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*Traveler's Handbook:
Spying out the land*

Traveler's
Handbook:
Spying out
the land

We see the
land ... The LORD
our God has
given us a GOOD
land, a land
flowing with milk
and honey ...
Let us enter in!

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The Priestly Blessing ...

Numbers 6:24-26

“²⁴ The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: ²⁵ The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: ²⁶ The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”

The Priestly Blessing ...

Hebraic Translation

"YHVH will kneel before you presenting gifts, and He will guard you with a hedge of protection, YHVH will illuminate the wholeness of His Being toward you, bringing order, and He will provide you with love, sustenance, and friendship, YHVH will lift up the wholeness of His Being and look upon you, and He will set in place all you need to be whole and complete."

The Priestly Blessing¹

יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ:

and may he guard you the LORD may he bless you

May the LORD² bless you³ and keep you⁴

יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחַנְךָ:

and show you favor on you his face the LORD May he shine

May the LORD make His face⁵ shine⁶ upon you and be gracious⁷ to you

יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם:

peace for you and establish on you his face the LORD may he lift up

May the LORD lift up⁸ his face to you and give you peace⁹

¹ This blessing is (ritually) recited (by the kohanim) during synagogue services during *Nesiat Kapayim* ("the Raising of the Hands"), though it is also recited over children on Friday night before the start of the Shabbat meal or as a bedtime blessing.

² The name *YHVH* (יהוה) represents God's attributes of love and mercy (מִדַּת הַרַחֲמִים), in contradistinction to the name *Elohim* (אֱלֹהִים), which represents God's attribute of justice and power as our Creator.

³ בְּרַכָּה (*b'rachah*). Jewish tradition considers this both material and spiritual prosperity. Pirkei Avot 3:15 says, "If there is no flour, there is no Torah," by which is meant that material benefits are intended to help you pursue study of Torah. The first occurrence of the word "blessing" in the Scriptures pertains to *pru urvu* (פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ), "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:22).

⁴ שָׁמַר (*shamar*): To guard, protect, heed, as in the exercise of diligent care. Only God has the power to secure the conferred blessing and keep it from turning sour or from fading away.

⁵ The word for "face" (פָּנִים) is plural with the 3rd person singular ending. It is considered metaphorical since God is incorporeal. The plural form is thought by some to indicate God's revealed and hidden attributes in creation.

⁶ The hiphil verb (יָאֵר) comes from the word "light" (אֹר), and is thought to refer to God's wisdom. "May God enlighten you" with His wisdom, i.e., the Divine Light that preceded the work of creation (Gen. 1:3).

⁷ May God grant you grace or favor (חֵן), i.e., to understand the "breadth and length and height and depth" of God's love (Eph. 3:18). Grace refers to the bestowal of an undeserved gift. The blessing is bestowed even though unearned or unmerited.

⁸ Since one's face is an indication of the heart's attitude, Rashi says that this means God will suppress His anger by "looking at you" (if God is angry at you, He "turns His face away" and refuses to admit your presence). The "lifting of face" also pictures God lifting you up as a father might lift up his child in joy. The "showing of face" indicates spiritual intimacy.

⁹ All of the other blessings are useless without the establishment of inner peace, and therefore it is the seal of the blessing. Shalom (שְׁלוֹם) is not simply the absence of strife, but a balance and harmony between the finite and infinite, the temporal and the eternal, the material and the spiritual realms. Shalom is a gift from Sar Shalom (שָׂר שְׁלוֹם), the Prince of Peace.

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Part 2:
The hierarchy
of darkness

