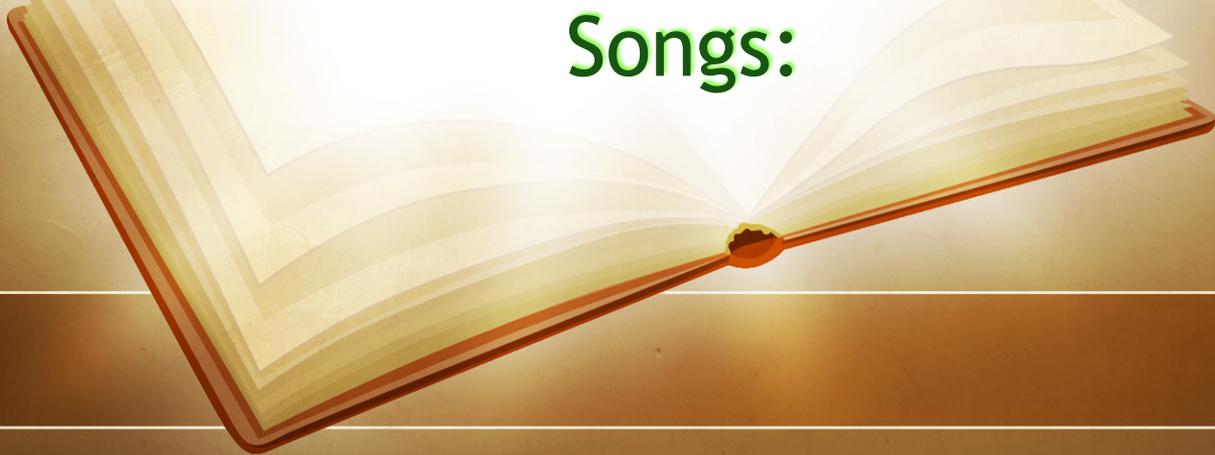


# TORAH TEACHINGS



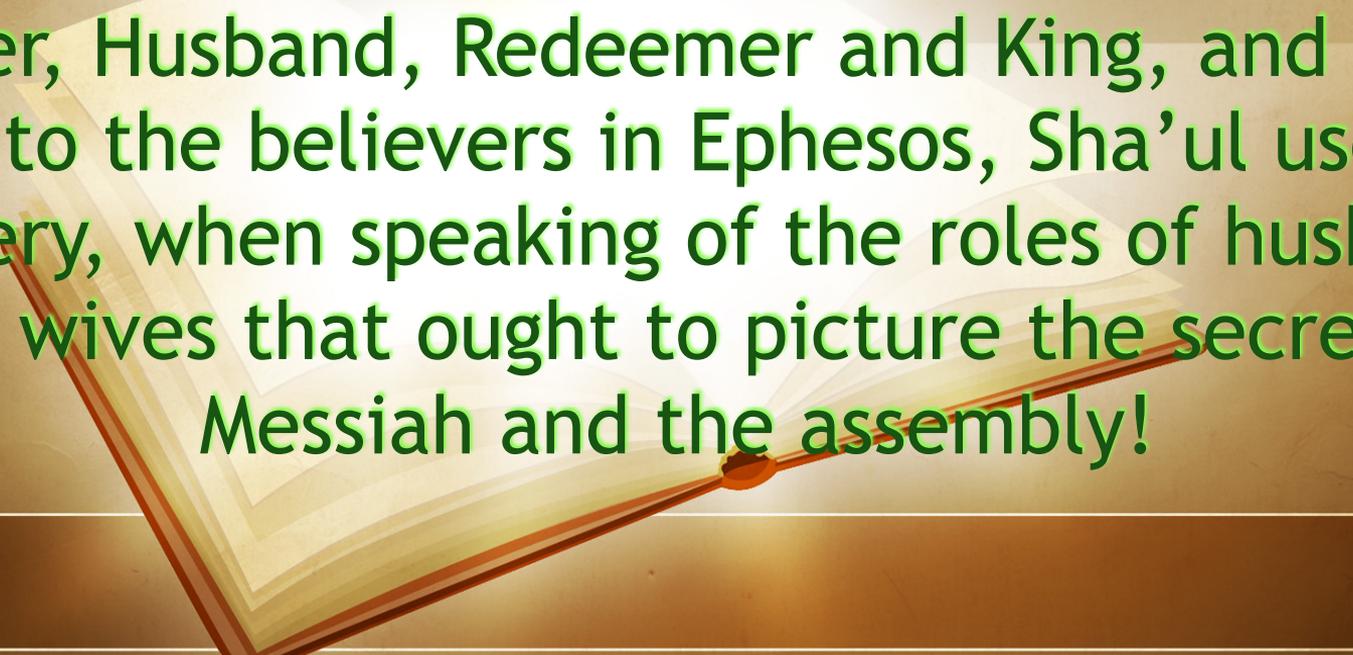
Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

We know that our Master יהושע (Yehshua) Messiah,  
is coming for His ready and 'perfect' Bride, and  
this imagery can be seen in the poetic Song of  
Songs:



Shir HaShirim/Song of Songs 5:2 “I was sleeping, but my heart was awake - the voice of my beloved! He knocks, “Open for me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one; for my head is drenched with dew, my locks with the drops of the night.”

Shir HaShirim/Song of Songs 6:9 “My dove, my perfect one, is the only one, the only one of her mother, the choice of the one who bore her. The daughters saw, and called her blessed, sovereignesses and concubines, and they praised her.”



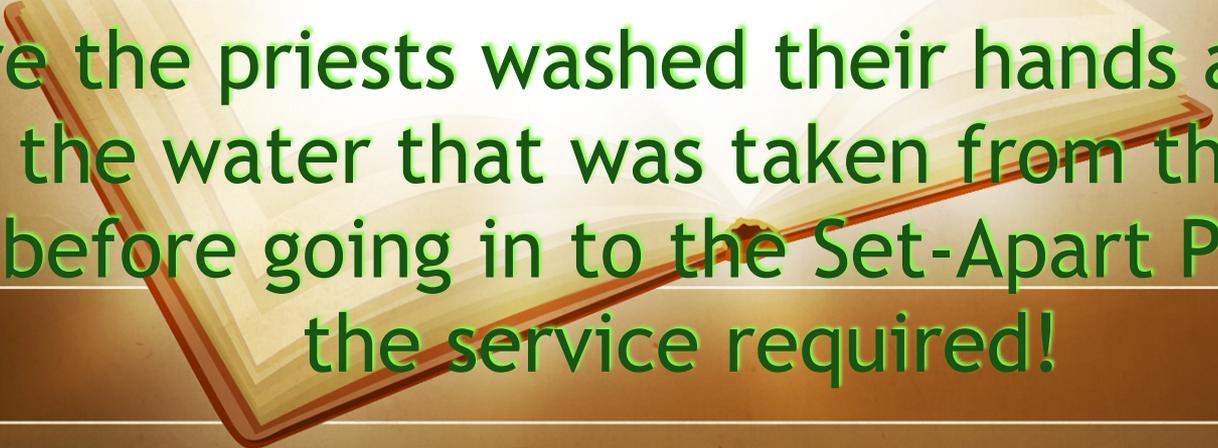
We are to be the ready and perfect Bride that has been washed through the perfect Word of our Master, Husband, Redeemer and King, and in his letter to the believers in Ephesos, Sha'ul uses this imagery, when speaking of the roles of husbands and wives that ought to picture the secret of Messiah and the assembly!

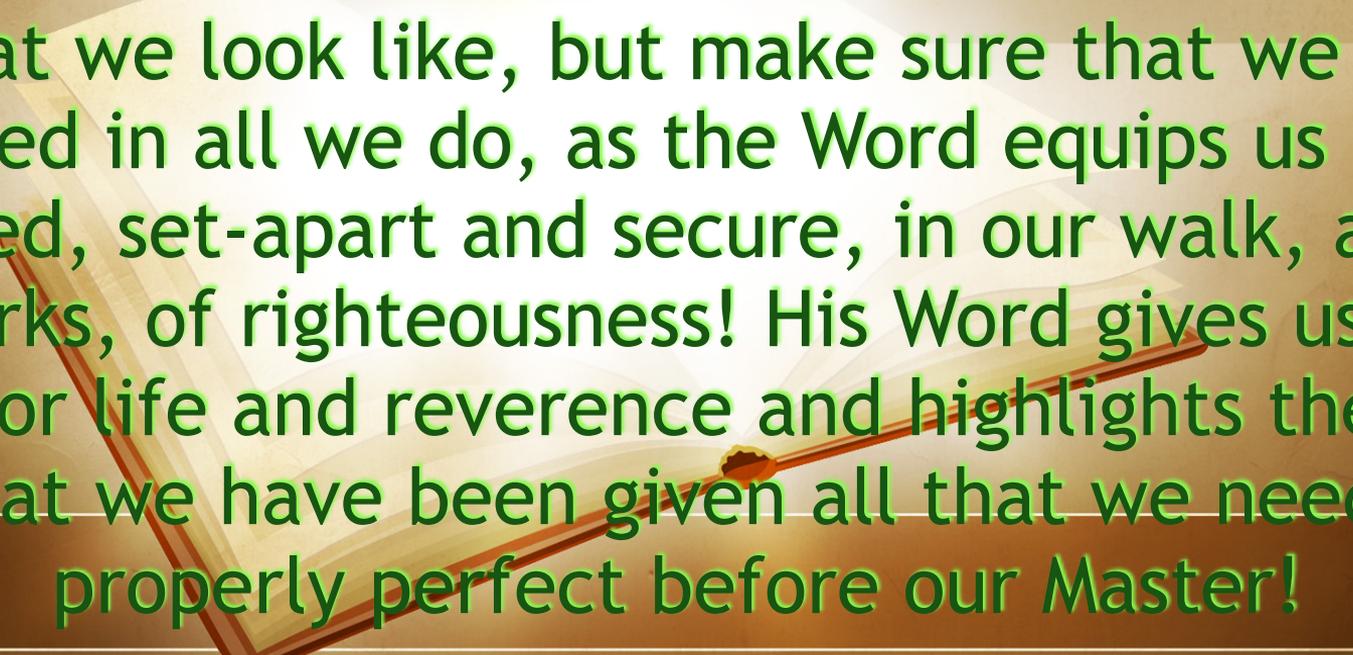
Eph'siyim/Ephesians 5:25-27 “Husbands, love your wives, as Messiah also did love the assembly and gave Himself for it, 26 in order to set it apart and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, 27 in order to present it to Himself a splendid assembly, not having spot or wrinkle or any of this sort, but that it might be set-apart and blameless.”



It is through the washing of the Word that we are made secure and caused to walk in set-apartness and be perfect and straight before our Elohim!

When we consider the washing that takes place through the Word, we ought to be reminded of the bronze laver that was used in the Tabernacle, where the priests washed their hands and feet, from the water that was taken from the bronze laver, before going in to the Set-Apart Place to do the service required!

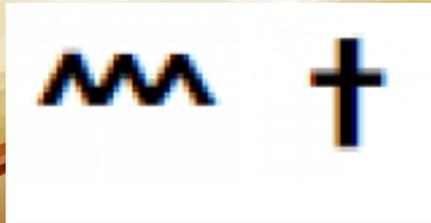




The Bronze laver was made from the mirrors of the women who used to worship at the gate and highlights for us the clear lesson of how we are to look into the mirror of the Word and not forget what we look like, but make sure that we get washed in all we do, as the Word equips us to be washed, set-apart and secure, in our walk, and in our works, of righteousness! His Word gives us all we need for life and reverence and highlights the clear fact that we have been given all that we need to be properly perfect before our Master!

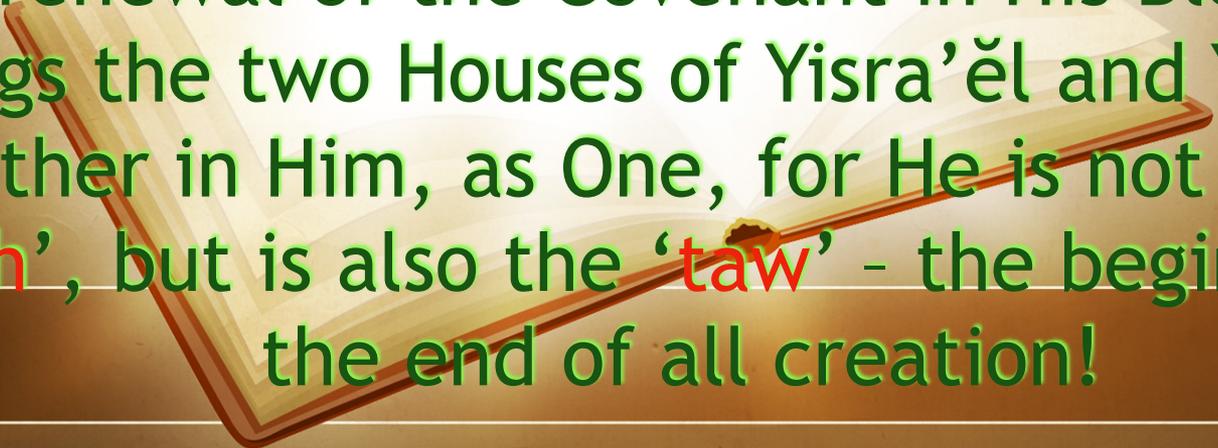
This imagery is confirmed to us, in the ancient pictographic rendering of this root word **תָּם** tam(tawm) - Strong's H8535.

In the ancient pictographic script, the adjective **תָּם** tam(tawm) - Strong's H8535 which means, 'complete, blameless, blameless man, guiltless, perfect, peaceful, upright, undefiled' look like this:



## Taw - ת

The ancient script has this letter as  which is pictured as **two crossed sticks**, and can represent for us **‘seal, covenant, mark or sign’**; as this once again points to the complete work of Messiah in the renewal of the Covenant in His Blood that brings the two Houses of Yisra’ĕl and Yehudāh together in Him, as One, for He is not only the **‘aleph’**, but is also the **‘taw’** - the beginning and the end of all creation!



