַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל חֻקִּים וּמִשְׁפָּטִים:

"Remember the *Torah* of Moses My servant that I commanded him at *Horeb*, the Statutes (*chukim*) and Judgments (*mishpatim*) for all Israel."

Since *Zayin* represents a weapon of the Spirit, remembering the *Torah* of Moses is here depicted as a great weapon to be used in Spiritual Warfare.

The Spiritual Warfare Value of God's Law:

Christians are largely aware that Spiritual Warfare is vitally important to finding and keeping true freedom in Christ. The devil is like a "roaring lion", especially working to "devour" Christians, who are most threatening to him and his kingdom (1 Peter 5:8-9). Thus, choosing to walk with God automatically means that we must resist the devil (in *Yahweh's* Power, of course). As it says in James 4:7, "*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*"

The process of daily submitting to God and resisting the devil is called Spiritual Warfare. Yet while most Christians understand the importance of effective Spiritual Warfare as a necessity to genuine Christian living, most do not realize that without *Torah* effective Spiritual Warfare is impossible!

Countless Christians unwittingly place themselves in spiritual harm's way, by acting in ignorance to the principles of the *Torah*. The Law of *Yahweh* is intended to protect us from the onslaught of the enemy. But when we are spiritually ignorant, the Bible warns us that the devil gets the advantage over us (2 Corinthians 2:11), even gaining a revolving door policy where the demons are able to re-enter the soul from which they were cast out!



Throughout our years in ministry, my husband and I have interceded for Christians, who have unknowingly stepped outside of the protective guidelines of *Torah*, only to reap the fruits of hell as a result. One man was unable to find peace in his home. Instead of a sanctuary, a little taste of Heaven on earth, his home had become a place of demonic torment and spiritual oppression. He explained to us that he felt better when he left his house. He asked us to come and do a prayer and anointing over his home. He hoped that *Yahweh* would then cleanse his home, removing this demonic darkness and spiritual pestilence.

When we arrived at his home and began the requested prayer and anointing, we saw that he had a large Buddha sitting on a stand in his house. We inquired about it, realizing that the devil could have gained the right to infect his home just from the presence of this idol alone! It turned out that the man, although a Christian, had simply picked up the Buddha as a souvenir during his travels. It meant nothing to him, other than as a memento of the trip. But, had he been aware of the *Torah* safeguards, which forbid all idolatry in

the lives and homes of God's people, he could have been spared a great deal of pain and suffering! Demons don't get the right to infect a Christian's home without a cause!

Similarly, we were asked to drive to a couple's home, located several hours from us. The wife tearfully explained that they were afraid to live in their own home. Lights and water faucets would supernaturally turn on and off. Menacing presences would threaten the household. The couple couldn't even sleep through the night without some form of hair-raising manifestation.

"Why is Satan doing this to us? We're CHRISTIANS!" the woman cried.

Gently, we shared with the exhausted couple that there was likely a cursed object in their home, giving the demons the right to possess the house. We knew this because of a warning given in the *Torah*:

Deuteronomy 7:26 "Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing."

Because the Law (the *Torah* includes the first five books of the Bible: Genesis—Deuteronomy) is viewed as "done away with", Christians no longer study it or concern themselves with its principles. As a result, this poor couple had no idea that cursed items could bring such terror to their home!

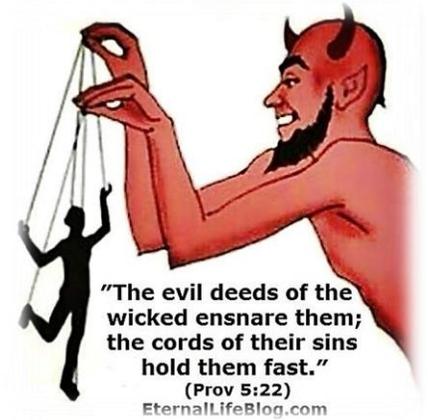
As it turned out, there was one cursed item in the couple's home. It was a gorgeous tapestry, hanging on the living room wall. The artist had been a mystical, New Age, "white witch". When the wall-hanging was removed and burned, the home prayed over and anointed, the spiritual manifestations stopped and the demonic shadow was fully lifted. We were all thankful to God for this powerful deliverance, but we were also saddened to realize that the precious couple could have been spared the whole ordeal had they only known and kept the principles of the *Torah*!