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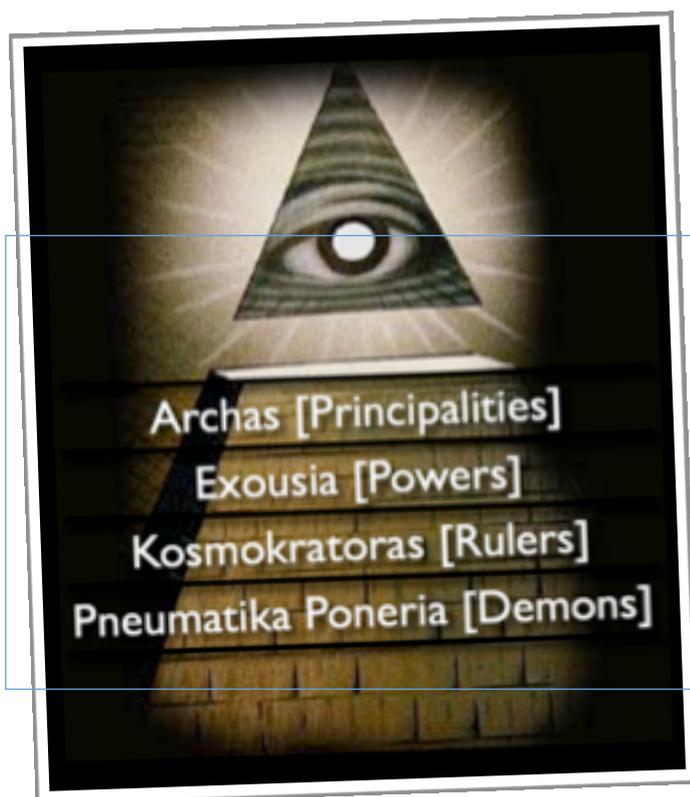
WE ARE CALLED TO POSSESS THE LAND!

Israel was led out of Egypt ... they received the promises of a Land of milk and honey, BUT they still had to FIGHT for it to TEST and to PROVE their obedience to God's Commandments.

They could have stayed at the river edge and cried: "Oh God, we want what is in Canaan", but they could have been too afraid to cross over and FIGHT!¹ If they did not believe in God's Promise of VICTORY, Israel would never have entered into the Promised Land.

An aggressive follower of Messiah will confront a spiritual kingdom – a hierarchy of darkness under leadership of satan. The believer must not only stand up to satan, but must rule with Messiah in the midst of His enemies.

Psalm 110:2 "2 The Lord will send forth from Zion the scepter of Your strength; rule, then, in the midst of Your foes. [Rom. 11:26, 27.]"



We need to fully understand the following Scripture – that the kingdom of darkness is organized, has levels and ranks, and operates in a definite hierarchical structure.

Ephesians 6:12 "12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms (PRINCIPALITIES), against the powers (POWERS), against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness (WORLD RULERS OF DARKNESS), against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere (EVIL SPIRITS IN THE AIR)."

The main purpose of the kingdom of darkness is to stop, hinder, and keep in bondage God's people so that we never

come to FULLNESS, and are not able to shine and reveal the Light of the Good News. Satan's kingdom is working at this in FULL FORCE – at all cost.

¹ Remember, Israel had to learn this lesson the hard way ... they were brought to the Land, saw that it was good, but retreated in FEAR. They did not believe God's Promises of victory over the giants. For this, that generation wandered forty years in the desert, and never entered the Land.

Let's look at the various ranks of the kingdom of darkness, starting at the "top" and working our way down.

1. **Principalities ARCHAS.**

This rank is "number one". Principalities are the "first ones, the most excellent cabinet" in the kingdom of darkness. The word ARCHAS is defined as: "a person or thing that goes before, the first person or thing in a series, the leader". The singular form of this word is ARCHAN. We see this word used in the following Scriptures:

*Ephesians 2:2 "2 In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course and fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the **prince (ARCHAN) of the power of the air.** [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God]."*

Obviously, satan himself is the "archan" of the kingdom of darkness. With him is the group of "leaders" [principalities] referred to as "archas".

Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 teaches us about the rebellion in Heaven where one third of the angels were cast out of Heaven. This rebellion against God was led by satan. The following verses are more references to the understanding of principalities:

*Ephesians 1:21 "21 **Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named** [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come."*

*Ephesians 3:10 "10 [The purpose is] that through the church the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety and innumerable aspects might **now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities (principalities and powers) in the heavenly sphere.**"*

*1 Corinthians 15:24 "24 After that comes the end (the completion), when He delivers over the kingdom to God the Father **after rendering inoperative and abolishing every [other] rule and every authority and power.**"*

Gateways in the Spirit

Every country, city, area, home, and/or person has gateways² where demons can gain entrance to. Whoever sits in the gates controls that city, area, home, and so forth. Government and justice was administered from the gates.