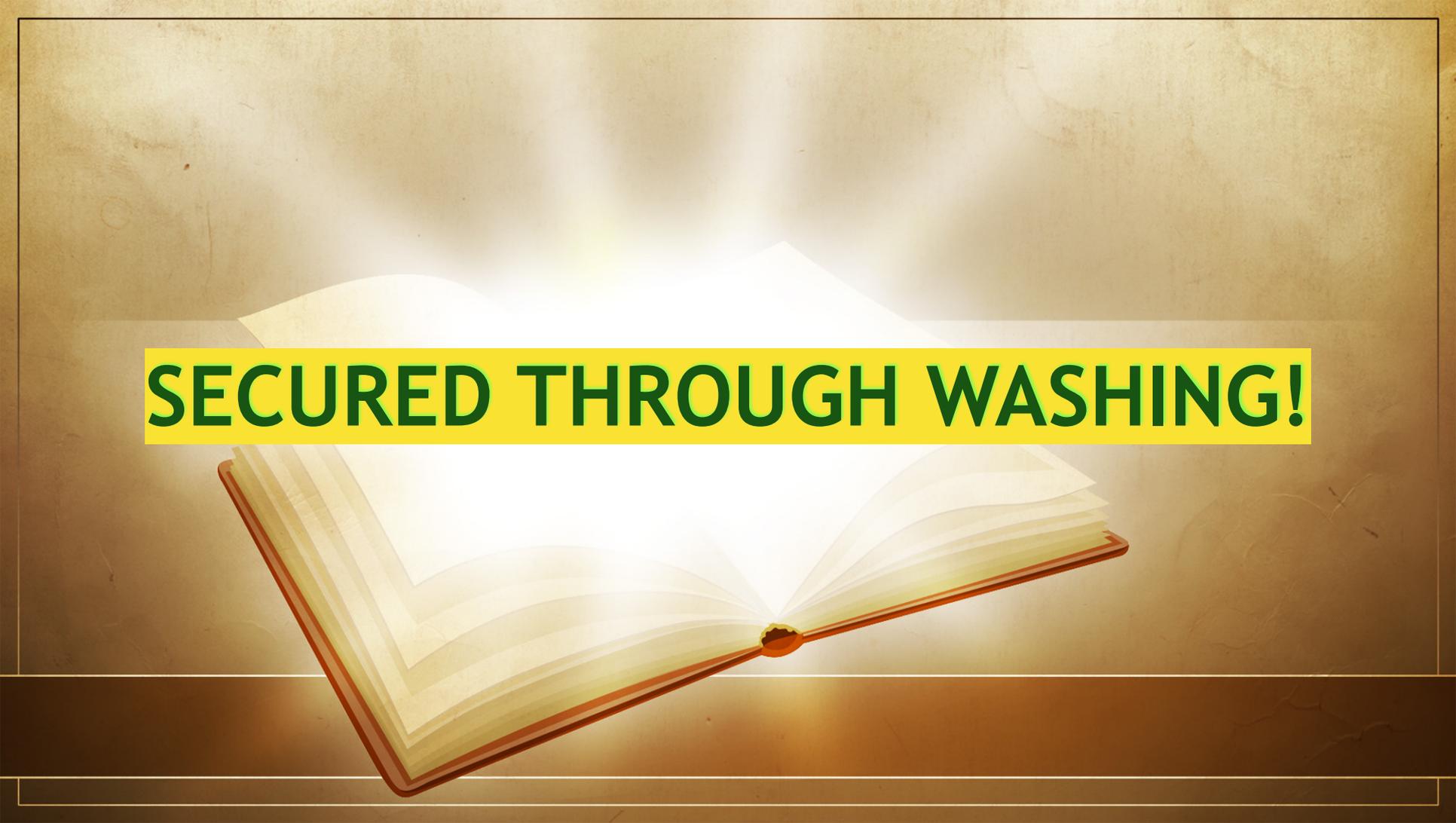
Mem - מֶמֶ:

The ancient script has this letter as  and is pictured as 'water', and also carries the meaning of 'chaos' (from the storms of the sea) and can also picture that which is mighty or massive as well as the unknown. We are also able to understand this letter as representing the nations, for the nations are often likened to the seas in Scripture.

This also carries for us the picture of washing, as we understand the function of water being that which cleanses us and sustains us, showing us how we are washed and sustained by the Living Waters of the Word!

This letter also can represent any liquid, especially **blood!**

These two pictographic letters can render for us the following:



**SECURED THROUGH WASHING!**

Our ability to be perfect before Elohim has been made possible by the Blood of Our Master יהושע (Yehshua) Messiah, as His Blood cleanses us from all sin and it is through His Word, which we are to be meditating upon day and night, that we are able to be continually washed and set-apart for service unto our King!

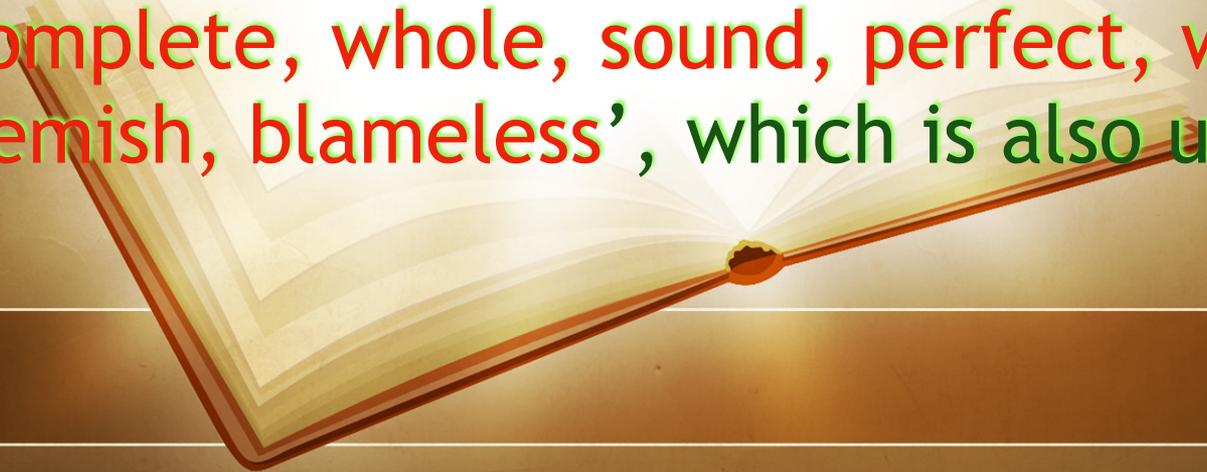
Dawid understood how important the Torah of Elohim was:

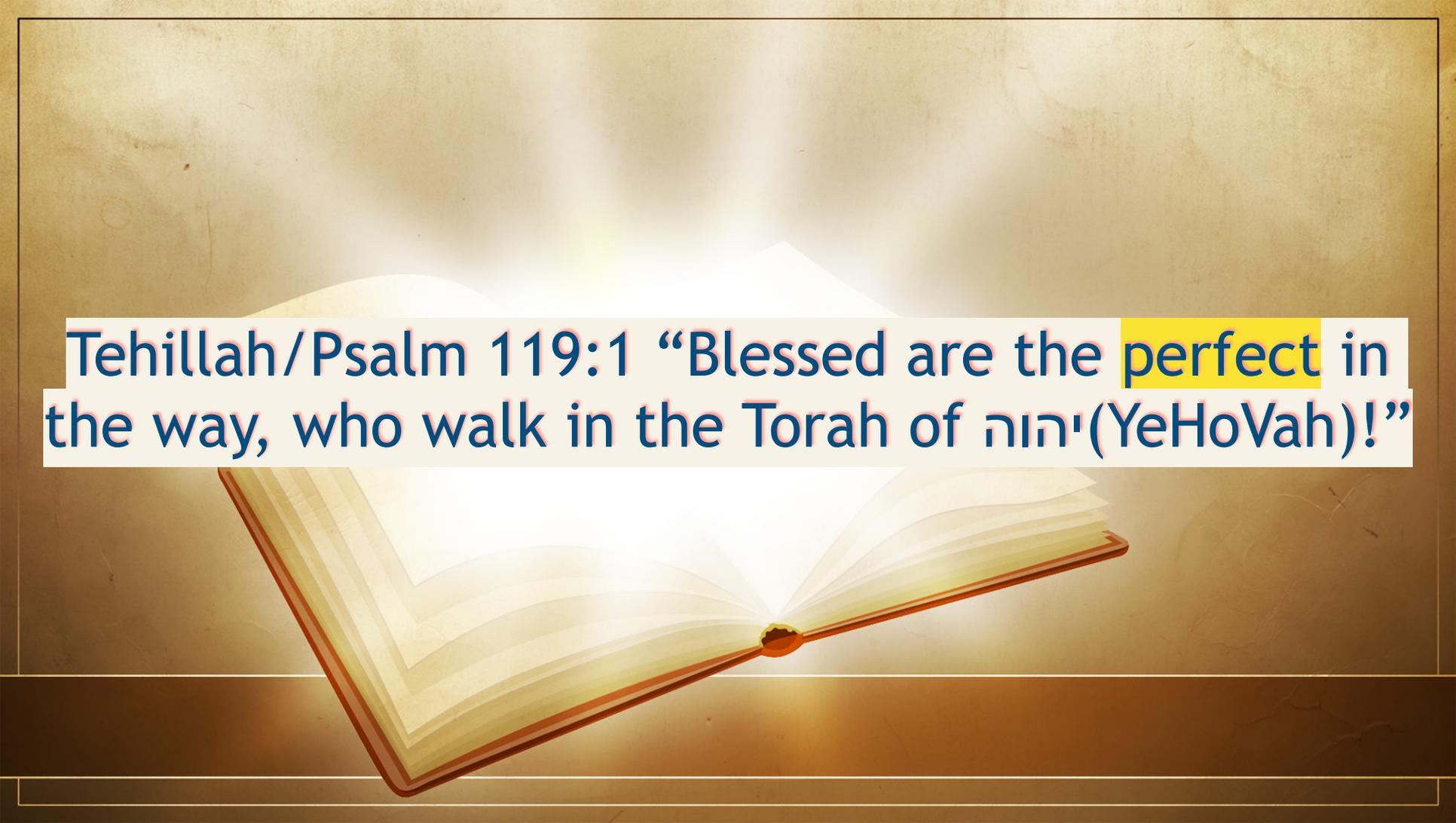
Tehillah/Psalm 19:7-11 “The Torah of יהוה (YeHoVah) is perfect, bringing back the being; the witness of יהוה (YeHoVah) is trustworthy, making wise the simple; 8 the orders of יהוה (YeHoVah) are straight, rejoicing the heart; the command of יהוה (YeHoVah) is clear, enlightening the eyes;

9 the fear of יהוה (YeHoVah) is clean, standing forever; the right-rulings of יהוה (YeHoVah) are true, they are righteous altogether, 10 more desirable than gold, than much fine gold; and sweeter than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Also, Your servant is warned by them, in guarding them there is great reward.”



In the above psalm, the Hebrew word that is translated as 'perfect' is תָּמִים tamiym (taw-meem') - Strong's H8549 which means, 'complete, whole, sound, perfect, without blemish, blameless', which is also used in:

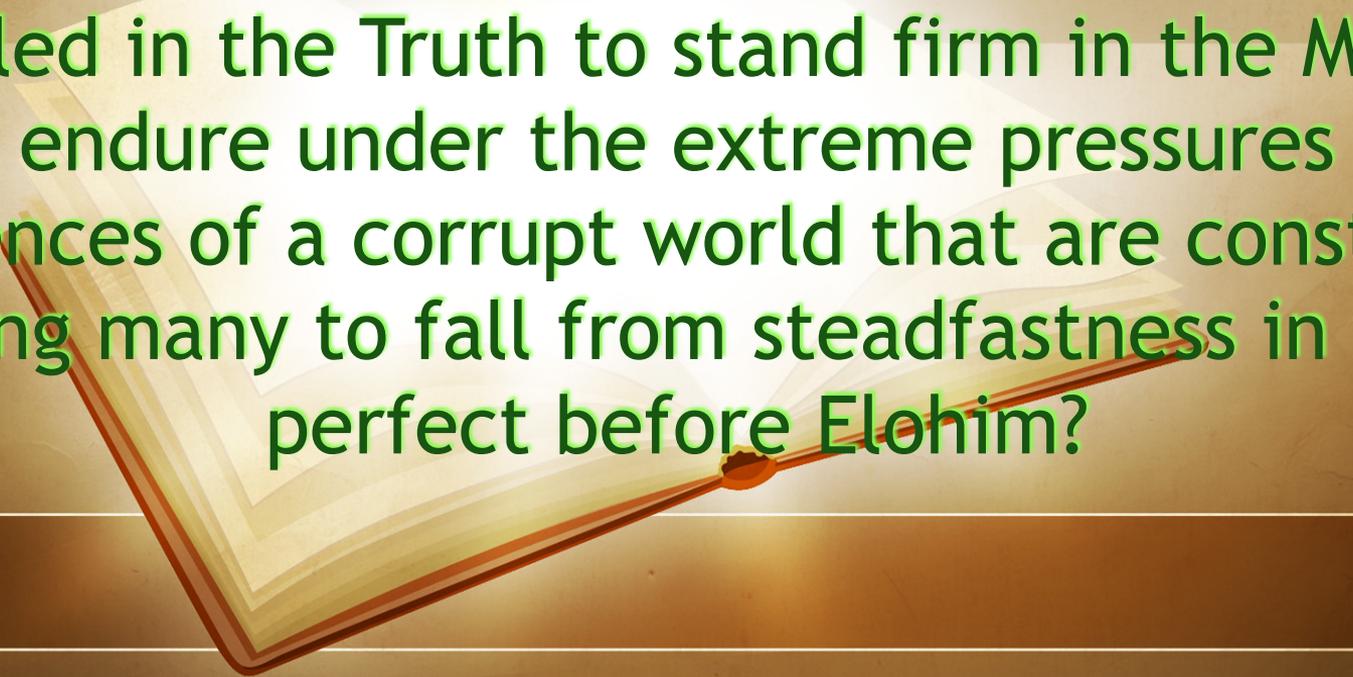




Tehillah/Psalm 119:1 “Blessed are the perfect in the way, who walk in the Torah of יהוה (YeHoVah)!”

To walk in the Torah of יהוה (YeHoVah) is to walk upright and be perfect!

Those who cast aside the Torah of יהוה (YeHoVah) and claim that it is no longer valid, or of any use, are basically refusing to be perfect, as commanded, for without the Torah of Elohim how can one learn to walk in the perfect way and become the perfect Bride that He is coming to fetch!!!



Are you strengthening yourself in the Word on a daily basis and are therefore being equipped and enabled in the Truth to stand firm in the Master and endure under the extreme pressures and influences of a corrupt world that are constantly causing many to fall from steadfastness in being perfect before Elohim?

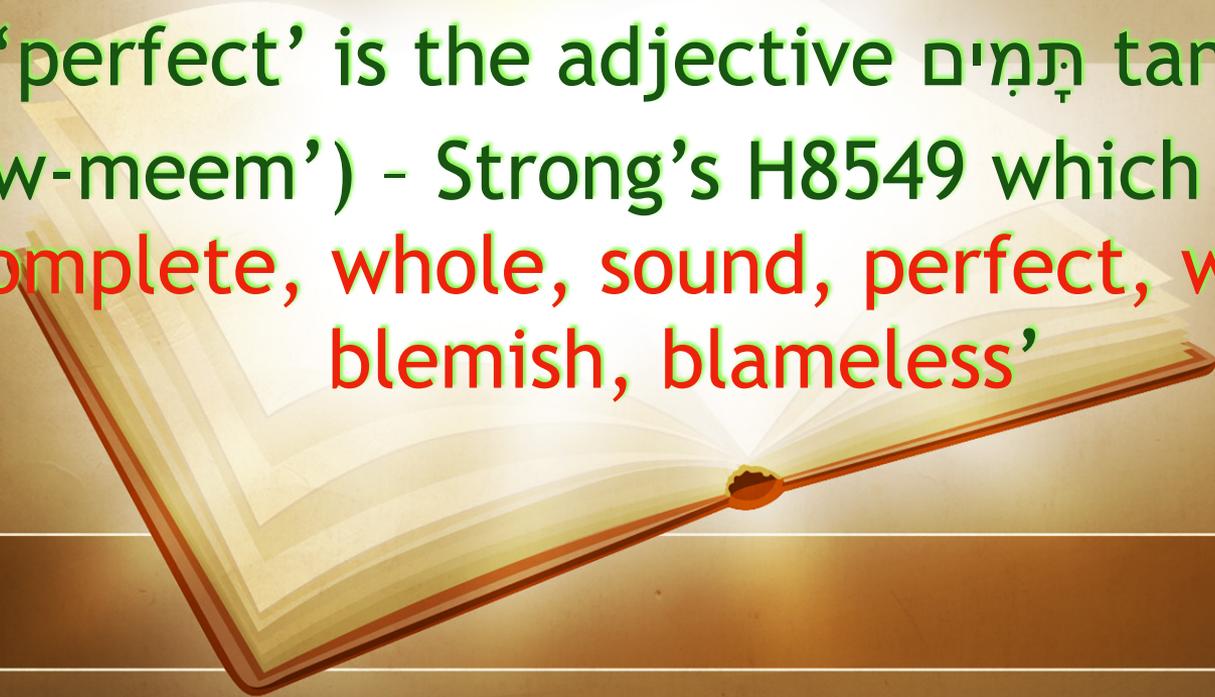
Psalm 119:80 “Let my heart be perfect in Your laws, so that I am not put to shame.”



Having a perfect heart, is having a responsive heart - one that answers quickly to יהוה's (YeHoVah's) call, His whisperings and His warnings.

