

# Covenant of Peace



**Shalom**

# Phinehas – Covenant of Peace

- Numbers 25:1-14; Psalm 106:30-31
- Phinehas - פִּינְחָס (Pine-chas): grandson of Aaron; meaning = “mouth of brass”
- Covenant of peace (vs.12)
  - Covenant - בְּרִית (berith)
  - Peace - שְׁלוֹמִים (shalom): completeness, being whole, health, blessing
- Everlasting priesthood
  - Everlasting -- עֹלָם (olam): eternity, forever
  - Priesthood -- כְּהֻנָּה (ke-hun-nah): office or function of priest
- Atonement - כַּפָּר (kaphar): to cover over, make propitiation, to cleanse from sin

§ 1. HEBREW ALPHABET.

Name	Form	Sound and Sign	Signification of the name	Numerical value	
<i>ʾĀ-leph</i>	Final	א	'	Ox	1
<i>Bêth</i>		ב	b, bh	House	2
<i>Ġī-mel</i>		ג	g, gh	Camel/Foot	3
<i>Dā-leth</i>		ד	d, dh	Door	4
<i>Hē</i>		ה	h		5
<i>Wāw (Vāv)</i>		ו	w, v	Hook /Nail	6
<i>Zā-yin</i>		ז	z (in zero)	Weapon	7
<i>Hêth</i>		ח	ḥ	Fence	8
<i>Ṭêth</i>		ט	ṭ (lingual)		9
<i>Yôdh</i>		י	y	Hand	10
<i>Kaph</i>	ך	כ	k, kh	Bent hand	20
★ <i>Lā-medh</i>		ל	l	Ox-goad	30
★ <i>Mēm</i>	ם	מ	m	Water	40
<i>Nūn</i>	ן	נ	n	Fish	50
<i>Ṣā-mekh</i>		ס	ṣ	Prop	60
<i>ʾĀ-yin</i>		ע	'	Eye	70
<i>Pē</i>	ף	פ	p, ph	Mouth	80
<i>Qā-dhê</i>	ץ	ק	q (ts or ss)		90
<i>Qôph</i>		ק	q (guttural k)		100
<i>Rêsh</i>		ר	r	Head	200
★ <i>Sin, Shîn</i>		שׁ שׂ	s, sh	Tooth	300
<i>Tāw (Tāv)</i>		ת	t, th	Sign or cross	400

# Broken Vav

*Soferut* (i.e., the laws concerning the scribal arts of writing *Sefrei Torah*) requires that all Hebrew letters be "well-formed" - that is, no letters can touch other letters and no letters can be malformed, broken, or otherwise illegible. However, there is a strange exception to these rules regarding the Vav that appears in the word "shalom" Numbers 25:12:

הַנְּנִי נֹתֵן לוֹ אֶת-בְּרִיתִי שְׁלוֹם

*"Behold, I am giving to him my covenant  
of **peace**."*

In a Torah scroll, the word *shalom* is written like this:



- Vav represents the number of Man
- Broken Vav represents a man that is broken
- The man has been broken for the sake of a covenant of peace that brought atonement to Israel
- Clear picture of Yeshua the Mashiach (Jesus Christ) and His ultimate deliverance for us
- Shalom can mean complete indicating the covenant is one of completion, finality, and perfection

# Our Peace and Priest

- Christ our Peace: Ephesians 2:14-18
- High Priest: Hebrews 2:14-3:6
  - Propitiation for sins
    - Propitiation - **ἱλάσκομαι** (hilaskomai): atone, pardon, forgive
  - Suffered and tempted
    - Tempted - **πειράζω** (peirazō): tested, trial, to trap
  - Able to aid those who are tempted

## HEBREWS 4:14–16

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



# Ensnaring Sin

- Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto **Jesus**, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- **Ensnares** - εὐπερίστατος (euperistatos): **easily encompassing, “describes sin as having advantage in favor of its prevailing,” being in control, “skillfully encircling on all sides (to attack, assail, or inhibit action),” controlling tightly, besetting sin, “that easily insinuates its way in through the eyes, the ears, touch, taste, and thought.”**



# Scripture Readings for Next Week

- Isaiah 2:1-4
- Micah 4:1-5
- Daniel 7:13-14
- Revelation 5
- Revelation 19:11-16