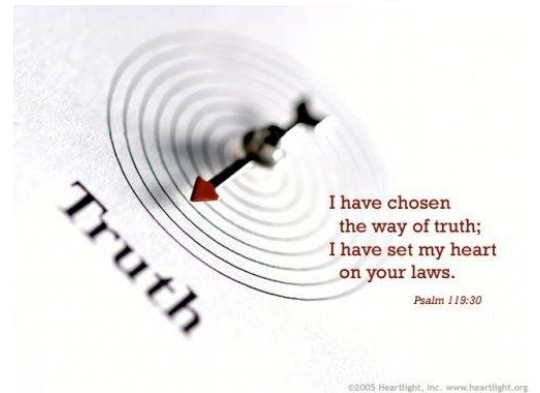
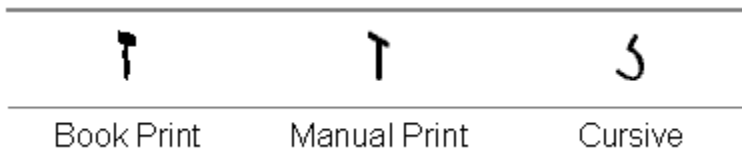


# Psalm 119 & the Hebrew Aleph Bet - Part 7

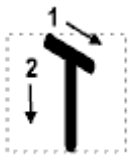


The seventh letter of the Hebrew alphabet is called "Zayin", (pronounced "ZAH-yeen"). It has the same sound as "z" says in "zebra". In modern Hebrew, the *Zayin* can appear in the following three forms:



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.

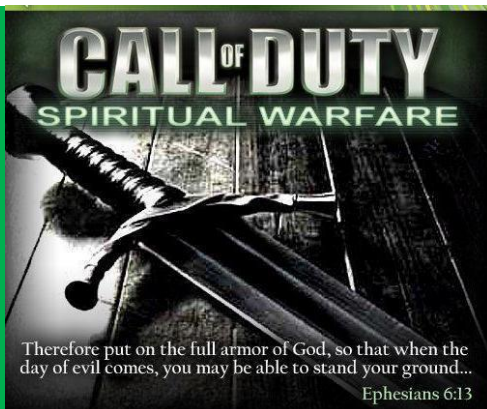
The Seventh-day Rest reveals the Shabbat Queen - Zion - at rest, having received the Word and repented of wickedness.

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

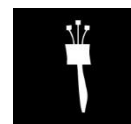
*Psalms 149:2-7* Sing to Yahweh a new song... Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples...

## 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** (*zman*) 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
<b>SWORD / WEAPON</b> 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>	<b>Remember (earnestly)</b> <u>Exo 20:8</u> Remember <sup>H2142</sup> the <sup>(H853)</sup> Sabbath <sup>H7676</sup> day, <sup>H3117</sup> to keep it holy. <sup>H6942</sup>
זָמַר	<i>zaw-mar</i>	<b>Sing Praise (singing is a weapon against the enemy)</b> <u>Psa 9:2</u> I will be glad <sup>H8055</sup> and rejoice <sup>H5970</sup> in thee: I will sing praise <sup>H2167</sup> to thy name, <sup>H8034</sup> O thou most High. <sup>H5945</sup>
זֵית	<i>zay-ith</i>	<b>Olive tree (Olive oil)</b> <u>Hos 14:6</u> His branches <sup>H3127</sup> shall spread, <sup>H1980</sup> and his beauty <sup>H1935</sup> shall be <sup>H1961</sup> as the olive tree, <sup>H2132</sup> and his smell <sup>H7381</sup> as Lebanon. <sup>H3844</sup>
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:

זָכוּר (זַיִן) תּוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה עַבְדִּי אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִי אוֹתוֹ  
בְּהָרֶב 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!

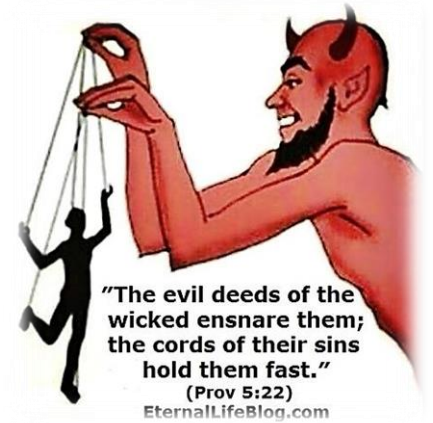
As it turned out, there was one cursed item in the couple's home. It was a gorgeous tapestry, hanging on the living room wall. The artist had been a mystical, New Age, "white witch". When the wall-hanging was removed and burned, the home prayed over and anointed, the spiritual manifestations stopped 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:

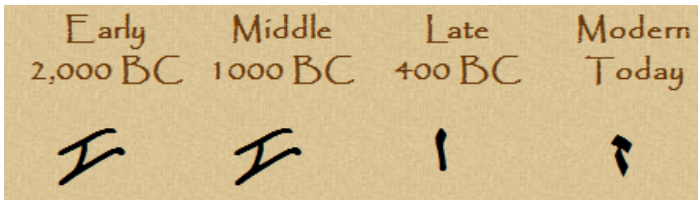
The name of the letter *zayin* may be spelled in two ways. When it is spelled זַיִן (*zayin*), it means “weapon”. But, when it is spelled זָיִן (without the middle *yod*), it means “to nourish or sustain”. These two concepts – weapon and nourishment – both illustrate the benefits derived from God’s Word – 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.



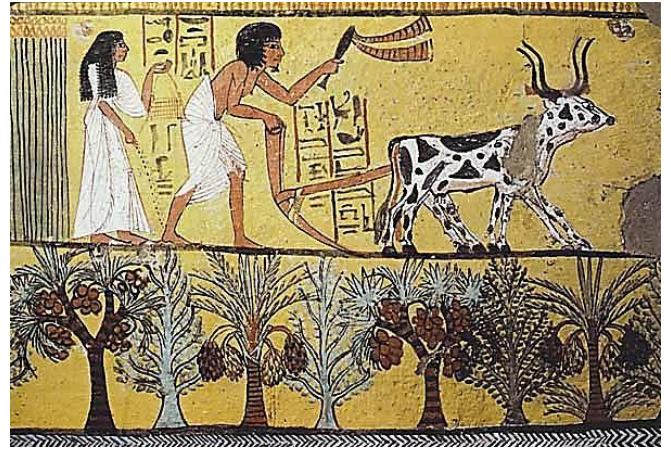
*Romans 2:4* *“...The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.”*

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.

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

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

**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			
Derision			
Declined			
Law			
Judgments			
Of Old			

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

**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			
Hath taken hold upon me			
Wicked			
Forsake			
Songs			
House			
Pilgrimage			

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



**Cross References:**

Psalm 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			
In the Night			
Have Kept			
Thy Precepts			

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

**Cross References:**

Psalm 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

