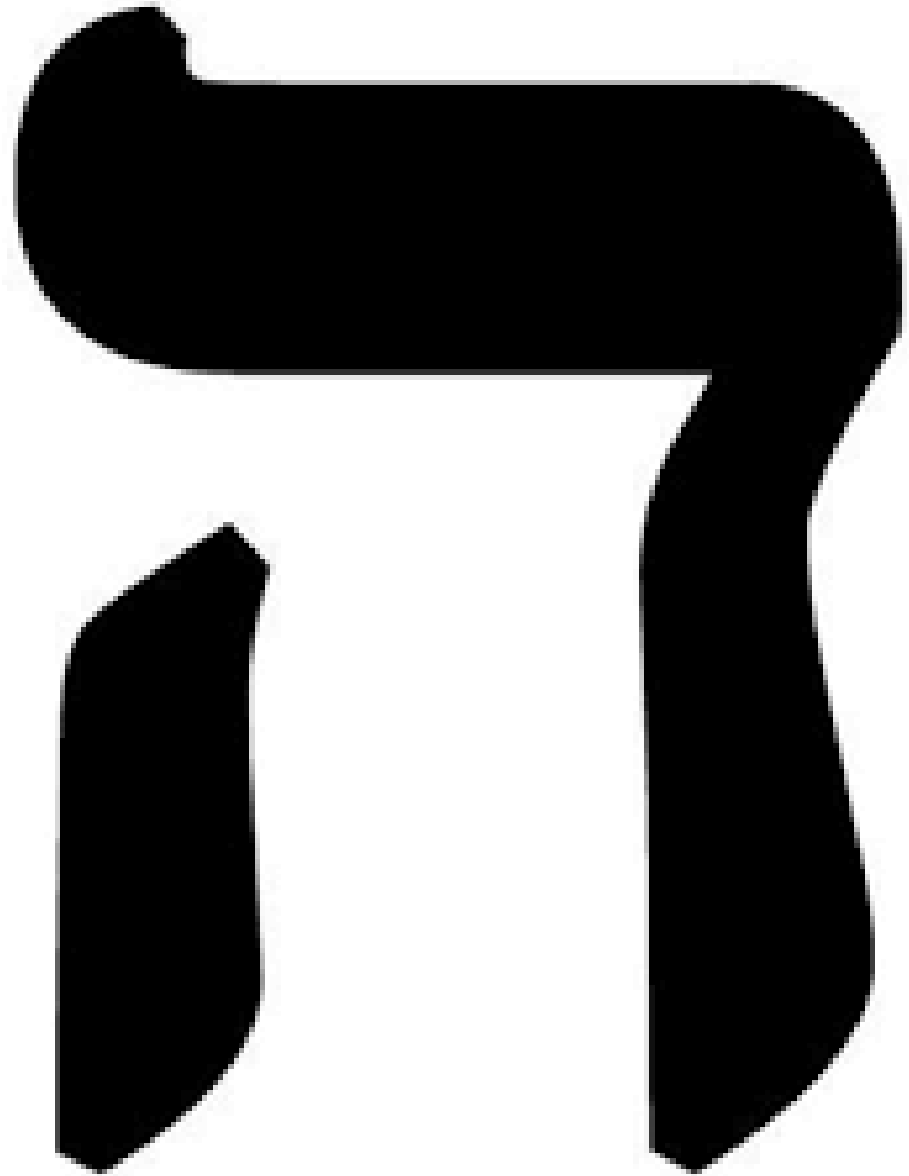


Psalm 119

Psalm 119.33-56

Psalm 119.
33-40
He



119.33-40

- “Teach,” “Give me understanding,” “make me to go,” “incline,” “turn away,” “stablish,” “turn away,” and “behold,” are the first Hebrew words
- In these verses, the Psalmist sings 8 distinct prayer requests, related to the Word

- 119.33: “Teach me Your way”
- Teaching refers to aiming: “Point me in the direction Your word goes”
- To the end refers to continuity
- 119.34: “Give me understanding”
- Grant me the ability to understand and appreciate it

- 119.35: “Make me to go in the path...”
- March me in the path of the Bible.
- 119.36: “Incline my heart...”
- Turn me towards your word, not my sinful desires
- Verses 37-40 continue the prayer requests, but shift the focus
- 119.37: “Turn away mine eyes,” “give life”
- Turn me away from being concerned with empty things—turn me to life (also v 40)

- 119.38: “Stablish Thy word...”
- Make it strong to me—let me live in Your fear
- 119.39 “Turn away my reproach...”
- Turn me away from disgrace
- 119.40: “Give me life”

Psalm 119.
41-48
Waw



119.41-48

- “Come,” “answer,” “not,” “keep,” “walk,” “speak,” “delight myself,” and “lift up” are the first Hebrew words
- In these verses, the Psalmist sings about the ability of the Word in the life of the believer. God uses His Word in a real and living way in the lives of His people.

- 119.41-42: The Word is the “vehicle” for the mercy and deliverance of God, so that we have the right answer for those who taunt us
- 119.43-44: the Word has the ability to keep us obedient to the Word
- 119.45-46: The Word enables us to live with confidence and speak with boldness
- 119.47-48: The Word enables us to love the Word of God.

119.49-56

Zayin



The theme of this stanza is the comfort of
God's Word in times of adversity

- Remember, this, proud, remembered, horror, songs, remembered, and this, are the first words
- The theme is stated in 49-50
- The adversity is described in
- 119.51: the proud
- 119.53: the wicked
- 119.55: the night

- The comfort is described in:
- 119.52: He remembered God's Word
- 119.54: He sang God's Word
- 119.56: He obeyed God's Word