CLASS 1

Use these class materials in conjunction with the teaching videos online at resurrection.org, or on YouTube. Each class is about 40 minutes in length. These notes are quite incomplete without the video teachings. You will also learn to read Hebrew by the end of class 9 (actually sooner). The purpose of the class: to learn to read Scripture more deeply, and to become aware of its character and features in new, true and surprising ways.

This begins by realizing that people look at the Bible in a variety of common ways:

- b. some have never read it at all
- c. some have read it a bit but don’t really understand much of it
- d. some regard it as merely literature
- e. some regard it as the infallible word of God
- f. some regard it as mostly an ancient culture’s beliefs, not much relevant to us
- g. some have tried to read it and gotten bogged down or discouraged
- a. some have gleaned from it basic teachings about living a good and holy life
- h. some have found revelation and windows into Heaven
- i. some have found it to be food for the soul, and devour it every day
- j. some have found “hidden” meanings and have developed unusual theories about its origins and meanings
- k. some regard one of the Testaments as the only truly important one, and mostly ignore the other
- l. and on and on...

Whether any one or more of these describes your experience with the Bible, this class should transport you to an entirely new appreciation of what the Bible truly is, and why that matters!

We will learn a lot about the history, meaning and structure of the Torah. Torah refers to the first five books: Genesis through Deuteronomy. We will also learn how these five key books relate to all of the other books.

We will learn to see structures present in the text that are from Hebrew poetic forms, and others that are the Author’s way of drawing our attention to really important revelations. There ARE things there that are not commonly known nor understood in the church, nor revealed in normal Bible studies.
This does not mean a “secret” or esoteric teaching, nor a “Bible Code” such as in Dan Brown’s popular novel. That was fiction. But there are real elements of the stories, texts, mathematics and even the original language that reveal the extraordinary character and depth of the Author. You will discover these and learn to understand and appreciate them.

You will learn to read Hebrew, and how to use some advanced Bible study tools. You’ll learn how some common Bible names in English were actually pronounced (or left unspoken) in the original language.

This will include:

1. Basic Hebrew alefbet, nikkudim and words, including
   a. key nouns, verbs, prepositions, adjectives
   b. three letter roots
   c. DON’T BE INTIMITDATED by the Hebrew. We will learn it naturally, organically and slowly. Everyone will get it.
2. Naming and order of books, Old Testament vs Torah and Tanach
3. The order and organization of the books of the Bible, in Christian and in Jewish Bibles.
4. Importance of Torah
   a. Key verses in Torah: 10 Commandments, Akedah, Shema.
   b. Torah scroll, ark, and bima.
   c. An actual Genesis scroll
   d. Covenants of Abraham
5. Vocabulary list for Genesis 1, etc.
6. Difference between Testimony and Analysis --> Doctrine
7. Key features of the Old Testament, such as chiasmus
8. Resources, including BATKOL.com, BibleHub, Strongs, etc.
9. What Paul meant when he said “All Scripture is God-breathed.”

The lessons each week will be recorded in video and posted on line at www.resurrection.org in both video and print format. If you miss a week you can watch it before coming back the following week.

But don’t use this as an easy out from attending! Being here in person is the best and most important way to dive into and learn these amazing things!

We will start exactly at 9 A.M. each week, and quit at 9:40. Please get here a few minutes early so you can be in your seat before we begin. That prevents disruption by late arrivers, and guarantees that we all hear everything.

Remember to bring your notebook. And feel free to write notes in it on the pages that are provided. And if you find a problem, or have a question, feel free to write me at pastor@resurrection.org.

