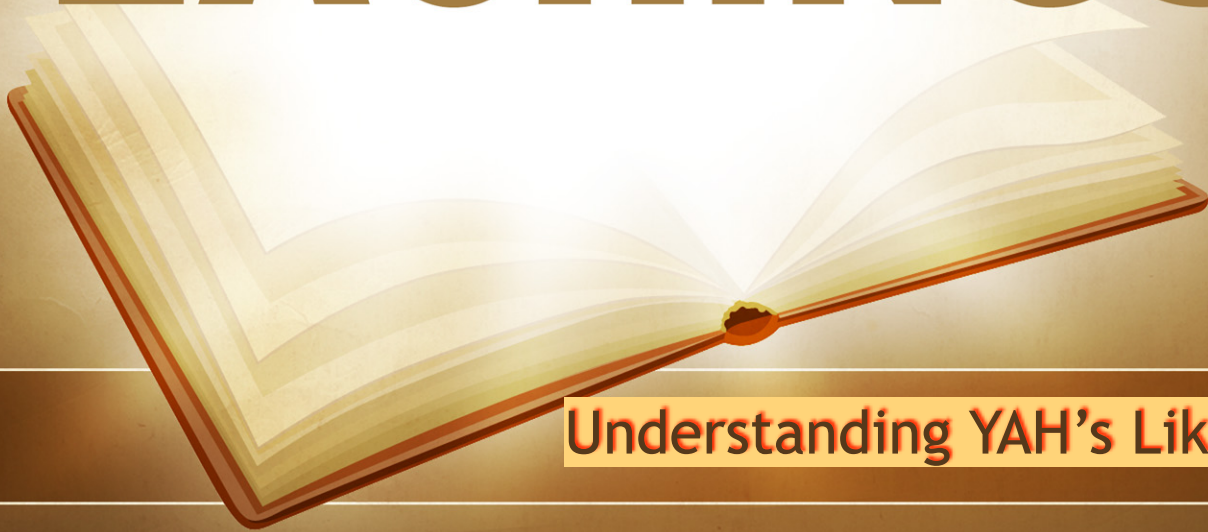


TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

Verse 24: The gold of the wave offering

The Hebrew word that is translated as 'wave offering' is תְּנוּפָה *tenuphah* (ten-oo-faw')- Strong's H8573 which means, 'a swinging, waving, offering' and comes from the word - נָפַח *nuph* (noof)- Strong's H5130 which is used in this verse as 'wave' and its fuller meaning is to, 'move to and fro, shake back and forth, sprinkle, wave'; which, in essence, carries the broader meaning, 'to present'.

This is the offering that was lifted up, waved and presented before יהוה, done in a figurative way of giving it, or releasing it fully, to יהוה; and in essence, they were now declaring that this gold fully belonged to יהוה and not to a golden calf, as they had previously done in error.



This carries great significance for us, as we too need to realise that our lives are to be lifted up as a wave offering before יהוה; and that includes everything that we have, as we lift up our hands in the declaration that all we have is presented to יהוה and that we now belong to Him, and that we will not give of that which is His to the worship, or service, of another false mighty one or idol, which, can take the shape of many forms, as we see today that there are loads of idols in people's lives, in which they are lifting up their hands and giving of their 'gold' to, in a form of false idol worship, while neglecting the building of the House/Body of Messiah!

Aharon was to 'wave the Lěwites' and therefore the Lěwites were 'presented' to יהוה by the high priest.

The logistics behind this event is not 100% certain, as there were over 8000 Lěwites!

However, what we see here, as a shadow picture of Messiah, is that He is our High Priest who 'presents' us before יהוה as a set-apart priesthood, and we see this picture of the fullness of the body being 'waved' before יהוה by the High Priest on Shabuoth, when the two loaves of bread are waved on Shabuoth! In Messiah, we are presented as set-apart priests who have been cleansed and equipped to serve - and we are now His!