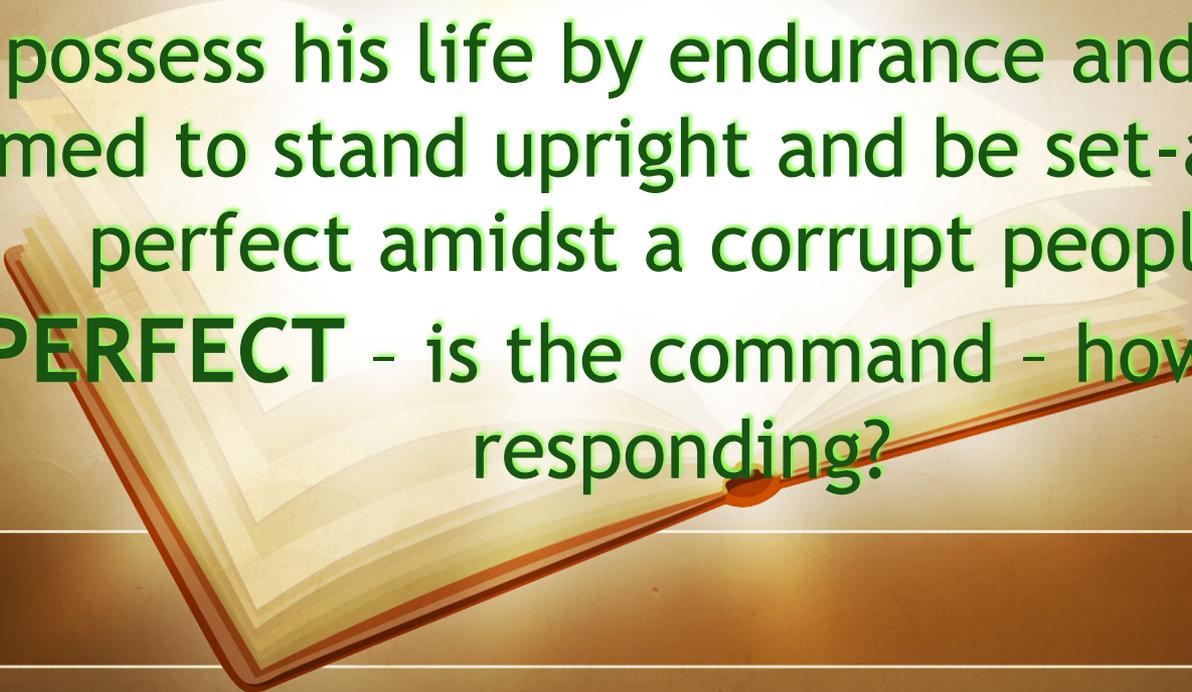


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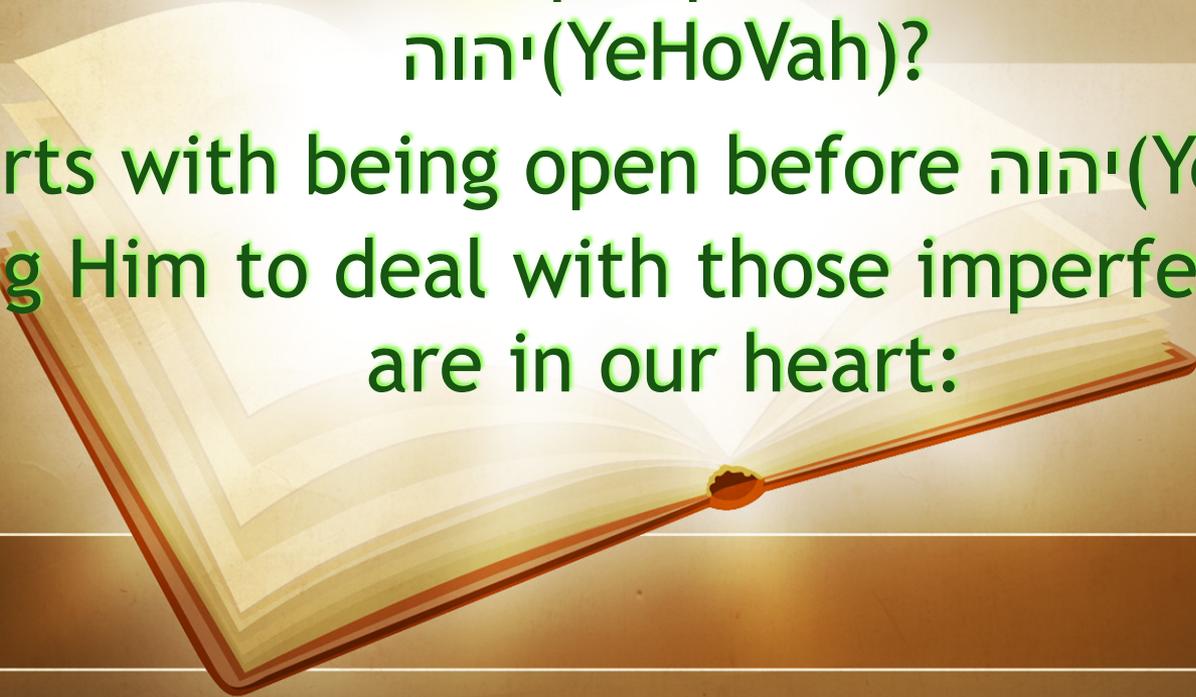
The clear desire of the psalmist, is for his heart to be perfect in the laws of Elohim so that he is able to possess his life by endurance and not be ashamed to stand upright and be set-apart and perfect amidst a corrupt people!

**BE PERFECT** - is the command - how are you responding?



So how do we keep a perfect heart before  
יהוה (YeHoVah)?

It starts with being open before יהוה (YeHoVah),  
allowing Him to deal with those imperfections that  
are in our heart:



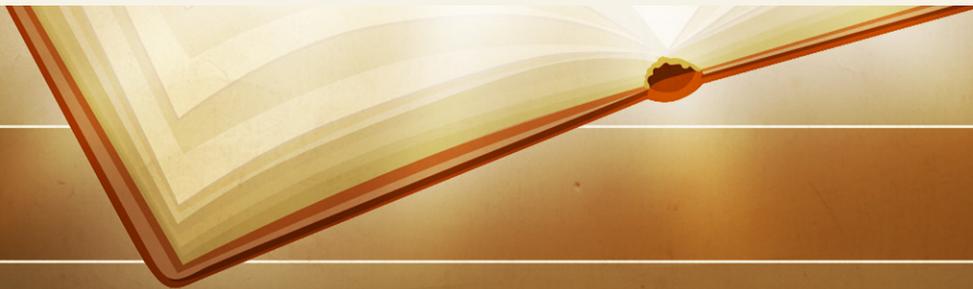
Tehillah/Psalms 139: 23-24 “Search me, O Ěl, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; 24 and see if an idolatrous way is in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”



Dawid was willing for יהוה (YeHoVah) to search him and try his heart: a perfect heart is a searchable heart, which means we allow יהוה (YeHoVah) to penetrate and examine deeply into our thoughts and emotions.

The false teachings today, tell you that as long as your heart doesn't condemn you then you are ok and the Blood of יהושע (Yehshua) has cleansed you, yet they fail to neglect what it says prior to this:

Yohanan Aleph/1 John 1:6-7 “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and are not doing the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of יהושע (Yehshua) Messiah His Son cleanses us from all sin.”



His Blood cleanses us yes, but we are to be walking in the light as He is - we are to be walking in His instructions with a perfect heart inclining to walk in the perfect knowledge of His Loving Word!



**A perfect heart is a heart that has the Torah written upon it and submits to the clear Authority of our Master and Elohim!**



The command to BE PERFECT has not changed!

How perfect are you being?

We serve a perfect and set-apart Master and Elohim and are called to be perfect and set-apart.





It is time for the True Bride of Messiah to stand and be perfect, which calls for us to be properly prepared in all our ways, so that we can be strengthened in the Truth and be perfect before Elohim, enduring as faithful servants of the Most-High Elohim, יהוה (YeHoVah) of Hosts, and being steadfast in not letting acts of corruption having any influence on our lives!

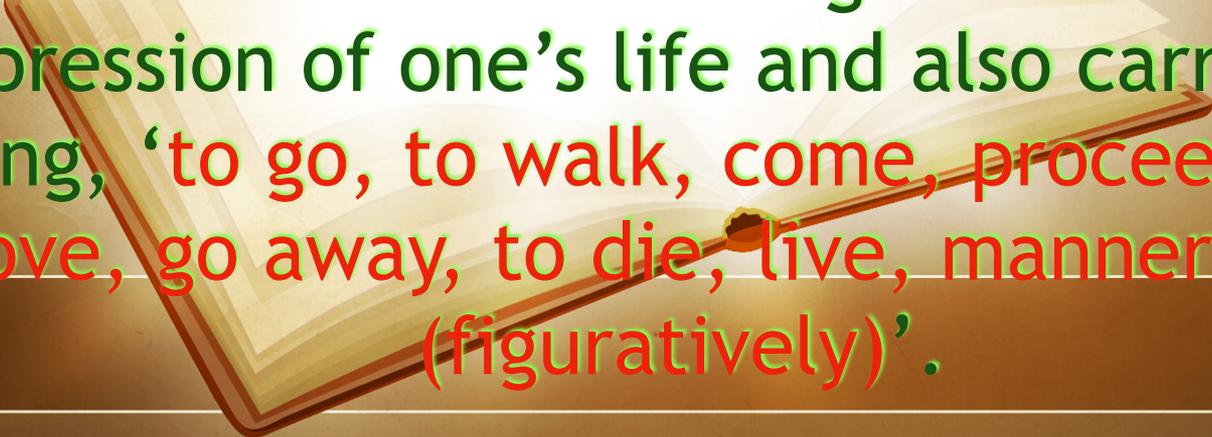
Pilipiyim/Philippians 3:12-15 “Not that I have already received, or already been perfected, but I press on, to lay hold of that for which Messiah יהושע (Yehshua) has also laid hold of me. Brothers, I do not count myself to have laid hold of it yet, but only this: forgetting what is behind and reaching out for what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of Elohim in Messiah יהושע (Yehshua). As many, then, as are perfect, should have this mind. And if you think differently in any respect, Elohim shall also reveal this to you.”

Noah was righteous and perfect in his generations... and so too should we, who are in  
Messiah, be!!!

In doing so, we are able to recognise how these  
two clear characteristics of set-apartness  
(righteous and perfect), enable one to walk  
upright with Elohim!

### 3 - He walked with Elohim!

The Hebrew root word that is used here for 'walked' is הִלַּךְ hā·lāk(haw-lak')- Strong's H1980 which means, 'to walk, to live, manner of life, cause to live' and literally speaks of how one lives. It is used as a verb indicating that it is an active expression of one's life and also carries the meaning, 'to go, to walk, come, proceed, depart, move, go away, to die, live, manner of life (figuratively)'.



The Hebrew root word for walk - הָלַךְ halak  
(haw-lak') - Strong's H1980, in the ancient  
pictographic script, looks like this:



## Hey - הָ:

The ancient script has this letter pictured as , which is 'a man standing with his arms raised out'.

The meaning of the letter is “behold, look, breath, sigh and reveal or revelation”, from the idea of revealing a great sight by pointing it out. It also carries for us the meaning of surrender, as we lift up our hands and submit to יהוה (YeHoVah) as we lift our hands in praise, declaring His authority under which we humbly submit!

## Lamed - ל:

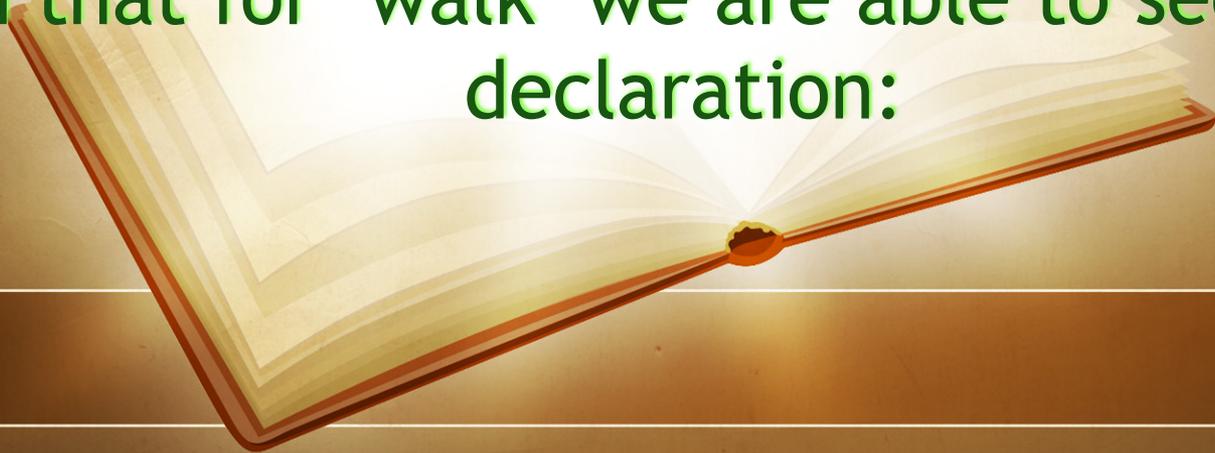
The ancient script has this letter as , and is pictured as a 'shepherd's staff', can give the meaning of 'to or toward' and can represent that which pushes or pulls a flock in a direction, and can speak of authority or a yoke that is used to lead and guide, as well as the ability to bring back by Authority.

## Kaph - קָ:

The ancient form of this letter is  - meaning 'the open palm of a hand'. The meaning behind this letter is 'to bend and curve' from the shape of a palm as well as 'to tame or subdue' as one has been bent to another's will (under their hand), as an open hand symbolises submission. This also can picture for us a palm or palm branch from the curved palm shape.

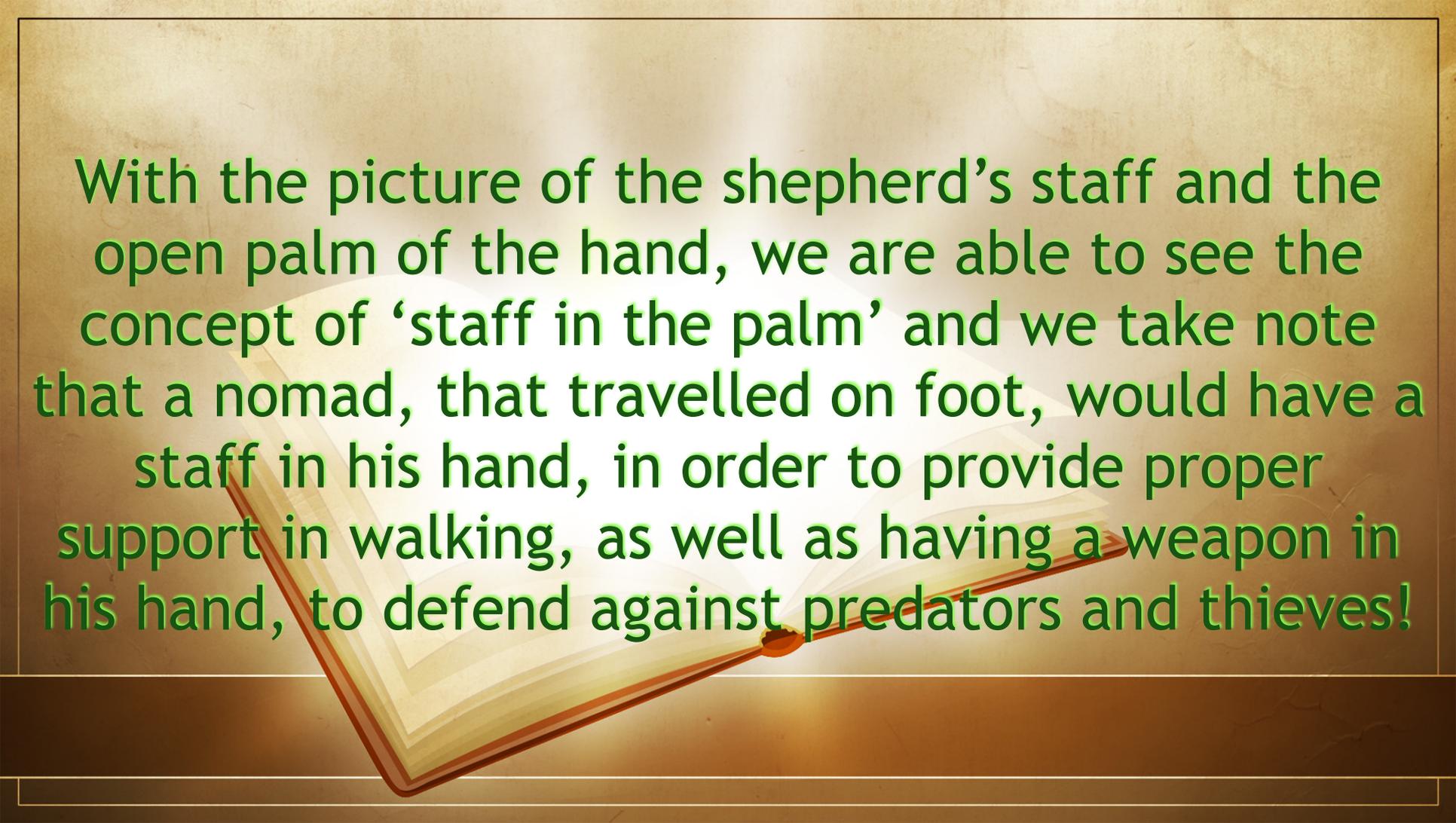
The hand also speaks of one's work, or under  
whose hand you submit and obey!

