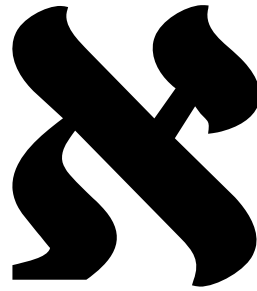

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Aleph

In the Image of God

Chapter I

For there are three that bear record in heaven:
the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and
these three are one. – 1 John 5:7(KJV)

1. For centuries Jewish scholars have perceived the individual letters of the Hebrew alphabet containing what type of lessons?

The idea of the trinity.

a. What type of position does Aleph(א) carry?

Exalted Head.

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b. What do Jewish theologians consider the letter Aleph(א) to be?
 Alephs(א) are considered to be the lord and master of all letters.

2. Name 3 things that the Jewish theologians considered Aleph(א) to be?

- Made in the image of God.
- Lord and Master of all the letters
- Father with 21 children²

3. What do the first two letters of the Hebrew alphabet (Aleph(א) and Beit(ב)) spell together?

Father.

a. What does this symbolize?

That all things begin with the Father.

☞ I. The Three in One

4. What does modern Judaism reject?

The idea of the trinity.

a. However, what does modern Judaism acknowledge concerning Aleph(א)?

Aleph(א) - consists of 3 parts.

5. The 3 distinct parts of the letter Aleph(א), are also letters of the alphabet.³ Name the 3 parts of the Aleph(א). Also write the spiritual meaning of each part..

Part	Letter	Spiritual Meaning
Upper Yod	י	Celestial Hand of God
Lower Yod	י	Hand of Man
Slanted Vav	ו	Connecter/Bridge between God and man

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a. How are the 3 parts of the Aleph symbolic of God?

Aleph has 3 parts but is one and God has 3 parts but is one.

6. Using the diagram below, define the 3 parts of the Aleph(א), and show where each one appears on the Aleph(א) letter.

Slanted Vav



Upper Yod

Lower Yod

II. God's Name - YHVH

"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings"⁴
 (Proverbs 25:2)

7. Why does no one know exactly how to properly pronounce the name of God?

Because the name is considered so holy, the people would not dare to speak it.⁵

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- a. Who did know how to pronounce the holy name of God?
The priests of the tribe of Levi.
- b. How did these people know how to properly pronounce the name of God?
Some of the Levite priests would secretly pass down the correct pronunciation of God from generation to generation.
- c. Read John 8:58. Where did Yeshua say God's name?
Yeshua said God's name in public.⁶
- d. Imagine how shocked the people must have been when they heard Yeshua say the name of God. Since Yeshua was not a rabbi of the tribe of Levi, how did Yeshua know how to pronounce the holy name of God?
Because Yeshua is God's Son.

III. What's In a Name?

- 8. Read Exodus 3:14-15. In the biblical account of Moses and God, Moses argued with God. Name 3 excuses he gave God for not doing what God asked him to?
He was the wrong man for the job.⁷
He was slow of speech.
He was not worthy (wanted man in Egypt).
- 9. What does each word of the phrase YHVH begin with, in the Hebrew letters?
Aleph(א).
 - a. What exactly does the name YHVH mean?
Most scholars believe that YHVH is a peculiar form of the verb "to be." Basically meaning "I am."
 - b. The Hebrew language does not have a verb form for "I Am."⁸ What would a more accurate translation be?
 - Ha'yah = He was
 - yi'yeh = He is
 - ha'vah = He will be

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אֱהִיָּה	אֲשֶׁר	אֱהִיָּה
a'hyah	asher	a'hyah
I AM	That	I AM

IV. Marks the Spot

10. What are the earliest titles in the Bible by which God is identified?

El(אל) and Elohim (אלהים)

a. What letter does each word begin with?

Aleph(א).

11. What is the title of God that is used the most?

Father. (אב)

12. Knowing that the numeric value of Aleph(א) is one and Beit(ב) is two, what is the numeric value of Beit(ב) Aleph(א) together?

Three.

13. What is the shortened name of YHVH?

Yah. (יה)

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14. Finish each equation. Then find the name of God that has the same number equivalent. Last, write the correct name of the Hebrew letter found at the specific intervals. When reading the numerical value of each letter, remember to read right to left.

Names of God	Numerical Equivalent	Letter of Torah	Hebrew Name
יה Yah	$10 + 5 = 15$	The 15 th letter of the Torah is	א
יהוה YHVH	$10 + 5 + 6 + 5 = 26$	The 26 th letter of the Torah is	א
אל El	$1 + 30 = 31$	The 31 st letter of the Torah is	א
אלהים Elohim	$1 + 30 + 5 + 10 + 40 = 86$	The 86 th letter of the Torah is	א
אב av	$1 + 2 = 3$	The 3 rd letter of the Torah is	א

a. In the chart below, find a name of God using the no. equivalent given for each name. Using the no. equivalent, find the interval in the Torah for that number. When all the intervals are complete, what name do you come up with?
 YHVH = יהוהי.