Applying these principles to the spiritual realm, we learn that these are the places where issues concerning salvation, deliverance, and healing are decided.

² The physical gateways of cities/nations are harbors, airports, incoming highways, and so forth.

Cape Town is the Gateway to Africa in the South. The calling of the Body of Messiah is to position Herself in the gates of the nation!

What happened in the HISTORY of the gates of Cape Town?



What is happening at the gates of Cape Town NOW?



What happens at the end of time?³

*1 Corinthians 15:24 “24 After that comes the end (the completion), **when He delivers over the kingdom to God the Father** after rendering inoperative and abolishing every [other] rule and every authority and power.”*

2. Powers EXOUSIA.

This is the next rank down from the principalities. EXOUSIA is defined as: “power to rule, power exercised by leaders or others in high positions because of the tasks they perform”. These leaders are like the “parliament” – they have the power to rule and reign. At this level, they make plans that affect every individual – an example in modern terms would be the implication of speed limits.

This same word is also used in other places in Scripture⁴, but it does not always refer to the kingdom of darkness, but also to governmental powers in the earth.

3. Rulers KOSMOKRATORAS

This is the third level down – these are the world rulers of darkness. KOSMOKRATORAS is defined as: “master spirits who are the rulers of this present darkness”. This refers directly to spiritual princes who rule over the nations. Every nation has a ruling spirit – a prince – that expands and furthers the kingdom of darkness. It is always characterized by evil works.

*Daniel 10:12-13 “12 Then he said to me, Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind and heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come as a consequence of [and in response to] your words. 13 **But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me for twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief [of the celestial] princes, came to help me, for I remained there with the kings of Persia.”***

For example, the demonic prince ruling over Asia and the Middle East manifests himself in Islam. In Europe, we have the strongman of humanism and philosophies. Cape Town is known as the gay capital of South Africa – the ruler of the city is manifesting himself in homosexuality.

4. Spirits PNEUMATIKA PONERIA

This is the fourth and “bottom” rank of the kingdom of darkness. PNEUMATIKA PONERIA is defined as: “spiritual powers that are evil and live in the atmosphere above the earth”.

³ Other Scripture references include Romans 8:38; Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 1:16, 2:10, 2:15; and Titus 3:1.

⁴ References include 1 Corinthians 15:24; Ephesians 1:21, 2:2, 3:10, 6:12; Colossians 1:13, 1:16, 2:10, 2:15; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 3:22.



Note! This is the strongest and most powerful word for evil. It means to defile all flesh. It refers to the scattering of evil spirits among mankind, known as demons. They work on specific strategies to try and cause each believer to fall. For instance, they might use the setting a sexual trap in order to cause you to fall. You think your battle is “normal” until you find out the truth – that it is actually a very well planned strategy against you.

References include Ephesians 3:10 and 6:12.

Most of our warfare will be involved in this rank – against demonic and evil spirits⁵. As such, we must understand the nature of demons, and how they operate.

The nature of demons.

1. Demons are mainly **spiritual beings and are defined as such.**

There are two references to demons in Old Testament. The Hebrew word is SHEDHIM, which can refer to demons or idols.

*Deuteronomy 32:17 “17 They **sacrificed to demons, not to God**—to gods whom they knew not, to new gods lately come up, whom your fathers never knew or feared.”*

*Psalms 106:36, 37 “36 And **served their idols**, which were a snare to them. 37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to **demons**”*

In the Old Testament we see the activities of demons in idol worship. Note, there is a demon behind every idol, no matter the religion – Hindu, Roman Catholicism, and so forth. There is also reference to the “hairy one”, the goat, the devil of the “veld”. The Hebrew word is SEIVIM.

*Leviticus 17:7 “7 So they shall no more offer their sacrifices to **goatlike gods or demons or field spirits** after which they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever to them throughout their generations.”*

⁵ For additional study, we recommend Derek Prince’s book “*They Shall Expel Demons*”.

2 Chronicles 11:15 “15 And he appointed his own priests for the high places and for **the [idols of demon] he-goats, and calves he had made.** [1 Kings 12:28.]”

How disturbing that congregations came together to worship demons! Many of the kingdoms that followed after these demon-gods were abominable, beastly, and detestable.

In the New Testament, demons are referred to as:

- Devils – the Greek word is “*diamonian*”.