But of all the unnecessary sorrows brought on unsuspecting Christians by nailing the Law to Cross, perhaps the most devastating blow to effective Spiritual Warfare is the devil's resulting "revolving door policy". In fact, it is only when we remain within the protection of the *Torah* principles that we can find lasting freedom in Christ.

When we disobey or break the Law of *Yahweh*, we have committed sin (1 John 3:4). And it is through sin that the devil gets the rights to afflict and enslave us in the first place! All demonic bondage, even full demonic possession, began with sin—either sins which we have committed personally, or it is bondage brought on us by the sins of our ancestors (Exodus 20:5). The connection between disobeying the principles of the Law (which is sin) and demonic bondage is plainly stated in Proverbs. To be “holden” with the “cords” of our own “sins” literally means to be unable to get free from the devil’s bondage.

Proverbs 5:22 *“His own iniquities (sins—Law breaking) shall take (ensnare, imprison) the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.”*

When we come to Christ, repent for our past sins and are delivered from demonic bondage, we become God’s loving children and are made FREE (John 8:36) in the Name and Blood of the Lamb (1 John 1:9). But we are not now free to keep sinning—or keep disobeying the principles of Torah. We are made free to demonstrate our love for God, by obedience to His Instructions.



1 John 5:2-4 *“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His Commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His Commandments; and His Commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”*

Zayin and the Crowned Man:

Since *Vav* represents man and *Zayin* is the crowned *Vav* (i.e., the Crowned Man), we can also see that the *Zayin* represents *Yahshua* the Messiah, the true King. And since *Zayin* also represents a sword, we see the Man, *Yahshua*, equipped with the Sword of the Holy Spirit in *Yah’s* Word.



Note: The sword mentioned in Hebrews 4:12 is *μαχαίρα* (*machaira*), a "short sword" that was sharpened on both edges of the blade.

Zayin is a Picture of *Yahshua* the Messiah

Since *Zayin* represents the crowned Man, we would expect it to reveal more Truth about *Yahshua*. Indeed, since *Zayin’s* sword represents our Protector, as *Yahshua* is the "Lion of the tribe of Judah"; and since *Zayin* also represents nourishment life, *Yahshua* is here depicted as the Shepherd who feeds His sheep.



Zayin: Letter with Two Faces:

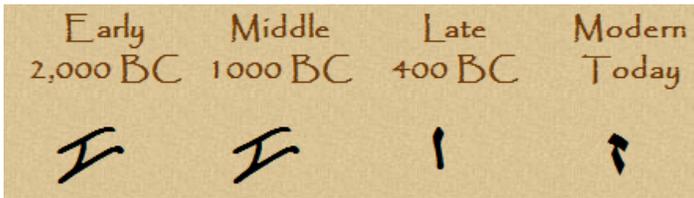
The name of the letter *zayin* may be spelled in two ways. When it is spelled זַיִן (*zayin*), it means “weapon”. But, when it is spelled זָיִן (without the middle *yod*), it means “to nourish or sustain”. These two concepts – weapon and nourishment – both illustrate the benefits derived from God’s Word – it is the Living Bread, by which we are spiritually nourished. And it is our Weapon of defense against temptation and the enemy. This also shows the two sides of *Yahweh’s* care for His people. On the one hand, He is our Provider. He is merciful and gracious. On the other, there are times when He must be stern and even bring the sword of sorrow and trial into our lives, in order to bring us to repentance. *Yahshua* is both the Lion AND the Lamb.



Romans 2:4 *“...The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.”*

Romans 11:22 “Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.”

