
The 10 Plagues, Then and Now.

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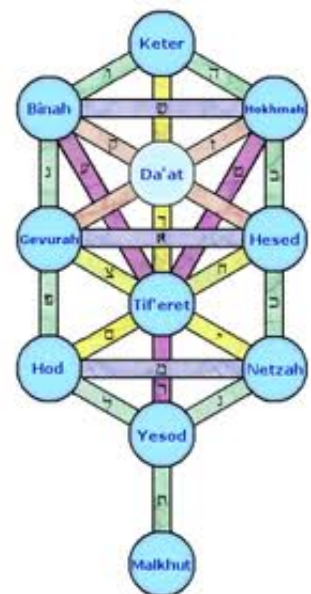
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The Hidden Message in the 10 Plagues

It's mandatory to celebrate Passover (Pesach) every year and recount the story of the exodus, including the explicit listing of the **10** plagues. Why? Is it just so we don't forget? Wouldn't it be better to instead concentrate on the **10** miracles G-d performed for the Israelites on their way to receiving the **10** Commandments and the Torah?

A most common form of Torah analysis performed by the sages is to examine initials of key word groupings, phrases, or verses. The sum of the nominal value of the initials in the **11** words that comprise the **10** plagues is **541**, the numerical value of the name Israel, which is not only the last word in the Torah, but Israel was arguably formed out of the end of the exile immediately precipitated by the **10** plagues, especially the last plague, the killing of the firstborn, whose initials are *Mem-Bet*.

Mem-Bet is not only the [42-Letter Name of G-d](#), profoundly



associated with the time of redemption, but it is named justly because it has the numerical value of **42**, as in the **42** places the Israelites traveled through on their way out of Egypt to the Promised Land. It is also aligned with the journey every process must take through the **42** letters of the **11** sefirot.

The first letter of the **40** letters in the **10** plagues is *dalet*, with the numerical value of **4**, as in the number of letters in Tetragrammaton and in the Name of G-d, *Ehyeh*, the Name used in "I am that I am." The first plague, *dam*, blood, is spelled *dalet-mem*, which is numerically 4 plus 40 or **44**.

The deeper secret is in the blood. The first plague is *Dam (Dalet-Mem)*, whose initial is *dalet*. The initial of the last plague is *Mem*, thus the whole **10** plagues can be collapsed in abbreviated

form into *Dam (Dalet-Mem)*, the first plague. Not only does the letter *Mem*, complete the word *dam*, but it in effect encompasses and represents the full **40** letters in the **10** plagues, because of its numerical value, **40**.

Please note that that also means that there are an exact average of **40/10** or **4** letters per plague, the numerical value of *Dalet*.

We use the word encompasses because the final *mem* is not only shaped like a closed womb, but according to the sages it is supposed to represent one as well, and if we subtract the numerical value of *dam* (blood) from that of *Da'at*, the **11th** and balancing *sefira*, we get **474 – 44 = 430**, both the numerical value of *nefesh*, (the animalistic or lower part of the soul), which the sages tell us is housed in the blood, and also the number of years the Jews were in exile through the end of the **10** plagues.

Blood is also a fitting metaphor because from the womb flows both the blood of judgment unto the Egyptians, and the mercy to the Jews in the birth of the Israel.

We know from the sages that the Passover passage out of Egypt was about *Da'at*, the *serifa* of balance and knowledge, and also that *Da'at* was represented in the *Dalet of Dam*, the first letter of the first plague. Furthermore, *Dalet*, when spelled out, has the numerical value of **434**, while *da'at* has the numerical value of **474**, leaving a difference of **40** between them, the numerical value of *Mem*, showing us that the full word *dam*, blood, is included in *Da'at*.

It's all about Four (4)

While many of the significant mandated elements of *Pesach*



(Passover) including the **4** questions, the **4** cups of wine, the **4** sons, the **4** aspects of the Tetragrammaton and the **4** letters in it and also in the name *Eyheh*, we been told by the sages that they correspond to the **4** exiles.

The first plague, blood, is spelled *Dalet-Mem*, with the first letter having the numerical value of **4**, and the next letter having the value of **40**, or **10 x 4**. Meanwhile, not only does the first letter of the last plague, the killing of the first born, also has the value of **40**, but there are **40** letters in the **10** plagues, making 4 the exact average number of letters per plague. And while the final letter of the **10** plagues is **400** or **10 X 40**, the second plague, frogs, has a numerical value of **444**, or **4 X 111**, the numerical value of *Aleph*, the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

Moreover, the **4** letters of the Name *Ehyeh*, (EHYH)—the Name revealed to Moses just prior to the plagues--can be expanded through progressive method-- sometimes called squaring--to (E,

EH, EHY, EHYH), which is numerically equivalent to **44**, the same as *dam*, blood, the first plague.

