

HOW TO EXPERIENCE TRUE PEACE

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DAY 1 – DOES GOD PROMISE PEACE ON EARTH?

We need to know what God meant when He said *peace*. The meaning of the Hebrew word *shalom*, usually translated “peace,” has great depth. It has been 2,000 years since Jesus said He would return. Did the angels miss it when they declared peace on earth?

STUDY IT

- I. We need to know what God meant when He said *peace*.
 - In 1986, God told Billye Brim to study Hebrew in the land of Israel. She did.
 - To understand what God means, we are going to learn some Hebrew.
 - Billye Brim will be reading from the book *How the Hebrew Language Grew* by Edward Horowitz.
 - The Hebrew language is made up of root words. All the other words grow from root words and become word families.
 - *Shalom* indicates the peace that comes because you’re whole; nothing about you—your physical body, your money or your mind—is broken.
 - Jesus gave you everything—*shalom*—wholeness.
- II. The meaning of the Hebrew word *shalom*, usually translated “peace,” has great depth.
 - It means more than just absence of war; it’s the whole of what God offers us.
 - Remember, it is God’s will and intention to give us all things.
 - The Lord showed Billye Brim that before Jesus returns, He is going to confront the Church for the purpose of purging sin, especially unforgiveness.
 - The sin of unforgiveness and other sins can hinder us from receiving all that God wants to give us.
- III. It has been 2,000 years since Jesus said He would return.
 - Yet, we wait and expect His coming and believe His Word where He said, “I come quickly” (Revelation 22:7, 12, 20).
 - Our response is *Amen* which means, “So be it. May this prayer come true.”
 - The Church is not going to be surprised when Jesus comes.
 - We are going to know, be purified and be ready.
 - The world will not be ready, and they won’t know ahead of time.



- We are told there will be scoffers who question when and if Jesus will return (2 Peter 3:3-4).
- God lives in eternity, which is outside of time as we know it. He can look at any event at any time.
 - As we look at time and events from God's perspective, it changes how we interpret His Word.
 - God said that one day to Him is as a thousand years (2 Peter 3:8).
 - To us, it's been thousands of years—in God's sight, it's been a short time.
- God knew man would fall from his place of glory, yet the Lord went ahead and made man, because He knew He could restore him.
- God is going to fix Adam's sin in six days. To us, it's 6,000 years.

IV. Did the angels miss it when they declared peace on earth?

- The angels announced the birth of Jesus to shepherds and said, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men" (Luke 2:8-14).
- In all the time since the angels made the declaration, there has not been peace on the whole earth.
 - God's definition of *peace* has a greater depth of meaning.
 - According to the Western definition of peace—*absence of war, peace of mind, the absence of conflict*—it hasn't happened.
- God was not saying there would be peace between men. He said God was offering peace to men—peace between God and man.
- The angels did not miss it. God wants to give you wholeness and peace with Him.

Additional scriptures: Ephesians 2:8-10; Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 90:4; Hosea 6:2;
1 Thessalonians 5:2; Ezekiel 38; Ephesians 3:17-19; Genesis 1:3;
Mark 4:3-9

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write your understanding of the difference between the peace (*shalom*) God promised and the peace the world seeks.





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DAY 2 – HOW THE HEBREW LANGUAGE GREW

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- I. At the instruction of The Lord, Billye Brim began studying the Hebrew language in Israel, and she shares with us information that will increase our understanding of God's Word.
 - Ms. Brim recommends a book to help with your study of Hebrew words.
 - *How the Hebrew Language Grew* by Edward Horowitz.
 - The Hebrew language, like everything else about the Bible, is seedtime and harvest (Genesis 8:22). God's principle is sowing and reaping. Things grow from roots.
 - Even people are shaped by the roots they develop as children.
 - Children are compared to little olive trees sitting around the dinner table (Psalm 138:3). The parents have the responsibility to protect their children's root systems and train them to be productive olive trees.
 - If your roots have become twisted, Jesus can still make you whole and give you peace with God. He will help you develop a new root system.
- II. Almost all words in Hebrew are part of a particular word family that comes from a three-consonant root word.
 - With the addition of more letters, the root word expands to makes other words that are part of the word family.
 - In each word family, the three-consonant root word is embedded in the new words. Each new word carries in it something of the meaning of the root word.
 - The structure looks like a wagon wheel, with the root word in the center, and other words of the same family as spokes to the wheel.



