

## It's 5782 ♦ What Will You Do In The Valley of Decision?

Life is filled with choices, but **this year our choices have the power to bring considerable change because we'll be making them in the valley of decision.** It's not going to be a mountain top type of year, there are still many battles to fight. But for those who stand in faith and refuse to walk in fear, you will find your way to a mountain top one day soon.

	
<b>Bet</b>	<b>Peh</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>80</b>

**We have just entered the year of Peh Bet, 5782 on the Biblical Calendar.** God speaks constantly, sometimes quietly, but always prophetically. He established His Biblical Calendar to help us interpret the things He has veiled. **“Yehovah Elohim has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned.”** Isaiah 50:4

Notice that it's not our mind or intellect He is awakening, but our ear, which requires nearness and intimacy with Him. And more importantly, we need to respond to His voice so He can wake us up. We need ears that can hear prophetically to be in sync with His times and seasons. When God spoke everything into existence during creation, He created building blocks – a Hebrew alphabet of 22 letters which also double as numbers. They are **predictive markers** which cause us to turn aside to look, like Moses did at the burning bush, so that we hear God's directing voice.

**Yom Teruah** (The Feast of Trumpets) occurred on September 7<sup>th</sup>, as we transitioned from the year 5781 to **5782. What do those numbers mean?** The millennium and century, 5700, mean, **“May It Be The Year Of...”**. So, **studying the 80 (peh) and 2 (Bet) will provide clarity on this year's God-breathed characteristics – what the year “is of” or about.**

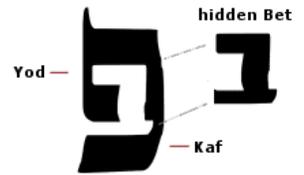


**80 is Peh and it means mouth, breath, speech, or word.** The meaning of Hebrew letters comes from the first time they are used in Scriptures. **The first use of peh in the Torah** was Genesis 4:11, when Cain was cursed for killing Able, **“Now you are cursed because of the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.”**

**So, the initial peh dealt with murder, curses, death, and the grave.** And that was just a hole in the ground. The Peh we all must overcome is the tongue, which is a fire. Still, we are called to open our mouth, speak out, and proclaim the truth. **This peh decade is about the power of agreement or declaration, and what flows from it, for good or bad.**

**And what have we seen?** Since 5780/2020, breath (peh) carried a deadly disease; mouths (peh) regularly spoke in indictment and accusation; protest brought terrible destruction; free speech (peh) has been greatly silenced; masks have been mandated to cover over mouths (peh). The phrase, “I can't breathe” (peh) became a mantra. There was plenty of murder, curses, death, and graves thanks to those who, like Cain, did not weigh the cost of their words or actions.

Looking forward, **80 (Peh)** has an intriguing connection to **2 (Bet)**. When you write the letter Peh, there is empty space inside the letter which is in the shape of the letter Bet. Bet is literally hidden within the letter Peh, which suggests that what is hidden will be exposed or unveiled. Such was the case during 5780 (peh) with the revealing of the labs in China as the source of the corona virus – and the revelation of the corruption behind the 2020 elections.



**Bet is the first letter of the first two words used in Scripture, “Bereishit Bara Elohim.../ In the beginning God created.”** The Pictograph signifies a house or tent (with a door),



introducing concepts like **building and dividing**. The letter Bet in Genesis 1:1 is also enlarged; since Bet normally means house, this enlarged Bet represents the **House of God**. This year we should expect God to move in His church to both **build and divide**.

Bet is related to the Hebrew word **shanah** which means **change or repeat**. **Two of anything presents “a choice.”** A positive change can mean a redefining of direction **that can change who you become**. Decisions can lead to **life and blessing or death and curses**; we should expect some **easy choices** but also **some very challenging ones, constant contrast, some difficult battles, and all aspects of war**.