The connection to **4** for Pesach and the **10** plagues at the end of the 1st exile is interesting because **10** is an extension both numerically and spiritually of **4**. Numerically, the 4th triangular number has a value of **10**, just as **10** is the sum of the first **4** integers, as in $1+2+3+4 = 10$. Spiritually, both the **4** letters of the Tetragrammaton and of the Name *Eyheh* when expanded by spelling them out have **10** letters each. Moreover, as we mentioned earlier, Passover is about *da'at*, which begins with the letter *Dalet*, of numerical value **4**, while *da'at* is a *sefira* or dimension that combines the dimensions of *Chochma* and *Binah*, whose initials' numerical values of 8 and 2 add up to **10**.

So in a sense we see the **10** plagues extending throughout the **4**



exiles, for a total of **40**, as in the **40** letters in the **10** plagues, which is yet another reason it's mandated we read the *haggada* and review all the plagues, etc every year throughout the various exiles.

The plagues didn't just happen **66.6** jubilee years ago, they've been reoccurring continually throughout the **4** exiles in one form or another. As for the first plague, *dam*, blood, there have been many times in these past **3330** years when tens and even hundreds of thousands have died and rivers of blood have flowed.

The 10 Plagues were Planned at the Beginning of Time.

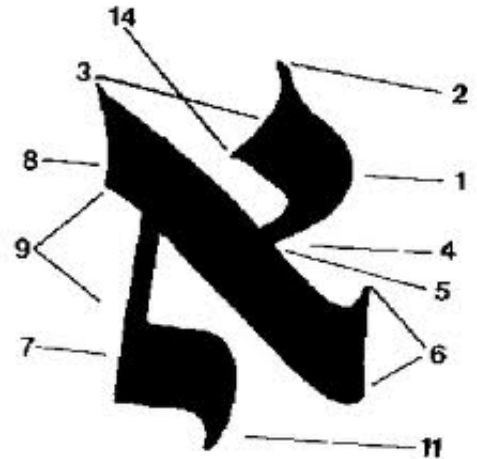
While the **11** words of the **10** plagues correspond to the **11** unique letters in the first verse of the Torah, the first **4** letters of the Torah have an ordinal value of **44**, the same as *Dam*, the first plague.

The next 2 letters, completing the entire first word of the Torah, *Bereshit*, "In the Beginning" have an ordinal value of **32**, as in the value of the **4** components of the letter *Aleph*, connecting as we've discussed in other articles to the **32** Paths of Wisdom that define the structure of the universe and that house the **10** *sefirot* (dimensions). When we add them together, we get numerically 76, or the fully expanded Tetragrammaton at the highest level of *Av* (*chochma*), but alphabetically they spell out *Aleph-Dalet-Mem*, or Adam(*ELP*).

Adam represents the start of Jewish soul, the source of which, as we've written about in other articles, is in the primordial *Aleph* that exists before the Torah, and *dam*, or blood, represents both the flesh and the flow of the lower soul (*nefesh*) throughout time, throughout the generations.

With *Aleph* as the source, we can note that the **11** initials of the **10** plagues have an ordinal value of **100** and if we add **11** as the *kolel* to **100** we get **111**, the numerical value of the name of the letter *Aleph*(*ELP*). And once again we can connect with the primordial *Aleph* before the *Dam* (first plague) to get Adam

There is yet another analogy connection between the letter *Aleph*,



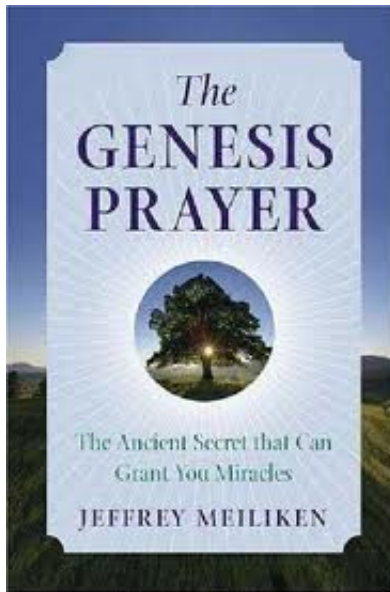
whose 4 component letters (Y,V,V,Y) sum to 32, and the 10 plagues, and moreover to the initials of the final plague, **Mem-Bet**, as provided by Rabbi Chaim Vital of blessed Memory. The eminent sage explained that the 10 *sefirot* (dimensions) plus the 32 Paths of Wisdom that link them together form the structure of the greater universe and together they comprise the 42-Letters of the 42-Letter Name, the *Shem Mem-Bet*.

