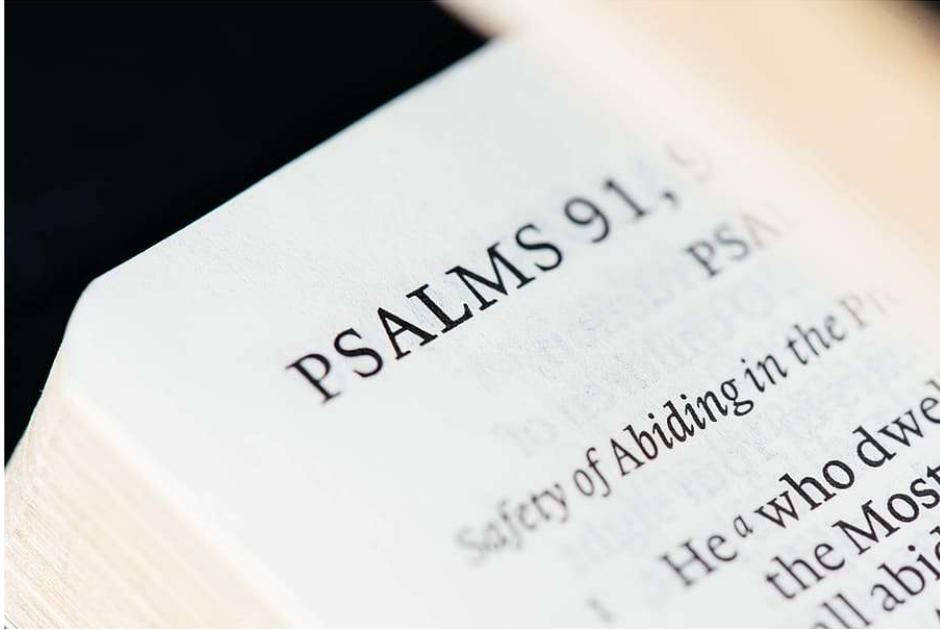


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The Psalm Project

Discovering the Spiritual World through the Psalms

Psalm 54

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The Goal of this project:

This research project will examine the 150 psalms for the spiritual awareness each Psalm offers. Each Psalm will be examined by its language and the commentary of the Sages. The spiritual awareness analysis will be done in alignment with Ari's definition of the Tree of life, the Book of Creation, and the Zohar. Each verse of the Psalm will be rewritten using the intent of the language and spiritual commentary to convey its spiritual lesson.

The Main Resources:

The Zohar

The Book of Creation

Ari's writing on the Tree of Life and the Ten Sefirot

The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament

Samson Hirsch's commentary on the Psalms

Tehillim – Psalms – A new translation with a commentary anthologized from the Talmudic and rabbinic sources

Accordance Bible Software

Psalm 95

New American Standard 1995	Hebrew
<p>Psa. 54:0 For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A †Maskil of David, ˘when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, “Is not David hiding himself among us?”</p>	<p>Psa. 54:1 לְמִנְצַחַת בְּנִגִּינַת מִשְׁכִּיל לְדָוִד :</p>
<p>Psa. 54:1 Save me, O God, by ˆYour name, And ˆvindicate me by ˆYour power. ² ˆHear my prayer, O God; ³ ˆGive ear to the words of my mouth. ³ For strangers have ˆrisen against me And ˆviolent men have ˆsought my ˆlife; They have ˆnot set God before them. ²Selah.</p>	<p>Psa. 54:2 בְּבוֹא הַזִּיפִים וַיֹּאמְרוּ לְשֹׂאֵל הֲלֹא דָוִד מִסְתַּתֵּר עִמָּנוּ : ³ אֱלֹהִים בְּשִׁמְךָ הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי וּבְגִבּוֹרֹתֶיךָ תְּדַיְנֵנִי : ⁴ אֱלֹהִים שְׁמַע תְּפִלָּתִי הֲאֲזִינָה לְאֹמְרֵי-פִי : ⁵ כִּי זָרִים אֶקְמוּ עָלַי וְעַרְיָצִים בְּקִשְׁוֹ נִפְשִׁי לֹא שָׁמוּ אֱלֹהִים לְנִגְדָם סִלָּה : ⁶ הִנֵּה אֱלֹהִים עֹזְרֵ לִי אֲדֹנָי בְּסִמְכֵי נִפְשִׁי : ⁷ יָשׁוּב [יָשׁוּב] הָרַע לְשֹׂרְרֵי בְּאִמְתָּךְ הַצְּמִיתָם : ⁸ בְּנִדְבָה אֲזַבְחָה-לְךָ אֹזֶה שִׁמְךָ יִהְיֶה כִּי-טוֹב : ⁹ כִּי מִכָּל-צָרָה הֲצִילָנִי וּבְאִיבֵי רָאִתָה עֵינָי :</p>
<p>Psa. 54:4 Behold, ˆGod is my helper; The Lord is ˆthe ˆsustainer of my soul. ⁵ ˆHe will ˆrecompense the evil to ˆmy foes; ˆDestroy them ˆin Your ˆfaithfulness.</p>	<p>הִנֵּה אֱלֹהִים עֹזְרֵ לִי אֲדֹנָי בְּסִמְכֵי נִפְשִׁי : ⁷ יָשׁוּב [יָשׁוּב] הָרַע לְשֹׂרְרֵי בְּאִמְתָּךְ הַצְּמִיתָם : ⁸ בְּנִדְבָה אֲזַבְחָה-לְךָ אֹזֶה שִׁמְךָ יִהְיֶה כִּי-טוֹב : ⁹ כִּי מִכָּל-צָרָה הֲצִילָנִי וּבְאִיבֵי רָאִתָה עֵינָי :</p>
<p>Psa. 54:6 ˆWillingly I will sacrifice to You; I will give ˆthanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good. ⁷ For ˆHe has ˆdelivered me from all ˆtrouble, And my eye has ˆlooked <i>with satisfaction</i> upon my enemies.</p>	<p>נִפְשִׁי : ⁷ יָשׁוּב [יָשׁוּב] הָרַע לְשֹׂרְרֵי בְּאִמְתָּךְ הַצְּמִיתָם : ⁸ בְּנִדְבָה אֲזַבְחָה-לְךָ אֹזֶה שִׁמְךָ יִהְיֶה כִּי-טוֹב : ⁹ כִּי מִכָּל-צָרָה הֲצִילָנִי וּבְאִיבֵי רָאִתָה עֵינָי :</p>

