

Lesson One
The Authority of the Scriptures

1) You must first put your trust and faith in YHWH.

Hebrews 11:6

But without emunah it is impossible to please Him: for he that comes to YHWH must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him.

2) The name of the Creator is the four-lettered yod-hey-vav-hey. This name was given unto man for relationship. This name was never intended to be hidden behind the words “god” or “lord.” YHWH is His name. All other gods are false. YHWH is the name given to Moses at the burning bush. This name is to be used by all Bible believers as a “memorial forever,” Exodus 3:15. YHWH means “to be.” YHWH is and YHWH is His name. However, this name has been hidden behind the English words “LORD” and “GOD” in modern Bibles. Today, people all over the world are rejecting false titles and accepting the true name of the Father. The prophecy of Zephaniah 3:9 is coming true, “For I shall turn unto the peoples a clean lip, so that they all call on the name YHWH, to serve Him.” You should use the Name of YHWH Y’shua when completing these studies.

Exodus 23:13

And in all things that I have said to you take heed: and make no mention of the names of other elohim, neither let it be heard out of your mouth

Exodus 3:13-17

And Moshe said to Elohim, See, when I come to the children of Yisrael, and shall say to them, The Elohim of your ahvot has sent me to you; and they shall say to me, What is His Name? What shall I say to them? And the Word of Elohim said to Moshe, *Eyeh Asher eyeh*: and He said, *This shall you say to the children Of Yisrael, EYEH has sent me to you.* And Elohim said moreover to Moshe, *This shall you say to the children of Yisrael, YHWH Elohim of your ahvot, the Elohim of Avraham, the Elohim of Yitzchak, and the Elohim of Yaakov has sent me to you: this is My Name le-olam-va-ed, and this is My memorial to all generations. Go, and gather the zechanim of Yisrael together, and say to them, YHWH Elohim of your ahvot, the Elohim of Avraham, of Yitzchak, and of Yaakov, appeared to me, saying, I have surely visited you, and have seen that which is done to you in Mitzrayim: And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Mitzrayim to the land of the Kanaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Yevusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.*

Psalms 68:4

Sing to Elohim, shir tehillot to His Name: extol Him that rides upon the shamayim by His Name Yah, and gilah before Him.

Isaiah 42:8

I am YHWH: that is My Name: and My tifereth will I not give to another, neither My hallel to graven images.

3) YHWH is Spirit and desires a spiritual connection with His creation. This connection is established through the power or ahava/love.

John 3:16

For YHWH so loved the olam hazeh, that He gave His only brought forth Son, that whoever believes on Him should not perish, but have everlasting chayim.

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John 14:15

If you love Me, keep My mitzvoth.

1 John 2:4

He who says, I know Him, and does not guard His mitzvoth, is a liar, and the emet is not in him.

John 13:35

By this shall all men know that you are My talmidim, if you have ahava one to another.

4) YHWH has loving given mankind the Torah/law of Moses as instructions for living. The Scriptures, specifically the first five books, contain the Almighty's blueprint for living a righteous abundant life.

Romans 7:12

Therefore the Torah is kadosh, and the mitzvoth are kadosh, and just, and tov.

Malachi 3:16

Then they that feared YHWH spoke often one to another: and YHWH listened, and heard it, and a Scroll of Remembrance was written before Him for them that fear YHWH, and that thought upon His Name.

Matthew 5:17-18

Think not that I am come to weaken, or destroy the Torah, or the neviim: I have not come to weaken, or destroy, but to completely reveal it in its intended fullness. 18 For truly I say to you, Until the current shamayim and earth pass away, not one yud, or one nekudah shall by any means pass from the Torah, until all be fulfilled.

5) YHWH and His Word are eternal and do not change. Nothing in the Bible has "passed away." YHWH expects the same from us as He did from people 2,000 years ago. YHWH expects us to obey His Word, trust Him, and love Him with all our might.