Names of God/Hebrew Word	No. Equivalent	Hebrew Letter
Adonai אדני	= 65	The 65 th letter is י
I WILL BE . . . אהיה אשר אהיה	= 543	The 543 rd letter is ה
Maschiach משיח	= 358	The 358 th letter is ו
Yeshua ישוע	= 386 ⁹	The 386 th letter is ה

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15. The unification of some letters are a common theme in Jewish thought.

Write the name of these two sets of Hebrew letters.

Yod-hei and vav-hei.

16. For many orthodox Jews, what are the following words a part of? "For the sake of the unification of the Holy One, Blessed is He and His presence, in fear and love to unify the name, Yod-hei with Vav-hei – in perfect unity, in the name of all Israel."¹⁰

The words are a part of the morning prayer.

a. What does the prayer mean? Write what each half of the prayer means.

First half – The Attribute of Judgement

Second half – The Attribute of Mercy¹¹

b. When both attributes are blended together, what is the end result?

"His desired goal for creation."¹²

🌀 V. The Gospel Ladder

17. What is God's purpose in drawing us unto Himself?

God is interested in making us fit for fellowship with Him.

a. How was God hindered?

By sin.

b. What is God's redemptive plan?

Sending His Son to earth to die for our sins. In this way our broken relationship with God would be restored because Yeshua took our place and died for us.

After his death He rose again.

c. Write I Timothy 2:5-6.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men.¹³

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18. How is the basic message of the gospel is also illustrated by the letter Aleph(א)? What is the story?

A ladder is placed on the ground reaching heavenward. . . consisting of an upper and a lower Yod(י), the upper Yod(י) is denoting the celestial and the lower Yod(י) the mundane.¹⁴

a. How can the message of the gospel be seen in the in the construction of the Aleph(א)?

Slanted Vav(ו) Connects the Upper Yod(י) to the Lower Yod(י)

Upper Yod (י) Is the celestial hand of God

Lower Yod(י) Is the hand of man.

19. Write John 1:51.

Truly, truly I say to you, you shall see the heavens opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.¹⁵

20. What a beautiful picture! We never have to feel alone. Why?

Because God is always there ready to help us.

21. What does the letter yod(י) represent?

A hand.

a. With this representation in mind, how is the message of the gospel seen in

The construction of the letter Aleph(א)?

The message of the gospel is seen in the letter Aleph(א) by the leaning vav which connects the hand of God(the upper Yod(י) with the hand of man(which is the lower Yod(י)

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VI. Man, Made in God's Image

22. How can the letters of God's name be arranged to produce the form of a man?

In descending order/line.

a. In Hebrew and English, write God's name in this descending order.

Hebrew

English

י

Yod

ה

Hei

ו

Vav

ה

Hei

b. What does the word image mean in Hebrew?

The word image refers to the essence of a thing.

23. Why has God created us with a spirit and a soul?

Because He has a spirit and a soul.

a. Why did He create us with the ability to love?

Because He is love.

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24. What is the intended purpose of spiritual growth?

To grow up until we reach unity in the faith and in knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Messiah.¹⁷

25. What 5 traits are expressed through God’s essence(trio of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)?

His personality

His wisdom

His character

His power

His love

26. Complete the chart below that explains the trinity of God and man.

God	→	Spirit	Father	Son
Man	→	Spirit	Soul	Body

🌀 VII In the Image of God

27. How do many of the Aleph(א) (letter which represents God) also apply to us?

Because we are made in God’s image.

a. Name the trinity that the 3 parts of the Aleph(א) illustrate.

The trinity of God and the trinity of man.

28. As the Vav(ו) (letter 6 of the Hebrew alphabet) stretches between the upper and lower Yod(י), where does the soul dwell?

Between the spirit and the body.

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29. Yeshua was literally God-in-the-flesh. What was his every word and action an expression of?

a. Write John8:28.

When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be, and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.¹⁸

30. What would be the comparison in that Alpha(α) and Omega(ω) and Aleph(א) and Tav(ת)?

Alpha(α) and Omega(ω) mean First and last in Greek. And Aleph(א) and Tav(ת) mean first and last in Hebrew.

a. Yeshua spoke of Himself as the Alpha(α) and Omega(ω)¹⁹ or Aleph(א) and Tav(ת) in the Hebrew alphabet. What could Yeshua have meant when he said these things? Yeshua was also stating that He is the alphabet, everything by which the Father talks.

31. What must all functions of the spirit operate on?

Faith.

32. What is Satan fearful of?

Fearful of the believer who is mighty in spirit and has his spiritual eyes open.

a. In the realm of spirituality, what has been Satan's 2 tactics?

Ignore the spirituality altogether.

Pursue spirituality by means of occultic practices.

b. Name 3 things in which God helps us to develop our spirituality?

Obedience to His Word Fellowship Prayer

33. Name two ways that God expresses Himself.

Yeshua Through His Spirit

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34. Man is a soul. How is he clothed?

In a body of flesh, having also a spirit.

a. What is the purpose of having a spirit?

A way in which man can commune with God.