III. The most well-known Hebrew word is *amen*.

- *Amen* is a Hebrew root word. It expresses the hope that God will be merciful and grant your heart's desire.
 - The word *amen* has entered many languages and is used in more languages than any other word.
 - When the Bible is translated to other languages, they leave *amen* as *amen*. They do not translate it.
- See Appendix 1: Hebrew root-word wheel for *amen*.
- The root word *amen* means, "May this prayer come true," because it has the support system of God.
- Several words we use are in the family of the root word, *amen*.
 - The word *faith* comes from the root word *amen*. It takes faith for the prayer to come true.
 - The word *believe* comes from *amen*.
 - The word *truth* is from *amen*. You need the Word of God, which is truth, to believe and pray.
 - *Strength* and *right hand* are part of the word family of *amen*. God's strength will make what you are praying for happen.
- *Amen* carries the meaning of the words in the root-word family.

IV. In English, the Hebrew word *shalom* is usually translated *peace*—the peace you have because you're whole.

- *Shalom* is part of a word family from the Hebrew root word *shalem*, which means "to be whole, be complete."
- See Appendix 2: Hebrew root-word wheel for *shalem*.
- The common greeting in Israel is *shalom* which means "Are you whole? Are you complete?"
- The angels said God is going to bring peace on earth (Luke 2:13-14). They meant He's going to bring man the opportunity to have wholeness with God.

Additional scriptures: Isaiah 26:3; Psalm 112:7; Mark 4:3-9; Galatians 6:7; John 14:6;
2 Corinthians 1:20, 5:17

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray this prayer with us:

Thank You, Father, for the peace that passes understanding. I am at peace, because I am complete. I am whole! Your peace is mine through faith in Jesus Christ, and I take it now! In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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DAY 3 – SHALOM—THE PEACE THAT COMES FROM BEING WHOLE

Peace doesn't just mean the absence of war. It means peace that comes because something is whole. When people speaking Hebrew greet one another, there is the idea of welfare, health and prosperity. In the Bible, sometimes the word *peace*, or *shalom*, is translated using other words.

STUDY IT

- I. *Peace* doesn't just mean the absence of war. It means peace that comes because something is whole.
 - The root word for peace, *shalem*, means "to be whole."
 - In Hebrew, you can take a root word and make it become any part of speech: a noun, verb, verb form or tense, adjective, adverb and preposition, etc. No matter what changes you make, each new word in the word family will have the three-consonant root word inside it.
 - No matter what word you create from a root word, the new word must carry in it something of the meaning of the root.
 - Jesus told the woman with the issue of blood that her faith had made her *whole*. She now had *shalom* (Matthew 9:22).
 - She received her health, and she got back the money she had lost by paying medical bills for 12 years.

- II. When people speaking Hebrew greet each other, there is the idea of welfare, health and prosperity.
 - A greeting in Israel is *Ma shlomcha*, which means, "What is your peace?" Literally, it is the question of whether you are whole and complete. The answer is, *Tov*, meaning "good." Or *Lo tov*, meaning "not good."
 - In the root word wheel for *shalem*, there are other related words.
 - From the word *shalem* comes a word meaning "to pay." If you owe a person, they are not whole until you pay them.
 - The root of *peace* or *shalem* means "to be safe in mind, body and estate. To be complete."



- *To repay, pay again, recompense, render and be friendly* are all words from the word family of the root word, *shelem*.

III. In the Bible, sometimes the word *peace*, or *shalom*, is translated using other words.

- The words *salute, greet, fare* and more are in the word family of *shalem*.
 - The word *welfare* is also the Hebrew word *shalom*, meaning “How is your peace?” (Exodus 18:7).
 - David was sent to check on his brothers who were in the army, and to find out how his brethren fared (*shalom*). In other words, “what was their state of wholeness” (1 Samuel 17:17-22).
 - A Shunammite woman had received a son from the Lord. The son died, and she went to Elisha, the prophet. Elisha asked her if everything was well. *Shalom*? She answered, “*Shalom*,” or “It is well.” When Elisha found out what was wrong, he raised the young man from the dead. Her faith and confession (it is well, *shalom*), brought the miracle (2 Kings 4:8-37).
- Jesus came to give us peace—wholeness (John 14:27). We don’t have to beg God for anything—it’s His will to give to us.
- Just like the Shunammite woman, you have what you say. Guard your words to speak only what God says. Speak peace in every situation. Say what you want to happen; and if you don’t want it to happen, don’t say it!

