



NEWSLETTER

And El Shaddai bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a qahal of people.
Genesis 28:3



The rainbow is the sign of Yah's covenant with His children (Genesis 9:12-13).

A Letter From the Editor

Moises Grijalva

Shalom! I hope everyone had wonderful fall feasts. The 7th month started off with some great fellowship on the Feast of Trumpets, followed by the monthly Qahal meeting. We all made loud noises and had great fellowship together. The next feast day was Yom Kippur, where we fasted, reflected, and repented for those things in our lives that we need to work

on. And finally, Sukkot. I personally had a wonderful feast, meeting together and fellowshiping with brothers and sisters in faith. I look forward to a day where we as a community can all meet and share the feast day united. Where we can assemble together to worship and praise the Most High.

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Hebrew Word of the Month

Name: Hanna Age: 6

chet tet bet

Batach

Trust (batach H982) in יהוה with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Batach Trust

Hebrew Word for Trust: "Batach"

Several Hebrew words are translated as "trust" in the Old Testament. One in particular, batach, stands out regarding what it looks like to trust in Yah when viewed in its pictographic form.

Hebrew Is Rooted in Pictographs

Before we begin, it is valuable to understand that the Hebrew language has its roots in pictographs. In its most ancient form, the letters were once expressed by images representing illustrative concepts.

Pictographs, therefore, help us comprehend the foundational substance of the words that contain them. In modern biblical studies, these images can help us unlock the deeper meaning of the text. These pictographic roots connect us to the ancients who came before us. When the concepts behind words are stable, we can be assured that what we think a word means is the same as what it meant thousands of years ago. When language is not attached to concrete ideas, it can become fluid. Word associations and their meanings can change dramatically over time without this type of system in place.

Languages with pictographic roots, according to those who study them, are understood to be more geared toward function and purpose as it applies to life. This difference in thought might help explain why Westerners struggle with trusting Yah's Word; (cont. pg 2)

Batach (cont.)

we have separate compartments for knowledge and functional application. We can read text and be entirely disconnected from how it translates into purposeful action.

May we, like the ancients of old, be interested not only in learning something new, like the Athenians (Acts 17:21), but may we desire to more deeply understand Yah's truth so that we may better live out these beautiful revelations.

Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament defines the word "trust" in this way: "to set one's hope and confidence upon" and "to be secure fearing nothing." It is also frequently translated as "confidence," "security," and "hope."

Now let us look at the pictograph of each letter that forms the Hebrew word "trust" (batach) and see how it can help reveal the valuable revelation within this word. The Hebrew letters in batach are "bet," "tet," and "chet."

The Hebrew letter "bet" is the first letter of "batach." It is a picture of a tent, home, or family. It speaks of being on the inside, abiding, and resting. When the word "trust" is used in Scripture, the term "in" frequently follows. . . . we have trusted [batach] in His holy name.
— Psalm 33:21

Being in a home and family are places that can, and ideally should, be associated with safety, security, trust, and rest.

The Hebrew letter "tet" is the second letter of "batach." It is a picture of something wrapped or coiled like a snake, or it can be like a basket in terms of its weave. The wrapping concept relates to a baby's being swaddled and wound tightly in a blanket. It seems to be soothing for babies to be bundled in this way. Biblically, to be unswaddled was likened to abandonment.

As for your nativity, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed in water to cleanse you; you were not rubbed with salt nor wrapped in swaddling cloths.
— Ezekiel 16:4

The letter "tet" suggests being wrapped, like a swaddled baby. "Tet" can also represent distinguishing what is good through experience, as the reference to the snake suggests. A snake has a double-forked tongue that it uses to taste and distinguish the atmosphere around it. "Tet" is also the first letter in the Hebrew word for good: tov. Oh, taste and see that Yah is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!
— Psalm 34:8

Trust has to do with distinguishing that Yah is good. To be wrapped and swaddled in the goodness of His everlasting arms.