When we look at the letters that spell out the root  
word that for 'walk' we are able to see a great  
declaration:



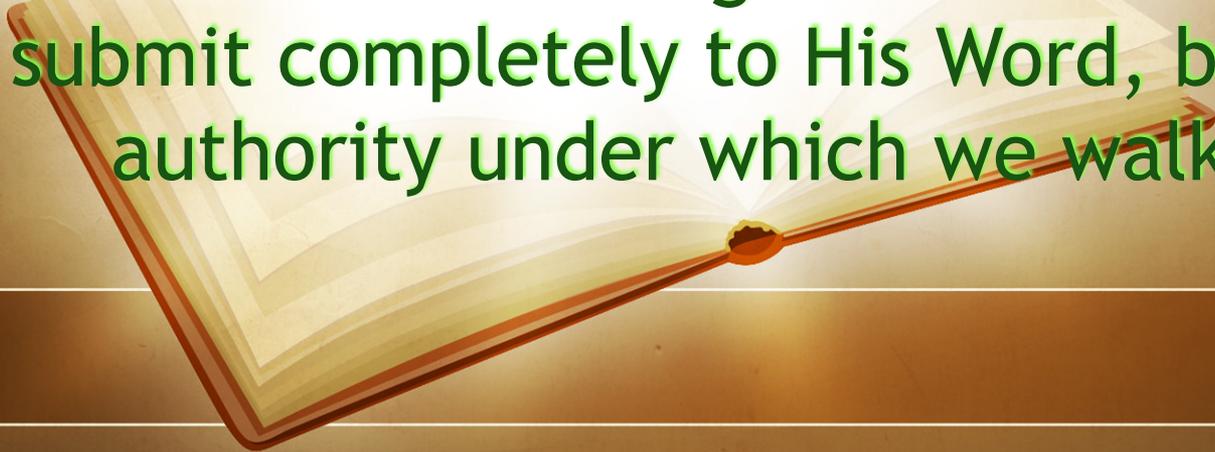
**BEHOLD THE STAFF IN THE PALM!**



The background of the slide features a parchment-like texture with a warm, golden-brown color palette. In the lower half, an open book is depicted with its pages fanned out. A glowing, golden staff or sword with a dark hilt rests diagonally across the book, extending from the bottom left towards the top right. The text is overlaid on this background in a bright green, sans-serif font.

With the picture of the shepherd's staff and the open palm of the hand, we are able to see the concept of 'staff in the palm' and we take note that a nomad, that travelled on foot, would have a staff in his hand, in order to provide proper support in walking, as well as having a weapon in his hand, to defend against predators and thieves!

As we consider our need to walk before Elohim, as true children of light that have been delivered from death, we take careful note how important it is for us to walk according to the Word of Elohim and submit completely to His Word, being the authority under which we walk!



Miḱah/Micah 6:8 “He has declared to you, O man, what is good. And what does יהוה (YeHoVah) require of you but to do right, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your Elohim?”



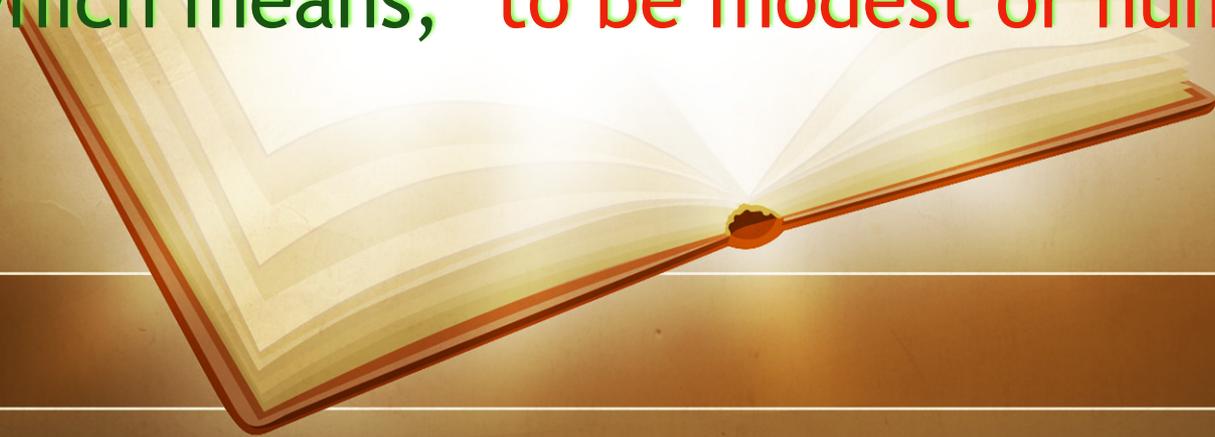
What does יהוה (YeHoVah) require of us?

Well, as we can see clearly from Miqah/Micah 6:8 -  
it is 'to do right, love kindness and walk humbly  
with our Elohim'!

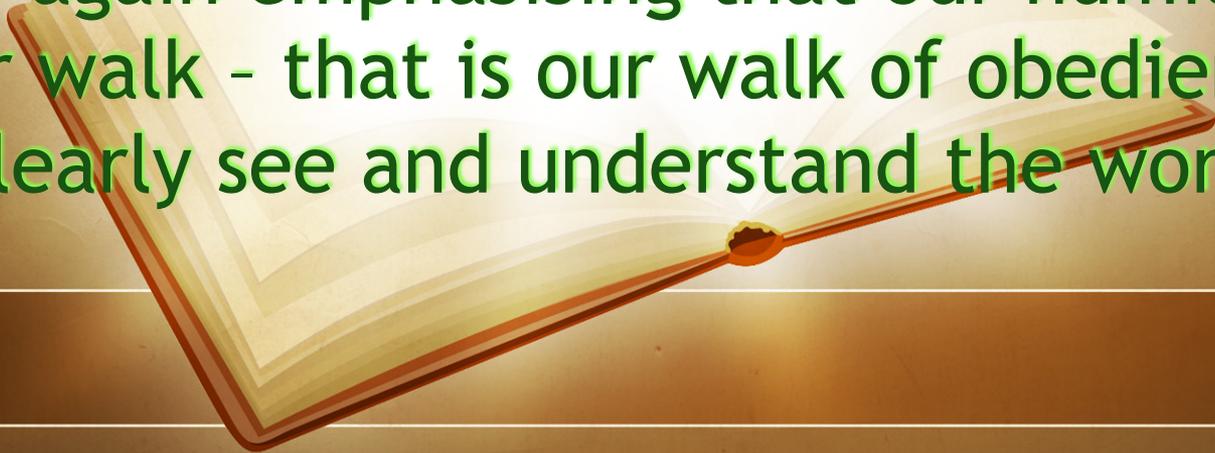
We are to actively and continually be walking in  
Messiah, and as Miqah tells, we are required to  
walk 'humbly' with Elohim.



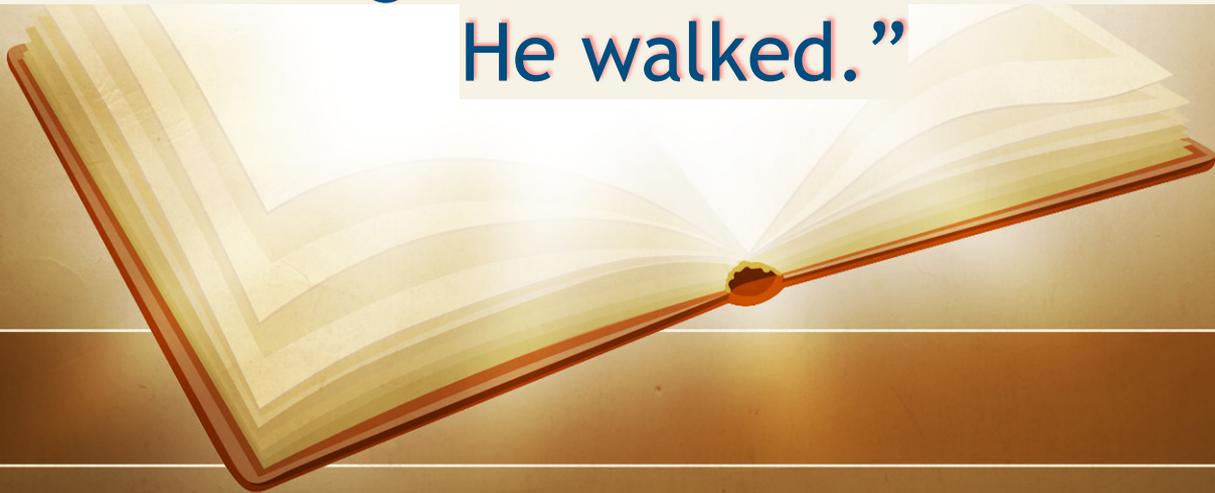
The Hebrew root word that is used here for humbly is צָנַע tsana (tsaw-nah') - Strong's H6800 which means, 'to be modest or humble'.

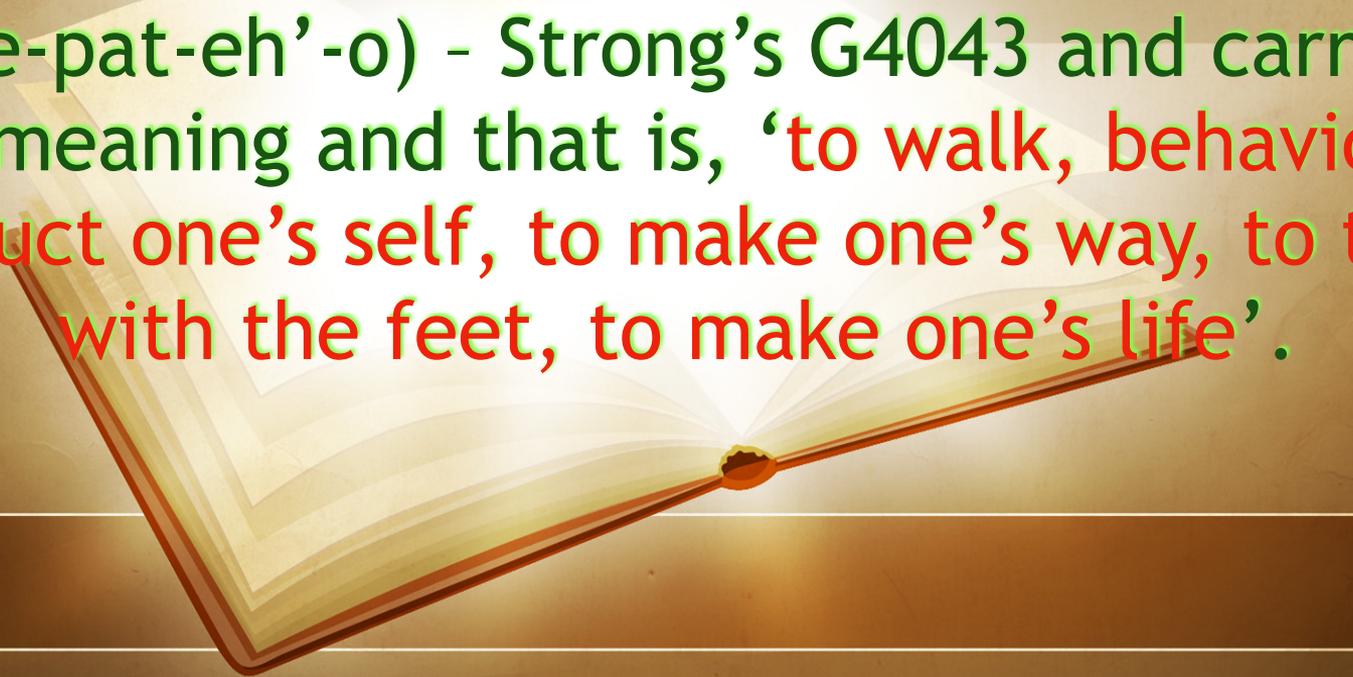


In Miḳah/Micah 6:8 it is expressed as follows: וְהֵצַנְעַ  
לְכַת 've-ha-ts'nea leket' which literally expresses  
'a making humble to walk' or 'showing a humble  
walk', again emphasising that our humility is seen  
in our walk - that is our walk of obedience as we  
clearly see and understand the words in:



Yoḥanan Aleph/1 John 2:6 “The one who says he stays in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked.”





The Greek word for 'walk' is περιπατέω peripateō (per-ee-pat-eh'-o) - Strong's G4043 and carries the same meaning and that is, 'to walk, behaviour, to conduct one's self, to make one's way, to tread with the feet, to make one's life'.

