

## THE ULTIMATE FISHERMAN – YESHUA (JESUS)



One of Faithful Performance’s primary purposes is to proclaim the Jewish roots of Jesus to the Gentiles, as well as declare to the Jews that Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah. In doing so, our ministry has a vision and hope of one complete new body spoken of by the apostle Paul, as Jews and Gentiles will live together in Messiah!

Ephesians 2:11-17: “Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”

Galatians 3:26-29, “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you *are* Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”



The Hebrew phrase, reading right to left, proclaims Yeshua (Jesus) was the crowned faithful, suffering servant (Ps. 22,53), who was bent for our transgressions as a Man, but who is returning with a sword as the crowned righteous and upright Lion of the tribe of Judah. Below are the contents of each letter and its profound significance to Messiah.

## THE NUN (Letter on the Right)



The letter Nun means to “fish,” which is a symbol that correlates to Jesus, the ultimate Fisherman, who commands us to be “fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). Nun is a symbol of faithful activity in a believer’s life (fisherman), and also the reward for faithfulness. The form of the letter Nun is a “bent Vav,” which represents a “humbled servant (man) crowned with glory (the three tagin on the head of the letter). In other words, Yeshua came as a man (Vav) and was honored by His absolute humility and suffering while on earth at His first coming (crown of thorns - Ps. 22,53).

The Gematria or numeric value of Nun is 50, which represents jubilee (yovel), freedom, deliverance, and fullness of life. Nun is also the fourteenth letter of the Hebrew aleph-bet (alpha-bet) and it equals King David, the forefather of the kingdom of Israel. Yeshua (Jesus), Messiah Ben-David, is the prophesied heir to David’s everlasting throne in Jerusalem (2 Sam. 7, Luke 1:31-37, Ps. 72).

## THE VAV (Middle Letter)



The letter Vav is a picture of a Man that means (fishing) “hook,” and it correlates to the ultimate Fisherman (Nun), Jesus (Vav), “fishing” or “hooking” mankind. Vav (Messiah) is the connecting force of God, the “divine hook” that binds together heaven and earth (John 1, 3:16).

Vav is the sixth letter of the Hebrew aleph-bet, and its Gematria or numeric value is 6, as well, which is the number of man (Gen. 1:24-31).

## THE FINAL FORM OF NUN (Left Letter)



The final form of Nun is considered a “crowned Man” (Vav) with a sword, symbolizing Yeshua the Messiah, the One True King of Israel. He is the “returning Light” equipped with the “sword of the Holy Spirit.” The sword represents Messiah as our Protector, who is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Assuredly, Messiah is perfect, who is exalted as the Righteous One and wears the Golden Crown of God upon His head and will return to earth with a sword (Isa. 63, Rev. 14, 19).



In summary, reading from right to left, Yeshua (Jesus) was the (right letter) “bent faithful Vav” (humbled servant/man) crowned with glory (the three Tagin on the head of the letter). He came as a man (Vav –middle letter), honored in His absolute humility and ultimate sacrifice while on earth at His first coming (crown of thorns), and He is now exalted as the Righteous One who wears the Golden Crown of God upon His head. He will return as the conquering Lion of the tribe of Judah with a sword.



Matthew 4:19

**“Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me,  
and I will make you fishers of men.’”**

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם לְכוּ אַחֲרַי וְאֶעֱשֶׂה אֶתְכֶם לְדִיגֵי אָדָם:

Did Jesus (Yeshua) celebrate Chanukah? How does the Chanukiah (above) correlate to Him?

John 10:22-30, “At that time the Feast of the Dedication (Chanukah) took place at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me. “But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. “I and the Father are one.”

The apostle John records that Messiah went into the Temple during the Feast of Dedication, or Chanukah, which is where the festival would have occurred, and He was surrounded by many people. Subsequently, Messiah clearly identifies Himself as one with the Father, God Almighty, and as such has ultimate authority over all things.

Chanukah has significant relevance to Yeshua’s prophetic timeline. It is very probable that He was born during the Feast of Tabernacles (Luke 1-2), which is Tishri 15-21. These dates usually

occur on the Julian/Roman calendar in mid/late September or early October. When we count back nine months, September, August, July ... it calculates to December-January! Messiah was conceived during the celebration of God's miraculous victory over evil at the Festival of Lights/Feast of Dedication, and born during the harvest celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot). In this amazing divine appointment, God sent THE Light of the world into the world during the Festival of Lights!



Psalms 119:105

**“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”**

נר לרגלי דברך ואור לנתיבי:

When we review the traditional celebration of Chanukah, which centers around the lighting of the Chanukiah, or special nine pointed candelabra, we can see a beautiful prophetic symbolism. This candelabra is similar to a menorah, except that it has nine points instead of seven. The center point is generally higher than the rest, and holds the shamash, or servant candle. This candle is used to light all of the other eight candles, one on each evening of Chanukah, and a blessing is recited with the lighting of each candle. Each night the Chanukiah becomes brighter and brighter, as the shamash lights more candles, until the 8th night when the entire Chanukiah is lit, with the shamash standing tall. The Chanukiah is not supposed to be used for illumination of any task or room, but rather to be set apart and used only for reflection upon the great miracle of God.



Equivalent to the shamash candle, Yeshua first came as the servant Messiah (Mashaich ben Joseph (Ps. 22, Isa. 53). He came not only to be a servant, but to teach us to be servants, as well.

Matthew 20:25-28: But Jesus called them over and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles dominate them, and the men of high position exercise power over them. It must not be like that among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life — a ransom for many.”

At Messiah’s second coming, when He comes as the Mashiach (Messiah) ben David, or conquering Messiah, He will stand tall and reign with his people.

Revelation 11:15: “The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah, and He will reign forever and ever!”

Jesus also identifies Himself as the light of the world.

John 8:12: Then Jesus spoke to them again: “I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows Me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.”

John 9:5: “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

And not only is He the light of the world, but though Him as the servant Messiah (shamash), we are also the light of the world!

Matthew 5:14-16: “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Therefore, through the candle lighting celebration, we can see Messiah, the servant (Shamash), the light of the world, serving others through His sacrifice on the cross. He is lighting our lights, and each night this light gets brighter and brighter, until our whole being and the the whole world will be filled with the light until there will be no darkness left!