The eternal God is your refuge (place of trust), And underneath are the everlasting arms.
— Deuteronomy 33:27

The final letter of the word batach is "chet," which is depicted with a fence or a wall. It is attached to the concepts of surrounding, protecting, and embracing. It also suggests the idea of exclusivity. Regarding exclusivity, "chet" is highly connected with concepts of the covenant. Much like "bet," it is only in relationship with the Elohim of all creation through His one and only Son who covenanted on the cross on behalf of us that we can abide and trust in Him. Yeshua secured for us that indescribable gift and privilege. The letter "chet" suggests the protection of a fence.

"Chet" differs in thought from "bet" because it speaks more of boundaries. Our part of trusting Yah as it concerns this letter is for us to stay within the limits of Yah's purpose and plan. Yah is not obligated to protect us when we step outside those fences He has built for our protection. The promise of these protections is for the faithful, believing, and obedient.

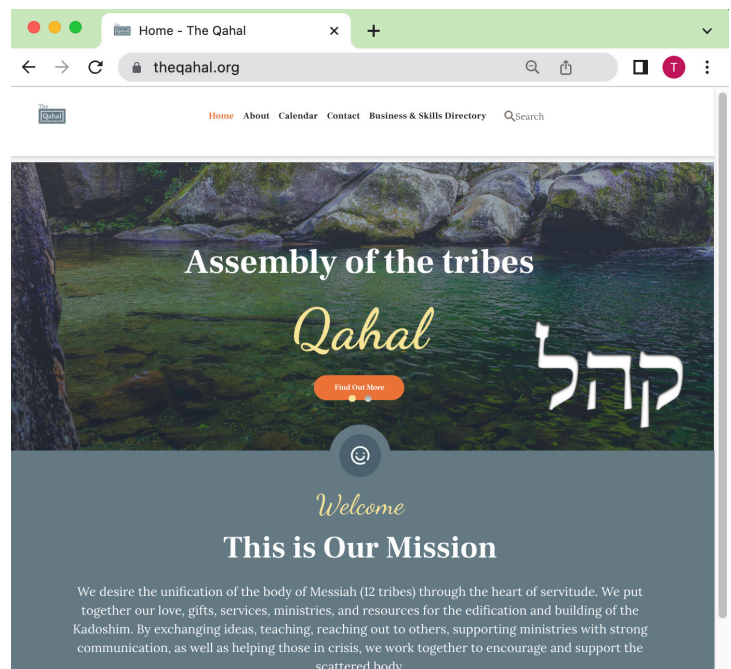
The three Hebrew letters that form the word batach convey the ideas of being on the inside, embraced, and protected. Combining these ideas into a unified concept, we can understand this word to mean that trusting Yah is abiding and resting in Him by discerning His goodness and greatness. In so doing, we are protected, embraced, and surrounded by His covenant love compassion and favor.

<https://owlcation.com/humanities/Trust-Hebrew-Word-Study>

New Website

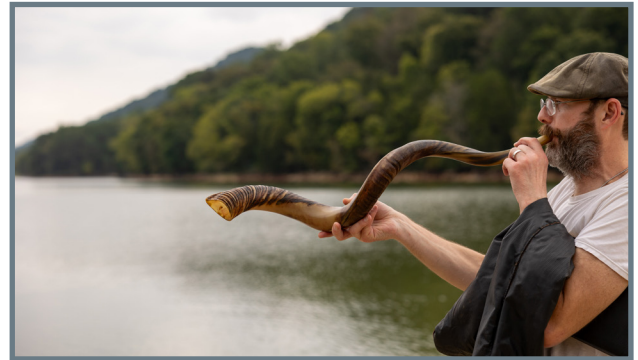
You may have noticed that this newsletter has a new color scheme. This is to match the brand-new website. Check out the new site when you can - <https://theqahal.org/>

This website is in its baby stage. It still has the potential to grow and develop with the help of your ideas and input. We envision it expanding outside of East Tennessee. If you would like to be a part of the web development team, please contact Tracy (tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com or 423.300.1389).