## Why all the definitions?

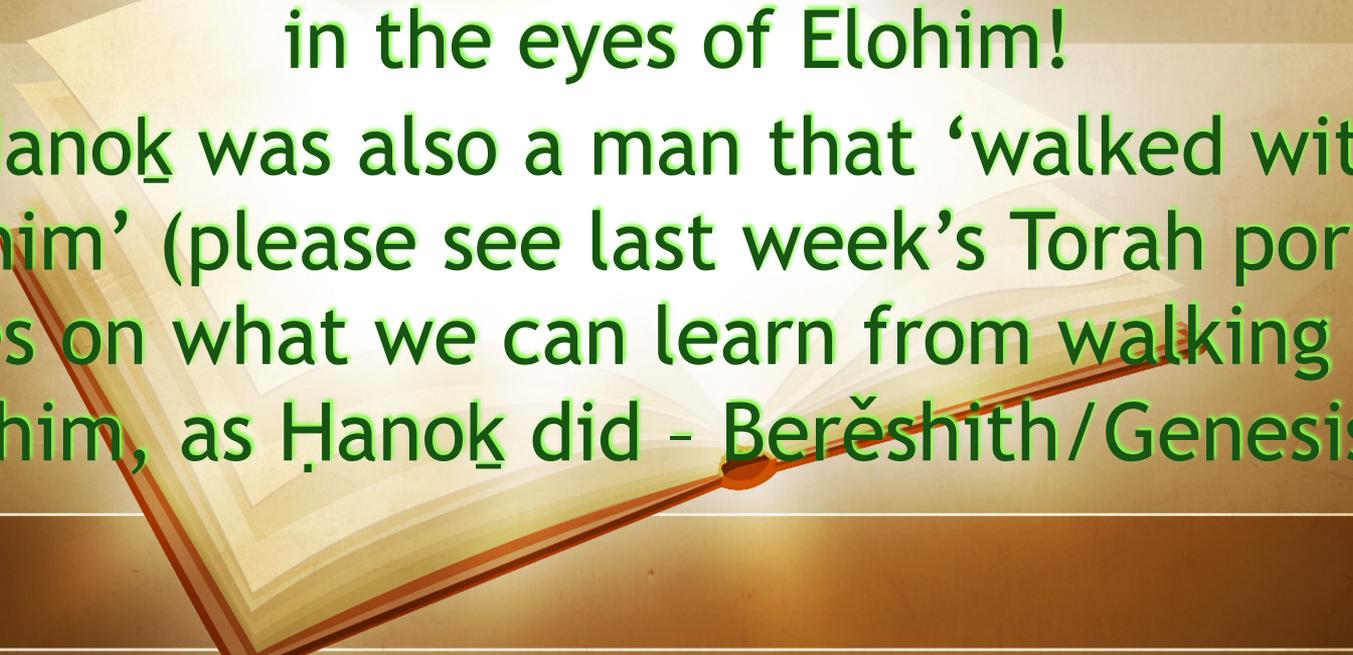
To clearly reiterate: that to walk as Messiah walked involves action and that action is to be in complete line with His walk and that is a walk of total obedience - the greatest expression of humility! In order to walk right, we must understand the fear of Elohim, or else we would not be able to walk straight and as Kěpha tells us, we are to pass the time of our sojourning in fear, as we realise that we have inherited lies and futility from our fathers:

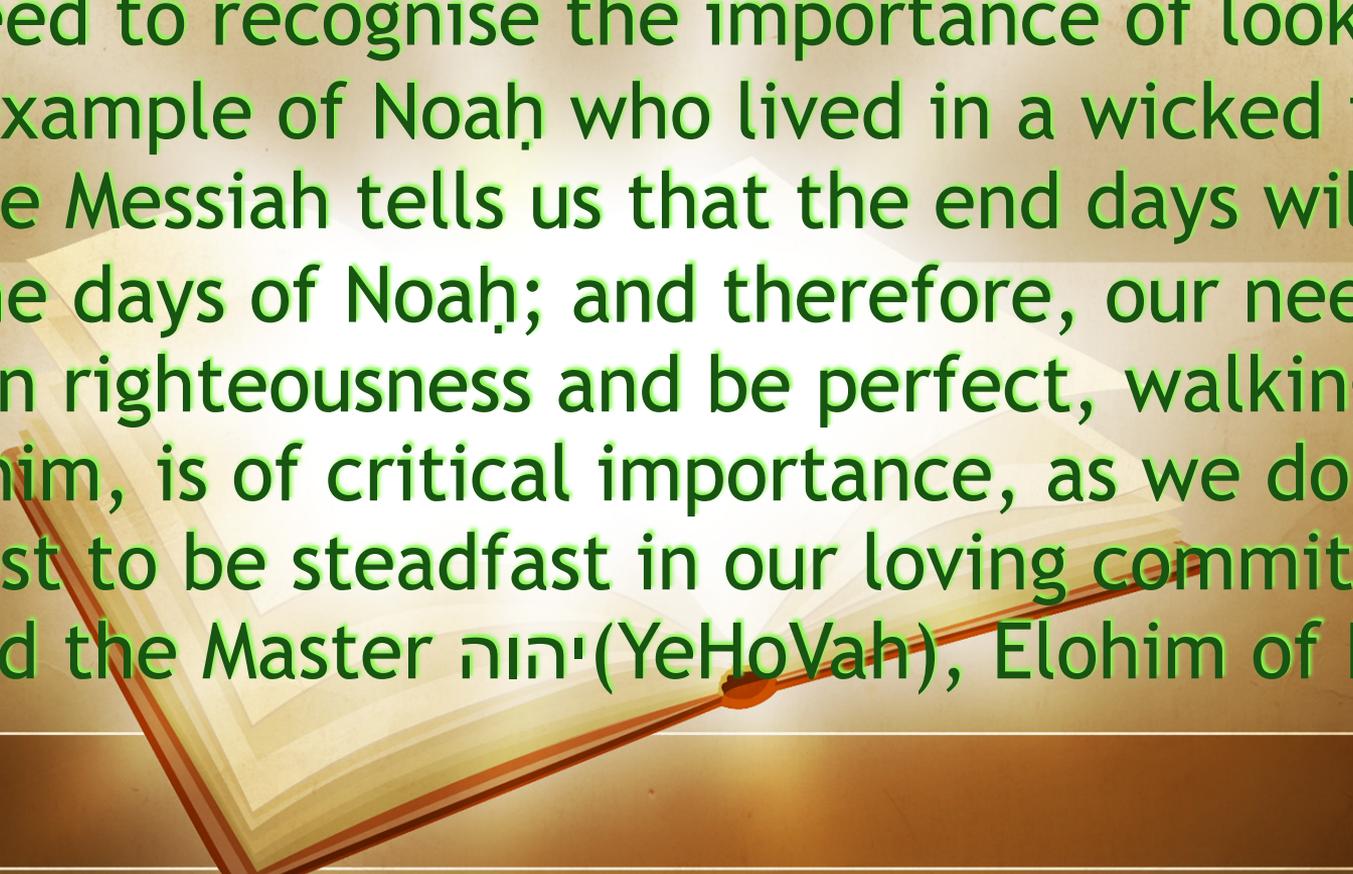
Kěpha Aleph/1 Peter 1:17-18 “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear, 18 knowing that you were redeemed from your futile way of life inherited from your fathers, not with what is corruptible, silver or gold”



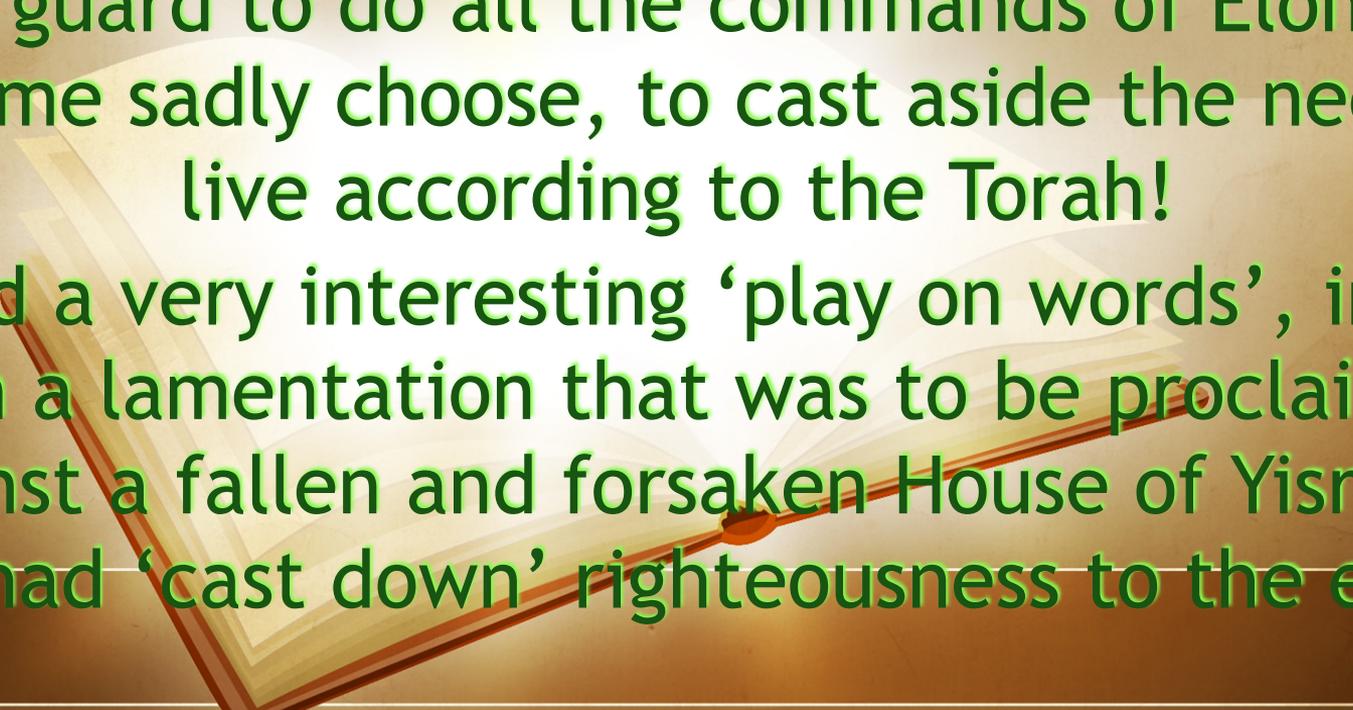
RIGHTEOUS, PERFECT AND WALKED WITH ELOHIM -  
these are the qualities of a man that finds favour  
in the eyes of Elohim!

Ḥanok̄ was also a man that ‘walked with  
Elohim’ (please see last week’s Torah portion  
notes on what we can learn from walking with  
Elohim, as Ḥanok̄ did - Berēshith/Genesis 5)





We need to recognise the importance of looking at the example of Noah who lived in a wicked time; because Messiah tells us that the end days will be as in the days of Noah; and therefore, our need to walk in righteousness and be perfect, walking with Elohim, is of critical importance, as we do our utmost to be steadfast in our loving commitment toward the Master יהוה (YeHoVah), Elohim of Hosts!



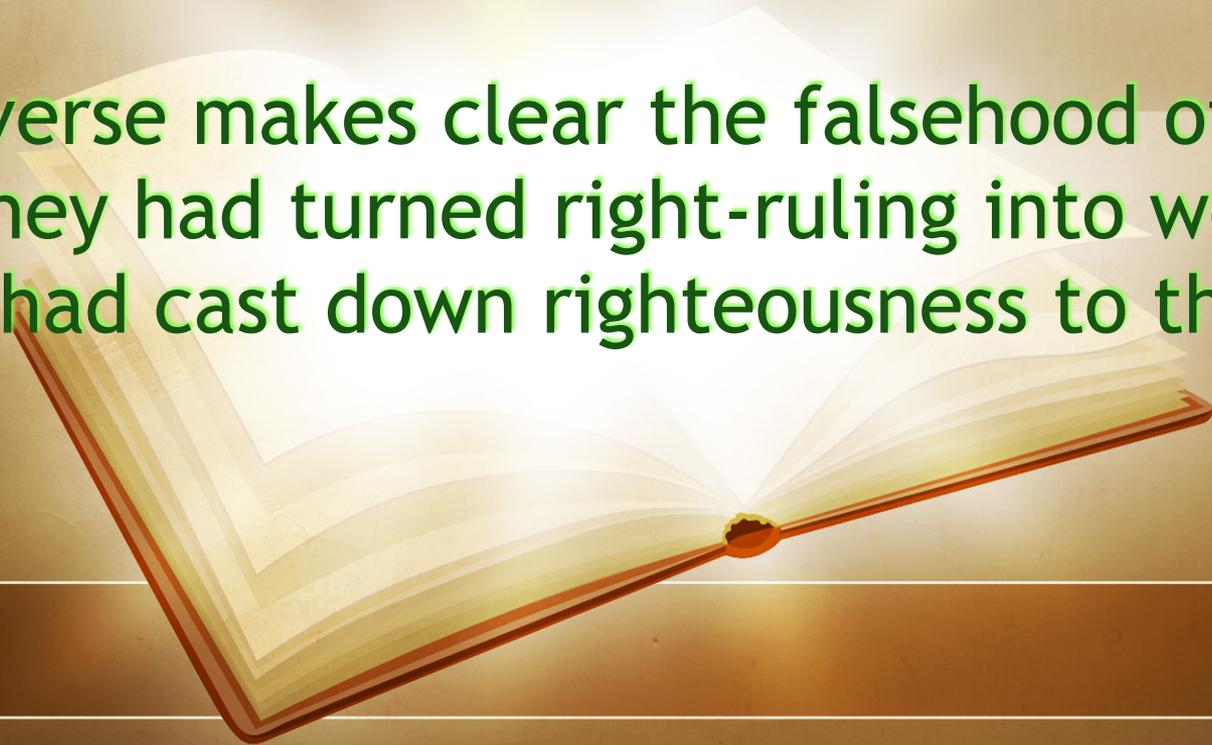
We have a clear choice to make every day - and that is, the clear choice to walk in righteousness, as we guard to do all the commands of Elohim or, as some sadly choose, to cast aside the need to live according to the Torah!

We find a very interesting 'play on words', in Amos 5, in a lamentation that was to be proclaimed against a fallen and forsaken House of Yisra'ěl, who had 'cast down' righteousness to the earth:

Amos 5:7 “O you who are turning right-ruling to wormwood, and have cast down righteousness to the earth!”



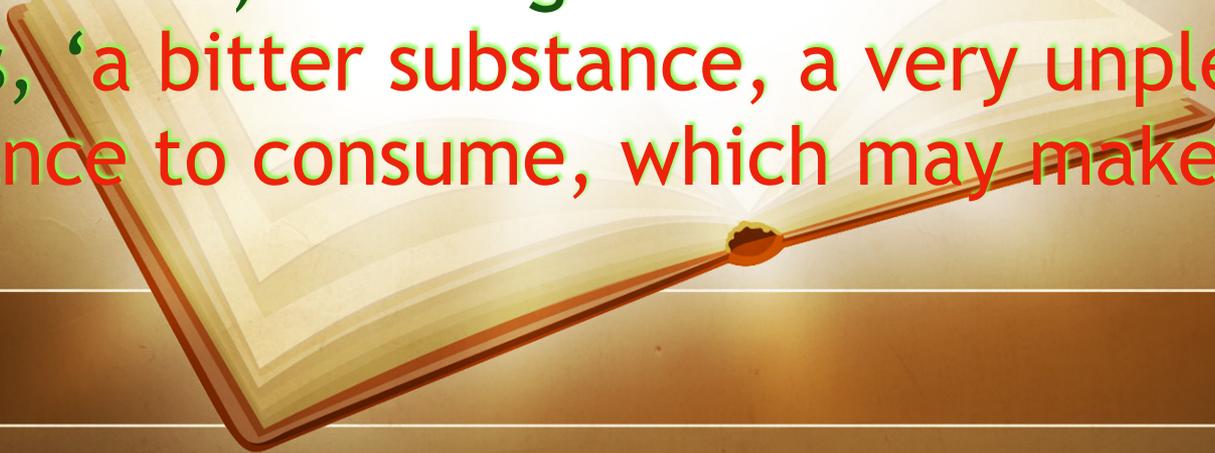
This verse makes clear the falsehood of Yisra'ěl,  
for they had turned right-ruling into wormwood  
and had cast down righteousness to the earth!



The Hebrew word for right-rulings is מִשְׁפָּטִים mishpatim, which is the plural of מִשְׁפָּט mishpat (mish-pawt') Strong's H4941 which means 'right-ruling or judgement', and are the 'legal procedures' or firm rulings that are non-negotiable.



The firm rulings of Elohim, Yisra'ěl had turned into wormwood, and the Hebrew root word that is used here in Amos 5:7 for 'wormwood' is לַעֲנָה la'anah (lah-an-aw') - Strong's H3939 which is described as, 'a bitter substance, a very unpleasant substance to consume, which may make one sick'.



We know that the tree of life in Hazon/Revelation is described as having leaves which are for 'the healing of the nations'!