Additional scriptures: Romans 10:17; Luke 2:13-14; Judges 18:15; Matthew 10:42

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write a prayer you could pray concerning your own situation of lack, whether it be lack in health, finances, relationships or other things. Remember, your prayer must contain God’s promises to you for wholeness and completeness.





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DAY 4 – GOD'S GOODNESS AND SHALOM FOR YOU

The Hebrew word *shalom* means “peace, whole, complete and sound.” The greatness of God’s goodness is available to us today through the promises in His Word. We receive everything from God by faith. Jesus said He came to give us peace—nothing missing, nothing broken, wholeness.

STUDY IT

- I. The Hebrew word *shalom* means “peace, whole, complete and sound.”
 - The Old Testament has many words that stem from the root word *shalem*. Solomon completed (*shalem*) the work on the Temple (1 Kings 7:51, *AMPC*).
 - We are a house for God’s glory, and the Holy Spirit is making us complete (*shalem*) (1 Corinthians 3:16).
 - As God sees you in Jesus, He made everything complete for you. Your faith activates this promise in your life.
 - One word from the root for peace, *shalem*, is *payment*, or *to pay*.
 - If someone commits sin against another, he must repay what was taken plus one-fifth more (Leviticus 6:1-5, 5:16, *Artscroll, AMPC*).
 - The word *restitution* or *repay*, is from the root word, *shalem*—meaning “to bring peace to the injured party.”
 - If someone digs a hole and an animal belonging to someone else falls in, the one who dug must give money to the one whose animal was killed (Exodus 21:33-34).
 - *To pay* is from *shalem* meaning “to make whole.” The one who owned the animal must be made whole.
 - When a person makes a vow to God, they shall not fail to pay it (Ecclesiastes 5:4).
 - *Pay* or *make restitution*, is also from *shalem*. The connotation in this scripture is that the one who owed never intended to pay.
 - The same Shunammite woman whose son was raised from the dead, left the country for seven years because of a famine. When she returned, she petitioned the king to restore (*shalem*) her property. As she entered, Elisha’s servant was telling the king how this same woman received a son from the Lord, and he was raised from the dead. The king restored all of her land, and any produce that came from the land while she was gone (2 Kings 8:1-6).
 - She had a covenant with God that demanded she be made whole (*shalem*).



II. The greatness of God's goodness is available to us today through the promises in His Word.

- David Baron, Russian, born in 1855, wrote great commentaries on Old Testament matters because of his great understanding of the Hebrew words.
- Mr. Baron expounded on the greatness of God's goodness (Zechariah 9:17).
 - Again, the psalmist speaks of the goodness of God (Psalm 31:19).
 - We are to honor the memory of God's goodness (Psalm 145:7).
- Mr. Baron wrote, "Goodness is that attribute of God whereby He loves to communicate [give] to all who can or will receive it. Yea, Himself who is the fullness and universality of good, Creator of all good, not in one way, not in one kind of goodness only, but absolute goodness without beginning, without limit, without measure."

III. We receive everything from God by faith.

- Our faith is based on what God has already said. We have a book of faith—the Bible.
 - Put the Word of God in your eyes and ears, and faith will go into your heart where you can use it. You use faith by speaking God's Word and acting on it.
- The way the curse works is for bad stuff to get into your life and take root.
- Don't say anything unless you want that to be in your life.

IV. Jesus said He came to give us peace—nothing missing, nothing broken, wholeness.

- We are to be sound and uninjured—another meaning of *shalom*.
- Another word from the root word *shalem* is *prosper*.
 - When you begin to take the Word into your heart and mind, you will begin to be whole without problems, debt and lack. You will prosper.
 - You have to receive it, and you can't receive something you don't know.
- The disciples knew Jesus and knew His message of hope.
 - Here's the message to you from God: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all (1 John 1:1-5). And every good and perfect gift comes from God, the Father of lights who doesn't turn from light (James 1:17).
- God wants you to have the peace that comes from being whole (John 14:27).
- We study the Bible to see what belongs to us and how to receive it into our lives.

