

THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL'S FLAG

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Dan 2:47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and **a revealer of secrets**, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.

1. **There are many mysteries in the Bible, which God reveals to His Saints.**

Col 1:26 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

2. **The Church is a steward of the Mysteries of God.**

1Co 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

KEY WORDS

1. **The Shama**: The fervent declaration of the unity or the oneness of God, which is at the very heart of Judaism. Israel was commanded by God to keep this truth uppermost in their lives, the Shama is taken from Deut. 6:4

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

- a. **The shama is the watch word of the Jews**, It is the first prayer taught a young Jew and it is the last words on the lips of a Jewish person on his deathbed.
- b. **And from the scripture verse, Duet. 6:4** “Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord.” Which is composed of six

Hebrews Words so in quoting the Shema they point to six points in the Shield of David.

2. **The Mangel David**: The Mangel David is also called the Shield of David, or the Star of David.
3. **The Tallith**: The Prayer Shaw that they wrap themselves in when they pray.
4. **The Shem Ha-Meforash**: Is the indescribable name of God (incapable of being expressed in words.) **The Ineffable which means**: Too overpowering to be expressed in words; too lofty or sacred to be uttered. The name of God was first revealed unto Moses as I AM and later by JHVH (Exodus 3:13-15).

Exo 6:2 And God spoke unto Moses, and said unto him, I *am* the LORD:

Exo 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

- a. **Thus Moses received the revelation of the most holy name of God which is commonly translated “Jehovah.”** However the Hebrew used no vowels, and therefore that name was written with consonants only. JHVH, Outside the Sanctuary it must be paraphrased and pronounced as **Yahweh or Adoni which means the same as the English translation of Jehovah which means Lord.**
- b. **Various substitutes were devised, because the people thought the name of God s a thing too sacred to utter.** That’s why Yahweh and Adoni became more popular.
- c. **The Shema is at the heart of the Jewish religion, so the Sem Ha-meforash is at the very heart of the Shema.** And both of these are symbolized by the Mangel David, or the Star of David.

- d. **The Star of David with the inscription “Jaweh” in Hebrew Characters.** The star itself represents the power of Jaweh, which reaches, to all corners of the earth.

ISAIAH’S PROPHECY CONCERNING ISRAEL

Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for **an ensign (a flag or a banner)** of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Isa 11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

Isa 11:12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

1. **The Word ensign means:** A distinguishing flag or banner, especially a national standard.
2. **This flag that is set up has a far and more divine meaning that is apparent to the natural eye.**

REBIRTH OF ISRAEL

1. **One of the wonders of the twentieth century is the nation of Israel.** The re-gathering of Israel and it becoming a nation in 1948, is one of the main prophecies concerning the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. And is the fulfillment of Ezek 37; Jer. 30-10-11.

Mat 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh:

Mat 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.

Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

2. **God gave Israel and the land of Palestine** “for an everlasting possession” (Gen. 17:8; 48:4). Except for a period of approx 430 years when they sojourned in Egypt and years in captive they have been scattered until the formation of the re-gathered nation of Israel.

Gen 17:8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Gen 48:4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee *for* an everlasting possession.

THE FORMATION OF THEIR FLAG **(THE TALLITH - Prayer Shaw)**

- a. **When David Ben Gurion read the Declaration of Independence** of the State of Israel on Friday, May 14, 1948, the nation of Israel came into being.
- b. **Strangely enough, a flag had not been chosen at the birth of the nation of Israel.** Six months later a flag was chosen and adopted.
- c. **When the national flag was officially determined,** it was to be the flag of the Zionist movement, consisting of a white rectangle, with two blue stripes along its entire length and a Shield of David in the center made up of six stripes forming two equilateral triangles.
- d. **The Blue represents the sky above Palestine,** the white the purity of the Zinist Idea. The blue and white is the tallith (prayer shawl) with which they wrap themselves when they pray.
- e. **The six-pointed star** (know) is also called the “Star of Creation.”
- f. **The Six points referring to His attributes:** Power; Wisdom, Majesty, Love, and Justice.

THE TWO TRIANGLES

1. **Upon close examination it can be seen that the Magen David**, that is in the center of their flag has a six-pointed star composed of two Equilateral triangles.
2. **This strange distinctive formation** of two triangles intertwined has a profound and very wonderful meaning with the Jews.
3. **This sacred Star of David**, and the intersecting double triangle has been interpreted as symbolizing the love of Man for God and the love of God for man.
4. **The relationship between God and man** was perfect and beautiful in the beginning. God walked with Adam in the cool of the day. No sin marred their fellowship there was a beautiful oneness illustrated by two intertwined triangles of the Shield of David.
5. **When sin entered into the Garden of Eden the fellowship between God and Man was broken.** The perfect intertwining of the two triangles was shattered: it was as though they were wrenched apart.
6. **Isaiah Declares:** Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you and he will not hear” **Isaiah 59:2**. In his fallen sinful state, man is “without Christ...having no hope and without God in this world” (**Eph. 2:12**).

THE HUMAN TRIANGLE

1. **Man was made in the image and the likeness of God** (Gen 1:26-27).
2. **Made up of three components:** Body, Soul and Spirit.

3. **Paul Said** in **1 Thess. 5:23**, “I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. **Many people look upon man as a physical being but the body is merely the house in which the real man lives.**
5. **Three parts of man may be observed from the story of mans creation (Gen 2:7).** “And the Lord God formed man (body) of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (Sprit and man became a living soul.”

THE DIVINE TRINGLE

1. **The Jews hold steadfast to the adherence to the truth of the absolute oneness of God.** And they use the intersecting of two triangles in the Shield of David to represent their God and Messiah.
2. **The three sides of the triangle of the Star of David** is the three ways that God from the Beginning manifested himself.
 - a. In Creation
 - b. In Revelation
 - c. In Redemption
3. **The Beginning of Creation shows in three ways**

“In the beginning God (Creator) created the Heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God (Spirit) moved upon the face of the waters. And God said (Word), Let there be light; and there was light” (Gen. 1, 2).

4. **These three manifestations of that One God are often mentioned in the Scripture.**

1Jn 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

1Jn 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

THE INTERTWINING TRIANGLES

1. **Man in his sinful state cannot bridge the gap to a Holy God.** Therefore God must come down to man. He became like us that we might become like him.

2. That is exactly what happened when Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem. God and man became one in Jesus Christ. “Thou shalt call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us” (Matt. 1:23).

3. The merging together of two triangles forming the Magen David. The Upper Triangle, which was God, came down to man, and took the form of a man, the lower Triangle. That is exactly what happened when Jesus came.
 - a. He took upon Himself the form of man (Philip. 2:7).
 - b. He came in the likeness of sinful flesh (Romans 8:3).
 - c. A body of flesh was prepared for Him (Heb. 10:5).
 - d. This Body was to be the seed of women (Gen 3:15).

4. Before He was born the Holy Ghost appeared unto Mary and said, “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (or the flesh of God) Luke 1:35.
 - a. That body that God Tabernacled Himself in was made of a woman for Himself to dwell in which made him both God and Man.

1Ti 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.