**Bet is meant to bring a blessing**; both Hebrew words for blessing, **barukh and berakhah**, begin with the letter **Bet**. **To bless is to multiply something or someone**. It also means to **kneel** because God is the source of every blessing. Considering that **Bet is no longer hidden, but now accompanies Peh**, what prophetic significance does that bring to the year ahead? **What should we do as we face the Valley of Decisions?**

**First, Bet is the House of God**. The letter to the church of Laodicea speaks to these times, **“I know what you are doing: you are neither cold nor hot**. How I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth! **For you keep saying, ‘I am rich, I have gotten rich, I don’t need a thing!’ You don’t know that you are the one who is wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked!”**

**Lukewarmness is not a metaphor for indifference**. North of Laodicea, Hierapolis had soothing mineral-rich hot springs, that were healthy to soak in; to the south, Colossae had clean refreshing cold springs that were healthy to drink from. But by the time the water traveled six miles by aqueduct to reach Laodicea, it was tepid, unclean, and made people sick. This was also the condition of their church.

**They were out of fellowship with Jesus and didn’t realize it. Their values were more aligned with Rome than the Kingdom, but they couldn’t recognize it**. God knows exactly what we are doing. He is always near us, but we are sheep that tend to wander. **“For you keep saying...”** **They talked a good game till they began to believe their own lies** and wouldn’t let God’s truth set them free. Let’s wake up to that truth.

**“My advice to you is to buy from Me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich; and white clothing, so that you may be dressed and not have to be ashamed of your nakedness; and eye salve to rub on your eyes, so that you may see...If someone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he will eat with Me...”** I love that God is so gentle as to just “give advice”. **Let’s not fear His fire but ask for and develop ears that can hear His voice.**

**Second, Bet is contrasting choices and battle.** War is already here, and its purpose is to silence the kingdom. Revelation 17:14 says, **“These shall make war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they also shall overcome that are with him, called and chosen and faithful.”** **We win when we overcome!** Bring that to mind when it feels too hard to endure. Also remember that our enemy has just one agenda, **“to make war against the Lamb”,** and those **“with Him”**; we are his target.

Consider the caution of Matthew 24:12: **“Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold.”** The word translated as wickedness is anomia, which really implies lawlessness. The CJB translates that verse a little better, **“and many people’s love will grow cold because of increased distance from Torah.”** The coldness of love isn’t brought on because of the world’s condition, but by our distance from Yeshua (Jesus) the Living Torah (Law), and His written Word. **Don’t get separated from your sword.**

It’s true that battle is near when Bet is prominent; but it’s also true that, **“No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me,”** says the Lord.” (Isaiah 54:16-17). When the walls of Jerusalem were restored, every man worked with one hand, but kept a weapon in the other. They worked together, watching out for one another. Foundations are built deeper than the rest of the house – **step one is always to go deeper in God.**

With Bet and Peh together, this battle will be fought with our mouth. Proverbs 18 says, **“A person’s belly will be filled/satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; with what his lips produce he will be filled/ satisfied. The tongue has power over life and death; those who indulge it must eat its fruit.”** That’s powerful and kind of scary. **Our tongues have the power to create and destroy.**

Victory will be dependent on regaining lost ground: **Speaking the Name of the Father.** In that one name, Yehovah, lies blessing, power, and intimacy with the Living God. But it’s been stripped from our Bibles. Translators and English language publishers have refused to print His name 6,828 times it’s present in the Hebrew Old Testament.

The Pharisaical branch of Judaism declared the name of Yehovah was too holy to speak. But it’s too holy NOT to speak. In Isaiah 12:4 it says, **“On that day you will say, “Give thanks to Yehovah! Call on His name! Make His deeds known among the peoples, declare how exalted is His name.”** But they replace the name of the Father with “the LORD”, calling that “His name.”

At Mt Sinai, God's first three words were, **"Anokhi Yehovah Elohekha. / I am Yehovah, your God" (Exodus 20:2).** There is a powerful promise linked to speaking it in Exodus 20:24, **"In every place where I cause my name to be mentioned, I will come to you and bless you."** 2 Corinthians 3:6 says, **"He has made us sufficient ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."** **Sufficient** is the word "hikanoōas", meaning **"equipped with adequate power to perform."** **We've been made able** to drive back sickness, stop the hands of the enemy from overcoming others, and release miracles before the eyes of unbelievers. **What will you do in the Valley of Decision?**