

וְעַד	לְעַלְמֵי	יְמֵלֶךְ	אֲדֹנָי
and ever!	forever	will reign	The LORD

Write the phrase that means “forever and ever”:

Which word resembles the title of the book of Psalms?

In which word of these verses does a form of **קָדוֹשׁ** appear?
Hint: It has a prefix attached.

Did you ever notice that so many Bible sentences begin with “and”? As in, “And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying...” or as in, “And God said, ‘Let there be light.’ And it was so.” Beginning many sentences with “and” is bad form in English. When I was a kid, I even wondered why God hadn’t arranged for proper grammar on such an important project.

In reality, many Hebrew sentences begin with verbs and many Hebrew verbs have a ׀ prefix to change the tense. It is not at all bad form in Hebrew to begin sentences with ׀.

׀ as a prefix can also mean “now,” “but,” “then,” or “so.” The translator chooses. You can see how translation can tweak interpretation, and vice versa.

While we are on, “And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying...” did that “saying” ever seem awkward to you? It is there in the Hebrew because quotation marks are not! The Greeks introduced punctuation, remember. Hebrew throws in “saying” so that the reader will know that a direct quote follows.

If you have grown up thinking that the Old Testament sounded a bit clunky and cumbersome, you are going to love studying Hebrew. Hebrew is pithy, concise, and vigorous. Getting past translation clumsiness will bring the Bible alive!

not even close. **ישוע** (Yeshua) has become known to us as “Jesus.” Sometimes **י** was transliterated as an “i,” as in Israel. Israel in Hebrew is **יִשְׂרָאֵל** (Yeess-rah-ale).

When you know Hebrew, Jesus’ name is not just a collection of sounds. Every time you say **ישוע**, you hear the Hebrew word for “salvation.” This was God’s intention:

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name **ישוע**,
for he will save his people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21

Practice writing **י** :

י

Find and circle the words “Israel,” “good,” and “house” in this Bible verse:

וַיְדַבֵּר גַּם-אַבְנֵר בְּאָזְנֵי בְנֵימִין וַיֵּלֶךְ גַּם-אַבְנֵר לְדַבֵּר בְּאָזְנֵי דָוִד
בְּחֶבְרוֹן אֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר-טוֹב בְּעֵינֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּבְעֵינֵי כָל-בֵּית בְּנֵימִין

Abner also spoke to Benjamin. And then Abner went to tell David at Hebron all that Israel and the whole house of Benjamin thought good to do. 2 Samuel 3:19

You realize this means you can work sudoku puzzles with Hebrew letters, don't you? Now is your chance. To solve these puzzles, every number from 1-9 (that is, alef to tet) must be placed in each of the nine horizontal rows, each of the nine vertical columns, and in each of the nine boxes.

ט					ח	ז		ב
	ד		א	ג			ח	
ח		ו	ט			ה		
ד			ז		ה	ג	ט	
	ה						ב	
	ט	ח	ד		ו			ז
		ד			א	ט		ה
	ח			ו	ד		ג	
א		ה	ב					ח

דָּד וּוּד פּוּב כֵּיט גִּזָּא פֶּב פּוּ דוּ
 חֶטְ טִיו גּוּי דֵי הֵי בֶט חָג אָדוּה

Spell the sounds of these English words with Hebrew letters:

English word	spell it with Hebrew	English word	spell it with Hebrew
tea		use	
beet		bead	
kite		void	
ooze		coy	
heat		key	
bite		boys	
Bach		bees	
cod		dye	

Fill in the correct form of mem in these real Hebrew words:

_____ מְ _____

water

דְּבַר _____

desert

מִי _____

who

Circle the one in each line that rhymes with the first:

טוֹדָא מוֹדִים גּוֹאֵל הוֹדָה זָדוּל

בְּבִים דְּבַד בְּזַל בְּלוּם דוּם

כְּבוֹד כְּבֵל דוּטָא מְבוֹד מְלֶךְ

Read aloud:

מִי לֵב מֵיִם מוֹדָה לָם בָּם בָּם מוֹ

כֵּם טֵל לִיבוּ כָם דוּל דָם מִדוּה

דִּיל זָךְ דוּבוּ טָם מְטָ טִי אִם בוֹי

In each blank, write the number of the Hebrew word that best completes the sentence:

