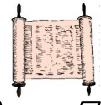




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THE WAWWAV

The sixth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is the *waw* or *vav*, depending on which Hebrew dialect one speaks. It serves as both a consonant, or a vowel. As a consonant, it generally carries the "v" sound. But as a vowel, depending on which Hebrew word it is in, it can carry every vowel sound; a, e, i, o, u, and oo (w), as also do all of the Hebrew letters that serve as both consonants and vowels. It looks like this װ/״ו respectively in the Pictorial, Paleo, and Modern Hebrew. Its name *waw* or *vav* in the Hebrew means hook, nail, or tent peg. It also serves as the number six (6).

The *aleph* (א/א), *hei* (ה/ה), *waw/vav* (װ/״ו), *yod* (י/י), and *ayin* (ע/ע) all serve interchangeably as consonants and vowels. Each of these letters can carry almost all of the vowel sounds enumerated in the above paragraph, especially the *aleph*, *hei*, *waw/vav*, and *ayin*.

It is generally spelled װ/״ו (*waw/vav*), but can also be spelled װ״ו , or ״װ״ו . The gematria of ״ו is 12, the gematria of װ״ו is 13, and the gematria of ״װ״ו is 22. It serves as the number six (6), but the addition of the two *waw*'s in its name adds to twelve ($6 [6] + 6 [6] = 12$). Twelve, of course, is a very significant number with Yahweh because the original sons of Jacob/Israel were twelve. There are generally twelve months (moons) in a year. The Mazzaroth (Zodiac) consists of twelve signs. There were twelve loaves of shewbread on the table in the tabernacle and later the temple. Yahshua originally chose twelve apostles. There will be twelve gates into city of New Jerusalem (Rev. 21) and twelve foundation stones (Rev. 21).

Twelve is Yahweh's number for government. He made Adam on the sixth (6/6) day, and thus, the number for man is six (6/6). He made Adam the Sovereign, gave him dominion, over the earth (Gen. 1:26-28). Therefore, we have the 6 (sixth day), and man's number 6 (six) which equals to $6 + 6 = 12$ (dominion/sovereignty, government).

If we spell the *waw* as װ״ו , then we get the number 13 ($6 [6] + 1 [1] + 6 [6] = 13$). This is interesting because Jacob adopted the two sons of Joseph as his own sons, which made thirteen tribes instead of twelve. The Hebrew word for "one" is

echad. The gematria for *echad* (אחד) is thirteen ($1 [1] + 8 [8] + 4 [4] = 13$). The name Levi means *to join* or *unite*. The Levitical priesthood was established to bring Yahweh and Israel into a united relationship. It is also interesting that America became united into a nation through thirteen original colonies. That is the reason for the thirteen stripes on the U. S. flag.

Also, the feminine Hebrew word for love is *ahavah* (אהבה) which also equals 13 numerically ($1 [1] + 5 [5] + 2 [2] + 5 [5] = 13$). Yahweh is love, "He that loveth not knoweth not Yahweh; for **Yahweh is love,**" 1 Jn. 4:8. That great love is revealed to us in Yahshua, "But Yahweh, who is rich in mercy, for **his great love wherewith he loved us,**" Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with (6) the Messiah, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in the Messiah Yahshua: "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through (6) the Messiah Yahshua. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Yahweh: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in the Messiah Yahshua unto good works, which Yahweh hath before ordained that we should walk in them," Eph. 2:4-10.

Yahweh reveals His great love for us in, by, and through Yahshua the Messiah. Yahshua is the true man, the true Adam, HalleluYah!

If we spell the *waw* as ״ו , then the gematria is twenty-two ($6 [6] + 10 [10] + 6 [6] = 22$). This is also interesting because there are twenty-two original letters in the Hebrew alphabet. What is also interesting is that the 22nd letter of the first verse of Genesis is the *waw* (״ו). Let's take a look at this verse:

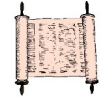
Bereshiyt bara Elohim et ha shemayim ve et ha erets, which looks like this in the Hebrew:

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים תְּשָׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

The point here is that the *waw*, being a hook or conjunction, appearing as the 22nd letter of the first verse of Genesis, is bringing together, hooking



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together the heavens with the earth. This is a type of Yahshua Who is the *Aleph* and *Tau* (Rev. 1:8, etc.). The *Aleph* and *Tau*, being the first and last letter of the Hebrew alphabet which includes all 22 letters of the alphabet. This brings to remembrance the Scriptures that witness that Yahshua is the One Who brings together in one all things in heaven and in earth, "That in the dispensation of the fullness of times **he might gather together in one all things in the Messiah, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth;** even in him," Eph. 1:10. Again, Paul writes, "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, **by him to reconcile all things unto himself;** by him, I say, **whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven,"** Col. 1:19-20.

The number six has to do with physical completion. This has to do with the six main directions of the physical world. They are up, down, before, behind, right, and left, or up, down, north, south, east, and west. (*The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet* by Michael Monk, p. 94) Elohim completed the physical creation on the sixth day (Gen. 1:31, 2:1).

DIVISION AND (1) UNITY

The Scriptures decree, "In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and (1) the earth. And (1) the earth was without form, and (1) void; and (1) darkness was upon the face of the deep. And (1) the Spirit of Elohim moved upon the face of the waters. And (1) Elohim said, Let there be light: and (1) there was light. And (1) Elohim saw the light, that it was good: and (1) Elohim divided the light from the darkness. And (1) Elohim called the light Day, and (1) the darkness he called Night. And (1) the evening and (1) the morning were the first day," (Gen. 1:1-5).