Additional scriptures: 2 Chronicles 5:1; Job 9:4, *AMPC*; John 8:32

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make this declaration:

God has promised to give me everything that's good to make me whole, complete, healthy, prosperous and have His peace—because HE IS GOOD!

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DAY 5 – SHALOM AND PROVISION

God has everything for you, and it's limited only by your capacity to receive. Other examples of the Hebrew word *shalem* mean "to pay" or "repay." Jesus knew all these principles, and He knew the character of God. Speak what God says and receive *shalem*, wholeness.

STUDY IT

- I. God has everything for you, and it's limited only by your capacity to receive.
 - Become established in the understanding of the root word *shalem*, from which comes *shalom* (peace).
 - Another word from the root word *shalem* is *payment*, or *to pay*. You cannot be whole unless your goods have been restored to you.
 - A widow approached Elisha for help. Her husband had been one of the prophets in Elisha's school (2 Kings 4:1-7).
 - When her husband passed away, she had debts to pay, and the creditors were coming to take her sons as slaves until the debt was paid.
 - She told Elisha that she had a little oil. He instructed her to borrow as many empty vessels as she could and to pour the oil into the vessels. She obeyed, because she believed God would supply for her need.
 - She filled all the vessels with oil, and then the oil stopped.
 - God's provision did not stop until her capacity ended.
 - God provided the money for her to pay her debtors, because without their money, they were not complete (*shalem*).
 - See the character of God—He provides fullness, completeness and abundance.
 - Enlarge your faith by speaking God's Word.
- II. There are other examples of the Hebrew word *shalem* that mean "to pay" or "repay."
 - The wicked borrow and don't repay (Psalm 37:21, Hebrew translation). The word *repay* is from *shalem*, "to be whole and complete."
 - The Artscroll comments that not only will the borrower not pay, he has no intention of paying. That's the character of the wicked one.
 - The law stated that if a man's donkey falls into a pit that was dug by another man, the man who dug the pit must make restitution for the loss of the donkey (Exodus 21:33-34; Leviticus 24:18-20).



- Again, the Artscroll comments that the oral law given by God to Moses and distributed to the leaders for wise judgment stated that the restitution demanded was a monetary payment for damages.
- When the Shunammite woman returned after the famine, she went to the king and asked for restitution (*shalem*). At the same time, Elisha's servant was telling the king about the miracles that happened in Elisha's ministry. The king restored to her the land and all it produced from the seven years (2 Kings 8:1-6).

III. Jesus knew all the Law. He followed the Scriptures to the letter.

- The woman with the issue of blood determined to touch Jesus' garment so she could be *shalem*, whole— healed and restored (Mark 5:24-34).
 - She spoke her faith with words. Jesus said her faith made her whole.
 - Jesus said it three times. "Go in *shelem* (wholeness), go in *shalom* (peace), and be *shalem* (restored) of your plague."
 - She was healed of her condition, and her life was made whole, including her finances that were soon restored.
- Greek was the trade language of the day. So the New Testament was written in Greek or translated into Greek for the world to be able to read.
 - The Hebrew word, *shalem*, in the Greek is *sozo* which means "to be whole."
 - That's an all-inclusive word. *Sozo* includes salvation, healing, prosperity, everything that God gives!

IV. Speak what God says and receive *shalem*, wholeness.

- Wholeness and restitution are principles of God as found in the Old Testament with the Shunammite woman, and the person who lost a donkey because it fell in a hole.
- The devil is a thief (John 10:10). Sickness robs from you. It robs your peace and your money.
 - You can get back (*shalem*) all he has stolen from you, plus interest.
 - The process is simple. Hear God's Word, faith comes, then say it with your words. Say what God says. "I am whole. I touch His goodness by faith."
- Receive all that God has for you, today!

Additional scriptures: Romans 10:17; Matthew 5:18; Acts 16:31; John 14:24

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Partner, please contact us and share what you are learning about *shalom* and God's provision. [Click here to share your experiences](#), or [contact us on Facebook](#).