1 Corinthians 10:20 “20 No, I am suggesting that what the pagans sacrifice they offer [in effect] to **demons** (to evil spiritual powers) and not to God [at all]. I do not want you to fellowship and be partners with **diabolical spirits** [by eating at their feasts]. [Deut. 32:17.]”

- Unclean spirits.

Mark 1:27 “27 And they were all so amazed and almost terrified that they kept questioning and demanding one of another, saying, What is this? What new (fresh) teaching! With authority He gives orders even to the **unclean spirits** and they obey Him!”

- Evil spirits.

Revelation 16:13 “13 And I saw three **loathsome spirits** like frogs, [leaping] from the mouth of the dragon and from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet. [Exod. 8:3; 1 Kings 22:21-23.]”

Note, the terms “demons” and “evil spirits” are used interchangeably, as well as the terms “evil spirits” and “unclean spirits”.

2. **By nature demons are morally unclean and perverse.** They laugh and mock holiness (Matthew 10:1; Mark 1: 27; Luke 4: 36).

Mark 3:11 “11 And the **spirits, the unclean ones**, as often as they might see Him, fell down before Him and kept screaming out, You are the Son of God!”

Acts 8:7 “7 For **foul spirits** came out of many who were possessed by them, screaming and shouting with a loud voice, and many who were suffering from palsy or were crippled were restored to health.”

3. **Demons have a personality.**

They are lively, intelligent beings, not merely vague powers that influence people. Their personalities are totally corrupt and carry the image of satan and fulfill his evil goals. They want to destroy the Godly image of man that has been created in the Image of God. They crave to live in human bodies through which they can express their evil characters more fully.



In having a personality, demons have:

- A **WILL** – demons are able to make decisions and choices.

*Matthew 12:34, 44 “34 You offspring of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil (wicked)? For out of the fullness (the overflow, the superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks. 44 Then it says, **I will go back to my house from which I came out. And when it arrives, it finds the place unoccupied, swept, put in order, and decorated.**”*

- **KNOWLEDGE** – the demons knew the identify of Y’shua [Jesus].

*Mark 1:23-24 “23 Just at that time there was in their synagogue a man [who was in the power] of an unclean spirit; and now [immediately] he raised a deep and terrible cry from the depths of his throat, saying, 24 What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? **I know who You are—the Holy One of God!**”*

The example of the seven sons of Sceva – a Jewish Chief Priest.

*Acts 19:15 “15 But [one] evil spirit retorted, **Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?**”*

- Demons have **EMOTIONS**.

*James 2:19 “19 You believe that God is one; you do well. So do the demons believe and **shudder** [in terror and horror such as make a man’s hair stand on end and contract the surface of his skin]!”*

- Demons can **SPEAK**.

*Mark 3:11-12 “11 And the spirits, the unclean ones, as often as they might see Him, fell down before Him and **kept screaming** out, You are the Son of God! 12 And He charged them strictly and severely under penalty again and again that they should not make Him known.”*

- Demons have a **SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS**.

We see in the verse below that the demon knew his name and function.

*Mark 5:7-9 “7 And crying out with a loud voice, he said, What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? [What is there in common between us?] I solemnly implore you by God, do not begin to torment me! 8 For Jesus was commanding, Come out of the man, you unclean spirit! 9 And He asked him, **What is your name? He replied, My name is Legion, for we are many.**”*

We need to recognize that demons also work in areas of religion, this is called the “teachings of demons”. Through these teachings, demons work to accomplish discord, confusion, and strife in the Body of Messiah.

4. Further, **we need to understand how demons work** – what their activities are.

Demons will:

- **SEDUCE** – they make evil attractive. For instance, today smoking and drinking alcohol is “cool”.
- **DECEIVE** – an example of this is religious spirits which keep us in deception. Sadly, these are very much at home and in the Body.

*1 Timothy 4:1 “**BUT THE [Holy] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach,**”*

- **ENSLAVE.**

*Romans 8:15 “15 For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] **not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!**”*

- **TORTURE** – demons will never allow peace. They are always causing instigation and strife.