Psalms 119:83

For I am become like a wineskin in the smoke; yet do I not forget Your chukim.

Matthew 5:17

Think not that I am come to weaken, or destroy the Torah, or the neviim: I have not come to weaken, or destroy, but to completely reveal it in its intended fullness.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades: but the word of our Elohim shall abide and stand le-olam-va-ed. 11

6) YHWH does not lie and is incapable of falsehood.

Numbers 23:19

El is not a man, that He should lie, neither a ben-adam, that He should repent: has He said, and shall He not do it? Or, has He spoken, and shall He not make it tov?

Titus 1:2

In the expectation of eternal chayim, which YHWH, who cannot lie, promised before the olam hazeh;

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Hebrews 6:16-20

For men truly swear by the greater than themselves: and in every dispute among them, the true settlement is by the oath. In like manner YHWH, willing more abundantly to show to the heirs of promise that His promise was unchangeable, sealed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, the promise and the tikvah, in which it was impossible for YHWH to lie, we might have a strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the tikvah set before us: Which tikvah we have as an anchor of our being, both sure and firm, and that tikvah enters within the veil; There Y'shua has previously entered in for our sakes, even Y'shua, made a Kohen HaGadol le-olam-va-ed after the order of Melech-Tzadik.

7) The Word of YHWH is infallible or without error. The Scriptures contain no contradictions. YHWH has given us the Tanakh/Older Testament and the Brit Chadasha/Newer Testament so that we can know His will and therefore obey Him.

Luke 4:4

And Y'shua answered him, saying, *It is written, That man shall not live by lechem alone, but by every word of YHWH.*

2 Peter 1:20-21

Knowing this first that no prophesy of the Keetvay HaKadosh is of any private interpretation. ⁵ For prophecy came not in ancient times by the will of man: but kadosh men of YHWH spoke as they were moved by the Ruach Hakodesh.

Romans 15:4

For all things that were written in the Tanach were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Keetvay HaKadosh might have tikvah.

Revelation 22:17-19

And the Ruach and the bride of Yisrael say, *Boh.* And let him that hears say, *Boh.* And let him that is thirsty come. And whoever so desires let him take the mayim chayim freely. For I testify to every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll, If any man shall add to these things, YHWH shall add to him the plagues that are written in this scroll: And if any man shall take away from the words of this scroll of prophecy, YHWH shall take away his part out of the Sefer Ha Chayim, and out of the kadosh city, and from the things that are written in this scroll.

8) Y'shua is the Living Word.

John 1:1-4

Beresheeth was the living Torah, and the living Torah was with YHWH, and the living Torah was YHWH. The same was in the beginning with YHWH. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was chayim; and the chayim was the Light of men.

John 1:12-14

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of YHWH, even to them that believe on His Name: Which were born, not of dahm, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of YHWH. And the living Torah was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His tifereth, the tifereth as of the only brought forth of the Abba, full of unmerited favor and emet.

9) Y'shua gave ineffable proof of the Scriptures through His life, ministry, death and resurrection. Y'shua fulfilled prophecies written of Him hundreds and thousands of years before He came to earth.

Acts 1:3

To whom also He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen by them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the malchut of YHWH.

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Psalm 22

Eli-Yahuweh Eli-Yahuweh; Lama azavtani, and are far from saving Me and from the words of My roaring?

O my Elohim, I cry in the daytime, but You do not answer Me; and in the night season, and I find no rest.

