

Sunday School
Opening
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Making Melody

- #26 “I’ve Got Peace Like A River,”

Second verse, “I’ve Got Joy like a Fountain,”

Third verse, “I’ve Got love like an Ocean.”

- #441 “May The Mind of Christ My Savior.”

The Beauty of the Hebrew Letter

- Izzy Pludwinski
- Calligraphy is like dance, writes Izzy Pludwinski in his new book, “The Beauty of the Hebrew Letter.” The strokes that form the letters are the embodied gestures of the moving of hand and body.” The book includes examples of Hebrew writing going back three millennia, from the unfamiliar script of Paleo Hebrew, the language’s earliest form, to medieval illuminated manuscripts and modern designs.



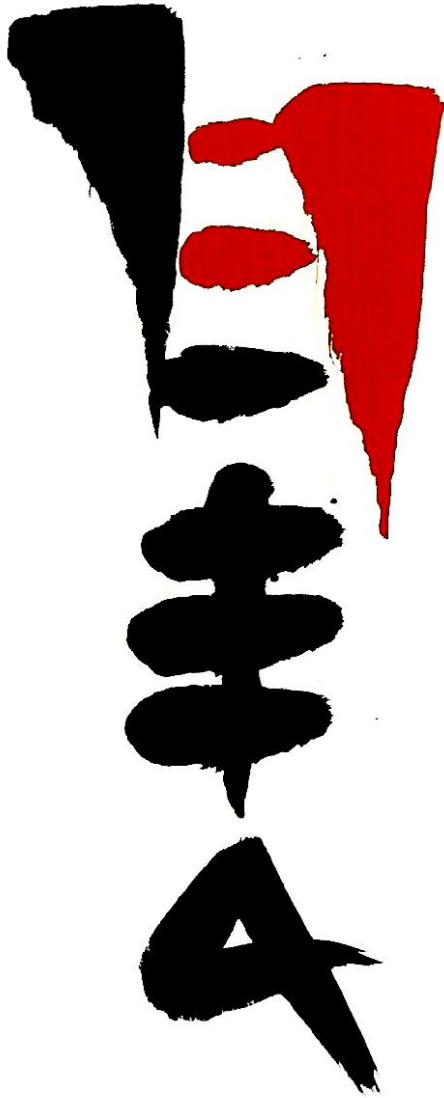
Why? Because I am curious to know what these Hebrew letters symbolize.

- At Bibi's Bakery and Café in Los Angeles, Hillel Smith decorated
- The sides of the building with the Hebrew words
- "Who brings forth bread from the land," a part of the
- Traditional Jewish blessing over a meal."



Letters in the Hebrew Alphabet, Ashkenazi Script, 1540-1545 Giovanbattista Palatino

- Our 2014 tour guide, Ruth Holtzman, told us that there remain two main groups of Jews, the Ashkenazi and Sephardic. The first from Europe and the second from Spain and Africa.
- Imagine the excitement of finding the Dead Sea Scrolls and identifying the ancient scripts, bringing these writings to life. This was called Mizrachi script. Another curious thing, Hebrew is written right to left. The mind gets trained to look that way, not our way.



- Ancient Hebrew Script stylized by this Japanese artist.
- They have become an abstract symbol, and as Izzy called it, “the dance” can be seen, plus, and I got excited when I saw this: the powerful symbol of red, Christ’s forgiveness, covenant, and promise.
- Chet
- Samech
- Dalet
- Spelling
- CHESED
- Lovingkindness

Compression And Release

- Movement to write these letters, chiseled onto stone was a lot more work than we appreciate being we can just type a letter. Each letter was an expression and some “sweat.”

My curiosity
led me to think
and discover.



Genesis 11:9 the day in which “The LORD confused the language of the whole earth.”



Verse 5: The LORD came down (Another way of saying everything toward God is up and away is down, just like in Israel, the temple in Jerusalem is up and everything away is down.) to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.



Verse 7: “Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language.”



This action by the Lord, merciful instead of what we might have done, resulted in their ceasing to build this tower to a false god.