*1 John 4:18 “18 There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! **For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love’s complete perfection].**”*

• **COMPEL and FORCE.**

*Luke 8:29 “29 For Jesus was already commanding the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had **snatched and held him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and fetters, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilderness (desert).**”*

- Demons **POLLUTE** that which is pure, holy, and innocent.

Summary:

Demons fulfill the goal of satan to corrupt and enslave the whole human race. They are satan's "little workers".

- They fight peace in every aspect.
- They cause confusion, strife and destroy harmony.
- They take away all peace and rationality.
- Destroy communication with other people.
- Cause general restlessness.
- Work to cause rebellion against God in order to destroy.

Although the kingdom of darkness – including demons – are powerful and certainly influential in our lives ... we must NOT be afraid. When we have the correct understanding of just what demons are, we understand that they are not spooky, scary, or terrifying. The best illustration of how to "relate" to demons is to liken them to germs.

Are you afraid of germs? If someone says, "You're hands are dirty, you have germs on them" ... would you freak out?

NO. Why?

You understand that germs are a part of the world we live in – that all you need to do is wash your hands. You understand that when you protect yourself from germs – or when you deal with germs correctly, like washing your hands – germs are no big issue. Our view of demons should be the same. If demons are operating in your life – just wash your hands. And because they are a part of this world, through this course you will learn how to protect yourself and your family from attack. No big deal ... God provided us with the ultimate "Cure-All" through Y'shua [Jesus] and His Blood.



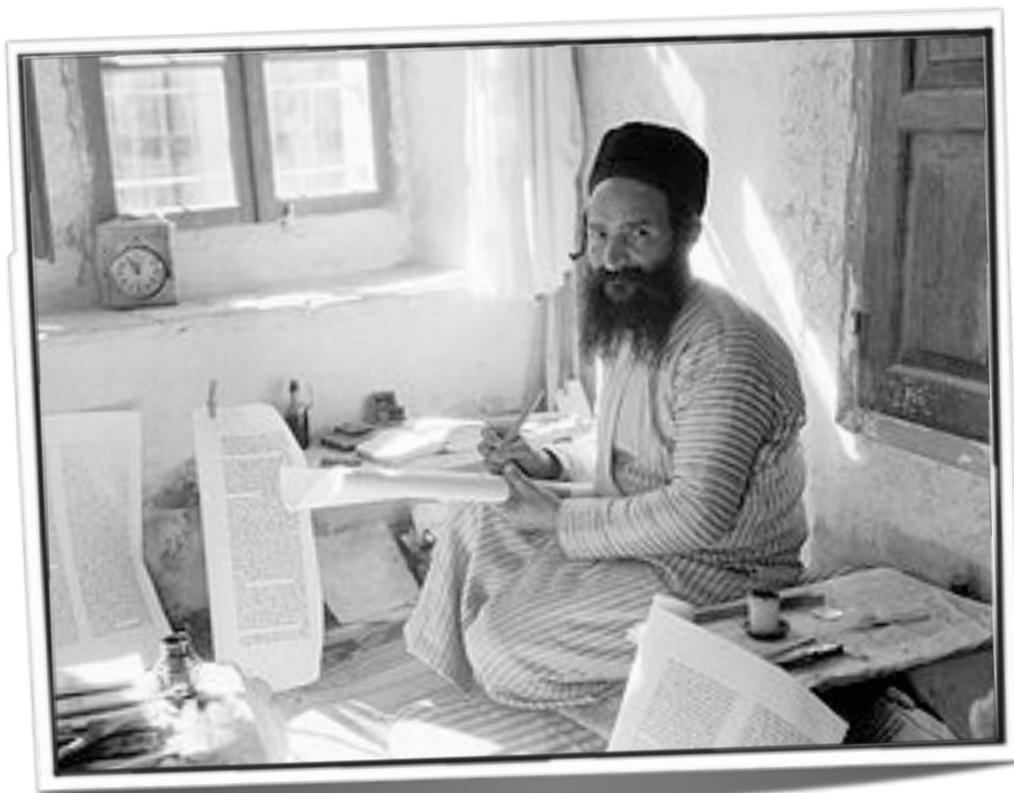
HALLELUJAH!

The Hebrew Language

The Hebrew Language ...