The wave offering, in a figurative way, pictures for us that of giving it, or releasing it fully, to יהוה; and this carries great significance for us, as we too need to realise that our lives are to be lifted up as a wave offering before יהוה; and that includes everything we have, as we lift up our hands, in the declaration that all we have is presented to יהוה; and that we now belong to Him, having been bought at a price and betrothed by the Blood of the Lamb; and have been sealed with His Set-Apart Spirit of promise, who is the pledge of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession!

Qorintiyim Bět/2 Corinthians 1:21-22 “But He who establishes us with you in Messiah and has anointed us is Elohim, 22 who also sealed us, and gave the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.”

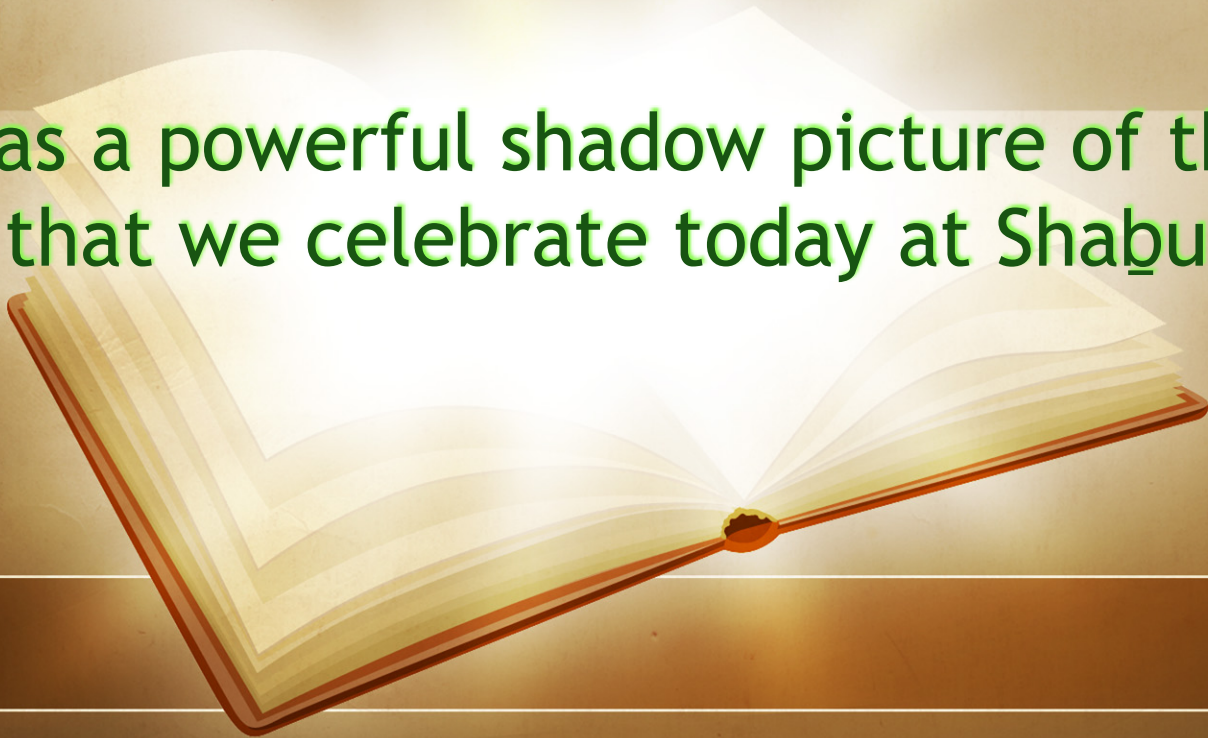
At Shabuoth the High Priest takes two loaves of bread and waves it before יהוה as a wave offering.



The two loaves of Bread symbolically represent the two Houses of Yehudah and Yisra'ěl being brought together as one in the Hands of our Redeemer, High Priest and King, and it is also symbolic of the two tablets of the witness of the Ten Words, that the entire nation of Yisra'ěl heard in the Wilderness, which then were written on stone as a witness.

With the first two stones having been broken by Mosheh, when he came down and saw the perverted worship in the camp, he was required to make two new stones like the first, upon which יהוה would write the 10 Words again.