35. Fill in the functions of the spirit, your bodily senses.

Bodily Senses

Sight
Hearing
Taste
Smell
Touch

Soul

Will
Emotions
Mind

Spirit

Faith
Conscience
Discernment
Communion
Worship

36. Show how what we have learned about Aleph(א) also applies to what we have learned about the body soul and spirit. What letters is the Aleph(א) constructed from?

A slanted Vav(ו) and 2 Yods(י)

a. Who does the Vav(ו) represent?

The Vav(ו) represents the Father.

b. Who is the Father?

The dominant figure of the Godhead.

c. What letter can also be seen to depict the soul and can also be seen as the dominant figure that God created in us?

The Vav(ו).

37. What makes you distinctly you?

The mind, the will and emotions.

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38. What letter represents the body?

The lower Yod.

a. What does the body provide?

The soul's contact with the physical realm.

39. What are the five senses considered to be?

Five gates.

a. How do the physical sensations reach the soul?

Through these five gates.

40. What does the upper Yod(י) represent?

The spirit.

a. Where do the five spiritual sensitivities reside?

The spirit.

41. What does the word Yod(י) mean?

Hand.

a. The hand had five fingers. How is this compared to the lower Yod(י)?

By the five senses by which we may grasp the physical realm.

b. How may we grasp the spiritual realm?

Through the spiritual five senses of the upper Yod(י).

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🌀 VIII The Five Functions of the Spirit

42. Write the correct function of the spirit that matches the definition.

Communion	"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!" ²⁰ this function is a 2-way activity. A living relationship between God and the individual.
Faith	"We are to walk by this and not by sight." ²¹ "This is the substance of things hoped for, the essence of things not seen." ²²
Discernment	"Wise as serpents but as innocent as doves." ²³
Conscience	This will "Show the work of the law {Torah} written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness." ²⁴ This is a moral alarm clock system – but if violated enough, this system becomes numb to the things which should cause pain.
Worship	Function of the spirit. "And they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and truth." ²⁵ This is a quiet contemplation and adoration of God, born out of communion with Him.

43. When can we begin to worship Him in Spirit and Truth? Write Psalm 46:10.

When we have followed His command to be still and know that I am God.²⁶

44. What are the functions of the spirit used for? What must the starting point be for all four functions of the Spirit ?

- Discernment and Conscience – Useful in one's relationship with others.
- Communion and Worship – Necessary in one's relationship to God.
- The starting point for all functions – Faith.

45. What is another name for self?

The soul.

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IX. Keep the "א" In Adam

46. What letter in Hebrew does the name Adam start with?

Aleph(א).

a. What does the answer above demonstrate about man?

That man is made is in the image of God.

47. What did one Sage realize and write about the name of Adam and God?

That when Adam sinned the Aleph fled and only dam blood was left.²⁷

אדם	-	א	=	דם
Adam	-	God	=	blood

a. How has history demonstrated the truth of the previous statement?

Through man's desire for bloodshed.

b. Without the Aleph(א) in "man" what does the word become?

Substance.

יֵאֵשׁ	-	א	=	יֵשׁ
"man"	-	God	=	{mere}Substance

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48. "What did Yeshua say that man's life did not consist of? Write Luke 12:15.

A man's life did not consist in the abundance of his possessions.²⁸

✎ X. In Conclusion

49. Let us explore Adam's name in Hebrew. Aleph's(א) name offers some rich insights.

Write what each letter of Adam's name represent.

First letter Aleph(א) - It represents God.

Second letter Lamed(ל) - To learn from Him.

Third letter Peh(פ) - To speak.

50. Look up the following verses. What does the Bible say that God is? Write the correct statement with the correct verse.

Deut 4:24 God is light²⁸ אש

1 John 1:5 God is love²⁹ אוד

1 John 4:8 God is a consuming fire³⁰ אהבה

Now that we know what God is, let us visit His house which is the next letter Beit(ב).

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Chapter 2

✨ II ✨ God's Name –YHVH

4 Proverbs:25:2

5 Even the word Adonai is not used conversationally among the orthodox because of the holiness it derives from being a substitute for YHVH. When referring to YHVH in daily conversation, they use the word HaShem which means "the name."

6 John 8:58. It is generally believed that when Yeshua said, "Before Abraham was, I AM. He was actually invoking the name YHVH.

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Chapter 3

✨ III ✨ What's In a Name?

7 Exodus 3:14-15

8 Biblical Hebrew does have a verb form for "I am," thus this is not an entirely accurate translation of the phrase. Some translators render the phrase as "I shall be as I shall be," but this still does not capture the nuances expressed in the Hebrew. A more accurate English rendering might be "I shall forever be as I am." For the sake of convenience, I have used the traditional translation "I AM THAT I AM."

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Chapter 5

☞ V. The Gospel Ladder

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Chapter 6

☞ VI. Man, Made in God's Image

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☞ VII. In the Image of God

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☞ VIII. The Five Functions of the Spirit

19 Psalm 34:8

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22 Matthew 10:16

23 Romans 2:15

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Chapter 9

☞ IX. Keep the "א" in Adam

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Chapter 10

☞ X. In Conclusion

28 Deuteronomy 4:2

29 I John 1:5

30 I John 4:8

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