But You are kadosh, O You that lives in the tehillot of Yisrael. Our ahvot trusted in You: they trusted, and You did deliver them. They cried to You, and were delivered: they trusted in You, and were not ashamed. *But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. All they that see Me laugh Me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head saying, He trusted on YHWH that He would deliver Him: let Him deliver Him, seeing He delighted in Him.*

But You are He that took Me out of the womb: You did make Me tikvah when I was upon My eema's breasts. I was cast upon You from the womb: You are My El from My eema's belly. Be not far from Me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. Many bulls have surrounded Me: strong bulls of Bashan have encircled. They open their mouths against Me, as a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like mayim, and all My bones are out of joint: My lev is like wax; it is melted in the midst of My inward parts. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and My tongue cleaves to My jaws; and You have brought Me into the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded Me: the congregation of the wicked have encircled Me: they pierced My hands and My feet. I count all My bones: they look and stare upon Me. They part My garments among them, and cast lots for My raiment. But be not far from Me, O YHWH: O My strength, make haste to help Me. Deliver My being from the sword; My only chayim from the power of the dog. Save Me from the lion's mouth: from the horns of the wild beasts; You have listened to Me. I will declare Your Name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation will I hallel You. You that fear YHWH, hallel Him; all you the zera of Yaakov give Him tifereth; and fear Him, all you zera of Yisrael. For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither has He hidden His face from Him; but when He cried to Him, He heard. My tehillot shall be for You in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear Him. The meek shall eat and be satisfied: Those that seek Him shall hallel YHWH. Their lev shall live le-olam-va-ed. All the ends of the olam shall remember and make teshuvah to YHWH: and all the mishpachot of the nations shall worship before You. For the malchut is YHWH's: and He is the Ruler among the nations. All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him: and none can keep alive his own being. A zera shall serve Him; it shall be declared by YHWH for a coming generation. They shall come, 9 and shall declare His tzedakah to a people 11 that shall be born, that He has done this.

10] Y'shua is the Messiah that was prophesied to come within the Tanakh.

| Prophecy | Found In | Fulfilled |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Line of Abraham | Genesis 12:2 | Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16 |
| Line of Judah | Genesis 49:10 | Matthew 1:2 |
| Line of David | 2 Samuel 7:12-16 | Matthew 1:1 |
| Virgin Birth | Isaiah 7:14 | Matthew 1:23 |
| Birthplace: Bethlehem | Micah 5:2 | Matthew 2:6 |
| Forerunner: John / Yochannan | Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1 | Matthew 3:3 |
| King | Numbers 24:17; Psalms 2:6 | Matthew 21:5 |
| Prophet | Deuteronomy 18:15-18 | Acts 3:22-23 |
| Priest | Psalm 110:4 | Hebrews 5:6-10 |
| Will bear world's sins | Psalm 22:1 | Matthew 27:46 |
| Will be ridiculed | Psalm 22:7-8 | Matthew 27:39, 43 |
| Hands and feet pierced | Psalm 22:16 | John 20:25 |
| No bones broken | Psalm 22:17 | John 19:33-36 |
| Soldiers gambled | Psalm 22:18 | John 19:24 |
| Y'shua's prayer | Psalm 22:24 | Matthew 26:39; Hebrews 5:7 |
| Disfigurement | Isaiah 52:14 | John 19:1 |
| Scourging | Isaiah 53:5 | John 19:1, 18 |
| Resurrection | Psalm 16:10; 22:22 | Matthew 28:6; Acts 2:27-28 |
| Ascension | Psalm 68:18 | Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11 |

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6) Explain what prophecies Y'shua fulfilled in these verses:

2 Samuel 7:1-16

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 52:14

Psalm 22

7) Some people say that the Torah has been done away with and that the "lord" interacts with mankind differently now than in other times. What did you learn in this lesson that helps you refute this misunderstanding?

8) Write an essay paper of at least 150 words describing how Y'shua fulfilled the Messianic prophecies within the Scriptures. Use at least 5 verses from the chart provided in section 10. Explain why it is important to study the Messianic verses and how you could share Y'shua with someone using these prophecies.