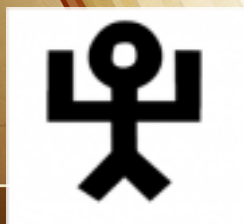
This was a powerful shadow picture of the renewal
that we celebrate today at Shabuoth!



With Yisra'ēl, a called out, chosen and betrothed Bride, who broke her marriage vows and covenant with יהוה; יהוה was already declaring His promised provision, by Mosheh having to make two stones like the first that יהוה had made and upon which יהוה would once again write His 10 words; prophetically declaring that the very Word of Elohim would be made flesh and come down to be broken for us, taking on the form of the flesh in order to redeem us from the sinful nature, and 'make new' the true witness of His Covenant seal and pledge over us, as His called out and chosen Bride in Messiah, who has now made it possible for His Torah to be written upon the fleshly tablets of our hearts by His Spirit through the Blood of Messiah!


The 'wave offering' celebrates the promise of renewal or rather the making of a renewed covenant.

In the ancient pictographic script, the Hebrew word תְּנוּפָה **tenuphah** (ten-oo-faw')- Strong's H8573 which means, '*wave offering*', looks like this:



Taw - ת:



The ancient script has this letter as  which is pictured as **two crossed sticks**, and can represent for us '**seal, covenant, mark or sign**'; as this once again points to the complete work of Messiah in the renewal of the Covenant in His Blood that brings the two Houses of Yisra'ěl and Yehudāh together in Him, as One, for He is not only the '**aleph**', but is also the '**taw**' - the beginning and the end of all creation!


Nun - נ:

The ancient pictographic script has this letter




pictured as , which pictures a ‘**sprouting seed**’ and gives the idea of continuation or an offspring or an heir, speaking of that which sprouts forth will be the heir of the promise of continuation, and represents one’s life expectancy, and can carry the meaning of ‘**new life or renewal, rebirth**’.

Waw/Vav - ו:

This is the Hebrew letter 'waw' or 'vav' which in the ancient script is pictured as , which is a peg or '**tent peg**', which was used for securing or tying down of the tent or other items. The possibility of it having a Y-shape is to show that it prevents the rope from slipping off. The root meaning of this letter is '**to add, secure or hook**'.

Pey - פּ:




This is the letter 'pey', which is pictured as , which is an 'open mouth' and carries the meaning of 'speak and blow', from the functions of the mouth, and can have the meaning of 'scatter' by blowing. It can also mean sword or beard as in things with edges, as well as a region in depicting a place with edges or boundaries.

It also can represent that which has been spoken forth from the words of one's mouth, as being established -
'The Spoken Word'!

Hey - ה:



The ancient script has this letter pictured as , which is ‘**a man standing with his arms raised out**’. This word can also mean “**behold, look, breath, sigh and reveal or revelation**”; from the idea of revealing a great sight by pointing it out. It also carries for us the meaning of surrender, as we lift up our hands and submit to יהוה as we lift our hands in praise, declaring His authority under which we humbly submit!

Therefore, we can see that the wave offering of the two loaves on Shabuoth is a proclamation of that which has been renewed, made new, and by the rendering of these pictures, we can see that it declares to us:

An open book with a red cover is shown from a low angle, with its pages fanned out. Overlaid on the book is a large, bright yellow rectangular area containing bold, black, sans-serif text. The text is arranged in four lines, with the first three lines being longer and the fourth line being shorter and centered.

**THE COVENANT OF LIFE
HAS BEEN SECURED
BY THE REVEALED WORD
WHO IS TO BE PRAISED**

or:

**BEHOLD THE SEAL OF THE COVENANT
THAT IS RENEWED AND SECURED
BY THE WORD WHO WAS LIFTED UP
AND WHO IS TO BE PRAISED!**

Or:

**BEHOLD THE COVENANT
HAS BEEN RENEWED
AND WE HAVE BEEN ADDED AND SECURED
BY THE REVEALED WORD
WHO IS TO BE PRAISED!**

The wave offering of gold consisted of 29 talents and 730 sheqels, and a talent was equivalent to 3000 sheqels or 75.6lb or 34.3kg.