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Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

בראשית בְּרֵאשִׁ֖ית אֱלֹהִ֑ים הַשָּׁמַ֖יִם הָאָֽרֶץ׃

Strong's | Transliteration | Hebrew | English
---|---|---|---
7225 [e] | bə·rê·śît | בְּרֵאשִׁית | in the beginning
1254 [e] | bā·rā | בָּרָא | created
430 [e] | ’ē·lō·hîm; | אֱלֹהִים | God
853 [e] | ’ēt | אֵת | -
8064 [e] | haš·šā·ma·yim | הַשָּׁמַיִם | the heavens
853 [e] | wā·’ēt | וָּאֵת | -
776 [e] | hā·’ā·res. | הָאָֽרֶץ׃ | the earth

From: [http://biblehub.com/text/genesis/1-1.htm](http://biblehub.com/text/genesis/1-1.htm)

First word: beresheet, “bear - eh - sheet.”

בראשית

Its consonants:

bet ὑ
resh ῥ
alef Α
shin Ψ
yod ι
tav τ

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# Hebrew letters and vowels

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## Class 2

וְרוּחַ תְהוֹם פְּנֵי עַל וְחֹשֶׁב וָבוּ הָיְתָה וְהָאָרֶץ הַמָּיִם׃

### Strong’s Transliteration Hebrew English

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7363. rachaph

**Strong's Concordance**

**rachaph: relax**

Original Word: רָחַף

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: rachaph

Phonetic Spelling: (raw-khaf')

Short Definition: relax

**Brown-Driver-Briggs**

I. רָחַף verb **grow soft, relax** (compare Arabic "be soft"); —

**Qal** Perfect 3 plural רָחַף Jeremiah 23:9 (bones of one appalled).

II. רָחַף verb **Pi`el hover** (Late Hebrew id., compare Grünbaum ZMG xxxix (1885), 607; Syriac Pa`el "move Gently, also cherish, and brood, compare Thes§. see; connection with I. ר' dubious); —

**Pi`el** Imperfect 3 masculine singular רָחַף Deuteronomy 32:11 (poem) of vulture hovering over young; **Participle** מְרַחֶפֶת עַל שְׂדֵה יָמִים Genesis 1:2 (P); hovering over face of waters, or perhaps (see Syriac) brooding (and fertilizing), so Jer Quaest. in Gen. ed. Lag. 4 (reading 'marahaefeth), compare Di Gunk.
**Strong's Hebrew 7363**

3 Occurrences

mə·ra·ḥe·p  et — 1 Occ.
rə·ḥā·p  ū — 1 Occ.
yə·ra·ḥēp — 1 Occ.

**Genesis 1:2**

**BIB:** בְּכֵלָו אֱלֹהִים בָּרָחֲפֶת

עַל ֹּבִי

**NAS:** of God was moving over

**KJV:** of God moved upon

**INT:** and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface

**Deuteronomy 32:11**

**BIB:** שָׂיַמֵּל שֵׁרָחֲפֶת גָּזוֹלָיו

כְּנָפָיו

**NAS:** up its nest, That hovers over

**KJV:** her nest, fluttereth over her young,

**INT:** over young hovers spread his wings

**Jeremiah 23:9**

**BIB:** כָּל־רָחֲפֻּה בְּקִרְבִּי לִבִּי

עַצְמוֹתַי

**NAS:** my bones tremble; I have become

**KJV:** all my bones shake; I am like a drunken

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At the beginning of God's creating of the heavens and the earth,

to the earth was wild and waste, darkness over the face of Ocean, rushing-spirit of
God hovering over the face of the waters-

God said: Let there be light! And there was light.

God saw the light: that it was good. God separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light: Day! and the darkness he called: Night! There was setting, there was
dawning: one day.

God said: Let there be a dome amid the waters, and let it separate waters from waters!

God made the dome and separated the waters that were below the dome from the waters that
were above the dome. It was so.

God called the dome: Heaven! There was setting, there was dawning: second day.

God called the dry land: Earth! and the gathering of the waters he called: Seas! God saw
that it was good.

God said: Let the earth sprout forth with sprouting-growth, plants that seed forth seeds, fruit

trees that yield fruit, after their kind, (and) in which is their seed, upon the earth! It was
so.

The earth brought forth sprouting-growth, plants that seed forth seeds, after their
kind, trees that yield fruit, in which is their seed, after their kind.