As explained in detail in [The Genesis Prayer](#), the first verse of



the Torah is where the *Shem Mem-Bet*, or the 42-Letter Name of G-d, is derived from, and if we take the sum of the numerical values of the initials of each of the 7 words of that first verse, which is 22—obviously representative of the 22 normal letters of the Hebrew alphabet—and add it to the ordinal value of those same 7 letters, which is also 22, we get 44, once again, the value of the first plague, *dam*, blood.

Incidentally, and again as discussed in detail in [The Genesis](#)



Prayer, the first verse of the Torah is integrally connected in multiple ways to both the numerical value of *Mashiach*, the Messiah, **358** and to the mathematical constant **PI** to an astounding precision, and one of the simplest ways is through the average value of those **7** letters, **22/7** or **3.14**.

Now, if we think this is coincidence we need only examine the full first **10** letters of the Torah and see that the sum of their ordinal values equals **100** (*keter*, the crowning highest dimension), the exact same **100** as the sum of the ordinal values of the initials of the **10** plagues. Moreover, as mentioned earlier, the sum of the nominal value of those same initials is **541**, the numerical value of the name Israel, the last word in the Torah.

The process of gematria computation allows us to subtract the *kolel*, as well as add it, and though I rarely use that approach, in this case if we subtract the sum of the ordinal values from the initials of the plagues (**100**) from the sum of their numerical values (**541**), we get **541 - 100 = 441**, which is not only the numerical value of *emet*, truth, an allusion both to the Torah and to the **42**-Letter Name of G-d, but it is also **21²**, or the square of the numerical value of the higher Name of G-d, *Ehyeh*.

Since the initials of the final plague are *Mem-Bet* and since the sum of all the initials of all **10** plagues (**11** words) is **541**, the numerical value of Israel, one interpretation is that the **10** plagues and **42** places lead to Israel. Another is that it will take **10** plagues, corresponding to the **10** *sefirot* (dimensions) and the *Mem-Bet* to reach the final redemption.

The sum of the first 9 plagues is 499, the numerical value of Tzva'ot, another of the Biblical Names of G-d; therefore, yet another possible interpretation is that we need to go through 9 *sefirot* (*chochma*) and utilize the *Shem Mem-Bet* to break through to the level of *Keter*. The sages are quite clear that the **10** plagues correspond to the **10** *sefirot* and that the final one is at the level of *keter* (crown), but we can also see the word *Keter* (**Caf-Tav-Reish**) within the permuted letters of the final plague: *Mem-caf-tav Bet-caf-vav-reish-vav-tav* Permutes to *Tav-Vav, Caf-Vav, Mem-Bet Caf-Tav-Reish*.

Since *Caf-Vav* is **26** and an appellation of the Tetragrammaton, and since *Tav-vav* is the spelling of the last Hebrew letter, *Tav*, representing *Malchut*, which is our physical dimension, the lowest of the *sefirot*, we have the Tetragrammaton (**26**) and the *Shem Mem-Bet* helping us get from *Malchut* to *Keter*.

In addition, *Mem-Bet Caf-Tav-Reish* spells out Israel (*YShREL*) in *gematria atbash* (reverse alphabet cipher)

There are, of course, many deeper secrets and other possible interpretations here.

There are normally 41 letters in the 10 plagues with 41 being the number of letters in the name full Name *Ehyeh* spelled out, but In the Torah the word for beasts (or flies) is never spelled with the “vav” as it is in traditional Hebrew, leaving us with **40** letters.

The 11 Letters of the 10 Plagues and the Final Redemption

If we include the *vav* as is customary in most *hagadahs*, the sum of the 10 plagues using gematria *sofit* is **5546**. And **546** is not only the sum of the initials of the **10 sefirot**, but moreover, **5546 + 232 = 5778**, the year preordained for the manifestation of the Tree-of-life reality, with **232** being the sum of the **4** aspects of the Tetragrammaton. As we've noted extensively in [The Divine Calendar](#), the dates



of the Exodus in **2448 HC**, the Final Redemption in **5778 HC** and the fulcrum point of the Gregorian Calendar in **3760 HC** are all integrally connected and aligned, so it's no surprise that the sum of the **10** plagues in standard gematria equals **3290**, and when we add the ordinal value of the 40 letters in the 10 plagues, **468**, we get **3290 + 468 + 2** (the *kolel* for the 2 elements of the equation) equals **3760**, or **26.26** jubilee years after the Exodus.