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Hebrew Introduction and the Letter Aleph

Hebrew is an amazing language. It resembles hieroglyphics more than it does English, in the sense that each Hebrew letter is full of meaning and symbolism. In English an "a" is an "a" and nothing more. Yet in Hebrew each letter is assigned a number and a word picture based upon ancient scripts. A Hebrew word can be better understood by examining each letter used and comparing how these correspond and relate to each other. For example, there's nothing special about the English word "dog." But in Hebrew, a dog is "kelev." This Hebrew term for dog communicates depth and definition as to what a "kelev" really is. Kelev is a compound word made from two basic Hebrew terms. "Ke" in Hebrew means "as or like." While "lev" is the Hebrew word for "heart." Kelev is a Hebrew word picture showing that a dog is "like the heart" of man. Or a dog is a man's best friend.

Hebrew is a verb or action oriented language. Each Hebrew word is made up of 2 or 3 basic consonants or root letters. This is called a Hebrew "root word." There are 22 Hebrew letters and 4 of these letters have a "double letter" that is written different when it appears at the end of a word or sentence. There are no vowel letters in Hebrew. Instead, vowel sounds are given by vowel points which are added below, above, or beside a Hebrew letter. Words are made with root letters, additional letters, and vowel markings.

א This is the Hebrew letter "aleph." It was once a picture of an ox.

ב This letter is silent and does not have a sound.

ג This letter takes the sound of whatever vowel point it is assigned.

ד This is the first Hebrew letter and the number "one."

ה Some Hebrew words that begin with an aleph are:

Echad – one / unity

Ahava – love

Eretz – land

Aharon – Aaron

Abba – daddy

Avinu – our Father

Avraham – Abraham

Adonai – master

Ami - my people

Ahvot – fathers

Almah – virgin

Atah – you

Amein – truly, let it be so

Hebrew Letter Charts

| NAME | BO- OK | CUR- SIVE | BO LD | RA SHI | HA ND | NUM BER | Sound | Literal Meaning | Symbolic Meaning |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Aleph | א | א | א | א | א | 1 | a | ox, bull | strength, leader,first |
| Bet /Vet | ב | ב | ב | ב | ב | 2 | b/v | tent,house | household in, into |
| Gimel | ג | ג | ג | ג | ג | 3 | g | camel | pride, to lift up |
| Dalet | ד | ד | ד | ד | ד | 4 | d | door | pathway, to enter |
| He | ה | ה | ה | ה | ה | 5 | h | window, fence | “the”, to reveal |
| Vav | ו | ו | ו | ו | ו | 6 | u | nail | “and”, add, secure, hook |
| Zayin | ז | ז | ז | ז | ז | 7 | z | weapon | cut, to cut off |
| CHet | ח | ח | ח | ח | ח | 8 | CH | fence, hedge, chamber | private,to separate |
| Tet | ט | ט | ט | ט | ט | 9 | t | to twist, a snake | to surround |
| Yud | י | י | י | י | י | 10 | i | closed hand | deed,work, to make |
| Kaff/ Chaf | כ | כ | כ | כ | כ | 20 | j | arm,wing open hand | to cover, allow, strength |
| Lamed | ל | ל | ל | ל | ל | 30 | l | cattle goad, staff | prod, go toward, tongue |
| Mem | מ | מ | מ | מ | מ | 40 | m | water | massive, overpower chaos |
| Nun | נ | נ | נ | נ | נ | 50 | n | fish (moving) | activity,life |
| Samech | ס | ס | ס | ס | ס | 60 | x | a prop | support,turn |
| Ayin | ע | ע | ע | ע | ע | 70 | o | eye | see, know, experience |
| Pe/Fe | פ | פ | פ | פ | פ | 80 | p/f | mouth | speak, open,word |
| Tzadi | צ | צ | צ | צ | צ | 90 | c | fish-hook | harvest,desire |
| Kof | ק | ק | ק | ק | ק | 100 | q | back of the head | behind,the last,least |
| Resh | ר | ר | ר | ר | ר | 200 | r | head | person, head highest |
| Sin/ Shin | ש | ש | ש | ש | ש | 300 | s/sh | teeth | consume, destroy |
| Tau | ת | ת | ת | ת | ת | 400 | t | sign, cross | covenant, to seal |