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Hebrew Alphabet Studies:

"lamed" meaning 'oxgoad,' 'learn' or 'teach'
(Strong's Exhaustive Concordance # 3925)

"L" (in English) 

The word for 'heart' in Hebrew is 'lev' or 'leb' 

(the word picture here is the HEART is a
 HOUSE ('bet') of LEARNING ('lamed')

'Lamed' at the beginning of a word means 'to' or 'toward.'

Lamed also is used for the number 30.



An unusual tree shaped a little like the letter 'lamed.'

The oxgoad (lamed) was used to direct the ox for the purpose of instruction. The letter lamed is the foundation of the word lamad, which means both teaching and learning. The letter itself looks like a shepherd's staff. It is the tallest of the Hebrew letters.

In the Garden of Eden, the tree of the knowledge of good & evil bore fruit that had power to cause those who ate of it to no longer live by their God-given instincts (as do the rest of creation), but to become their own 'gods' with the knowledge to choose evil or good and, hence, bear the consequences. Since animals have never eaten from that tree, they need not fear eternal damnation—as do people.

The Trees in the Garden of Eden are personified in Ezekiel 31.

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28 Old Testament Trees with Strong's Concordance numbers

- 7848 Shittah (**Acacia** Tree)
- 418 **Algum** Tree (sticks were called algum)
- 8247 Shawkad (**Almond** Tree)
- 8598 Tappuwach (**Apple** Tree)
- 766 Oren (**Ash** Tree)
- 8391 T'Ashuw (**Box** Tree-a cedar)
- 6916 Qiddah (**Cassia** Tree)
- 730 Erez (**Cedar** Tree)
- 6196 Armone (**Chestnut/Plane** Tree)
- 7076 Qinnomon (**Cinnamon** Tree)
- 8645 Teerzah (**Cypress** Tree)
- 424 Elah (**Elm/Teil** Tree)
- 8384 T'aynah (**Fig** Tree)
- 1265 Berosh (**Fir** Tree)
- 3828 Lebonah (**Frankincense** Tree)
- 3869 Looz (**Hazel** or other nut Tree)
- 1057 Baka (**Mulberry** or **Balsam** Tree)
- 1918 Hadaz (**Myrtle** Tree)
- 437 Elyown (**Oak** Tree)
- 2132 Zayith (**Olive** Tree)
- 8558 Tamar (**Palm** Tree)
- 8410 Tidhar (**Pine** Tree)
- 992 Boten (Nut, probably **Pistachio** Tree)
- 7416 Rimmon (**Pomegranate**)
- 3839 Libneh (**Poplar** Tree)
- 8256 Shiqmah (**Sycamore** Tree)
- 815 Ashel (Grove or **Tamarisk** Trees)
- 6851 Tsaphtsaphah (**Willow** Tree)

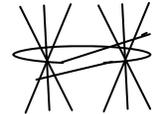
(Also, 25 trees have been found encoded by equidistant letter sequences in Genesis 2)



Chinese Tree-Words:

The most ancient form of the Chinese written pictograph language, called 'Oracle Bone' Chinese, has the following interesting words:

The word for **NO** has two trees with a snake around them.



The word for **COVET** has two trees with a woman.



The word for **RESTRAIN** has a tree & a mouth.



It appears that the first written language was penned by folks familiar with the events of Genesis 2-3.

"And he (the godly man) shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his FRUIT in his season, his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."
Psalm 1:3

LEARNING ABOUT LIFE FROM THE TREES

Marriage



"...and they two shall be one flesh." Ephesians 5:31c

Growing



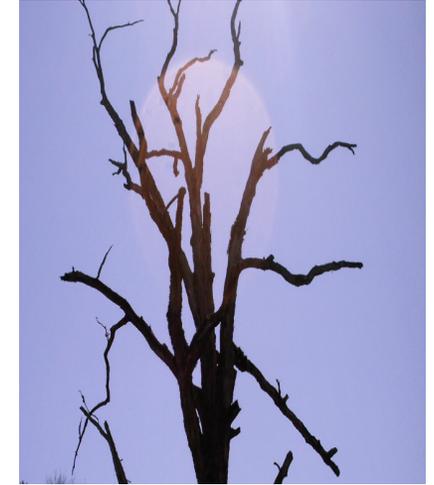
"Two are better than one..." Ecclesiastes 4:9a

Standing



"...having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:13c

Finishing



"For I am now ready to be offered..." 2 Timothy 4:6

Bondage



"Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers..." 2 Corinthians 6:14a

Separation



"But, if the unbelieving depart, let him depart..." 1 Corinthians 7:15

Persecution



"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ not only to believe on Him—but also to suffer for His sake." Philippians 1:29

Judgment



"And, if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" 1 Peter 4:18