

# MEZUZAH

## THE SHIN/SHEEN..DESTROYER CONNECTION



In order to fully understand what the mezuzah represents, we must take a moment and delve into the Hebrew letter shin. The pictograph of the letter "shin" is that of two front teeth. It means sharp, press, eat, two, destroy.

The literal meaning of shin is "tooth", to consume. The fire of Yah devours all His enemies. Shin is connected to light and heat.

Shin spelled out is "shin nun". If you add the letter tet (snake in a basket) to the word shin, you have Satan: "the all consuming fire that surrounds life". The devil surrounds life like a snake and squeezes it out so it cannot manifest in people, so they remain in bondage, restrained, in slavery to his evil ways. Yah wants us to have abundant life, Satan wants to control your soul power (life), so that you can not use it to bring glory to the King Of Kings.

The letter shin is what the Levitical priests formed when they put their hands/fingers together in a certain way when they pronounced the Aaronic blessing. It kind of looks like an upside down spade with a "V" above it (resembling a "W"), on both sides. It was said that the shin pictograph represented the two sets of five curtains in the tabernacle coming together. It is also said that the light of Yah would come through the center spade shaped area through to the people. The center area represents the shek'hinah (glory) of the Holy of Holies. The glory of Yah would fall upon the people when the curtains of the tabernacle were opened.

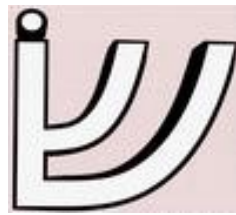
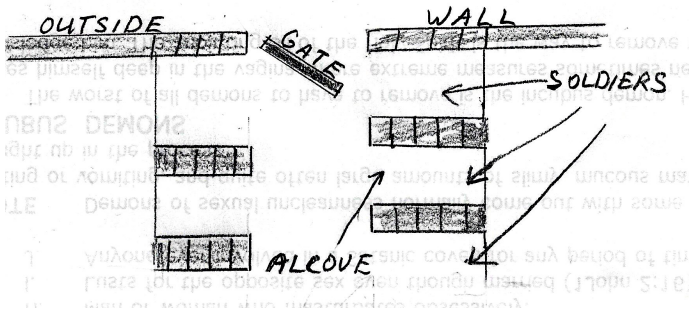


Anyone over the age of fifty remembers the popular TV program called Startreck, about people going all over the universe in a space ship called Enterprise. The wise man of the group was named Spock. Spock often held up his right hand and made a strange signal with his separated fingers, creating a V in between them. Spock, although few know this, was a Jewish man who used this Aaronic blessing symbol as his way of

identifying himself in the series.

### Who is the destroyer?

**EI Shaddai**



In the name EI Shaddai (shad-dah-ee..07706), which comes from the root word "shadad" (07703), we see the letter shin. It is the only letter that is connected by itself. In

the name El Shaddai (aleph lamed, shin, dalet, yod), we have "the leader of instruction, the all consuming fire that **opens the door of power**". "Yah, **my destroyer**". We are not fighting the battle, He just wants us to recognize that we are in one. He fights the battles for us if we are obedient to His word. If you realize you are in a war then He can fight through you. If you don't even realize your in a war, how can you destroy your enemy.

### **Alcove**

In ancient times the outside city gate opened up to a main lain which had 2-3 alcoves on either side of the passageway. These indentations in the walls are where the soldiers would stand during a battle in case someone broke through the gate. Upon entrance threw the city gate, these intruders were immediately confronted with soldiers who would come out of their alcove and destroy anyone who dared enter. They were destroyers, protecting the community as a whole, the city. As depicted in the above sketch, the alcoves and their walls look like two shin letters facing each other (teeth) when rotated. **"The teeth that destroy with power"**.

The great leaders, warriors of that age, were gauged on how quickly their soldiers could break threw the city gate and overtake the destroyers hidden in the alcoves just inside the gate. If they could power threw the gate and overwhelm the destroyers quickly, they were known as great and mighty commanders. The word "Almighty" God comes from this idea. The Almighty Yah; "El Shaddai", could break through the barriers, bondages, gates of evil to come and set His people free. He was and is the "Mighty Deliverer". There is no door, no gate to any power that exists that He cannot blow open and siege for us, if we love Him and obey His word.

Shaddai is the letter shin. Every mezuzah you see has the letter shin on it which represents El Shaddai. When we understand the idea of the destroyer shin letter, we realize why when we establish the mezuzah (shin) on the outside of our homes, it stands for two distinct and different things:

- 1) Anyone that works for the enemy realizes that this home is protected by the Almighty Destroyer, the El Shaddai, Holy One of Israel, and to step across the threshold of that home to cause problems is putting one at terrible risk. This is "Holy Ground" so to speak (Acts 7:33).
- 2) To El Shaddai, it says You are welcome in this home, come in and be with Your people. You are inviting Yahveh into your home. Likewise, to the servants of El Shaddai, you are saying the same thing. You are welcome to come into this home, you need not break the door down.

The mezuzah is a small rectangular shaped ornamental type fixture that is mounted shoulder height on the right side of the entrance door of homes that belong and are dedicated to Yahveh. The mezuzah contains a small parchment paper that has on it the "Shema Prayer" of Deut. 6:4-9 and the verses of Deut. 11:12-21. It is often mounted inside the house on the frame of all doors that lead to habitable rooms. The mezuzah is a constant reminder that we are to abide by Adonai's commandments. It demonstrates God's ever present protection of His people. It is an affirmation of belief in the truth of prophecy, the creation of the world, and Yahveh's divine providence.

The mezuzah contains a parchment, "klaf", with the Shema prayer on it. It is also known as "a badge of honor", proclaiming the sovereignty of God. It is a constant

reminder of the commandments of Yah to all who enter the home.

Some people recite **Ps. 121:8** *“Yahveh will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.”* when they enter or exit the house.

The Shema, as recorded in proper Hebrew, consists of 22 lines, corresponding to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

The word “mezuzah”, literally means “doorpost”.

The word “shin” (meaning El Shaddai-divine), is usually on the Mezuzah.

In reality, Adonai wants all Believers to become “living mezuzah’s”, containers, stamped with His name and filled with His word (Rev. 3:12, 14:1). The mezuzah marks out the “narrow gate”. It is symbolic of the gate referred to in **Matt. 7:13-14** *“Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.”*

The mezuzah dates back to at least the time of Ezra and the beginning of the second Temple.

It is usually attached to the right side of the door upon entering, about 1/3 down from the top, shoulder height.

After the mezuzah is affixed to the home the following Hebrew blessing is usually recited: “Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, who has commanded us to affix a mezuzah”.

The mezuzah could be considered representative of the threshold covenant? It is indeed the outside sign on the front of our homes of our belief and trust in the Holy One of Israel.

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