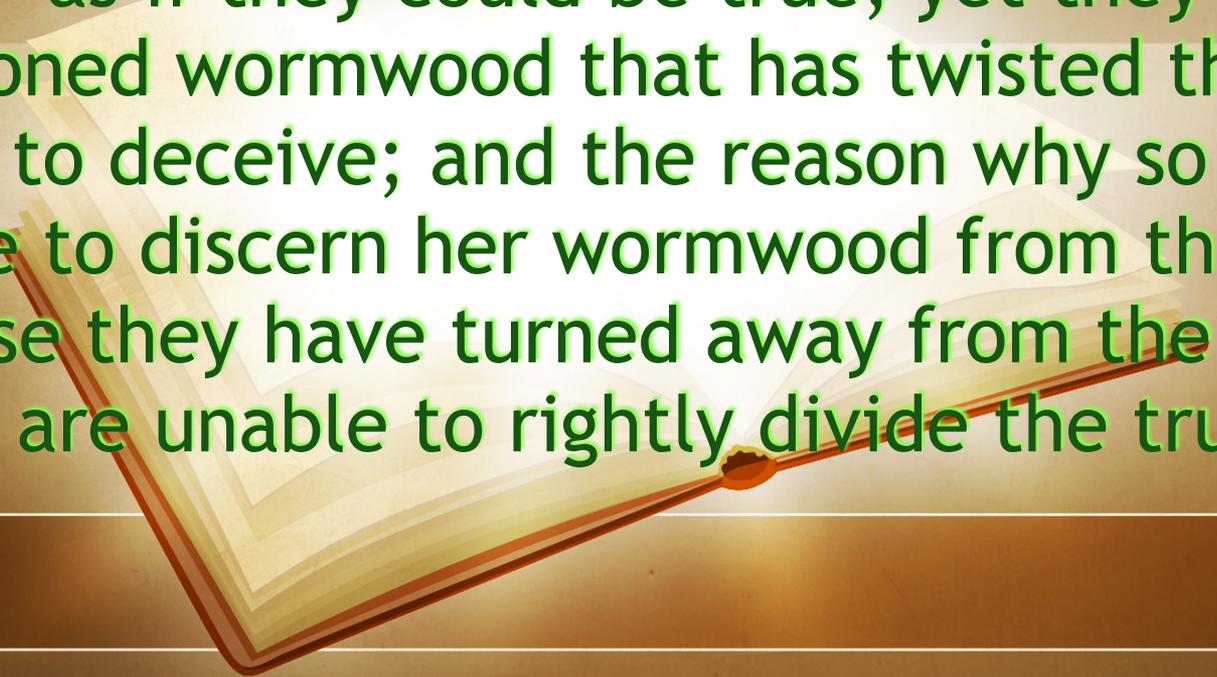
And so, 'wormwood' can be seen as the 'counterfeit leaves' of the enemy which kills, yet sadly there are so many that are eating away at this very bitter root!

Mishlě/Proverbs 5:3-4 “For the lips of a strange woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; 4 but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.”



This proverb, is a warning against the false teachings of the whore who seeks to lure people away from the Truth, and what we must recognise here is that it says that her lips (that is here words) are sharp 'as' a two-edged sword!

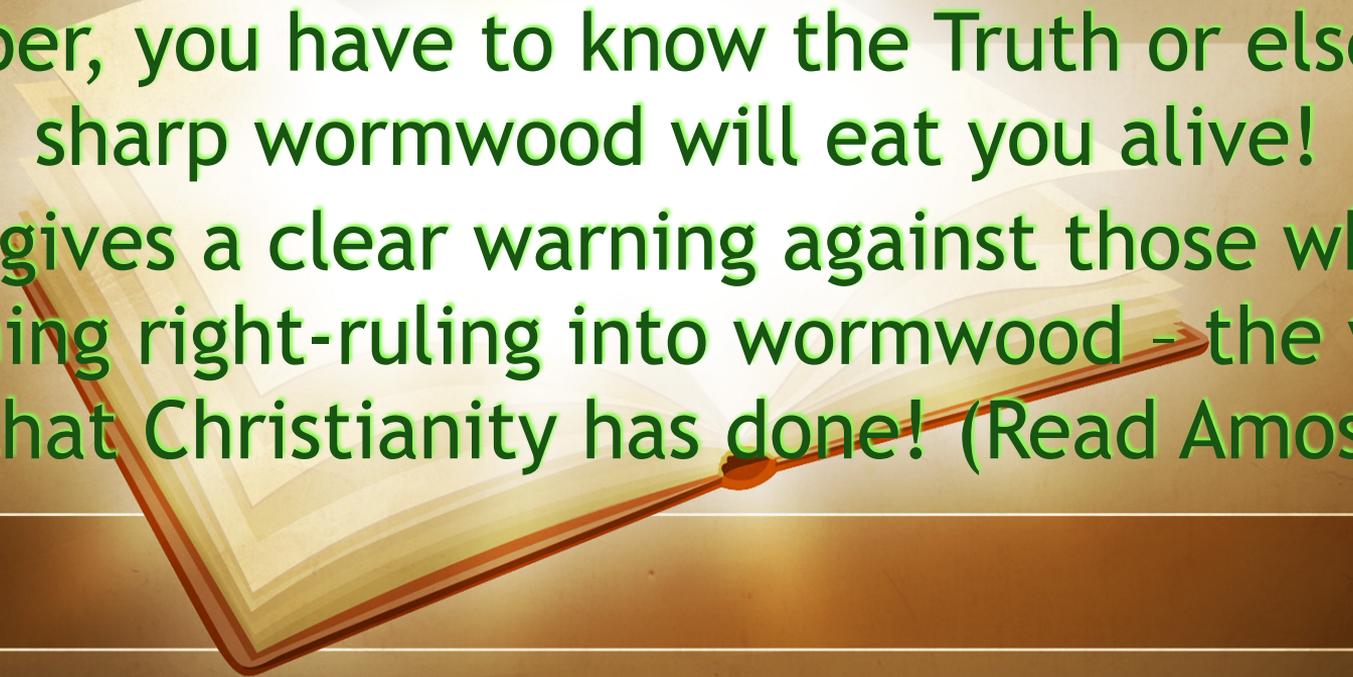




This means that her words can certainly cut and do damage, and many fall for her sharp words, as they ‘sound’ as if they could be true, yet they are simply a poisoned wormwood that has twisted the Truth in order to deceive; and the reason why so many are unable to discern her wormwood from the Truth, is because they have turned away from the Torah and are unable to rightly divide the truth.

The Word of Elohim is 'sharper' than a two-edged sword and therefore, in order to know which is sharper, you have to know the Truth or else the sharp wormwood will eat you alive!

Amos gives a clear warning against those who are turning right-ruling into wormwood - the very thing that Christianity has done! (Read Amos 5&6).

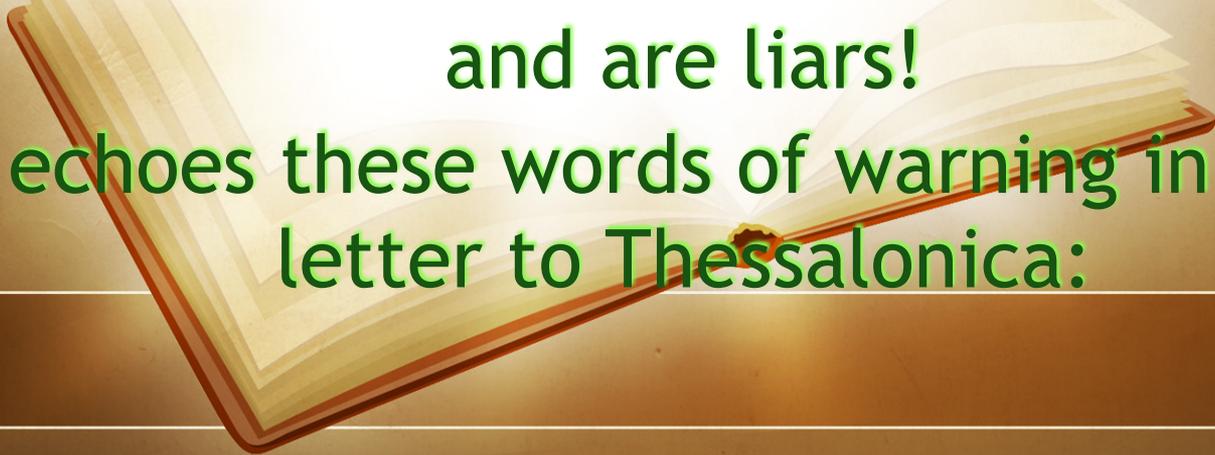


Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 9:13-15 “And יהוה (YeHoVah) says, “Because they have forsaken My Torah which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it, 14 but they have walked according to the stubbornness of their own heart and after the Ba’als, which their fathers had taught them.” 15 Therefore thus said יהוה (YeHoVah) of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra’ěl, “See, I am making this people eat wormwood, and I shall make them drink poisoned water.”

Forsake His Torah and he will make you eat  
wormwood!

To forsake His Torah is to not receive a love for the  
Truth for to love Elohim is to obey his commands  
and those who refuse to do this do not love Elohim  
and are liars!

Sha'ul echoes these words of warning in his second  
letter to Thessalonica:



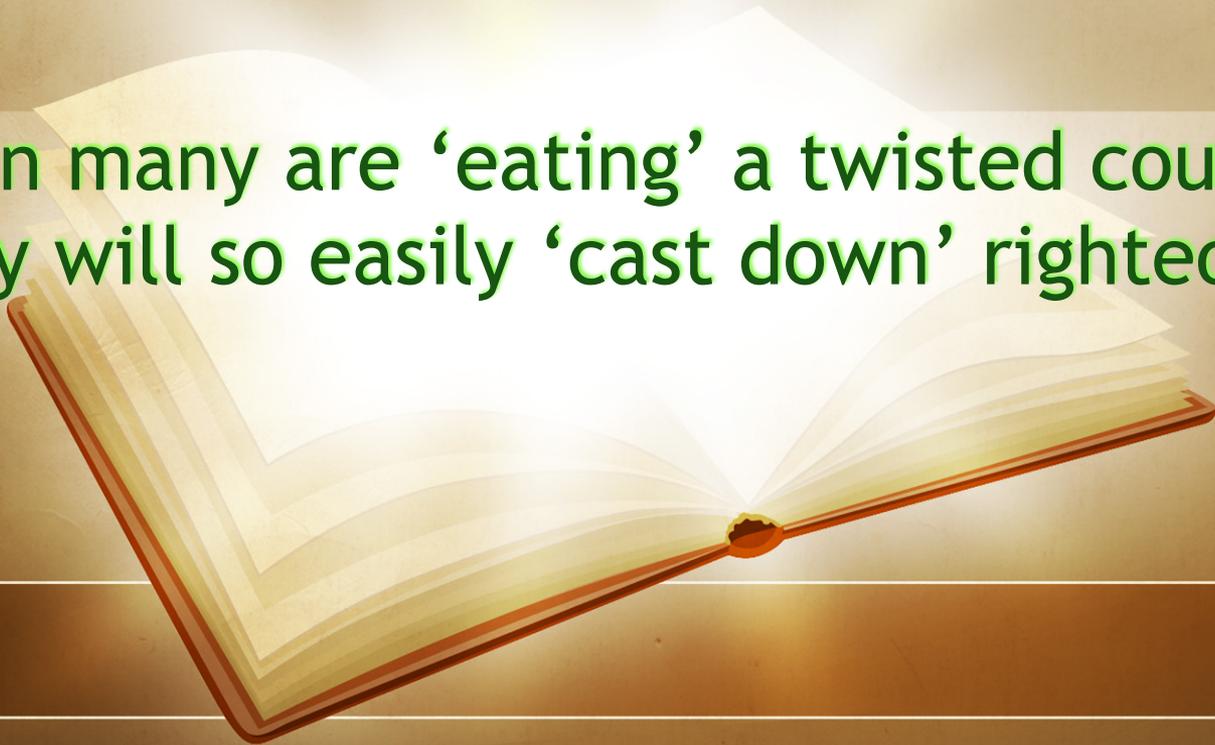
Tas'loniqim Bět/2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood, 10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth, in order for them to be saved. 11 And for this reason Elohim sends them a working of delusion, for them to believe the falsehood, 12 in order that all should be judged who did not believe the truth, but have delighted in the unrighteousness.”



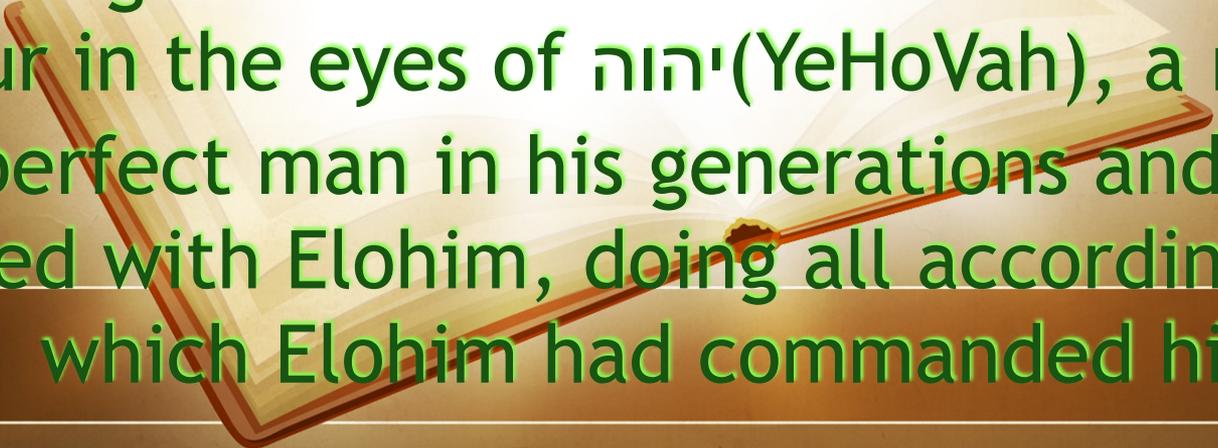
Wormwood teaches that you do not have to guard the commands contained in the Torah and this is what Yoḥanan says:

Yoḥanan Aleph/1 John 2:3-4 “And by this we know that we know Him, if we guard His commands. 4 The one who says, “I know Him,” and does not guard His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

When many are 'eating' a twisted counterfeit,  
they will so easily 'cast down' righteousness!

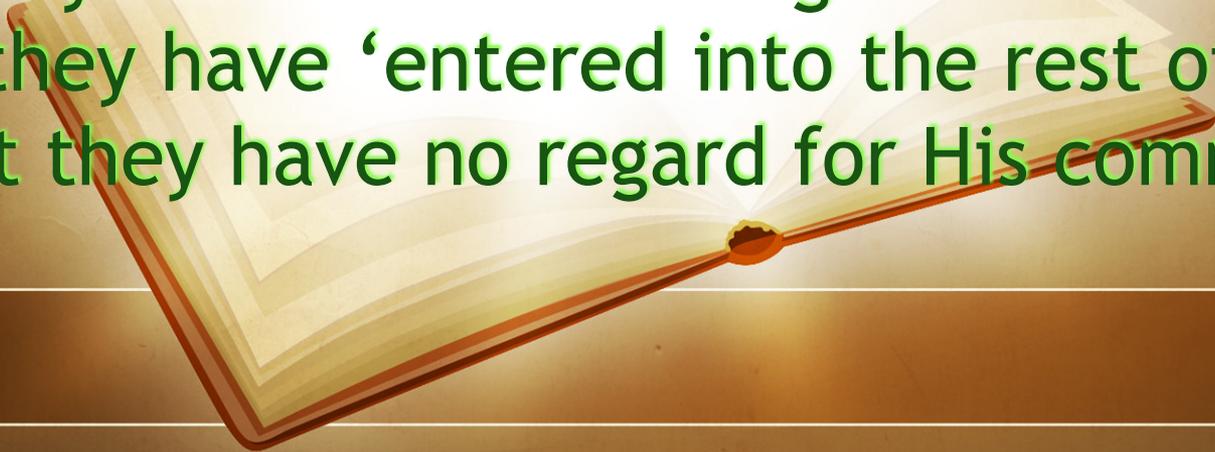


The Hebrew word that is translated as 'cast down' in Amos 5:7 comes from the root verb נוּחַ nuah (noo'-akh) - Strong's H5117 which means, 'to rest, come to rest, cast down, set down, permit', from which we get the name of נֹחַ Noah (no'-akh) - Strong's H5146 who was the man who found favour in the eyes of יְהוָה (YeHoVah), a righteous and perfect man in his generations and one who walked with Elohim, doing all according to that which Elohim had commanded him.