The gold, therefore, was 29,243 talents, or better understood as 2210.54lb or 1002.93kg!

At today's gold price (2022) for 24k gold it would make the value of this wave offering to be worth well over \$ 60,038,266.00 million (US Dollar)!!!

Verse 25-26: Silver counted from the congregation

The $\frac{1}{2}$ sheqel was given by all the men who were above 20 years of age, who were numbered or registered as per the instructions given to Mosheh by יהוה in Shemoth/Exodus 30:11-16.

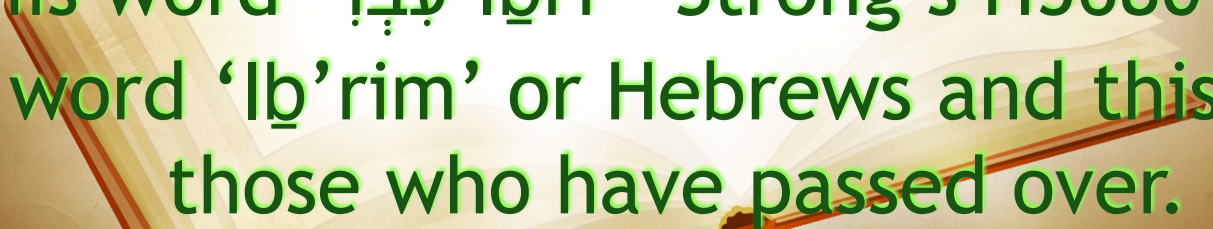
This was a contribution that was required to be given as atonement for their lives, so that no plague would come into the camp.

So, this was a 'tax' and not of the freewill giving like the gold and bronze, and this as we know represents for us the price of redemption for all who cross over.

The term 'everyone passing over' speaks of those who have 'crossed over'.

The Hebrew word that is translated as 'passing over' is הָעֹבֵר **haober**, which comes from the root verb עָבַר **abar** (aw-bar')- Strong's H5674 which means, '*to pass over, pass through, cross over*'.

It is from this root verb that we get the term עִבְרִי Ibri (ib-ree')- Strong's H5680 which means, **'the one from beyond, the one who crossed over'** and is understood and translated into English as 'Hebrew'. From this word עִבְרִי Ibri - Strong's H5680 we get the plural word 'Ib'rim' or Hebrews and this speaks of those who have passed over.

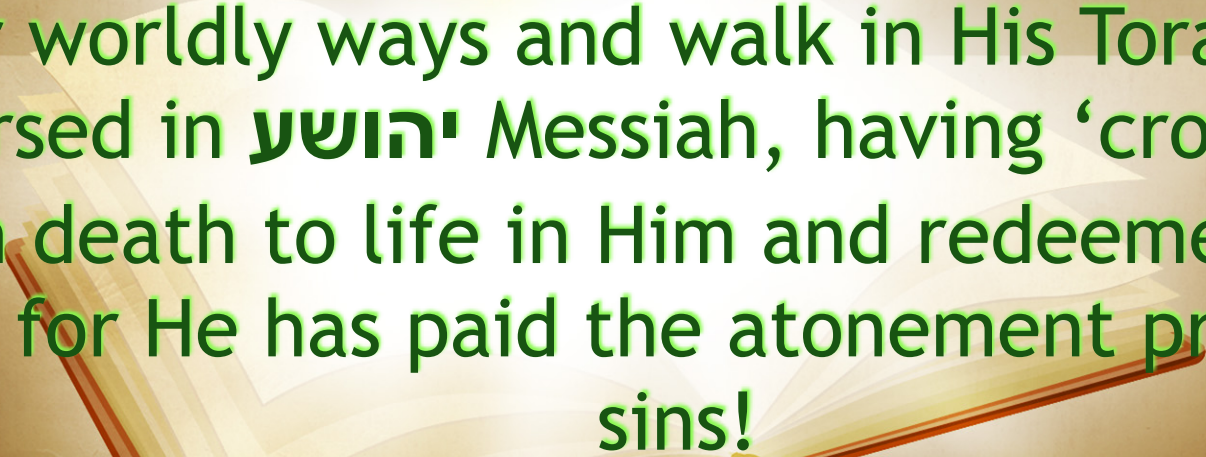


Abraham was the first recorded 'Hebrew' in Berēshith/Genesis 14:13 as he passed over the Euphrates River into The Promised Land.

