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The letter *Lam*

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Summary

Name: *Lam*

Pronunciation: 'L' as in *Lemon*

Picture: Shepherds Staff

Meaning: *Staff, Teach, Authority, Yoke, Bind, Towards (change direction)*

Numerical Value: 30

The **twelfth letter** of the Ancient Hebrew Alphabet is **Lam**, in Modern Hebrew it is called – **lamed**. The picture of the letter represents a **shepherd's staff**. The staff was a **symbol of authority** over the sheep.

Shepherds used their staffs for **directing** (guiding) and **protecting** their sheep. The staff had a hooked end that was used to push or pull the sheep in order to lead them in a new direction. The staff, which was used for leading, could also be turned into a weapon to **defend** the flock against predators.

The word *Lamed* does not appear in the Hebrew bible. A verbal root that is closely related, *Mamad*, appears in **Judges 3v31** and is translated as *goad*. **Goad** means to *drive (an animal) with a spiked stick or to provoke (someone) in order to stimulate an action or reaction*.

The word *Melmad* comes from the root *Lamad* meaning **to teach through driving in a direction by thought or actions**.

A staff was also used to **yoke** animals to each other or to their shepherd. A yoke was placed on the sheep's shoulders.

Isaiah 9v4 refers to the yoke (staff on their shoulders) of Yisrael that YHUH will break. In verse 6&7 it prophesies about our coming Messiah. **He Himself said that His yoke is easy and His burden is light**. Yahusha is indeed the good shepherd that guides His sheep with patience, love and care.

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Lets look at the deeper meaning of the spelling. The name of the letter, **Lam**, is spelled **Lam** (*Shepherds staff*) + **mem** (*water/might*) = **Staff of Might**.



MEM

LAM

LAM =
MIGHTY STAFF

Different forms of the letter Lam:



Hear, Accept, Love, Do.... Shima

ANCIENT HEBREW



LAM

MIDDLE SCRIPT



LATE SCRIPT



MODERN



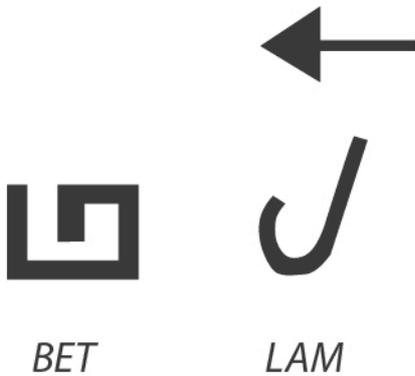
LAMED

'L' as in *Lemon*.

The **middle script** letter did not change much. It was adopted by the Greeks as their letter *Lamda* and also became the Roman letter 'L'.

An example of a word that begins with the letter *Lam*:

Lav [l-av] = Heart / Think



LAV=
Heart / Think

The word **Lav** is spelled *Lamed* + *Bet*. If we look at the meanings of the pictures it says: '*Authority inside*'. The consciousness of man is seen as coming from deep inside the chest, the heart. The word says '*As a man thinks in his heart, so he is.*' **Prov 23v7**

The letter *Lam* is also used as a **prefix** to nouns and can mean **for, to, toward, belonging to**. Many of the ancient royal seals that have been discovered reads '*Le'Melech*' which means '*Belonging to the king*'.

The numerical value of *Lam*

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Lam has the **numerical value** of **30**. We have studied the symbolic meanings from 1-10. When we start looking at **multiples of 10** we are determining if something can be **accepted or rejected** according to the *base number's* symbolic meaning (1-9).

The **number 3** means to **conform**, thus $3 \times 10 = 30$ means to be **acceptably conformed** if it is used in a positive context. If it is used in a negative context, it means to be conformed to this world.

Rom 12v2 "And do not be **conformed** to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you prove what is that good and well-pleasing and perfect desire of Elohim."

When we look at the Torah, a Levite was not allowed to become a **serving Priest** until he **turned 30**. (Num 4v3). The Scriptures gives us many examples of **rulers** who was only **ready to reign** when they turned **30 years of age** – **Yoseph, David and Yahusha** (Gen 41v46, 2Sam 5v4). This is also symbolic – **we cannot rule and reign in the Kingdom of YHUH if we are not first transformed to His image** (Rom 8v29).

We will be tested by YHUH's word and go through trials and tribulations, in the same way Yoseph, David and Yahusha were tested.

If we look back at the meaning of the letter **Lam** – it can mean *authority*. The link for me between *Lam* and 30 is that you become like the one you serve... **you are conformed to the authority** that you submit to.

We need to choose to make Yahusha the authority in every area of our life and conform to His example and His will.

Shalom
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Hear, Accept, Love, Do... Shima