God saw that it was good.

God said: Let there be lights in the dome of the heavens, to separate the day from the night,

that they may be for signs-for set-times, for days and years,

and let them be for

lights in the dome of the heavens, to provide light upon the earth! It was so.

God made the two great lights, the greater light for ruling the day and the smaller light for
ruling the night, and the stars.

God placed them in the dome of the heavens

1:18 to provide light upon the earth, to rule the day and the night, to separate the light
from the darkness.

God saw that it was good.

There was setting, there was dawning: fourth day.

1:20 God said: Let the waters swarm with a swarm of living beings, and let fowl fly above the
earth, across the dome of the heavens!

1:21 God created the great sea-serpents and all living beings that crawl about, with which the
waters swarmed, after their kind, and all winged fowl after their kind.

God saw that it was good.

And
God blessed them, saying: Bear fruit and be many and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fowl be many on earth! 1:23 There was setting, there was dawning: fifth day.

1:24 God said: Let the earth bring forth living beings after their kind, herd-animals, crawling things, and the wildlife of the earth after their kind! It was so.

1:25 God made the wildlife of the earth after their kind, and the herd-animals after their kind, and all crawling things of the soil after their kind.

God saw that it was good.

1:26 God said: Let us make humankind, in our image, according to our likeness! Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the heavens, animals, all the earth, and all crawling things that crawl about upon the earth!

1:27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God did he create it, male and female he created them.

1:28 God blessed them, God said to them: Bear fruit and be many and fill the earth and subdue it! Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the heavens, and all living things that crawl about upon the earth!

1:29 God said: Here, I give you all plants that bear seeds that are upon the face of all the earth, and all trees in which there is tree fruit that bears seeds, for you shall they be, for eating; 1:30 and also for all the living things of the earth, for all the fowl of the heavens, for all that crawls about upon the earth in which there is living being- all green plants for eating. It was so.

1:31 Now

God saw all that he had made, and here: it was exceedingly good! There was setting, there was dawning: the sixth day.

Chapter 2

2:1 Thus were finished the heavens and the earth, with all of their array.

2:2 God had finished, on the seventh day, his work that he had made, and then he ceased, on the seventh day, from all his work that he had made.

2:3 God gave the seventh day his blessing, and he hallowed it, for on it he ceased from all his work, that by creating, God had made.
Second word: Elohim, “El - oh - heem.”

אֱלֹהִים

Its consonants (new letters in green):

א
ל
ה
י
מ

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CLASS 3

REVIEW: We’ve learned these letters explicitly in beresheet and elohim:

bet ב
resh ר
alef א
shin ש
yod ي
tav ת

alef א
lamed ל
hay ה
yod י
mem מ

and three in passing (see below):
ayin ע
kof ק
tet ט
And these Hebrew words explicitly:

בראשית
אלוהים

And a few others sort–of in passing:

על
al – over or above

בוקר טוב!
boker tov! – good morning

And two more along the way:

ב
buh – a preposition meaning “at”

בית
and therefore at home:

בית buy-it
We’ve also learned about the nikkudim – the vowel pointings that show how to pronounce the Hebrew words, which are built only from consonants. These dots and lines appear over, under and in the middle of Hebrew consonants. Here are some we learned:

ב
bet or “buh” sound
ג
vet or “vuh” sound
ש
sin or “s” sound
ך
shin or “sh” sound
ל
lamed or “l” sound plus “o” nikkud, thus “lo”

Remember nikkudim (nih-koo-deem) is the plural of nikkud (ni-kood).
Names of God, introduction:

In Genesis 1:1–2:3 only one: Elohim, “El – oh – heem.”

אֱלֹהִים

Elohim is plural and can refer to “gods” other than God. When used this way, it takes a plural verb. When Elohim refers to the God, it takes a singular verb.

In Genesis 2:4 the name changes, and becomes

יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים

This is the first of many compound names for God, and you’ve probably heard them in songs or in sermons. Some examples are Jehovah–Jireh (the LORD provides), Jehovah–Nissi (the LORD is my banner), Jehovah–Rapha (the LORD who heals).