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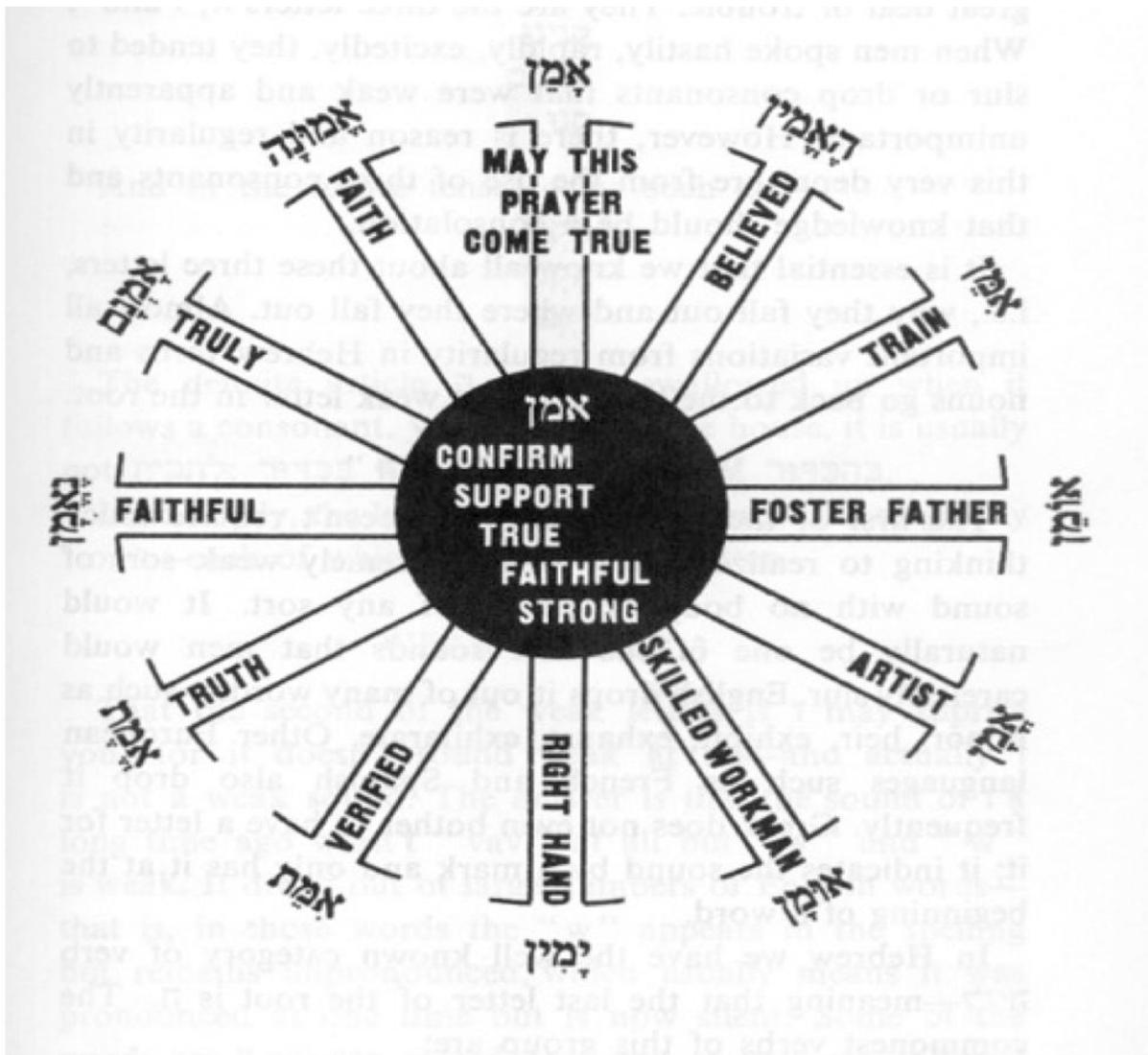
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APPENDIX I: Hebrew Root Word of *Amen*

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Example of Hebrew Root-Word Wheel: Root word: *Amen*.





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APPENDIX 2: Hebrew Root Word of *Shalem*

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Example of Hebrew Root-Word Wheel: Root word: *Shalem*