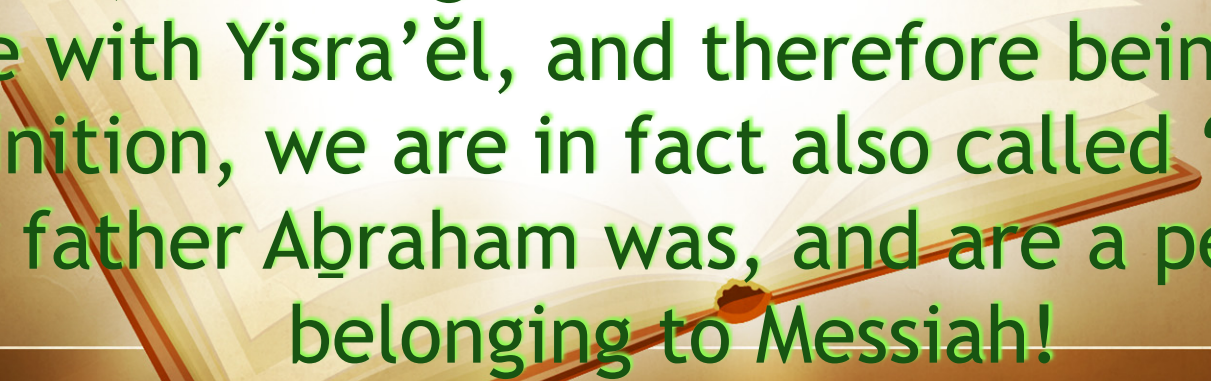
Kēpha Aleph/1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a set-apart nation, a people for a possession, that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light"

We have 'passed over' as by the Blood of the Passover Lamb we have been redeemed at a price and we now belong to our Saviour as we are no longer our own and so we give joyfully of our lives in service to our King as we are together built up in Him.

Anyone can become a 'Hebrew', or one who 'crosses-over' - if they will but repent and forsake their worldly ways and walk in His Torah, being immersed in **יהושע** Messiah, having 'crossed over' from death to life in Him and redeemed by His Blood, for He has paid the atonement price for our sins!



We too, who have 'crossed over', so to speak, have become 'Hebrews', as we have responded to the clear call of Elohim who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light; and by the Blood of Messiah, we are grafted in to the Covenants of Promise with Yisra'ēl, and therefore being 'Yisra'ēl' by definition, we are in fact also called 'Hebrews', as our father Abraham was, and are a people now belonging to Messiah!




The Hebrew root word עָבַר **abar** - Strong's H5674, in the ancient pictographic script, is written as follows:




Ayin - ׀:




The original pictograph for this letter is  and represents the idea of '**seeing and watching**', as well as '**knowledge**'. as the eye is the 'window of knowledge' and can also render the concept of knowledge revealed!

Beyt - בֵּית:



The ancient script has this letter as , which pictures a tent floor plan and means, 'house' or 'tent'. It represents family and the importance of those who are inside the tent as opposed to the tent structure itself.

Resh - ר:

The Ancient picture for this letter is , 'the head of a man'.

This letter has the meanings of 'head or man' as well as 'chief, top, beginning or first'.

From this pictographic rendering of one who passes/crosses over, we take note that the meaning given here can be understood as:

LOOKING TO THE HOUSE'S HEAD

Or

**THE EYES OF THE HOUSE
ARE ON THE HEAD**

Messiah, is the Head of the Body, that is us, the assembly; which are being up in Him, as living stones that keep their eyes on the Head of the House!

Kěpha Aleph/1 Peter 2:4-5 “Drawing near to Him, a living Stone - rejected indeed by men, but chosen by Elohim and precious - 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up, a spiritual house, a set-apart priesthood, to offer up spiritual slaughter offerings acceptable to Elohim through יהושע Messiah.”