A Paleo-Hebrew Look at Zayin



The paleo-Hebrew form of Zayin looked more like a slanted capital “I”. The meaning added some amazing depths to this letter message. It was depicting a farming implement – a plowshare - like those used in biblical



times. This showed both the nourishing and protecting, roles of Yahweh. Plowshares were beaten into swords, so in Hebrew thought, both the sword and plowshare were connected. Yet, the plowshare was the primary meaning of the letter, not the sword. This is because the plowshare meaning is enduring, while the time for wielding the sword will come to an end. Consider: *Isaiah 2:4* “And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”

Psalm 119:49-56 Shows the Zayin

In Psalm 119:49-56, we find the *Zayin* section. In this part of Psalm 119, we see vital principles for both spiritual warfare and spiritual nourishment. We see what it takes to stay faithful to Yahweh in a dark world, where Truth is twisted and wickedness prevails.

	ז	7 ZAYIN
זְכַרְדָּבָר לְעִבְדְּךָ עַל אֲשֶׁר יִחַלְתָּנִי:	49	Remember your word to your servant, because you gave me hope.
DABAR		
זֹאת נַחֲמָתִי בְעִנְיִי כִי אִמְרָתְךָ חִיַּתָּנִי:	50	This is my comfort in my affliction, for your word has revived me.
IMRAH		
זֵדִים הִלְצִנִי עֲדֹמָאֵד מִתּוֹרָתְךָ לֹא נָטִיתִי:	51	The arrogant mock me excessively, but I don't swerve from your law .
TORAH		
זְכַרְתִּי מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ מֵעוֹלָם יְהוָה וְאַתְנַחֵם:	52	I remember your ordinances of old, Yahweh, and have comforted myself.
YHWH MISHPAT		
זִלְעָפָה אֲחֻזָּתִנִי מִרְשָׁעִים עֲזָבִי תוֹרָתְךָ:	53	Indignation has taken hold on me, because of the wicked who forsake your law .
TORAH		
זְמֵרוֹת הַיּוֹלֵי חֻקֶיךָ בְּבַיִת מִגּוּרֵי:	54	Your statutes have been my songs, in the house where I live.
CHOQ		
זְכַרְתִּי בַלַּיְלָה שְׁמֶךָ יְהוָה וְאַשְׁמְרָה תוֹרָתְךָ:	55	I have remembered your name, Yahweh, in the night, and I obey your law .
TORAH YHWH		
זֹאת הִתְהַלְלִי כִי פִקּוּדֶיךָ נִצְרָתִי:	56	This is my way, that I keep your precepts .
PIQUWD		

Keyword Study: Psalm 119:49-50 (words starting with *Zayin* are highlighted)

“ZAIN. **Remember** the Word unto Thy servant, upon which **Thou hast caused me to hope**. **This** is my **comfort** in my **affliction**: for Thy Word hath **quicken**ed me.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Remember	H2142	zâkar	to <i>mark</i> (so as to be recognized), to <i>remember</i> ; to <i>mention</i> ; be mindful, recount, record make to be remembered.
...Hope	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
This	H2063	zô'th	<i>this</i> (often used adverbially): - hereby (herein, herewith), it, likewise, the one (other, same)... thus
comfort	H5165	nechâmâh	<i>consolation</i> : - comfort (from the root meaning “to sigh, breathe strongly”)
affliction	H6040	ʿōnîy	<i>depression</i> , that is, misery: - afflicted (-ion), trouble
quicken	H2421	châyâh	to <i>live</i> , whether literally or figuratively; causatively to <i>revive</i> : - keep alive, give (promise) life, be whole

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

Heavenly Father, Please remember Your Word *and* promise to Your bondservant, in which You have caused me to hope, patiently waiting and trusting in You. This is my comfort *and* consolation in my affliction. Your Word has revived me, given me life, and made me whole.

Cross References: Psalm 119:43, Psalm 119:74, Psalm 119:81, Psalm 119:147, Psalm 71:14; 2 Samuel 5:2, 2 Samuel 7:25; Romans 15:13; 1 Peter 1:13, 1 Peter 1:21

Keyword Study: Psalm 119:51-52 (words starting with *Zayin* are highlighted)