Most English translations follow this convention:

Elohim is rendered as God
Adonai is rendered as Lord or Master

יְהוָה

YHWH (in English characters) is rendered as LORD or Jehovah, or Yahweh. Of these, Jehovah is most certainly wrong.
Yahweh is probably also wrong.

Which brings us to a very important discussion: are these the names of God?

The answer is mostly, no. We’ll come back to YHWH in a moment. First, consider the difference between a name, and an attribute or title.

My name is George. My titles include grandson, son, father, husband, brother, nephew, uncle, priest, pastor, doctor, reverend, dean, dad and many more. Some of the titles indicate a role, others knowledge, ability or attributes. Even “Pastor George” is a title. It includes my name, but as a means of defining one of my roles.

We might casually say that Jehovah-rapha, God who heals, is one of God’s names, but more accurately it is a title describing one of his roles. Similarly, actually, with Adonai or Elohim.

If this is so, then does God have an actual name, and if so, what is it?

And I’d suggest pausing for just a moment, and considering what an extraordinary question this really is. Then consider Exodus 3:13–14:
13 But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?” 14 God replied to Moses, “I Am Who I Am.

אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה (ehyeh asher ehyeh)

Say this to the people of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.” 15 God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, יְהוָה

the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations.

This name is and was considered so sacred, so holy, that from long before the birth of Jesus it was never said aloud by anyone, except the high priest, in the Temple, during Yom Kippur. Whenever he spoke it, everyone fell flat on their faces. Since the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., and perhaps as early as 300 B.C., it is never said aloud, and in fact its pronunciation has been lost. Instead, during prayer, either Adonai אֲדֹנָי or "Hashem", הַשֵּׁם, is substituted.
CLASS 4

The Hebrew alefbet in some popular font styles:

Print:
אבגדהוזחטיכךלמםנןסעפףצץקרשת

Torah Scribe (sofer), with variations and decorations:
אבגדהוזחטיכךלמםנןסעפףצץקרשת

Noted in passing but not to learn now:

Cursive:

Rashi:

תנ-binary.com
Our alefbet so far: red we know, blue we’ve seen in passing, green we will learn soon, purple is soffit (sew-feet), the shape of the letter if at the end of a word.

א alef
ב bet / vet
ג gimel
d ה dalet
י hay
 ק vav
 ר zayin
 ס xet - the sound “ch” as in Bach can be X or KH or CH
t
י yod
 ת kaf
 כ kaf soffit
ל lamed
 מ mem
 ר mem soffit
 נ nun
 ס nun soffit
 ס samech
 י ayin
 פ pey / fey
 פ ey soffit
tzade
 צ tzade soffit
 ק kof
 כ resh
 ש shin / sin
tav
I want to do some Hebrew review and add some new concepts and examples. I’ll also show a Torah scroll up close. Next week we will look at some additional extraordinary elements of structure and message in Genesis.

爱尔
el – god, or to, or towards

על
al – over, on, above, about

Thus: God above, to above, upward, or to the sky.

נstilevei aveer l’israel
Israeli airlines but literally “highway air to Israel”
בוקר טוב!
boker tov! – good morning
Five important letters:

י
ayin – as in El Al

ך
kaf – as in Coca-Cola and boker tov!

ו
vav – the chameleon letter: and, v, ooo and oh.

ס
samech – as in Pepsi Cola. The root of the word samech means to lean upon, uphold or support. It’s also the root of semikhah, the laying on of hands of a victim or of consecration. It’s numerical value (60) is also related to the Birkat Kohanim, the priestly blessing in Numbers 6:23–27.

ט
tet – as in boker tov!
Above is a photograph of the first five verses of Genesis (Beresheet) from an actual Torah scroll. The numbers in red are not on the original, but are intended to help separate the verses, as on the following page. Note that in modern printed versions of the text in Hebrew, the letters of the alefbet are used to number verses, rather than numbers. Hence, alef, bet, gimel, dalet and hay replace 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 Now the earth was unformed and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters.