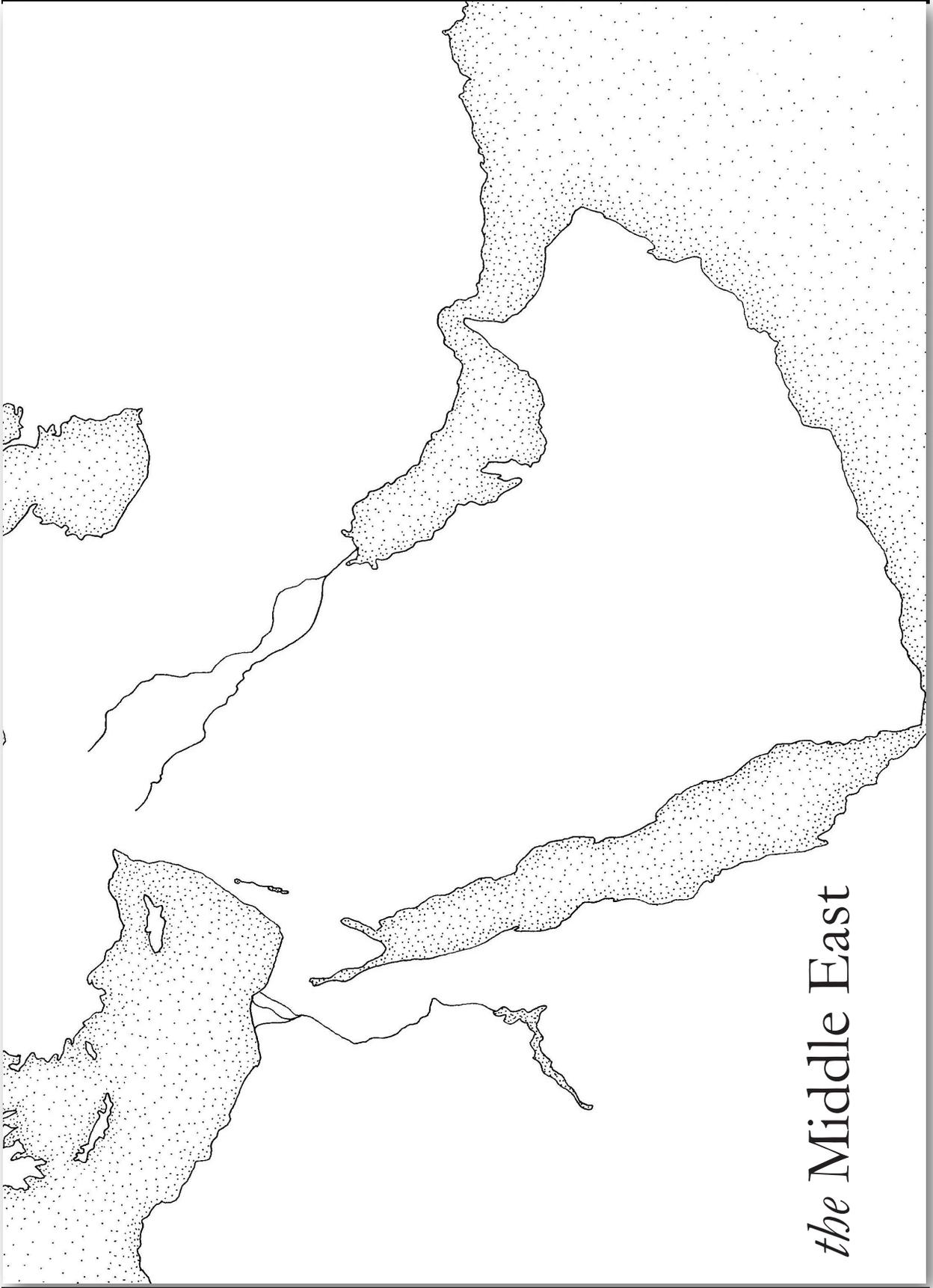
- א. אֵמֶת ב. עֵץ ג. לֶחֶם
ד. נְבִיא ה. מֶלֶךְ ו. חֲכָמָה
ז. לֹא

Henny Penny was on her way to see the _____.

She had been standing beneath a _____ when, all of a sudden, a bit of sky fell and hit her on the head! The _____ was, a nut had fallen, but Henny Penny was not what you would call “full of _____.”

Meanwhile, Little Red Hen was looking for help to bake some _____. When she asked Henny Penny as she hurried by, Henny Penny replied, “_____! Not I. I must give the king an important message!”

“Oh!” exclaimed Little Red Hen, “Are you a _____?”



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