“**The proud** have had me greatly in **derision**: yet have I not **declined** from Thy **Law**. **I remembered** Thy **Judgments of old**, O LORD; and have comforted myself.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
The proud	H2086	zêd	<i>arrogant</i> : - presumptuous, proud
Derision	H3887	lûts	to <i>make mouths</i> at, to <i>scoff</i> ; have in derision, make a mock, mocker, scorn
Declined	H5186	nâṭâh	to <i>stretch</i> or spread out to <i>bend</i> away (including moral deflection); decline, go down, be gone, pervert, put away, take (aside), turn (aside, away), wrest, cause to yield
Law	H8451	tôrâh	a <i>precept</i> or <i>statute</i> , especially the <i>Decalogue</i> or <i>Pentateuch</i> : - law
Judgments	H4941	mishpâṭ	a <i>verdict</i> (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a <i>sentence</i> or formal decree (human or (particularly) divine <i>law</i>)
Of Old	H5769	ʿôlâm	<i>concealed</i> , that is, the <i>vanishing</i> point; generally time <i>out of mind</i> (past or future), <i>eternity</i> ; <i>always</i> : eternal, perpetual, (beginning of the) world (without end).

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

Arrogant and presumptuous people have mocked me with vehement cruelty, yet I have not yielded by perverting or turning away from Your *Torah* Teachings. I remembered Your everlasting Law and Judgments O *YAHWEH*. I keep before my mind the blessings which You grant for obedience and the cursings which You decree for disobedience. (See Deuteronomy 30:15-20). Your Principles were established before the beginning of this world and remembering them comforts me.

Cross References:

Psalm 119:31, Psalm 119:157, Psalm 44:18; Job 23:11; Isaiah 38:3, Isaiah 42:4; Acts 20:23-24; Hebrews 12:1-3
 Psalm 77:5, Psalm 77:11-12, Psalm 105:5, Psalm 143:5; Exodus 14:29-30; Numbers 16:3-35; Deuteronomy 1:35-36; Deuteronomy 4:3-4; 2 Peter 2:4-9

Keyword Study: Psalm 119:53-54 (words starting with *Zayin* are highlighted)

“**Horror** hath taken hold upon me because of the **wicked** that **forsake** Thy Law. Thy Statutes have been my **songs** in the **house** of my **pilgrimage**.”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Horror	H2152	<i>zal'âphâh</i>	a <i>glow</i> (of wind or anger); also a <i>famine</i> (as <i>consuming</i>): - horrible, horror, terrible horror: <i>Zilaphah</i> properly signifies the pestilential burning wind called by the Arabs <i>Simoom</i> (see Psalm 11:6). It is here used in a figurative sense for the most horrid distress; and strongly marks the idea the Psalmist had of the corrupting, pestilential, and destructive nature of sin.
Hath taken hold upon me	H270	<i>'âchaz</i>	to <i>seize</i> , be affrighted, bar, (catch, lay, take) hold (back), come upon, fasten, handle, portion, (get, have or take) possess (-ion)
Wicked	H7563	<i>râshâ'</i>	morally <i>wrong</i> ; concretely an (actively) <i>bad</i> person: - + condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong
Forsake	H5800	<i>'âzab</i>	to <i>loosen</i> , <i>relinquish</i> , <i>permit</i> , commit self, fail, forsake, fortify, help, leave (destitute, off), refuse
Songs	H2158	<i>zâmîyr</i>	a <i>song</i> to be accompanied with instrumental music: - psalm (-ist), singing, song (from the root meaning, “give praise”)
House	H1004	<i>bayith</i>	a <i>house</i> , court, dungeon, [winter]house, place, + prison, + steward, + tablet, temple, web, + within
Pilgrimage	H4033	<i>mâgûr</i>	<i>lodging</i> ; a temporary <i>abode</i> ; dwelling, pilgrimage, where sojourn, be a stranger.

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

Burning indignation and fear have seized my heart, at the terrible spiritual famine consuming this world, because of the moral wrongs done by those who wickedly forsake Your Law. Your Statutes, Commandments, and holy Appointments have been my songs in this earthly prison of

my pilgrimage. Truly, I am a stranger and a sojourner in this cold place. This world is not my home!