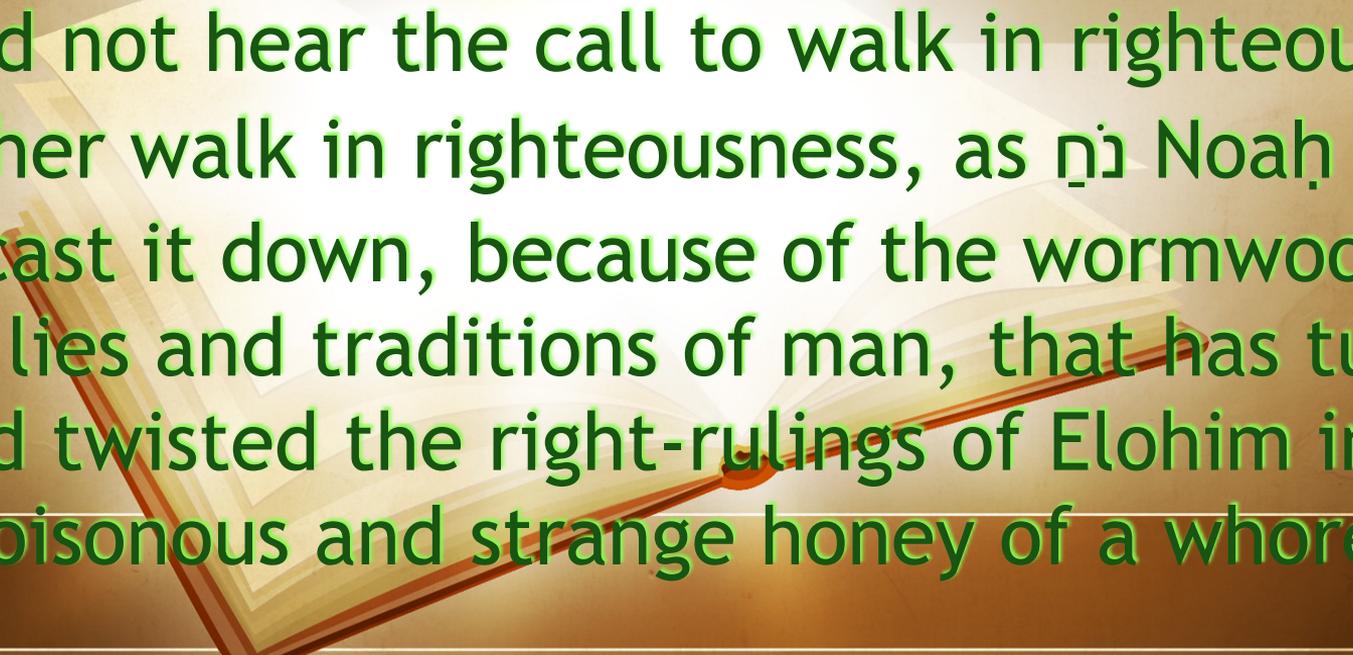
This is a powerful 'play on words', as we see here the negative use of this word, for it can also mean, 'abandon, depart from'.

So many have abandoned righteousness, thinking that they have 'entered into the rest of Elohim', yet they have no regard for His commands!



Debarim/Deuteronomy 6:25 “And it is righteousness for us when we guard to do all this command before יהוה (YeHoVah) our Elohim, as He has commanded us.”





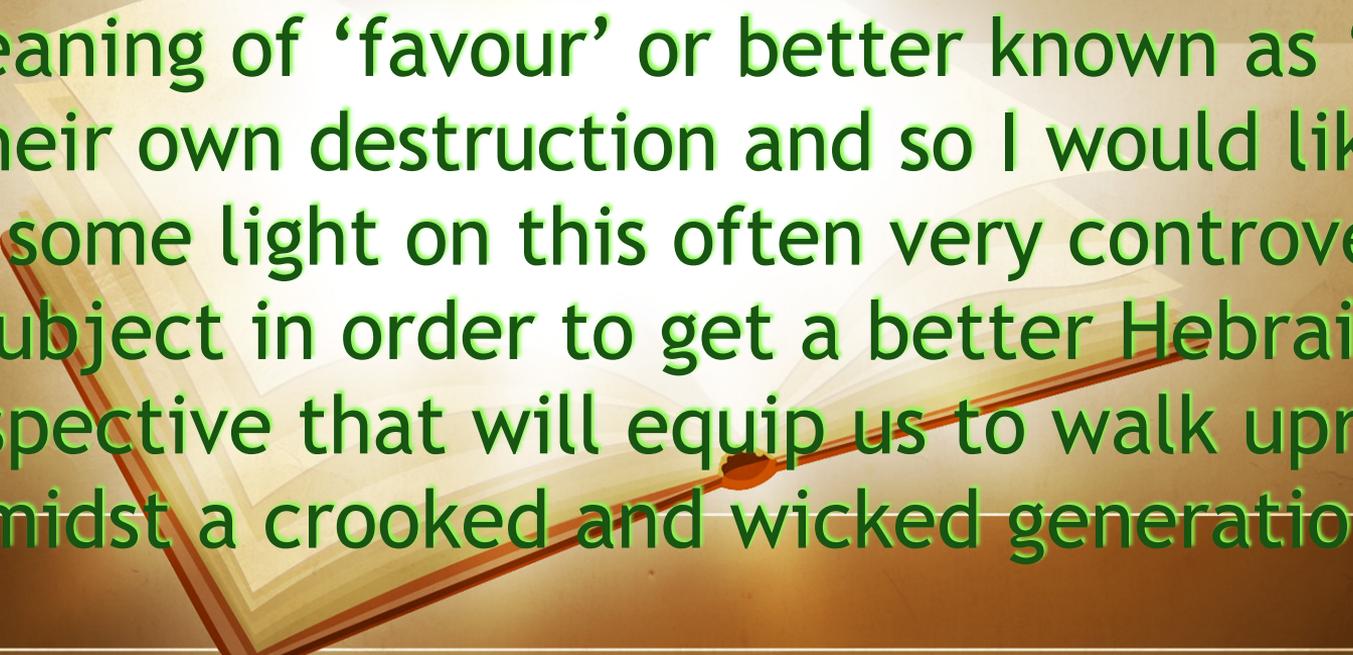
נִי Noah was a righteous man, who did not cast down righteousness, but preached it for 120 years to a people who had cast the Word of Elohim down and did not hear the call to walk in righteousness! We either walk in righteousness, as נִי Noah did, or we cast it down, because of the wormwood of false lies and traditions of man, that has turned and twisted the right-rulings of Elohim into poisonous and strange honey of a whore!

Noah found favour in the eyes of יהוה (YeHoVah), as He responded correctly to being steadfast and faithful in obeying the voice of Elohim, in direct contrast to what the world was doing, by walking after their own puffed up and lustful ways that led to destruction!



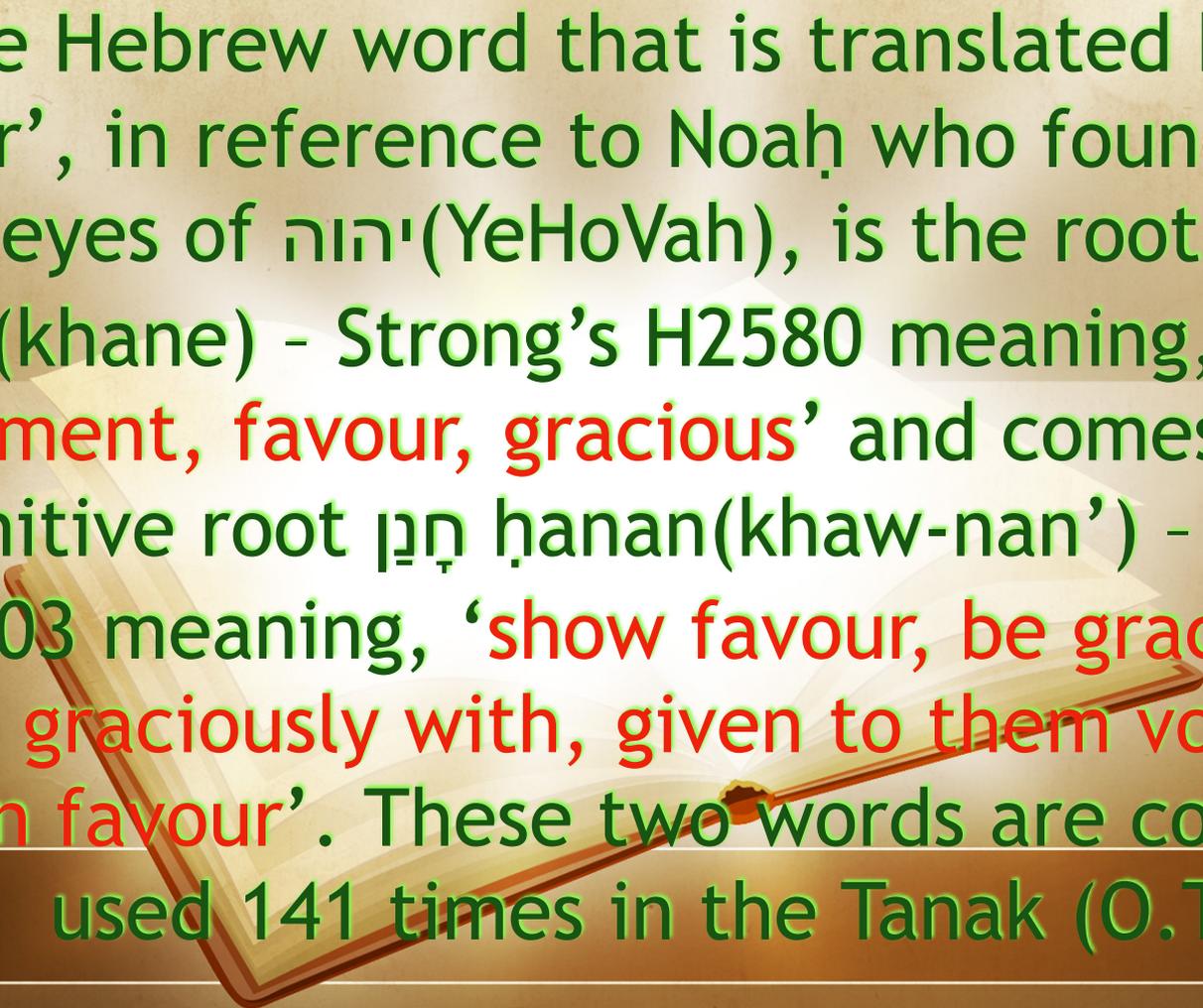
Habaqquq/Habakkuk 2:4 “See, he whose being is not upright in him is puffed up. But the righteous one lives by his steadfastness.”





The favour we find with Elohim, is often greatly misunderstood and we need to realise just what favour means, as many have misused and twisted the meaning of 'favour' or better known as 'grace' to their own destruction and so I would like to shed some light on this often very controversial subject in order to get a better Hebraic perspective that will equip us to walk upright amidst a crooked and wicked generation:

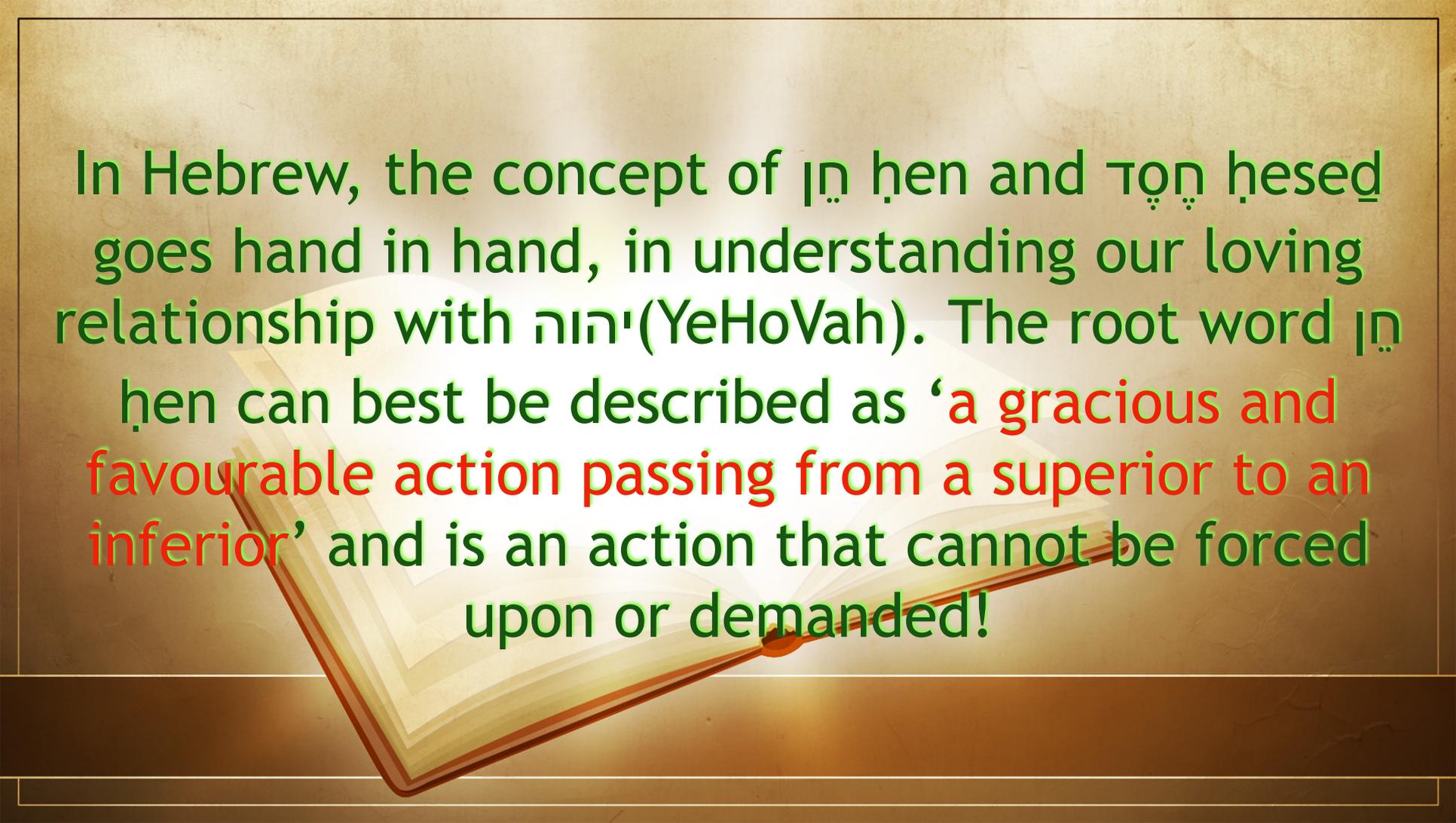
The Hebrew word that is translated here as 'favour', in reference to Noah who found favour in the eyes of יהוה (YeHoVah), is the root word חן ḥen(khane) - Strong's H2580 meaning, 'grace, adornment, favour, gracious' and comes from the primitive root חָנַן ḥanan(khaw-nan') - Strong's H2603 meaning, 'show favour, be gracious to, dealt graciously with, given to them voluntarily, shown favour'. These two words are collectively used 141 times in the Tanak (O.T.).