3 And God said: 'Let there be light.' And there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. {P}

JPS 1917 text, From http://www.mechon-mamre.org
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Chiasmus or Chiastic Structure in the Bible (based on the Greek letter Χ, chi)

Joshua 1:5-9, New Living Translation (NLT)

5 No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. 6 “Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. 8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. 9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

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This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

5 No one will be able to withstand you as long as you live.

Just as I was with Moshe, so I will be with you. I will neither fail you nor abandon you.  
Be strong, be bold; for you will cause this people to inherit the land I swore to their fathers I would give them. Only be strong and very bold  
in taking care to follow all the Torah which Moshe my servant ordered you to follow; do not turn from it either to the right or to the left; then you will succeed wherever you go.  
Yes, keep this book of the Torah on your lips, and meditate on it day and night, so that you will take care to act according to everything written in it. Then your undertakings will prosper, and you will succeed.  
Haven’t I ordered you, ‘Be strong, be bold’? So don’t be afraid or downhearted, because Adonai your God is with you wherever you go.”
Deuteronomy 1:1-6, New Living Translation (NLT); Introduction to Moses’ First Address

1 These are the words that Moses spoke to all the people of Israel while they were in the wilderness east of the Jordan River. They were camped in the Jordan Valley[a] near Suph, between Paran on one side and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Di-zahab on the other. 2 Normally it takes only eleven days to travel from Mount Sinai[b] to Kadesh-barnea, going by way of Mount Seir. 3 But forty years after the Israelites left Egypt, on the first day of the eleventh month,[c] Moses addressed the people of Israel, telling them everything the Lord had commanded him to say. 4 This took place after he had defeated King Sihon of the Amorites, who had ruled in Heshbon, and King Og of Bashan, who had ruled in Ashtaroth and Edrei. 5 While the Israelites were in the land of Moab east of the Jordan River, Moses carefully explained the Lord’s instructions as follows.

The Command to Leave Sinai

6 “When we were at Mount Sinai, the Lord our God said to us, ‘You have stayed at this mountain long enough.

Footnotes:
1:1 Hebrew the Arabah; also in 1:7.
1:2 Hebrew Horeb, another name for Sinai; also in 1:6, 19.
1:3 Hebrew In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month. This day in the ancient Hebrew lunar calendar occurred in January or February.

Deuteronomy 1:1-6, Complete Jewish Bible (CJB); Parashah 44: D’varim (Words) 1:1–3:22

1 These are the words Moshe spoke to all Isra’el on the far side of the Yarden River, in the desert, in the ‘Aravah, across from Suf, between Pa’ran and Tofel, Lavan, Hatzerot and Di-Zahav.

2 It is eleven days’ journey from Horev to Kadesh-Barnea by way of Mount Se’ir.

3 On the first day of the eleventh month of the fortieth year, Moshe spoke to the people of Isra’el, reviewing everything Adonai had ordered him to tell them.

4 This was after he had defeated Sichon, king of the Emori, who lived in Heshbon, and ‘Og, king of Bashan, who lived in ‘Ashtarot, at Edrei.

5 There, beyond the Yarden, in the land of Mo’av, Moshe took it upon himself to expound this Torah and said: 6 “Adonai spoke to us in Horev. He said, ‘You have lived long enough by this mountain.

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Parallelism in Hebrew:

Both Hebrew poetry and prose have a variety of ways of making a point - not usually as a proof: major premise, minor premise, conclusion. But rather with one of several kinds of parallelism to force attention to the point being made.

The first modern scholar to discuss this was the Anglican bishop Robert Lowth (1710-1787), in "De Sacra Poesi Hebræorum Prælectiones," 1753, Lecture xix.; and "Preliminary Dissertation to Isaiah," 1778, pp. 12-26), he shows how parallelism works in the Psalms and in the Prophets. The three main types he wrote about are synonymous (synonymous words or phrases), antithetic (opposite words or phrases) and synthetic (neither of those but still parallel).

