



The Messenger

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Messenger Notes



Scott Decaro joins Messenger on December 12th

Scott Decaro will be joining Messenger on lead guitar for our Christmas performance at Community Bible Church in Huntington Beach, California, on Sunday, December 12th.

Lionel De Leon sang *Take This Cup* on November 28th at Community Bible Church. December 26th is his next scheduled date.

A demo recording of *The Word* Christian Rock Opera is now available online at messengerproject.com in mp3 format. A chord-chart and the libretto for the musical is also available in pdf format. Stage/costume designs and sheet-music will be added in due time.

The Hebrew Alphabet

Hebrew reads from right-to-left and is both the oldest and newest language, surviving for centuries in the Old Testament and emerging as the official language of Israel in 1948.

The Hebrew alphabet is unique because each letter represents a sound, object and number. This gives multiple ways to interpret each word. There are 22 letters. Some letters are written differently when at the beginning or end of a word. Most Hebrew words are constructed with three letters.

ALEPH (א) is the 1st letter and represents **ox** or **cattle** with a numerical value of **1** or **1000**. It's sound is silent and like our **A**.

BETH (ב) is the 2nd letter and represents **tent** or **home** with a numerical value of **2** or **2000**. It's sound is like our **B** or **V**.

GIMEL (ג) is the 3rd letter and represents **camel** with a numerical value of **3** or **3000**. It's sound is like our **G**.

DALETH (ד) is the 4th letter and represents **door** with a numerical value of **4**. It's sound is like our **D**.

HEH (ה) is the 5th letter and represents **airhole** or **window** with a numerical value of **5**. It's sound is like our **H** and **A**.

VAV (ו) is the 6th letter and represents **nail** or **hook** with a numerical value of **6**. It's sound is like our **V**, **U** or **O**. The letter looks like a nail.

ZAYIN (ז) is the 7th letter and represents **sword** or **weapon** with a numerical value of **7**. It's sound is like our **Z**. It looks like a sword.

CHETH (ח) is the 8th letter and represents **fence** with a numerical value of **8**. It's sound is like our "KH."

TETH (ט) is the 9th letter and represents **coiling**, **twisting**, or **snake** with a numerical value of **9**. It's sound is like our **T** and looks like a snake.

YOD (י) is the 10th letter and represents **hand** with a numerical value of **10**. It's sound is like our **Y**, **I**, **E** or **J**.

CAPH (כ or ך) is the 11th letter and represents **spoon**, **hollow hand**, or **palm** with a numerical value of **20** (כ) or **500** (ך). It's sound is like our **Q**, **H** or **K**.

LAMED (ל) is the 12th letter and represents **oxgoat** or **whip** with a numerical value of **30**. It's sound is like our **L**. The letter looks like a whip.

MEM (מ, ם) is the 13th letter and represents **water** with a numerical value of **40** (מ) or **600** (ם). It's sound is like our **M**.

NUN (נ, ן) is the 14th letter and represents **fish** with a numerical value of **50** (נ) or **700** (ן). It's sound is like our **N**.

SAMEKH (ס) is the 15th letter and represents **support** or **rope** with a numerical value of **60**. It's sound is like our **S**.

AYIN (ע) is the 16th letter and represents **eye** with a numerical value of **70**. It's sound is like our **A** and is sometimes silent.

PE (פ) or **FE** (ף) is the 17th letter and represents **mouth** with a numerical value of **80** (פ) or **800** (ף). It's sound is like our **P** or **F**.

TZADHE (צ, ץ) is the 18th letter and represents **fish-hook** with a numerical value of **90** (צ) or **900** (ץ). It's sound is like "TZ."

KOPH (ק) is the 19th letter and represents **back of the head** or **bowl** with a numerical value of **100**. It's sound is like our **Q** or **K**.

RESH (ר) is the 20th letter and represents **head** with a numerical value of **200**. It's sound is like our **R**.

SHIN (ש) is the 21st letter and represents **tooth** with a numerical value of **300**. It's sound is like our **S** or "SH."

TAV (ת) is the 22nd letter and represents **cross**, **sign** or **mark** with a numerical value of **400**. It's sound is like our **T**. Originally, it looked like an "x" or a cross.

It's interesting that two letters of God's holy Name, **Jehova** (יהוה), represent a hand and a nail, mirroring the crucifixion. Perhaps the two letters that represent windows symbolize the Old and New Testament, which are windows to God? It is also interesting that the 22nd letter represents a cross. The 22nd Psalm describes Jesus' crucifixion in a first-person narrative. A cross finished the Hebrew alphabet and a cross finished God's plan for our salvation. I would imagine that nothing is coincidental to God.