Feast of Trumpets & Monthly Qahal Meeting

To begin the 7th Biblical month, many gathered together at Hearts Cry Hebraic Fellowship in Bean Station to celebrate the Feast of Trumpets together. It was a double date, as the following day, many met together again for the monthly Qahal meeting. We hope you can join us on November 11th for the next one!



Blowing the shofars and making some noise! Later in the night Tab making some of his famous pizzas and children working on making worship flags.



On Shabbat morning a group went to the lake for some Mikvehs.



A beautiful praise and worship time on Shabbat with the silks and the flags the children made the night before.

Sukkot

This past month was the long anticipated Sukkot! Families within the community went to various locations to celebrate with Mishpocha. From Missouri, to Georgia, to local areas in East Tennessee. We have heard some wonderful stories of great fellowship. Here are some photos that were shared with us.



40 Day Community Fast and Prayer

As a community we are fasting and praying for 40 days for those who are sick. We have organized into 5 teams who will be leading a 7 day period. Please join one of these groups to participate in that week. Prayer and fasting outside of the week you commit to is encouraged.

For the last 5 days, the entire community will join together as a body fasting and praying together.

October 21st – October 27th: Ronnie Christian
 October 28th – November 3rd: Timothy Williamson
 November 4th – November 10th: Matthew Price
 November 11th – November 17th: James Yoder
 November 18th – November 24th: Moises Grijalva
 November 25th – November 29th: ALL

Romans 12:15,16

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things but condescend to men of low estate.

We weep and mourn with our brothers and sisters. Let us lift the burden and break the bands of wickedness with love. We pray for restoration and Yah's will to be done in every case. Please remember that you may choose to fast as long as you want, but we ask that you organize yourself within a group setting as well. Thank you for being part of this team of praying priests fighting principalities in the Spirit.

Isaiah 58:6-8

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.

Some of the specific prayers we have are (please contact Moises to add to this list, 423.300.2089):

- *Angie Carroll* whom we are praying for healing of blockage in her arteries.
- *Donna Passamonte* whom we are praying for healing of her cancer as she undergoes treatment in Mexico.
- *Isaiah Fleenor* is a precious baby boy whom we are praying for the healing of his body, cancer to leave his little body, and all adverse effects from his treatments to be healed as well.
- *Larry Parker* whom we are praying for his cancer to not return as he continues treatment.
- *The Mulrooney Family* as they mourn the loss of Joe.
- *Nancy Stewart* whom we are praying for healing of her cancer.
- *Tyler Weber* whom we are praying for healing of his cystic fibrosis.

Local Fellowships

Local fellowships can be found on the website as well. If you would like your group listed, please send the information to Tracy (tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com) <https://theqahal.org/fellowships/>

Greeneville, TN

Contact: Bill Fuentes – 860.794.7018
 434 Old Knoxville Hwy
 Greeneville, TN 37743
Services begin at 3pm.

Rogersville, TN

Contact: Bob Kuhn – 252.634.4100
 Contact: Kate Coffelt – 513.807.9654
 Rogersville, TN 37857
Services begin at 11am.

New Tazewell, TN

Contact: Tyler Pahl – 865.279.1710
 1993 Snodgrass Rd
 New Tazewell, TN 37825
*Services are flexible, Hours 2pm-Till Evening.
 (Please call)*

Sneedville, TN

Berean Echad Springs Fellowship
 Contact: Eric Schaefer – 423.426.0923
 Contact: Moises Grijalva – 423.300.2089
 2392 Sherm Mountain Road
 Sneedville, TN 37869
 bereanechad.com
Services begin at 3pm. Call or text for more information.