References

Psalm 54:0

[†]Possibly *Contemplative*, or *Didactic*, or *Skillful Psalm*

[°]1 Sam 23:19; 26:1

Psalm 54:1

[†]Lit *judge*

[°]Ps 20:1

[‡]2 Chr 20:6

Psalm 54:2

[°]Ps 17:6; 55:1

[‡]Ps 5:1

Psalm 54:3

[†]Or *soul*

[‡]*Selah* may mean: *Pause*, *Crescendo* or *Musical interlude*

[°]Ps 86:14

[‡]Ps 18:48; 86:14; 140:1, 4, 11

[†]1 Sam 20:1; 25:29; Ps 40:14; 63:9; 70:2

[‡]Ps 36:1

Psalm 54:4

[†]Lit *as those who sustain*

[°]Ps 30:10; 37:40; 118:7

[‡]Ps 37:17, 24; 41:12; 51:12; 145:14; Is 41:10

Psalm 54:5

[†]Lit *The evil will return*

[‡]Or *those who lie in wait for me*

[°]Or *Put to silence*

[‡]Or *truth*

[°]Ps 94:23

[‡]Ps 143:12

[‡]Ps 89:49; 96:13; Is 42:3

Psalm 54:6

[†]Or *With a freewill offering*

[°]Num 15:3; Ps 116:17

[‡]Ps 50:14

Psalm 54:7

[†]Or *it*; i.e. His name

[‡]Or *distress*

[°]Ps 34:6

[‡]Ps 59:10; 92:11; 112:8; 118:7

Targum

Psa. 54:1 For praise, with a hymn. Good teaching composed by David.

Psa. 54:2 When the men of Ziph came and said to Saul, “Is not David hiding with us?”

³ O God, by your name redeem me, and by the strength of your might judge me. ⁴ O LORD, accept my prayer; listen to the utterance of my mouth. ⁵ For arrogant men have risen against me, and powerful men have sought my life; they have not put God before them forever. ⁶ Behold, the LORD is my helper, the LORD is among the supports of my soul. ⁷ May evil return to those who oppress me; in your faithfulness bring them low. ⁸ With an offering I will sacrifice in your presence; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good. ⁹ For he has delivered me from every trouble; and my eye has seen vengeance against my enemies.

Spiritual Awareness

The spiritual rewrite for the verses is in bold.

Introduction

An entire community is ruined by gossip, according to this Psalm. The treachery of the Ziphites surpassed Doeg from Psalm 53. These people were from the tribe of Judah. Therefore, they were relatives of David. They betrayed David to King Saul. Saul was surprised that any Judeans would betray David, who was from the tribe of Judah.

Superscript

This Psalm was written to the Sefirah Netzah, who gives victory through the power of music.

To the Sefirah Netzach, who grants victory through the power of music, an instrument of David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, “Is not David hiding among us?”

Verse one

David was fleeing from his father-in-law King Saul. He was forced to live in the woods because he was betrayed by his fellow tribesmen. David appealed to the LORD for the qualities of Divine sovereignty and hope for salvation.