The pictographic of the word עִבְרִי Ibri - Hebrew
looks like this:



The extra letter that is used at the end of this word is the letter:



Yod - י: The ancient script has this letter as

which is

‘**an arm and hand**’ and carries the meaning of ‘**work, make, throw**’, from the primary functions of the arm and hand,

and it also represents worship or giving thanks in the extending of hands as a gesture of this. The work of one’s hands is the basic meaning of this letter!

As true Hebrew’s, we have our eyes fixed on the Head of the House, because of His work of redemption, as we look to the revealed arm of Elohim! To whom has the arm of יהוה been revealed?

To those who have turned to the Master the veil has been removed and are therefore able to properly see the deliverance that our Head has secured for us, giving us the strength to look to Him and 'cross over', so to speak!

The total sheqels of silver was 301,775 as each one who was counted from 20 years and up was 603,550 and they would each give a $\frac{1}{2}$ sheqel also known as a beqa.

1 sheqel or 2 beqas is approximately 11.4g or 0.4oz and would therefore make the weight of silver given at approximately 3440.23kg and based on today's silver price per kg the value of silver that was contributed according to the command was just under \$3,615,991 million (US Dollar)!!!

Verse 29 - Bronze of the wave offering

70 talents and 2400 sheqels - as we have discussed with the gold, the bronze was also a voluntary offering and 1 talent representing 3000 sheqels would put the offering of bronze at 212,400 sheqels or 70,8 talents and based on a talent being equivalent to approximately 34.3kg, the value according to today's average price of bronze at just over \$20,000.00 (US Dollar)!!!

Collectively the value of the gold, silver and bronze collected for the Tabernacle would be today, the equivalent of just under \$64 million (US Dollars)!!!

For more on the materials please go back to the Torah portion called 'Terumah' (Contributions) which is the portion from Shemoth/Exodus 25:1-27:19

The essence of this chapter carries with it the significance of that which is accounted for and when it comes to you and me, we are to realise that we all have something to give and it collectively makes up the whole.

What is worthy of noting is this:

Although we may calculate the value of all the gold, silver and gold to being well over 63 million, in today's value, which is a very large amount and I believe that the quality of the gold and silver was better than what we see today, which would possibly translate the original value to be more than what we can calculate in today's monetary terms.

What we can deduce from this is that if we were to take the value at around 64 million, then, when divided up among the 603,550 people, who were counted, then you can see that it would translate into a little over 106.00 per person.

The point I am trying to make is this: often we may think that what we have to give is insignificant and that it would not make a difference, but that is not true - when everyone who is counted brings all they can we would be amazed at what the collective contribution would be!

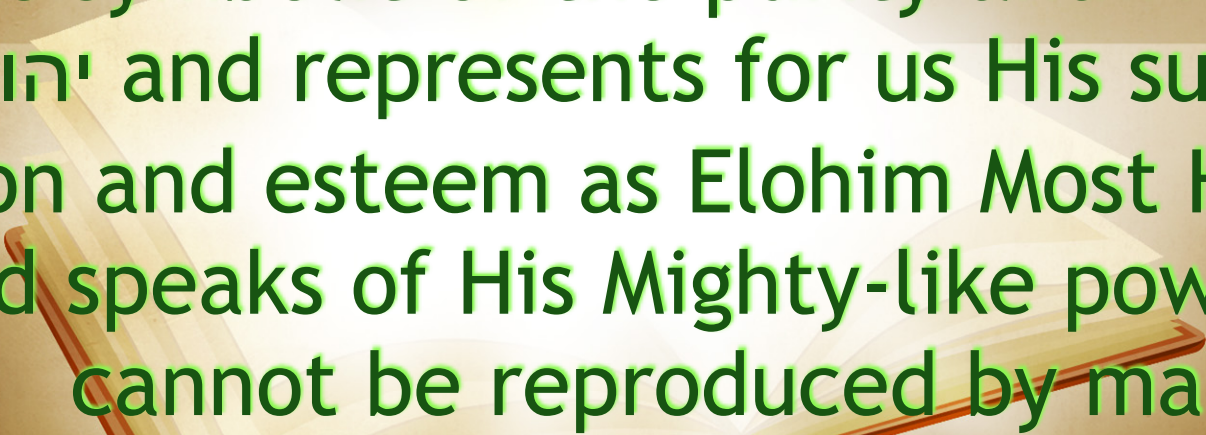
What is also a significant fact, is that unless you had paid your half sheqel of silver, you were not counted and as we see so many times today, is that so many people are 'giving' so much to what deems to be worthy causes, while their 'good deeds; will be counted as worthless, if they had not paid the price and counted the cost of following Messiah and having accepted His Atonement Price made for us and receive His Pure Word refined through fire being symbolic of the silver that was paid for Atonement.

