

The Gospel in Time

Lesson #1

1. Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*

בראשית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ



Bereshit barah Elohim Aleph-Tav hashamayim vehat haeretz

א Aleph.....ת Tav

2. Revelation 1:8 *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

Α Alpha.....Ω Omega

3. The word menorah has the Hebrew word for light within it, “Or.”
4. The temple menorah (lamp stand) has seven branches, the center shaft is called the “servant branch.”
5. The servant branch is the center shaft that holds up all the other branches.

The First Seven Hebrew Words in Genesis (1:1)

Bereshit barah Elohim “Aleph-Tav” hashamayim vehat haeretz.

In the beginning created God the heavens and the (earth).

It is suggested that this seven-word Hebrew phrase portrays the image of the ancient temple’s golden candlestick, the menorah. The temple menorah has seven branches and the center shaft is called the “servant branch.” Notice that at the very center of the Hebrew phrase are the two Hebrew letters, Aleph and Tav, which are left untranslated. These two letters are found throughout the Hebrew scriptures and are often pronounced, “ET.” These two letters are used in Hebrew grammar as a marker/connector to point to the word that follows as the direct object.

Revelation 1:8 *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and ending, saith the Lord which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. (KJV)*

In the Greek Jesus is saying, “I am the Alpha and Omega,” which are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet—the beginning and the ending.

What we see next is Jesus standing in the middle of seven golden candlesticks.

Revelation 1:12-13 *And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. (KJV)*

In Hebrew Jesus would have said, “I am the Aleph and the Tav,” which are the first and last letters of the Hebrew alephbet—the beginning and ending.

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the Aleph-Tav” then this phrase can be understood that God declared the beginning and the ending from the very beginning.

The center is the Aleph-Tav or the same place as the servant branch, the center shaft of the menorah. The oil of the menorah is poured into the servant branch which distributes it to the other branches, so the oil of anointing (the Holy Spirit) flows from Christ, the servant branch to all believers.

Ayian – a

Vav – u

Shin – sh

Yud – y