Community Calendar

The calendar can now conveniently be found at the new website:
<https://theqahal.org/events/>

< This Month **November 2023** ▾

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Community Fast and Prayer: Timothy Williamson's Team						Community F...
			8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Men's Zoom Prayer			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Community Fast and Prayer: Matthew Price's Team						Community F...
			8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Men's Zoom Prayer	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Women's Zoom Prayer		2:00 pm - 8:00 pm Qahal Monthly Meeting
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Community Fast and Prayer: James Yoder's Team						Community F...
			8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Men's Zoom Prayer			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Community Fast and Prayer: Moises Grijalva's Team						Community F...
			8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Men's Zoom Prayer			
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Community Fast and Prayer: ALL TEAMS FOR A 40 DAY COMPLETION			8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Men's Zoom Prayer			

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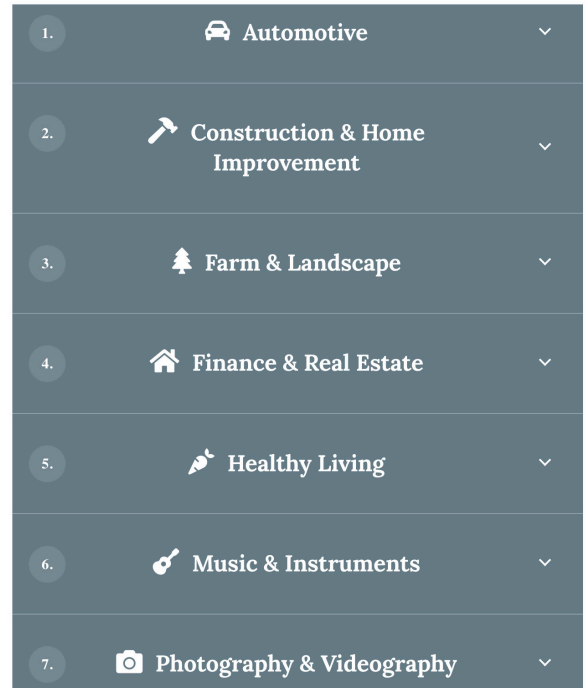
Business & Skills Directory

The business directory has moved! Check out its new and improved location on the website: <https://theqahal.org/business-directory/>

This is an improvement to just having the business name listed here because if you click on the business name, a new web page will open describing the business/skill so you can find out more. (Note: if you are the owner of the business and haven't already sent Tracy content for that page, please do so. Also, if you would like your business removed from this list, let her know.)

You may notice that this new web page also includes "Skills." So, if you do not have a business, but still have a skill that you would like to share with the community, this is the place to put it.

We hope for this directory to continue to grow and even expand outside of East Tennessee. If you would like your business or skill listed, please send your information to Tracy (tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com or 423-300-1389).



Coloring Pages

Over at Berean Echad in Sneedville, we have been working to create content for the children. We have been trying to introduce Hebrew words to them and have searched online for hand-outs we could print to go along with the lessons. It has been difficult to find the types of pages we had in mind, so we decided to just create our own. We have uploaded all the designs and made them available to download for free from this webpage:

<https://bereanechad.com/childrens-resources/>

Help Wanted

We have been working hard on both the newsletter and the website. If you have any skills or giftings for the technical aspects (Adobe InDesign or WordPress), we would love some help. The other way you can help is by assisting with content. As you may notice, there are (most likely) grammar and typographical errors in this letter. Another set of eyes to proofread before publishing this would be great! We also would welcome more contributors for content. Articles, poems, photos, etc. The website is still in a young developmental stage, so a team that could help with brainstorming and creating improved structure and content would be wonderful.

Potential ways you can help:

- Technically for the newsletter (Adobe InDesign)
- Technically for the website (WordPress)
- Proofreader/Editor for the newsletter
- Content for the newsletter (articles, poems, photos, etc.)
- Content for the website

Please contact Tracy with what you would like to volunteer to help with! (tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com or 423.300.1389)

Children's Resources

In my attempt to introduce some Hebrew words to our children, I started searching the internet for free coloring pages and was not finding much. So I decided to just make some. Some of you may recognize some of these from our woodworking (countryplanners.com) because I was looking, I figured others may be in search too, so we decided to upload our designs here to share.

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