Every part matters! Even down to the tent peg - for without the tent pegs the Tabernacle would not be able to stand, especially when the wind comes!

Bearing in mind that although this portion can sound a little repetitive, what we must not forget is that what we see happening here is not just a hearing of the instructions but now we see the doing of that which was heard - faith with works and so just to recap on what we have discussed in previous portions on the gold, silver and bronze:

1 - Gold:

This is symbolic of the purity and richness of יהושע and represents for us His supreme position and esteem as Elohim Most High. Pure Gold speaks of His Mighty-like power that cannot be reproduced by man.



The word for 'gold', in the Hebrew, is **זָהָב**
zahab(zaw-hawb') - Strong's H2091 which is
translated as 'gold, golden and even 'fair weather'
and figuratively it speaks of brilliance and
splendour from an unused root to mean shimmer/
shine!

Gold speaks of the royalty of Messiah - it was the
first of the 3 gifts brought by the Magi, when they
came into the house and saw the Child with His
mother - they saw the King of Kings!!!

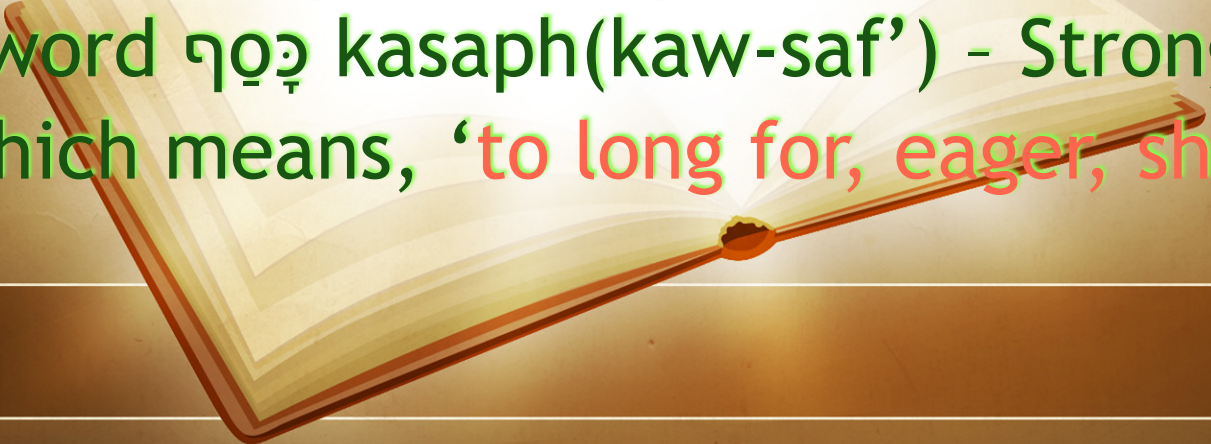
2 - Silver:

This is symbolic of redemption, as silver is used in Scripture as redemption money.

It speaks of the price יהושע has paid for us.

Silver was used in service of the Tent of Meeting for the Atonement of Yisra'ël as a remembrance before יהוה.

The Hebrew word for 'silver' is כֶּסֶף keseph (keh'-sef) - Strong's H3701 which is translated as, 'silver, money, purchase price' and comes from the root word כָּסַף kasaph(kaw-saf') - Strong's H3700 which means, 'to long for, eager, shame'.