Cross References:

Psalms 119:136, Psalm 119:158; Ezra 9:3, Ezra 9:14, Ezra 10:6; Jeremiah 13:17; Daniel 4:19; Habakkuk 3:16; Luke 19:41-42; Romans 9:1-3; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Philippians 3:18

Keyword Study: Psalm 119:55-56 (words starting with Zayin are highlighted)

“**I have remembered** Thy Name, O LORD, **in the night**, and **have kept** Thy Law. **This** I had, because I kept **Thy Precepts.**”

Keyword	Strong's #	Hebrew Word	Meaning
Thy Name	H8034	shêm	an <i>appellation</i> , as a mark or memorial of individuality; <i>honor, authority, character</i> : name (-d), renown, report
In the Night	H3915	layil	a <i>twist</i> (away of the light), that is, <i>night</i> ; figuratively <i>adversity</i> : - ([mid-]) night (season)
Have Kept	H8104	shâmar	to <i>hedge</i> about (as with thorns), <i>guard; protect, attend to</i> , be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-er, self), mark, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), watch (-man).
Thy Precepts	H6490	piqqûd	<i>appointed</i> , that is, a <i>mandate</i> (of God; plural only, collectively for the <i>Law</i>): - commandment, precept, statute

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

O *Yahweh*, I have earnestly remembered and have honored Your Name, Your Authority, and Your Character in this place of adversity, where most twist away from the night. Amidst the night of this spiritual darkness, I have observed and guarded Your Law as a faithful watchman. This I have been enabled to do, even in this dark world, because I keep Your Precepts and appointed Commandments. I have made it my habit to hear, receive, love, and obey them.

Cross References:

Psalms 42:8, Psalm 63:6, Psalm 77:6, Psalm 139:18; Genesis 32:24-28; Job 35:9-10; Isaiah 26:9; Luke 6:12; Acts 16:25; Psalm 119:165, Psalm 18:18-22; 1 John 3:19-24

Psalm 119:49-56 Reveals the Zayin Message:

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

Those that make God's Promises and Torah their portion, may with humble boldness make them their plea. *Yahweh*, Who by His Spirit works faith in us, will work for us to keep us from the darkness of this world. The Torah of *Yahweh* is our source of comfort in this time of twisted Truth and spiritual darkness. If, through Grace,

we are obedient and holy, we may find peace during our earthly pilgrimage, in all conditions. Let us be certain we understand and keep the Divine Law. We must live by Torah so faithfully that even the peer pressure of the majority, vehemently deriding and scoffing at us, cannot prevail upon us to decline from it. God's eternal Judgments (blessings and spiritual freedom are the Judged fruits of obedience and cursings and spiritual bondage are the fruits of disobedience) comfort and encourage us. For we are assured that He is still the same.

Sin is horrible in the eyes of all that are sanctified. The Statutes of Yahweh supply reason for grateful praise. In the season of affliction, and in the cold hours of the darkest spiritual midnight, we remember the Name of *Yahweh*, and are stirred up to keep the Law. All who have made pleasing *Yahweh* the first and most important thing, have gained blessings, protection, and joy beyond description by it.

Personal Application:

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

Over the years, my husband and I have searched the Scriptures to find the principles of Spiritual Warfare. Early on, I knew about the Heavenly armor of Ephesians 6. But it was much later that I learned of other vital weapons, like obedience to Torah (by Yah's Grace, of course) and singing, or even the principle of generational bondage... To my amazement, all these principles are found in the *zayin*!!! Either through the meaning of the letter itself, or in the meaning of the words which start with *zayin*, one finds all the principles of Spiritual Warfare. I feel I am just now playing "catch up" with what I would have known long ago, had I only understood the meaning of the Hebrew letters!!!

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

Zayin is a letter with dual meaning. It shows that *Yahweh* enables His people to war effectively against the enemy of souls. It shows HOW to effectively war against satan. But the *zayin* is also nurturing. It's about plowing and being fed with the heritage of Jacob our father... *Zayin* shows that while *Yahweh* empowers us to fight now, we will not always have to do so. For a permanent peace is coming where *Yahweh* will enable us to proverbially beat our swords into plowshares. And a man will plant a vineyard, and he with his children will eat the fruit of it:

Isaiah 65:21-25 "And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of My people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of *Yahweh*, and their offspring with them... The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock... They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, saith *Yahweh*."