O God, grant me salvation by Your Name, and champion my right by Your might.

Verse two

David calls upon the LORD's justice.

Hear my prayer; incline Your ear to the words of my mouth.

Verse three

כִּי זָרִים אֶלַי (key zarim kamu ala) – means “for strangers have risen against me.” These men with whom David never had any dealings before and therefore have no reason to be his enemies, yet they are after him. David wondered why his own brothers of Judah were trying to kill him.

**For strangers have risen against me, and bold men have sought my soul;
they have not set God before themselves.**

Verse Four

David believed that the justice of the LORD's sovereignty stood by his side. This reassured David that he would survive because the LORD appointed him to lead Israel.

Behold, God is at my side, my Master, through those who uphold my soul.

Verse five

David believed that the people helping Saul to kill him had to create false faults in him. They were being controlled by Evil Inclination.

He will repay the evil to those that lie in wait for me; make them numb by Your truth.

Verses six and seven

David envisions himself before the LORD. He pledges himself to the LORD, who he knew would save him.

I shall bring sacrifices unto You with devotion; I shall acknowledge You, God, that He is the Good one.

How He has delivered me out of all trouble and how my eye has seen this in the case of my enemies.

Complete Psalm Rewrite Emphasizing Spiritual Awareness

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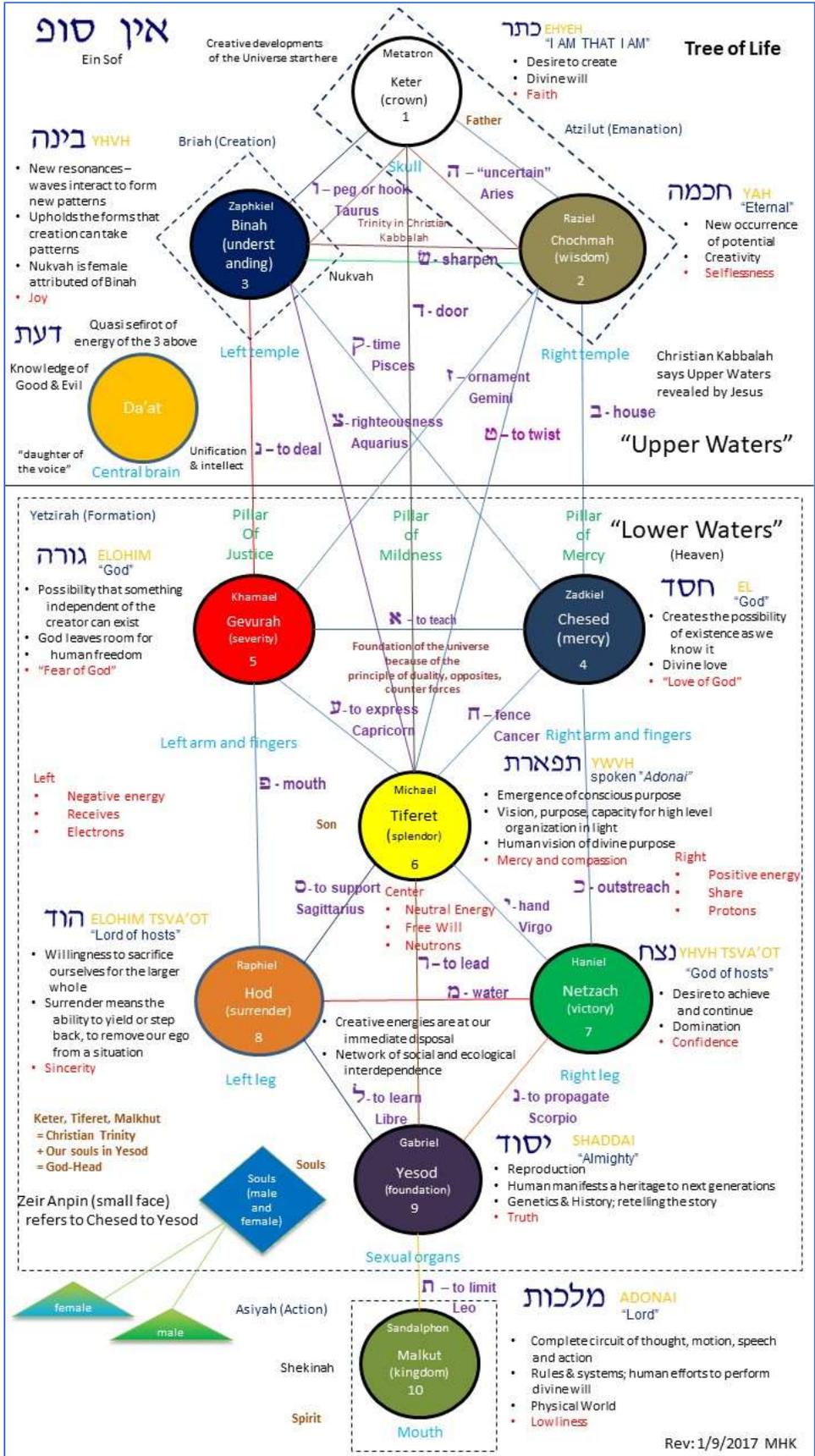
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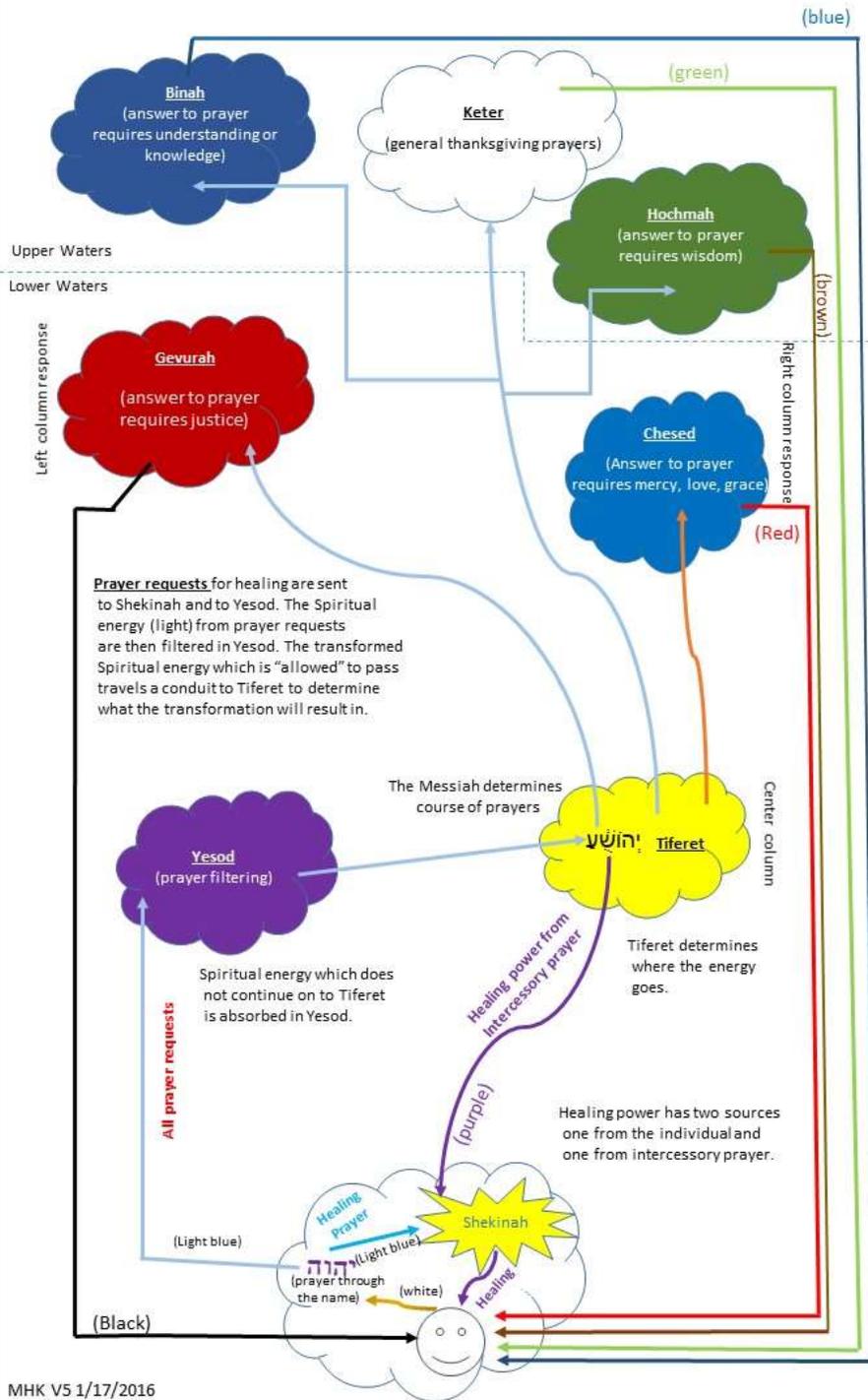
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Appendix



Mystical Methodology to Prayer

All prayers result in spiritual energy which rises through the conduits that connect Sefirot realms. The "answer" to prayers is the transformation of spiritual energy from its original frequency to an appropriate frequency which will give the necessary results.



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