Shemoth/Exodus 30:16 “And you shall take the silver for the atonement from the children of Yisra’ěl, and give it for the service of the Tent of Meeting. And it shall be to the children of Yisra’ěl for a remembrance before יהוה, to make atonement for yourselves.”



The tabernacle stood upon sockets of silver. Both Yoseph and יהושע were sold for silver. Yehudah was paid off in silver as the Scriptures said. Silver is redemption money.

Silver is symbolic of the redemption that comes through יהושע Messiah and Him alone. It prefigures the preciousness of Messiah as the ransom for sinners.



Silver also speaks of service and giving of oneself -
the perfect work of Messiah:

Marqos/Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Adam did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

We also see another wonderful picture of the symbolism of silver:

Tehillah/Psalm 12:6 “The Words of יהוה are clean Words, silver tried in a furnace of earth, refined seven times.”

The purest silver does not tarnish, and most silver products we see being used today has an alloy mix of up to 92.5% silver and another metal to make up the rest to produce a product that is a little harder and easier to work with.

When looking at this verse above, the concept of silver - pure silver - and the words of יהוה being clean struck me in a major way as to what we see happening today!

His Word is pure and clean and is likened to silver tried in the furnace of earth and refined totally - there are no other metals therein and this is just what His Word is to us - it is unadulterated truth.

Sadly, we see that in the world today, His word has been tarnished, due to the taking away and adding that is forbidden, and so as many dogmas of man and various theologies and doctrines have been formulated, and in doing so, they have each diminished the purity of the silver of His Word, by stripping it of its worth and adding in other words that twist the purity of the Truth and therefore cause the silver to now become susceptible to becoming tarnished.

When this happens, more and more work is required to polish up that which is not pure in an attempt to present it as pure, through the institution of programmes and formulas of worship that is contrary to the design and service of the Tabernacle. For us to be a Tabernacle for His Spirit to dwell we cannot have a tarnished Word that has manipulated the purity of it in order to control the masses, but rather we need to strip away the impurities of false traditions and lies and turn back to the pure Truth - then we will be built up according to His pattern shown!

The Hebrew word for 'silver' - כֶּסֶף keseph - Strong's
H3701 is pictured in the Early Script as:



Kaph - כּ:




The ancient form of this letter is pictured as which is an **open palm of a hand**.

The meaning behind this letter is **to bend and curve** from the shape of a palm as well as **to tame or subdue** as one has been bent to another's will (under their hand), as an open hand symbolises submission. This also can picture for us a palm or palm branch from the curved palm shape.

Samech - ס:



This letter is pictured as  which is a **thorn**, and has the meanings of '**pierce and sharp**' and can also carry the meaning of '**a shield**', as thorn bushes were used by shepherds to build a wall to enclose his flock in the night against the attack of predators. Another meaning would be '**to grab hold of**' as a thorn is a seed that clings to hair and clothing.

Pey - פ:

This letter in the ancient script is pictured as



, which is an ‘**open mouth**’ and carries the meaning of ‘**speak and blow**’, from the functions of the mouth, and can have the meaning of ‘**scatter**’ by blowing. It can also mean sword or beard as in things with edges, as well as a region in depicting a place with edges or boundaries. It also can represent that which has been spoken forth from the words of one’s mouth, as being established!

When we consider these 3 letters, in the understanding of the word 'silver', as representing the redemption price, brought to us by the Blood of Messiah, we are able to see from these pictures, the following:



**THE OPEN HAND OF ELOHIM, AS
REVEALED TO US THROUGH יהושע
MESSIAH, WAS PIERCED FOR OUR
TRANSGRESSION AND TOOK THE THORN
(SIN) UPON HIMSELF, HAVING BEEN
NAILED IN HIS HANDS AND FEET,
BECOMING A SHIELD TO THOSE WHO
CALL UPON HIM AND GRAB HOLD OF HIS
COMMANDS, AS SPOKEN IN HIS WORD!**