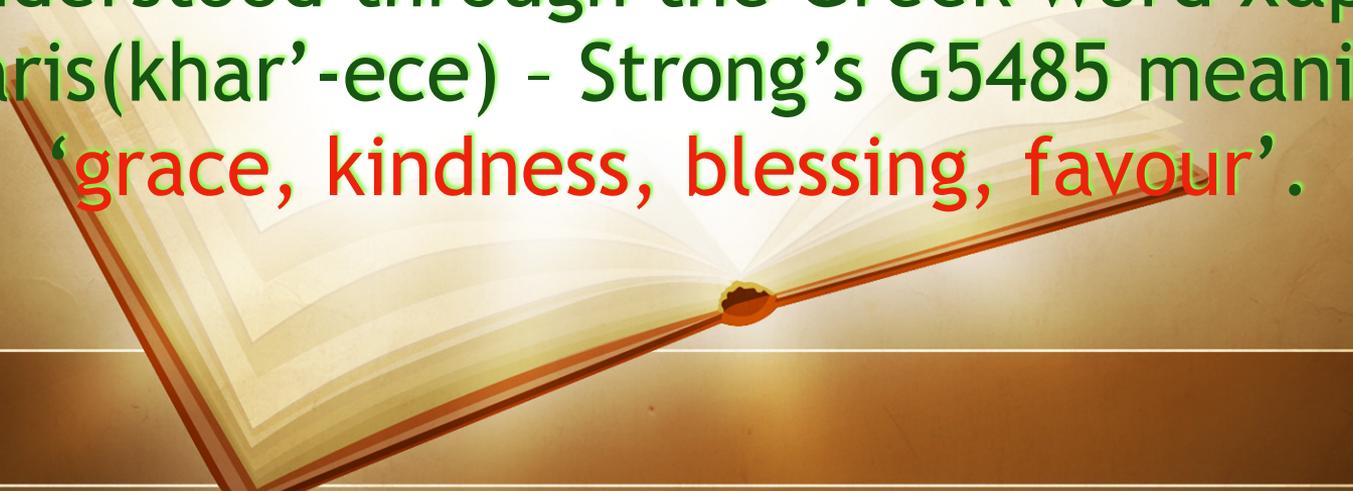
The common term 'grace' which is often interpreted as meaning 'unmerited favour', is often understood in the Hebrew as the word חֶסֶד (kheh'-sed) - Strong's H2617 which means, 'goodness, kindness, deeds of devotion, faithfulness' and appears 248 times in the Tanak (OT) - 5 times more than the Greek word translated as 'grace' in the Renewed Covenant (N.T.)!!!

What we must understand is that in the Tanak (O.T.) we see the link of 'grace and law' being used in terms of that which we have been favourably given and are now required, as a covenant people, to walk in.





In Hebrew, the concept of הֵן ḥen and חֶסֶד ḥesed goes hand in hand, in understanding our loving relationship with יהוה (YeHoVah). The root word הֵן ḥen can best be described as ‘a gracious and favourable action passing from a superior to an inferior’ and is an action that cannot be forced upon or demanded!



This, in many ways, carries the same concept of the 'Christian' idea or concept of 'grace', as understood through the Greek word χάρις charis(khar'-ece) - Strong's G5485 meaning, 'grace, kindness, blessing, favour'.

יְהוָה is poured out as a gift to a people who have no 'claim' to it, as it is given freely and so, we see that this certainly is not a 'new' concept, as it is a continuous theme right through the Scriptures, in describing the Loving Kindness that is extended by יהוה (YeHoVah) to Yisra'el, His Covenanted people!



What we must understand though, is that both יְהֵן  
הֵן and תְּהֵן הֵסֵד are uniquely related, in terms  
of understanding the fullness of our relationship  
with our Creator.

Although these two words are closely linked in  
relation to walking in a relationship with our  
Saviour, we note that תְּהֵן הֵסֵד is different to יְהֵן  
הֵן. We find both these words being used  
together in:

Berěshith/Genesis 39:21 “But יהוה (YeHoVah) was with Yosěph and extended kindness to him, and He gave him favour in the eyes of the prison warden.”



יהוה (YeHoVah) extended  $\tau\eta\eta$   $\text{ḥesed}$  to Yoseph and gave him  $\eta\eta$   $\text{ḥen}$  in the eyes of the prison warden.

What we find in Scripture is that  $\tau\eta\eta$   $\text{ḥesed}$  is used only where there is a prior relationship bond, be it through family, marriage or kinship, and it is used in regards to a bond or relationship that produces in the bond itself a requirement or an obligation for action, where both parties share  $\tau\eta\eta$   $\text{ḥesed}$  and can expect from each other and even demand in a sense, reciprocal responsibilities, and so  $\tau\eta\eta$   $\text{ḥesed}$  is not a free gift!

Now, we see that over and over  $\tau\eta\eta$   $\eta$ esed is used to describe and express יהוה's (YeHoVah's) relationship with Yisra'ĕl, His Covenanted Bride and that includes all who are brought near and grafted in to these Covenants of promise, by the Blood of Messiah!

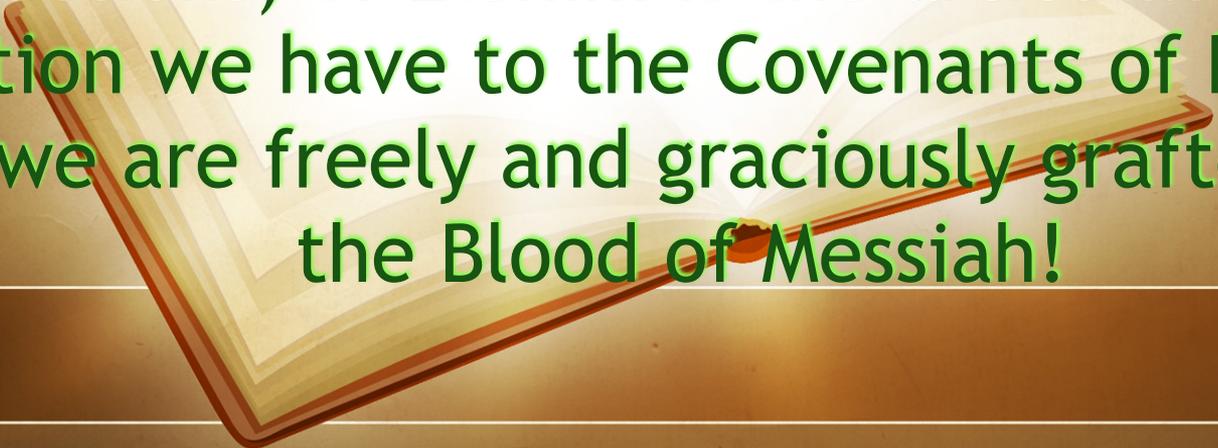
We must understand therefore, that  $\tau\eta\eta$   $\eta$ esed is a word that is often associated with the understanding of obligation and commitment and does not just simply mean unmerited favour alone!

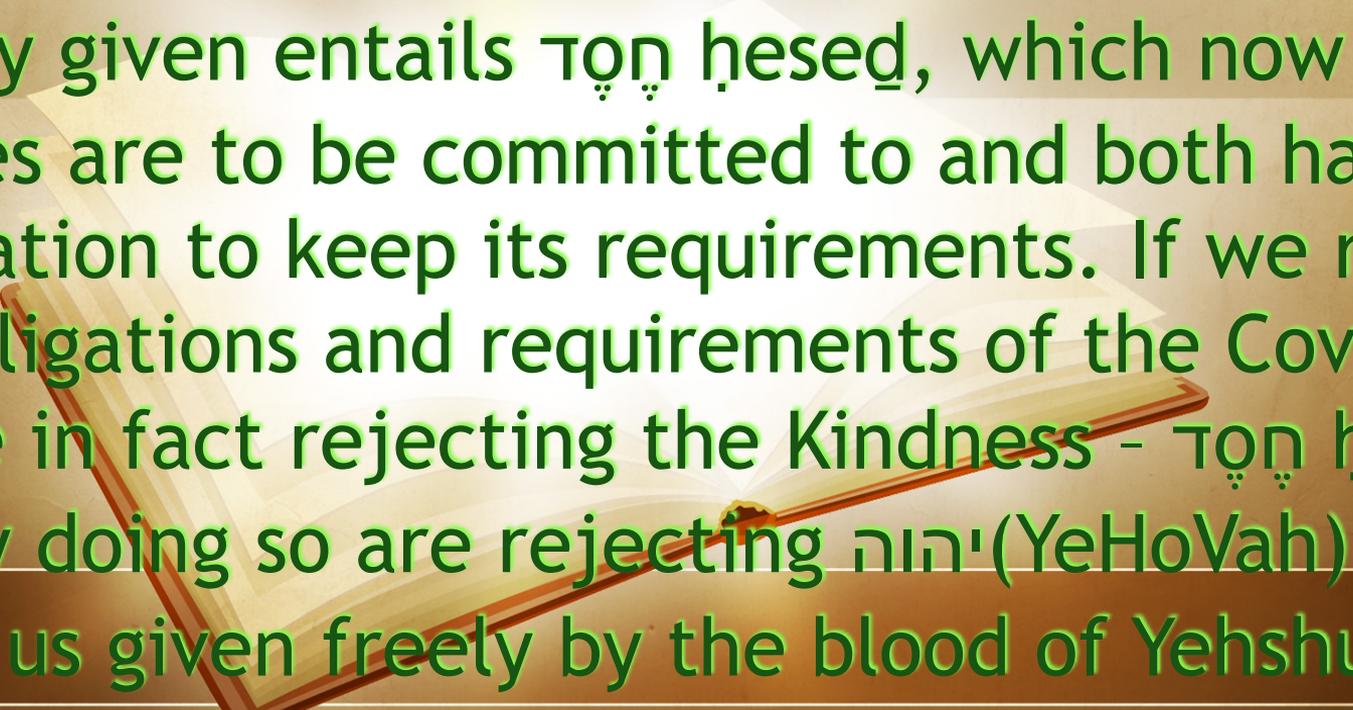
Yisra'ēl and יהוה (YeHoVah) are obligated to each other, in marriage, as a result of the Covenants made by יהוה (YeHoVah) with Abraham, Yitshāq and Ya'aqob!

הן certainly is the primary reason behind the establishment of the Covenants of Promise, however the moment the Covenants were made, obligation became attached to it by both parties.

And while Yisra'el constantly broke their obligation to the Covenants we see how lovingly committed יהוה (YeHoVah) is by extending His favour to us, an undeserving people and by His חַן ḥen (being gracious toward us and adorning us with favour in His eyes) He has extended to us His Kindness - חֶסֶד ḥesed - His loving-commitment to the Covenants which He remains faithful to in being obligated and fully committed to; and thus because of His חַן ḥen which is freely given to us, we too are now by our acceptance of His free gift also required to express true commitment in understanding our obligation to guarding the Covenant!

How we do that, is by walking 'in' His Torah (often translated as 'law'). The Torah (law) of יהוה (YeHoVah) is His instructions for us on how we walk in His תּוֹרָה ḥesed, and so the Torah (instructions) of Elohim is the articulation of the obligation we have to the Covenants of Promise by which we are freely and graciously grafted in to by the Blood of Messiah!





We did not earn the right to this Covenant - יהוה (YeHoVah) made the Covenant out of הֵן ḥen, and therefore we understand that the הֵן ḥen freely given entails חֶסֶד ḥesed, which now both parties are to be committed to and both have an obligation to keep its requirements. If we reject the obligations and requirements of the Covenant, we are in fact rejecting the Kindness - חֶסֶד ḥesed - and by doing so are rejecting יהוה (YeHoVah) bonds to us given freely by the blood of Yehshua!

To put it plainly, we could say that חַן חֵן is 'grace poured out' and not חֶסֶד חֶסֶד.

Most of Scripture speaks clearly of חֶסֶד חֶסֶד as a result of חַן חֵן; and even in the Renewed Writings (N.T.) we see a constant and continual thread of the understanding of the mutual obligations and requirements that are entailed in a 'bonded' relationship with יהוה (YeHoVah) by the Blood of יהושע (Yehshua) Messiah. חֶסֶד חֶסֶד, in the Hebraic mind-set, characterises our identity as being a part of and walking 'in' the Kingdom of Elohim!

So, when understanding the concept of 'grace' and 'favour', we find that it is not a new concept, as we see that in the truest sense, in the Hebraic understanding, it entails giving the correct response of obedience in response to the free gift of life extended to us by the Hand of our Creator, and not just a receiving of the gift alone!

The Torah gives us the clear instructions how we respond to His free gift and how we are to live in Him, as a people who are in Covenant with Him!

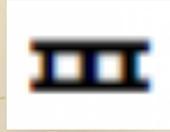
Noah found favour - נֶחֱן ḥen - in the eyes of יהוה (YeHoVah) and responded correctly, by being righteous and perfect, as he walked with Elohim - the very thing we are called to do, as we walk in Messiah, as a lovingly committed response to His favour extended to us by the Blood of Messiah!

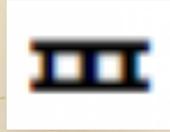
As we consider these two very powerful words in the ancient pictographic script, we can grasp a better idea of what it means for us to be 'saved by grace (favour)' and our responsibility to responding to the 'favour and loving-commitment' of Elohim!

In the ancient pictographic script, the Hebrew word  $\text{יָן הֵן}$  - Strong's H2580 meaning, 'grace, adornment, favour, gracious' looks like this:



## Het - ה

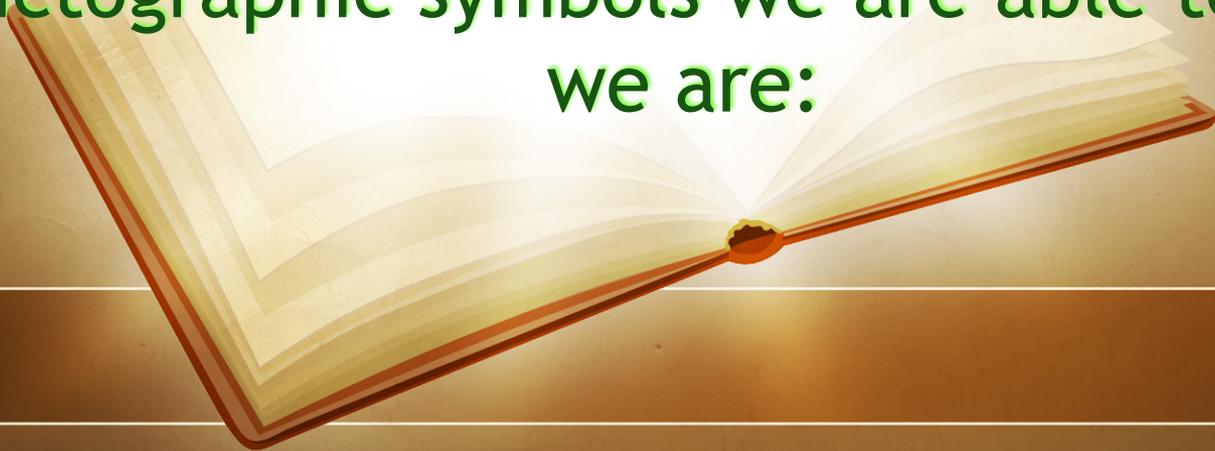


The ancient script has this letter as  which is a 'tent wall', and carries a meaning of 'separation', as a tent wall separates two halves of the tent; or it can also reflect the outside walls that separate the people inside from that which is outside and so can also symbolise protection and security to those inside, while picturing a cutting off of those who are outside. Hence this letter can mean 'established, secure' as well as 'cut off, separated from'. As a tent wall we are also able to recognise the picture of stones being built up to make a complete wall, and represents a 'boundary', or better understood as our 'boundaries' in recognising the need to walk within the boundaries of the Torah and not step outside of that which has been prescribed for us!

## Nun - ן:

The ancient pictographic script has this letter pictured as , which pictures a ‘sprouting seed’ and gives the idea of continuation or an offspring or an heir, speaking of that which sprouts forth to be the heir of the promise of continuation, and represents one’s life expectancy.

By the clear loving-commitment of our Master,  
Saviour and Elohim we have been saved by His  
favour (grace) and when looking at this word in  
the pictographic symbols we are able to see that  
we are:



**SEPARATED, BUILT UP AND ESTABLISHED  
BY THE SEED - WHICH IS MESSIAH!**