What do you think of this?

God's purpose is for us to worship, which demonstrates loving kindness, a mercy we don't deserve. He did not get angry about it. He just disciplined them according to their faulty minds.

The attitude, "God caused this to my harm!" is getting at what our natural minds might say, we think of our aims and goals, yet rather mercifully, He is bringing us back to Himself. What we might build, in Babel's case, whose root was worshipping a deity and their fame, needs discipline and correction.

Remember what the Lord Jesus said to a disciple, one of which called the temple Herod built, "wonderful." Big mistake. See Mark 13

Compression And Release

Taking this with you,

We are getting ready to read Mark 13, certainly a time of God bringing in tight times, and to find us in a time like this, we must be careful not to think of ourselves, but to think how God is bringing us, His people, through them.

We are reading ancient texts translated into our language, and I have only skimmed the surface in appreciating the work behind it. I take it that the Holy Spirit strove to bring these letters one at a time into expressions, which have been preserved and reused for our sake. Romans 15:4 “For our learning” KJV, “For our instruction” NASB

Compression And Release

What was Babel,
lost and confused,
now is released to
us and
comprehended or
revealed to our
minds

Romans 15:4 NASB

For whatever was written in
earlier times was written for
our instruction, so that through
perseverance and the
encouragement of the
Scriptures we might have hope.

Acronym
“CAR” To help
our minds

C Compression

A And

R Release

CAR

We “CAR” every time
we:

Breathe

Exercise

Write and expression

Start our Car

Eat and digest food.

Sunset and Sunrise (God’s Day of Creation)







Spiritual exercises

Take in what God is doing in our lives.

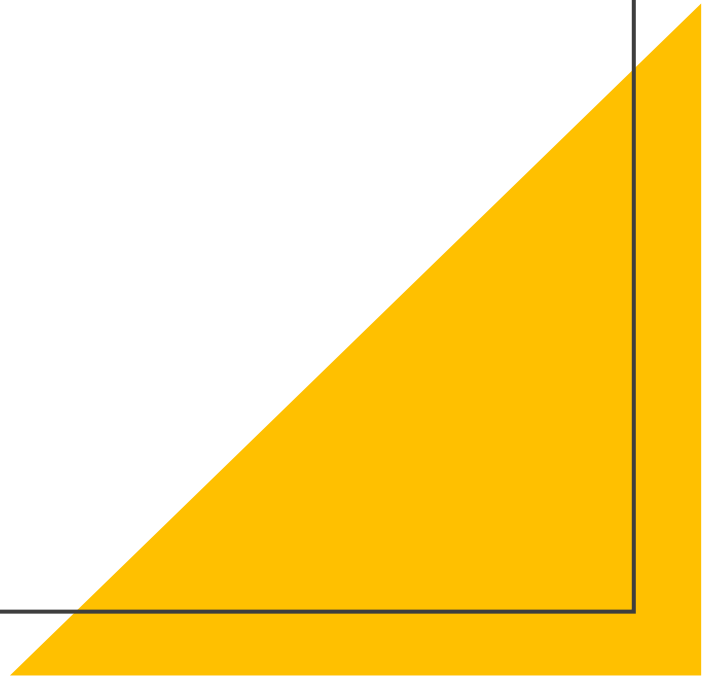
Conviction, “Argue”, then Restore.

Confession, And, getting it Right

Confusion, And Retract or leave what we are doing wrong.

Comfort and Release, Happy, energy, pursuit with gratitude.

Comprehension And Revelation



Chisel one
more letter,
and in
Hebrew it
would be the
first not the
last.

- E (The writer knew ahead where he was headed)
- Jesus does CARE!
- Concerned, Cares, 1 Peter 5:7,
- Always there, abounding, Ephesians 3:20 “Now to Him.”
- Reconciliation toward God and then unstick and unplug as a drain is cleared others. Especially stuck families. Ephesians 3:15 “Family”
- Excellent in all He does. Exhilaration of being released. Romans 15:13

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” NASB