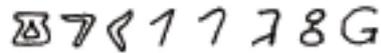


Hebrew for the Goyim

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ג Gimel (“guh” sound)



Look at the human body. The best explanation for the origins of letters may be found in the *instrument* of the *human voice* and the *human body* itself. Make all the sounds possible with your voice, tongue and throat. Write the letters you already know for these sounds. Add simple drawings for a few body parts. Voila! You have the basics of the alphabet.

Gimel. This third letter (ג) is a guttural sound like the “g” in “go” and is a *sign* or symbol for the throat itself. Ugarit is a “language proved to be related to Hebrew;” the letter for gimel looks much like a conduit or funnel. It probably represented the *sound* the throat *made when swallowing*. The sound “GU” meant *voice* or *sound* in cuneiform and the hieroglyph or sign for “g” was a vase-like drawing with two necks as shown in the diagram above.²

Conduit or channel. The very word for *camel* (גמל) gives clues to its origins. *Gimel* refers to a sort of *holding-tank*, *pipe*

conduit or *channel*. The camel’s long hollow neck is a *conduit*. The camel stores up water in his *gimel*. *Gamala* (גמליה), the word for “bridge,” is a conduit to go *through* or *over*. *Gimel* was perhaps a hieroglyph for “boomerang,”³ and suggests “What you throw out comes back,” or, “What you save up determines your resources.” Same ideas!

Relates to organs and their actions.

As a specific sign of the throat, *gimel* also relates to corporeal organs and their actions and is a *conduit* or *agency* which either:

- *contains* something, or
- *allows something to flow through it*.

As an *organ* that stores or allows passage, *gimel* is an instrument that permits either life or death to go through. Think of it. Many *body parts* are conduits. The *throat*, *stomach* and *intestines* are physical conduits. The mind is an abstract conduit. Good or bad alike can go through all these conduits. DNA has shown us the lasting effects of that

which goes through the “gimels” of procreation. Pipes flow with clean, life-giving water or with deadly chemicals. Storage tanks contain clean or brackish water. Conduits also can be left empty, where nothing flows through. Using these ideas, let’s combine *gimel* with other letters.

Join with other letters. The two letters (גא) join the potential power sign of *alef* to the organic sign *gimel*. This root refers to ideas of *augmentation* or *magnitude* (note: the *a* and *g*). In the word for *genius* (gaon גא), *alef* (א), the power of God or God’s power in man created in God’s image, flows through a conduit/agency (ג). Is there a better way to describe a genius?

- *Gan* (גן) means *garden*, as in the *gan* of Eden. Perhaps an agency for life?
- *Goel* (גול), a *conduit/agency* (ג) for *God* (*el* - אל) is the word “redeemer.” Wow!

One meaning of *gav* (גב) is a literal *pit*, a *cistern*, a *holding conduit*. However, turn *gav* around and you have a *bog* (גב) — a

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gimel flowing back inwardly, into itself (ג). This backward flow then *spoils*, like bad meat, like the Dead Sea with no outlet, like a plugged up sewer. This word is found in *only one place* in the Bible, in Ezekiel 25:7:

“Because you clapped your hands and stamped your feet against the land of Israel, I will stretch out my hand against you and give you as a *bog* (ב) to the *goyim* (nations)” (emphasis mine)

God takes the *gimel* of the enemies of Israel, stops it up and turns it back to fester and spoil. It’s like spitting in the wind. For these self-described enemies of God, he will do to them what they planned for Israel — just as he will do to those who clapped their hands over the World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies. What goes around comes around.

- *Goof* (גוף), *gimel* before *pay* (a *final peh*), the form of this letter at the end of a syllable is pronounced *feh*) is an *agency*, a holding tank with a mouth (פ *peh*). It’s a hilarious way to define the word *body*.

What is a goy? Let’s examine the word *goy* (גוי) and its plural *goyim* (גוים).

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Like most people think, *goyim* (plural) means a *lot of non-Jews*. Right? Wrong!

This same word *goyim* has been translated as *gentiles*, *nations* and sometimes *heathen*. It is true that whatever a *goy* is, *goyim* is the plural. But it is also true that in no way does *goy* mean a non-Jew.