Synonymous (additional lines repeat, reinforce or diversify the idea):

Show me Your ways, O Lord;
Teach me Your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all to see.
For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you.
Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth,
but the glory of the Lord rises and appears over you.
All nations will come to your light;
mighty kings will come to see your radiance. (Isaiah 60:1-3)

Antithetical: (additional lines have opposing ideas or words)

Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;
According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness’ sake, O Lord. (Psalm 25:6-7)

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Synthetic: (similar ideas but neither synonymous nor antithetical)

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline. (Proverbs 1:7)
CLASS 6

Our alefbet so far: red we know, blue we’ve seen in passing, green we will learn today, purple is soffit (sew-feet), the shape of the letter if at the end of a word.

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daleth
ה hay
ו vav
ז zayin
ית xet - the sound “ch” as in Bach can be X or KH or CH
tet
י yod
ך kaf
ק kaf soffit
ל lamed
מ mem
ぬ mem soffit
נ nun
ן nun soffit
ס samech
ע ayin
פ pey / fey
פ fey soffit
tzade
tzaddi soffit
ק kof
ר resh
ש shin / sin
tו tav
Some familiar words from Hebrew:

Mogen David Wine

Magen David

Also in flag

And in Israel:

מגן דוד אדום בישראל

Magen David Adom in Israel

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Mazel tov! מזל טוב!
amen אמן
hallelujah הללוה
noah נו
Adam אדם
Adamah אדםה
Adom אדם
Bevakesha בבקשה
Har Megiddo הר מגידו
Challah לחלה
Lechem לחם
Bethlehem בית לחם
Cherub כרוב

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STARTING with

GENESIS
gimel
dalet
nun
nun soffit
vav
vav vs nun
tsade
tsade soffit
fey / pey
tsion (zion)
xet
kaf
CLASS 7

Hebrew words we now know!
(Most links to Strong’s. Some to Wiki articles, as needed.)

