

Notice that Hebrew is read right to left.

Jesus' Sacrifice in Word "Torah"

The Hebrew word **תּוֹרָה** is translated as "Torah" in the English language and refers to the first five books written by Moses. The following shows ancient pictures for these Hebrew characters that clarify the meaning of "Torah":

-  = (tav ת) meaning "cross"
-  = (vav ו) meaning "nail"
-  = (resh ר) meaning "the highest" (or "a man")
-  = (hay ה) meaning "to reveal"

Taking these characters and their meanings together, we see that the word for Torah means "[To] a cross [is] nail[ed] the highest, it is revealed [in the Torah]".

"Son" is significant to several Hebrew words

The Hebrew word "bar" **בָּר** means "a son". The following shows ancient pictures for these Hebrew characters:

-  = (bet ב) meaning "house"
-  = (resh ר) meaning "man"

Literally this means that the son is "the man of (or from) the house".

The Word is the door of the Son

The Hebrew word meaning "Word" **דְּבַר** is pronounced "devar". This word contains the word for "Son" (**בָּר**), adding the letter Dalet.

-  = (dalet ד) means "door"

Adding the meaning for dalet to the meaning for "Son" literally means that the Word is the door of the Son.

Create is the Son's strength

The Hebrew word meaning "create" **בָּרָא** is pronounced "bara". This word contains the word for "son" (**בָּר**), adding the letter Alef.

-  = (alef א) meaning "strength".

This Hebrew word for "create" says that to create is the Son's strength.

Hebrew people who reveal the Son

The word for "Hebrew" (the people of God) comes from the word "ahvar" (**אָהַב**) which means to cross over (as in "cross over" the Red Sea, the Jordan River or death to life?). This word contains the word for "Son", (**בָּר**) adding the letter Ayin.

-  = (ayin א) meaning "reveal"

Literally, this means that the Hebrew people are the ones who reveal the Son.

Covenant: the cross of My Son

Adding two letters to the Hebrew word for "son" (**בָּר**) makes the word for "covenant" (**בְּרִית**). By adding the letter Yod (י) to the end of a word, the Hebrew equivalent of "my" is formed. When we add yod (י) to son (**בָּר**), we get "my son". The letter tav is then added, which means a cross. The characters added to "Son" (**בָּר**) are:

-  = (yod י) meaning "my"
-  = (tav ת) meaning "cross"

Literally, this says the covenant is the "cross of My Son."

Hebrew: the language of Scripture

Adding an ayin (א) onto the word for covenant (above) gives the word for the Hebrew language (eivreet or **עִבְרִית**)

-  = (ayin א) meaning "reveal"

This says that the purpose of the Hebrew language is to "reveal the covenant" (which is "the cross of My Son").

The blood of the Passover Lamb

When Jesus said He is the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end (e.g. in Revelation 22:13), He also spelled a Hebrew word, if you consider the first and last letters (beginning and end) of the Hebrew alphabet, as follows:

Alef (א) is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet
Tav (ת) is the final letter of the Hebrew alphabet
Vav (ו) is the letter that means "and".

The ancient Hebrew letters are as follows:

 = (alef א) the first letter

 = (vav ו) "and"

 = (tav ת) the last letter

This word, **אֶתָוֹ** in ancient Hebrew (or **אֶתָוֹ** in modern Hebrew), pronounced "Oht" means "the sign" or "the seal". This is the word used for the blood of the lamb placed on the door post on Passover (Exodus 12:7). Examining the Hebrew letters more closely, we get:

 = (alef א) meaning "leader"

 = (vav ו) meaning "nail"

 = (tav ת) meaning "cross"

The blood placed on the doorpost on Passover signifies "the Leader nail[ed] [to the] cross".

These are just some of the many fascinating interpretations of Hebrew that enrich one's understanding of Scripture. A summary of Hebrew characters, their ancient pictures and meanings follows. For more information, see the following references:

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