To begin with, the word *goy* begins with a *gimel*, so it relates to a *conduit*, an agency to contain something or for something to pass through.

A conduit is basically a neutral thing — think about it. It is *what goes through it* that makes the difference — what is going through it is either *good*, *bad* or *indifferent*. Later we will study the other letters in this word *goy* (*vov* ו and *yod* י), but for now consider this.

- The letter *vov* (ו) is not so much a letter as it is a *determinative*. It is like a *nail* that holds two things together. It is a sort of mysterious knot that unites or brings *nothingness* into *somethingness*.⁴

- The letter *yod* (י) is the sign for “hand” or “arm” expressing *manifestation*, a sign that ideas are linked, brought together, brought in to actuality.

- Put *gimel*, *vov*, and *yod* together (גוי) and the result is the word *goy*, which carries the idea of *linked, manifested human conduits*. A *goy* is a linking *agency* to the future. A *reservoir* to hold something. A *channel* to pass something along. What better way to express the concept of a person, a family, a tribe or a group of people! What better way to express what a *nation* is!

The conduit itself is neutral.

Remember *gimel* (ג) as a conduit has potential to store or transmit either good or bad. A *body* can contain or pass along either clean food/water or harmful drugs. A *mind* can allow either truth or lies to go through. *Gimel* can flow with a blessing or a curse. The future is influenced either way. This is true of an *individual conduit* (*goy*) or a *whole group of people* (*goyim*). Individuals or groups can be conduits of hope, peace, truth and blessing to future. Individuals or groups can also store up and pass along hate and evil to harm the future.

- A well-known prayer in the older Synagogue Prayer books is, “*Blessed are you Yahweh God, ruler of the universe, that you did not make me a goy.*”⁵ Actually it says, “...that you did not make me according to the *goyim* of the land.” Is this prayer in line with the Torah, the Bible, the Sefer (book) Moses passed on to Yahweh’s people? Absolutely not!

- In Genesis 12:1, Yahweh told Abraham, “I will make *you, Abraham, a great goy*” [a *goy* (גוי) *gadol* (גדול)]. *Gadol* means big, large or great — in other words, a *goy* (ג) that keeps multiplying (ר) without limit (ל). **But wait a minute!** *Can Abraham be a goy?* Isn’t Abraham the father of the *Jewish* people? That’s right! However, it was Moses who wrote down in the Torah that God told Abraham he not only would be a *goy*, but he would be a **great big goy?**

In fact, look at these Biblical passages:

- Yahweh told **Abraham** (Gen. chap. 12 -17) that, as a great **goy**, he would

father **MANY goyim**.

- **ALL** the *goyim* of the whole earth will be blessed through Abraham.

- After Aaron and the Israelites had made a golden calf while Moses was up receiving the Laws, Yahweh told Moses, “...let me consume them and I will make you (Moses) a great **goy**” (Exodus 32:10).

- **Israel** is told they will be a *light to the goyim* (Isaiah 49:1).

- **Jeremiah** is told he will be a *prophet to the goyim* (Jeremiah 1:5).

- **Jacob** was told by God, “Israel will be your name....A *goy* and a *congregation of goyim* shall come *through* you” (Genesis 35:11) Therefore,

- Israel is a *goy*!

In fact, we are all goys. *Imagine that!*

Abraham was called to be a *great goy*, a conduit of light and truth to **ALL goy groups on earth**. He was to be a **link** between God and **all** people. He would father a *conduit group* to carry the truth forward. An agency of *light* for **all** people.

Why? For what purpose?

“So that **every individual** (*goy*) **and nation** (*goyim*) of mankind ... *might seek God.*” (Acts 17)

What did Jesus say about this? Jesus gave final instructions before he returned to the Father.

- “Go, teach **all** the *goyim.*” (Matt. 28:19)

- “Share the good news about God with **all** groups of the world.” (Matt. 24:14)

It is *not* supposed to be an ethnic or racial thing. It is *not* supposed to be exclusive. It is to be good news. And it is to go to everyone, everywhere. After all, if God is real and God is good, why not share it! Come on now, everybody! **Be a good goy!** 

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