What's the context? It is so important to ask – and answer – this question, particularly when studying the Scriptures. We need to know what the meaning, understanding, culture, and value system of the text was in the language and time the text was written. Our modern-day mindsets cause us to define words within today's meanings, understanding, culture, and value systems ... however, this is often quite a way off from what was the original – and intended – understanding.

The Scriptures were written thousands of years ago in HEBREW, and in an Eastern-Semitic culture. If this is truth, then can we come to a different interpretation of any given passage?



In order to expand our study and understanding of the Word, we need to have a “crash course” in the original language the text was written, ancient Hebrew.

Ancient Hebrew has an alphabet of TWENTY-TWO letters. Obviously, words are written using a combination of these letters [note, there are no vowels]. However, what makes this language even more of an “adventure” is that each individual letter of the alphabet has a unique meaning, picture [symbolism], and number. This means, you can study and understand the plain text as is ... and you can study further by delving into the individual symbolism of the letters. Often, doing this kind of study brings out further meaning and richness to the passage. You will find that we have used this type of study – examining the picture-meaning of the Hebrew words – throughout our materials. We have found this such a blessing in our own understanding of the Scriptures, and trust you will enjoy it just as much! Truly, God's Word is ALIVE!

Ancient Hebrew⁶

Ancient Hebrew						
Early	Middle	Late	Name	Picture	Meaning	Sound
			El	Ox head	Strong, Power, Leader	ah, eh
			Bet	Tent floorplan	Family, House, In	b, bh(v)
			Gam	Foot	Gather, Walk	g
			Dal	Door	Move, Hang, Entrance	d
			Hey	Man with arms raised	Look, Reveal, Breath	h, ah
			Waw	Tent peg	Add, Secure, Hook	w, o, u
			Zan	Mattock	Food, Cut, Nourish	z
			Hhet	Tent wall	Outside, Divide, Half	hh
			Tet	Basket	Surround, Contain, Mud	t
			Yad	Arm and closed hand	Work, Throw, Worship	y, ee
			Kaph	Open palm	Bend, Open, Allow, Tame	k, kh
			Lam	Shepherd Staff	Teach, Yoke, To, Bind	l
			Mem	Water	Chaos, Mighty, Blood	m
			Nun	Seed	Continue, Heir, Son	n
			Sin	Thorn	Grab, Hate, Protect	s
			Ghah	Eye	Watch, Know, Shade	gh(ng)
			Pey	Mouth	Blow, Scatter, Edge	p, ph(f)
			Tsad	Man on his side	Wait, Chase, Snare, Hunt	ts
			Quph	Sun on the horizon	Condense, Circle, Time	q
			Resh	Head of a man	First, Top, Beginning	r
			Shin	Two front teeth	Sharp, Press, Eat, Two	sh
			Taw	Crossed sticks	Mark, Sign, Signal, Monument	t

⁶ http://elshaddainministries.us/hebrewalphabet_old.html

Modern Hebrew⁷ ...

MARK	NAME	PRONOUNCED	TRANSLITERATION
א	Aleph	Silent letter	‘ (or none)
ב/בּ	Bet / Vet	b as in boy (no dot: v as in vine)	b / v
ג/גּ	Gimmel	g as in girl	g
ד/דּ	Dalet	d as in door	d
ה	Hey	h as in hay	h
ו	Vav	v as in vine; “consonantal vowel”	v
ז	Zayin	z as in zebra	z
ח	Chet	ch as in Bach	ch (or h)
ט	Tet	t as in time	t
י	Yod	y as in yes; “consonantal vowel”	y
כ/כּ	Kaf/Khaf *	k as in kite (no dot: ch as in bach)	k / kh
ל	Lamed	l as in look	l
מ/מּ	Mem *	m as in mom (sofit form)	m
נ/נּ	Nun *	n as in now (sofit form)	n
ס	Samekh	s as in son	s
ע	Ayin	Silent letter	‘ (or none)
פ/פּ	Pey/Fey *	p as in park (no dot: ph as in phone)	p / ph
צ/צּ	Tzade *	ts as in nuts (sofit form)	ts / tz
ק	Qof	q as in queen	k (or q)
ר	Resh	r as in rain	r
ש/שּׁ	Shin/Sin	sh as in shy (s as in sun)	sh / s
ת/תּ	Tav	t as in tall	t

* Has a different form when it occurs at the end of a word (sofit).