1. Adam - אָדָם first man
2. Adamah - אֲדָמָה land, dirt, earth, dust, ground, soil
3. Adom - אָדֹם red, ruddy
4. Adonai - אֲדוֹנָי Lord
5. al - עַל over, above
6. aliyah - עליות ah-lee-yah ascent, immigration to Israel for Jews in the Diaspora
7. amen - אָמֵן ah-mayn so be it, truly, I agree
8. Armageddon - מְגִדּוֹן Har Megiddo mountain of Megiddo; a tell of forts
9. baal - בַּעַל bah-al owner, lord, master - can refer to any god or human official
10. babel - בָּבֶל confuse, also refers to Babylon’s capital city
11. bar - בָּר son
12. bar mitzvah - בָּר מִצְוָה son of the Law
13. bath - בַּת about 40 liters or 10 gallons liquid measure
14. bat - בָּת daughter
15. bat mitzvah - בָּת מִצְוָה daughter of the Law
17. behemoth - בָּרֶמֶת hippopotamus; large animal
18. beresheet - בְּרֵאשִׁית at (in) the beginning; Hebrew name for first book of the Torah; Genesis. Combination of ב, bet (which means at or in or for) and ראשית, beginning, chief or head (e.g. of a river, or organization)
19. bet - ב bet as a prefix means at, in or for
20. bethel - בֵּית אל house of God
22. boker tov - בּוֹקֶר טוב good morning
23. Bevakesha - בּוקֶסֶחֶה please
24. bris / brit - בְּרִית covenant; also refers to circumcision.
   Bris is the Ashkenazi pronunciation; brit is Sephardic.
25. bris milah / brit milah - מילָה בְּרִית covenant of circumcision. Bris/brit also means “to cut.”
26. by-it - בּוֹיָה home; b’by-it - בּוֹיָה at home
27. challah - חַלָּה egg-rich yeast-leavened bread
28. cherub -כְּרוּב kerub type of angel
29. chutzpah - חֻצְפָּה brave confidence, audacity
30. Coca-Cola - קולה קוקה
31. corban - קָרְבָּן offering, oblation
32. el - אל god (singular)
33. Elohim - אלהים eloheem (plural) God or gods. Means the God of Israel with singular verbs; gods with a plural verb.
34. Eretz - ארץ land, earth
35. Eretz Israel - ארץ ישראל land of Israel
36. **Galilee** - גָּלִיל, *galeel* ring or rod; a district in Israel which includes a large lake (Sea of Galilee).
37. **golem** - גָּלֶם, embryo, formless substance; recent usage: a being created by magic; a being in *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*.
38. **goy** - גּוֹי, nation, (plural *goyim*, nations). Also used colloquially to refer to non-Jews.
39. **hallelujah** - הֳלְלָוָה, praise (the) Lord
40. **Hanukkah** - חֲנֻכָּה, festival of lights, and eight day Jewish holiday.
41. **HaShem** - הַשֵּׁם, the Name. Substituted for YHWH when speaking of God.
42. **he** - הָ as a prefix means “the”
43. **hora** - הוֹרָה, circle dance of the Balkans and Israel
44. **hoshana** - הוֹשִׁיעָה, save or deliver (from harm)
45. **Israel** - יִשְׂרָאֵל
46. **Jezebel** - אִיזֶבֶל, Izebhel wife of King Ahab
47. **Joseph** - יוֹסֵף, Yoseph he adds or increases
48. **jubilee** - יוֹבֵל, yobel ram or ram’s horn
49. **klezmer** - כְּלִי זֶמֶר, *k’lee zemer*, Yiddish, literally “vessels of song,” musical instruments; refers to a style of music of Ashkenazi Jews of Easter Europe.
50. **knesset** - הַקְּנֶסֶת, an assembly; the legislature of modern Israel.
51. **kosher** - כָּשֵׁר, be fit for consumption; ritually clean
52. **l’chaim** - לַחיֵים, to life
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<td>an ancient unit of dry volume</td>
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71. pharaoh - פַּרְעֹה par-oh title of Egyptian king
72. pharisee - פֶּרֶשׁ פַּרְשֶׁ to separate, make distinct, distinguish
73. rabbi - רָבָּי רֵבִיבָּי my master (teacher of the Torah), great one
74. rachaph - רַחָף רֶחַף to relax, hover, tremble (what the Spirit did over the water in Genesis 1:1)
75. Rosh Hashanah - ראש השנה head of the year; first day of the Jewish New Year
76. sabbath - שבת sha-bat, shabbos day of rest
77. sabbatical - from sabbath, but usually meaning a year of rest
78. sabra - סָבָרָה סֶבֶר cactus prickly pear (tough on the outside, sweet on the inside); used of Jews born in Palestine, or in Israel after 1948.
79. satan - שָׁטָן sah-tahn adversary, enemy
80. seder - סֵדֶר שֵׁדֶר order, usually used for Passover Seder
81. selah - selah selah musical interlude, pause
82. seraph - שֶׁרֶף שֶׁרֶף sarap celestial being, serpent
83. seraphim - שֶׁרֶפֶּים שֶׁרֶפֶּים celestial beings, serpents
84. shalom - שלום shalom peace
85. shalom aleichem - שלום עלייכם shalom alekhem peace be unto you
86. shekel - שֵׁקֶל שֶׁקֶל a measure of weight, 11 grams; a coin
87. Shema Israel - יִשְׂרָאֵל sh’mah Yisrael Hear, O Israel! Deuteronomy 6:4
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<td>tallit</td>
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First appearance of the word love, אַהֲבָה:
He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” -Gen 22:2

A foreshadowing of the crucifixion:
For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. -John 5:46 ESV

Last time God speaks to Abraham.

Complete reversal of all of the promises made to Abraham about his son and descendants.

Abraham seems unemotional, doesn’t bargain or argue, and simply obeys.

How old is Isaac?

