

YAIY NEWS



Three Tithes in Scripture

The First Tithe

The first tithe is holy to Yahweh:

*And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is Yahweh's: it is holy unto Yahweh. And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto Yahweh. He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed, Leviticus 27:30-33, **King James Version** is used throughout.*

- The 10th of seed or fruit claimed by Yahweh is holy to Him.
- Offeror could retain same by adding one-fifth to its value.
- Every 10th calf and lamb of increase was set aside.
- This offering not to be redeemed or exchanged, but if done so, both were holy to Yahweh.

- The first tithe is holy to Yahweh and given to the Levites,

And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, Numbers 18:21.

- No produce of land or increase of herd is exempt.
- Offeror had no voice in its disposal.
- While called a heave offering, none was returned to offeror.
- This tithe is not diminished, nor alms of offeror's choice, but a claim by Yahweh; withholding regarded as dishonesty, *Will a man rob El? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings, Malachi 3:8.*

(See our study, **Never Let It Be Said, You Have Robbed Yahweh!**)

The Second Tithe

Second tithe, Deuteronomy 14:22-27, is at discretion of offeror:

Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. And thou shalt eat before Yahweh thy Elohim, in the place which He shall choose to place His name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear Yahweh thy Elohim always. And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which Yahweh thy Elohim shall choose to set His name there, when Yahweh thy Elohim hath blessed thee: then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which Yahweh thy Elohim shall choose: and thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy

BRING THE WHOLE
TITHE INTO THE
STOREHOUSE, SO
THAT THERE MAY
BE [Spiritual] FOOD
IN MY HOUSE,

Malachi 3:10a

Those who
LOVE ME,
I will deliver.
I will protect
those who know
MY NAME.

PSALM 91:14, NRSV

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soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before Yahweh thy Elohim, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household, and the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

- Increase of the land.
- Eaten by offeror, his household, Levite; with firstlings of the flock, but only at the place of worship.
- That Israel might always fear Yahweh.
- Could be converted into money, to be used for feasting.
- Tither was to eat and rejoice before Yahweh.
- This tithe involved a stay of a week or so at three Feasts, Deuteronomy 16:5, 13, 16.
- They were to assemble in worship, Deuteronomy 12:6-7.

The Third Tithe

Third tithe, Deuteronomy 14:28-29, at discretion of offeror:

At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: and the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that Yahweh thy Elohim may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

- The third is to be laid up at home.
- Shared by local Levite, stranger, fatherless, widow.
- That Yahweh might bless the work of the tithe-payer's hands.
- It is collected every three years, Deuteronomy 26:12-14,

When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled; then thou shalt say before Yahweh thy Elohim, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all Thy commandments which Thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed Thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them: I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away ought thereof for any unclean use, nor given ought thereof for the dead: but I have hearkened to the voice of Yahweh my Elohim, and have done according to all that Thou hast commanded me.

Elder Donald R. Mansager (deceased)

ו Vav (Waw)

ו the sixth character of the Hebrew alphabet, can be used as a consonant as well as a vowel. It is used quite frequently in many Hebrew words, just as the letter “e” appears many times in the English language (although the “e” isn’t used as a consonant).

The ו also can be pronounced in different ways, depending upon the vowel pointing, just as the letter “e” sounds differently when combined with other letters. Some examples are:

- 1) in the word “eight,” the “e” with the letters “-igh” make an “ā” sound, as in the word “ape”;
- 2) in the word “kitten,” the “e” makes an “uh” sound. It is also called a “shwa sound,” appearing as “-ə” in the pronunciation guide.
- 3) in the word “egg,” the “e” makes an “ē” sound, as in the word “elephant”;
- 4) in the word “beating,” the “e” with the letter “a” make an “ē” sound, as in the word “even”;
- 5) in the word “height,” the “e” with the letter “i” makes an “ī” sound, as in the word “life”; and
- 6) in the word “cake,” the “e” is silent.

Historical evidence suggests that ו the sixth character of the Hebrew alphabet, when used as a consonant, originally had a “w” sound, as in the word “walk”. It can also have the “v” sound, as in the word “vine”.

Depending upon vowel pointing, this letter ו can also be used for the sound of the letter “ō”, as in the word “oak” and for the “ū” sound as in the word “tune”.