Interestingly enough, the two initials of the last plague, the killing of the first born, are **Mem** and **Bet** and if we were to add the value of the missing *vav* (6) mentioned above to the **352** times that the initials **Mem-Bet** appears sequentially in the Torah, we'd get **352 + 6 = 358**, the numerical value of *Mashiach*, the Messiah.

Furthermore, if you sum up the square roots of each of the **10** plagues, utilizing gematria *sofit*, which gives special values to the special 5 final letters, and add the square root of 232 you get 314....

In one of the sage's prophecies it says. "Like the days you left Egypt, I will show you wonders". This in reference to the final redemption.

According to the sages, Moses' staff was engraved with both the



Shem Mem-Bet (42-Letter Name) and the **72** Names of G-d, which are derived from the three

consecutive **72** letter verses that narrate the crossing of the Red Sea (Sea of Reeds), were engraved on Moses' staff and used in the splitting of the Sea.

Moreover, if we take the initials of the first and last plague together, we get *Dalet-Mem-Bet*, which is possibly connected to the 65th of the **72** Names of G-d: *Dalet-Mem-Bet*.

There are **11** unique letters in the first verse of the Torah, corresponding to the **11** spices of the Holy Temple and there are **11** first letters of the 10 plagues, which we can permute to spell out both the representative initials of the **Shem Mem-Bet** (the 42-letter Name) and the **Ayin-Bet Shemot** (the 72 Names) and more. These **11** letters can be permuted to form:

Echad (E,Ch,D)

Mem-bet (M,B)

Ayin-Bet (A,B)

Shaddai (Sh, D, Y)

Nun (N)

once the *Tzaddi* is broken into *nun* and *yud*. It's said by the sages that in the time of *Mashiach*, the Messiah, the *Tzaddi* will split into *Nun* and *Yud*, then the *Yud* will change direction to facing forward) and then reconnect.

The significance of this is that they spell out *Echad*, One, as in "G-d is One;" *Mem-Bet*, as in the **42** Letter Name of G-d and the 42 places the Jews journeyed through on their way to Israel, and then *Ayin-Bet*, as in the **72** Names of G-d, both of which were used to split the Sea of Reeds according to chazal; and *Shaddai*, the Name of G-d that appears on all *mezuzot* and that starts of the mathematical constant Pi: and finally the letter *Nun*, whose numerical value is **50** as in the **50th** Gate, which chazal say the Israelites were at before crossing the Sea of Reeds; also as in the 50 times the Exodus is mentioned in the Torah; as in the **50** days from the Exodus to the reception of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, as in the **50** component letters used to construct the 27 letters of the Hebrew alphabet; as in the length of the biblical jubilee year (**50** calendar years) used to reckon the arrival of *H'Mashiach*, and as in the value of the Hebrew word for "Sea". In many senses the **10** plagues were a cleansing of the Jewish and world soul, the *nefesh* housed in the blood, in preparation for the reception of the Torah **50** days later.

The Hebrew year **5778**, the year given as the year of the Final Redemption, is **2018** in the Western calendar and **50** years earlier, one jubilee year, was the year **1968**, the year of Revolution. It's no coincidence the Beatles' song *Revolution* came out that year. 1968 was the year the Vietcong launched the Tet Offensive and the world witnessed the My Lai Massacre; the year the Warsaw Pact invaded Czechoslovakia to crush the Prague Rebellion; the year of Black Power demonstrations in Howard University, the Mexico City Olympics, etc; the year of student protests in Poland and Germany and Tlatelolco Massacre of the students in Mexico; the year the French Governments was brought to the brink of revolution under siege by the student protests; the year of the Cantonsville Nine war protest and student war protests in universities all over the US; The year the war protesters clashed with the Chicago police outside the Democratic National Convention; the year Martin Luther King was assassinated and the riots that followed; the year Robert F Kennedy was assassinated; the year Nixon became president; and the year the Gold Standard was legally dropped and the dollar decoupled from gold, sealing the fate of the US economy; and finally the year Saddam Hussein took power in Iraq, setting us

up for where we are today, ironically (coincidentally) mired in yet another Vietnam.
32 Years before the **2000** millennium, the year of Revolution began the final jubilee year, the last of the **66.6** jubilee years from the Exodus to the Final Redemption, the last of the **40** jubilee years from **3760 (0 CE) to 5778**.