Isaac is not mentioned leaving the mountain.
Some depictions of the Binding of Isaac, the Akedah
Genesis 22 New King James Version (NKJV)

1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

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4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad[a] and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”

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10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

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12 And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

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**Bat Kol Institute**: a good site to learn Hebrew and study Jewish sources: [www.batkol.info](http://www.batkol.info)

**Biblios** is an online Bible study tool that include the Bible in many different languages, has instant access to Strong’s, has an interlinear in both Hebrew and Greek, and is a generally excellent site for study. The main page is at [http://biblehub.com](http://biblehub.com) but here’s a quick link to an interlinear page where you can search on a Bible verse or verses and see the English as well as the Hebrew or Greek. See screen just below. This link will take you to the Akedah, but you can then choose to go anywhere else: [http://interlinearbible.org/genesis/22.htm](http://interlinearbible.org/genesis/22.htm)
Why do we care about all of this? Paul said in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV): “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” When he said this, the only Scripture that existed was the Old Testament. Listen to Paul. He was right.

There are many Bible programs available to run on your computer, tablet and phone, including Logos, Olive Tree, QuickVerse and others. The most scholarly of them is Bibleworks. I’ve used several of the others, but I prefer Bibleworks hands down, especially for the Hebrew and Greek. It is here: www.BibleWorks.com

There are two handy Hebrew charts that will snap into a three-ring binder, one by SparkCharts, published by Barnes & Noble, which you can find here: http://www.barnesandnoble.com/s/sparkcharts-hebrew?store=allproducts&keyword=sparkcharts+hebrew

The other is Biblical Hebrew, published by Zondervan, and can be found here: http://zondervan.com/9780310262954

For beginning Hebrew, modern or biblical, the SparkChart has the most useful content. For more advanced Biblical Hebrew, the Zondervan is better.
A few other websites for learning about Hebrew and the Scriptures:

http://hebrew4christians.com is a wonderful, deep site that will keep you learning for hours.


If you have some Hebrew in a document or online that you’d like translated to English (or vice-versa), a simple and pretty good site is Google Translate: http://translate.google.com

If you want to type documents in Hebrew or other languages, and want a word processor that is well-behaved, capable, and works in many languages, including right-to-left, a good choice is at www.mellel.com

Your computer can switch to alternate alphabets, including Hebrew, as a keyboard option, if you have the fonts loaded on the computer, but the steps are too complex to list here. Google “Hebrew for Mac” or “Hebrew for PC” for instructions.

If you’d like to type in Hebrew but not install it as a keyboard option on your computer, you can do it online at: http://www.linguanaut.com/hebrew_keyboard.htm and then cut and paste the results into documents. Watch carefully because most normal word processors may reverse the words in a sentence, or the letters in a word, or make mirror images of the characters themselves.

If you want to make flash cards for yourself that work on all of your portable devices, one great site is http://www.cobocards.com/en/

There are many apps for smartphones and tablets for learning Hebrew. I think one of the best is WordPower by Innovative Language. It teaches the top 1000 words in Hebrew, by category. You can find it here: http://www.innovativelanguage.com
Do you remember the homework assignment in Class 6 to translate that other phrase on the side of the Israeli ambulance?

It’s up on the top section. Here it is:
ניידת טיפול נמרץ

It means, basically: “Mobile Intensive Care Unit,” which is just what it says in English as well, down near the bottom. You can use Google Translate to find out. The actual words mean as follows:
ניידת mobile
טיפול treatment
נמרץ vigorous

Finally, I promised on the first class that at the end you would be able to read the Shema from Deuteronomy 6:4 yourself. Here it is:
שָׁמֵע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה יִשְׂרָאֵל

CONTACT: If you need to email me, the best address is pastor@resurrection.org. I’m open to questions and suggestions!

Also, if you’d like a copy of my latest book, which goes into some depth on the Jewish roots of the Christian faith (and why it matters), and includes some interesting Hebrew words that are key to the faith, you can find it here: WhatWeBelieveAndWhy.com

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