Do you see how Yahweh created by dividing, but utilized the *waw* (1) as a conjunction, and/or hook to hold it together? Thus, even though the darkness and light were divided, they were hooked together with the *waw* (1) to bring about one day. Also, as already alluded to, in Yahshua, the heavens and earth are brought together in one.

It continues, "And (1) Elohim said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and (1) let it divide the waters from the waters. And (1) Elohim made the firmament, and (1) divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and (1) it was so.

And (1) Elohim called the firmament Heaven. And (1) the evening and the morning were the second day," Gen. 1:6-7.

In this account on the second day, Yahweh divided between the waters thereby creating the atmosphere which, of course was necessary in order to bring forth life upon the earth. But it is still "hooked" (1) together into one.

"And (1) Elohim said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and (1) let the dry land appear: and (1) it was so. And (1) Elohim called the dry land Earth; and (1) the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and (1) Elohim saw that it was good. And (1) Elohim said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and (1) the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and (1) it was so. And (1) the earth brought forth grass, and (1) herb yielding seed after his kind, and (1) the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and (1) Elohim saw that it was good. And (1) the evening and the morning were the third day," Gen. 1:8-13.

Three is a type of completion. For example, it takes three lines to form a triangle. On these first three days, Yahweh is, in essence, creating the third dimensional world wherein we exist. Notice that with the completion of the third day's activities life is able to come forth.

"And (1) Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and (1) let them be for signs, and (1) for seasons, and (1) for days, and (1) years: And (1) let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and (1) it was so. And (1) Elohim made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and (1) the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And (1) Elohim set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And (1) to rule over the day and (1) over the night, and (1) to divide the light from the darkness: and (1) Elohim saw that it was good. And (1) the evening and (1) the morning were the fourth day," Gen. 1:14-19.

On the fourth day, Yahweh went beyond the earth's atmosphere to set the sun, moon, and stars in the solar system, yet hooking them together with the *waw* (1), so that they become one. The earth is "hooked" together with the solar system, which in



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turn is "hooked" with the universe (the stars).

"And (1) Elohim said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and (1) fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And (1) Elohim created great whales, and (1) every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and (1) every winged fowl after his kind: and (1) Elohim saw that it was good. And (1) Elohim blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and (1) multiply, and (1) fill the waters in the seas, and (1) let fowl multiply in the earth. And (1) the evening and (1) the morning were the fifth day," Gen. 1:20-23.

On the second day of creation Yahweh created the atmosphere by dividing the waters. Now, on the fifth day, He created the creatures that would live in the lower waters, and the winged fowl that would fly in the atmosphere.

"And (1) Elohim said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and (1) creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and (1) it was so. And (1) Elohim made the beast of the earth after his kind, and (1) cattle after their kind, and (1) everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and (1) Elohim saw that it was good. And (1) Elohim said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and (1) let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and (1) over the fowl of the air, and (1) over the cattle, and (1) over all the earth, and (1) over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So Elohim created man in his own image, in the image of Elohim created he him; male and (1) female created he them. And (1) Elohim blessed them, and (1) Elohim said unto them, Be fruitful, and (1) multiply, and (1) replenish the earth, and (1) subdue it: and (1) have dominion over the fish of the sea, and (1) over the fowl of the air, and (1) over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And (1) Elohim said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and (1) every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And (1) to every beast of the earth, and (1) to every fowl of the air, and (1) to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and (1) it was so. And (1) Elohim saw every thing that he had made, and (1), behold, it was very

good. And (1) the evening and (1) the morning were the sixth day," Gen. 1:24-31.

Six is two times three ($2 \times 3 = 6$). Notice that in the first set of three days plant life was brought forth, grasses, herbs, trees, etc. But this type of life is bound to the earth in only one place by its roots. In the second set of three days, a different type of life was brought forth, that is, life that had the freedom to move in the waters, in the air, and on the land, including the apex of Yahweh's creation, which was the man who was to be the sovereign over the earth.

But we can see from the first chapter of Genesis how Yahweh created by dividing, yet everything is "hooked" together by the *waw* (1). Almost every chapter and book in the Torah begins with the *waw* hooking it all together.

THE TABERNACLE

The tabernacle of witness made by Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness for Yahweh's habitation was made of curtains (*yeriyah*) which were connected to their pillars (*ammuwd*) by hooks (*waw* [1]).

The tabernacle was a physical man-made type of Yahweh's heavenly dwelling place. Isaiah is inspired to proclaim, "Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; **that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:** That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity," Isa. 40:21-23.

The Psalmist adds, "Bless Yahweh, O my soul. O Yahweh my Elohim, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: **who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:** Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains," Psa. 104:1-6.

But the earth has been separated from Yahweh because of the sins of mankind (Isa. 59:2) so Yahweh had to drive a nail (*waw*), a tent peg (*waw*) into the ground so that He could bring heaven and earth together in one again. That nail, that tent peg



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was none other than the cross of Yahshua the Messiah (Eph. 1:10; Col. 1:19-20).

However, Isaiah also reveals that the one on the cross in today's world is not the true Messiah, "Thus saith Adonai Yahweh of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say, What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock? Behold, Yahweh will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee. He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy master's house. And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah: And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. And the **key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place;** and he shall be for a glorious

throne to his father's house. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons. In that day, saith Yahweh of hosts, **shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off:** for Yahweh hath spoken it," Isa. 22:15-25.

Today's nail (cross) driven into a sure place is the one that is named Jesus Christ. All of the treasures and glory of Elohim's house hangs upon him. But the true Messiah is Yahshua of Nazareth. When He returns to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth, the false messiah will be removed and cut off.

Yahshua will then be the true nail that is driven into the sure place. All of the treasures of the heavenly temple will hang on Him forevermore.

The *waw/vav* truly represents Yahshua the Messiah Who will soon bring the heaven and earth together in one at His promised return.

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