Interestingly, words beginning with the letter “vav” are very rare. Of the 13 entries listed in the *Strong’s*

ו Vav (Waw) ...,cont.

Exhaustive Concordance, there are only three words in the Biblical text:

“ װ vāv” meaning “hook” is used 13 times in Exodus for the curtains of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. It may also be pronounced as “wāv”.

“ װלד vā-lād” means “child” and appears 2 times in the Hebrew Bible (Genesis 11:30 and 2 Samuel 6:23).

“ װזר vā-zār” meaning “strange” (to bear guilt; crime) is used 1 time in the Hebrew Bible (Proverbs 1:28).

Note: This word sounds very close to the English word “bizarre”.

The other 7 entries in the *Strong’s* are names.

When the “vav” is used as a vowel, then it loses the consonant sound associated with it. It becomes what the *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* calls a “quiescent” or silent consonant, having only the vowel sound associated with it.

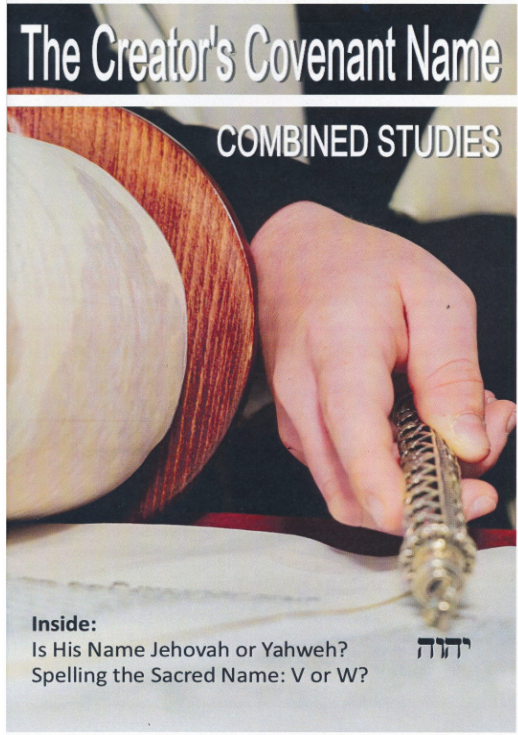
ו When the “vav” is written in this manner (having a dot over the top), it has the “ō” sound, as in the word “oak”. It does not sound like “vō” or “wō”.

ו When the “vav” is written in this way (having a dot in the middle of the letter), it sounds like “ū” sound, as in the word “rule”. It does not sound like “vū” or “wū”.

Another point to consider when trying to pronounce Hebrew words, is the fact that there are quite a few dialects of the Hebrew language. The main ones are Sephardic (considered a Romantic-type language from Spain and Portugal) and Ashkenazic (considered a Germanic-type language from eastern Europe, Yiddish-speaking Jews).

The *Strong’s* pronunciation guide that follows each Hebrew word entry uses the most approved sounds in such a way that any good Hebraist would immediately recognize the word if so pronounced. For more study, see our Combined Studies booklet entitled *The Creator’s Covenant Name*.

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Sexual Immorality

WARNING

• **Galatians 5:19–21** *The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of Elohim. The New International Version (2011) is used throughout unless noted otherwise.*

• **Ephesians 5:3** *But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for Elohim’s holy people.*

• **Hebrews 13:4** *Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for Elohim will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.*



Sexual Immorality ...,cont.



OVERCOME

- **1 Peter 2:11** *Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.*
- **1 Corinthians 6:18–20** *Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. 19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from Elohim? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor Elohim with your bodies.*
- **1 Thessalonians 4:3–5** *It is Elohim's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know Elohim;*
- **Galatians 5:24** *Those who belong to Messiah Yahshua have impaled the flesh with its passions and desires.*
- **Colossians 3:5–7** *Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of Elohim is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.*
- **Romans 13:11–14** *And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Master Yahshua Messiah, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.*

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SEPARATE

- **1 Corinthians 5:9–13** *I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—10 not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. 11 But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people. 12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the assembly? Are you not to judge those inside? 13 Elohim will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."*
- **Revelation 18:1-5, NASB**, *After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. 2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality." I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, My people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and Elohim has remembered her iniquities."*

