

The Psalm Project

Discovering the Spiritual World through the Psalms

Psalm 87

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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 87

New American Standard 1995	Hebrew
<p>Psa. 87:0 A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song.</p> <p>Psa. 87:1 His ^afoundation is in the holy mountains. ² The LORD ^aloves the gates of Zion More than all the <i>other</i> dwelling places of Jacob. ³ ^aGlorious things are spoken of you, O ^bcity of God. ¹Selah. ⁴ “I shall mention ^{1a}Rahab and Babylon ²among those who know Me; Behold, Philistia and ^bTyre with ^{3c}Ethiopia: “^aThis one was born there.” ⁵ But of Zion it shall be said, “This one and that one were born in her”; And the Most High Himself will ^aestablish her. ⁶ The LORD will count when He ^aregisters the peoples, “^aThis one was born there.” Selah. ⁷ Then those who ^asing as well as those who ^{1b}play the flutes <i>shall say</i>, “^aAll my ^csprings <i>of joy</i> are in you.”</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Psa. 87:1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">לְבַנְי־קְרַח מִזְמוֹר שִׁיר</p> <p>יְסוּדָתוֹ בְּתֵרֵי־קִדְשׁ : ² אֲהַב יְהוָה שַׁעְרֵי צִיּוֹן מִכָּל מִשְׁכְּנוֹת יַעֲקֹב : ³ נִכְבְּדוֹת מְדַבֵּר בְּךָ עִיר הָאֱלֹהִים סֵלָה : ⁴ אֲזַכִּיר אֶרֶב וּבָבֶל לַיְדֵי הַנְּהַ פִלִּשְׁתִּי וְצוּר עַם־כּוּשׁ זֶה יֵלֵד־ שָׁם : ⁵ וְלַצִּיּוֹן אֵימַר אִישׁ וְאִישׁ יֵלֵד־בָּהּ וְהוּא יְכוֹנְנֶנָּה עַל־צִיּוֹן : ⁶ יְהוָה יִסְפֹּר בְּכִתּוֹב עַמִּים זֶה יֵלֵד־ שָׁם סֵלָה : ⁷ וְשָׂרִים כָּחֲלָלִים כָּל־ מַעֲיָנֵי בְּךָ :</p>

References

Psalm 87:1

^aPs 78:69; Is 28:16

Psalm 87:2

^aPs 78:67, 68

Psalm 87:3

¹*Selah* may mean: *Pause*, *Crescendo* or *Musical interlude*

^aIs 60:1

^bPs 46:4; 48:8

Psalm 87:4

¹I.e. Egypt

²Or *as*

³Lit *Cush*

^aJob 9:13; Ps 89:10; Is 19:23-25

^bPs 45:12

^cPs 68:31

Psalm 87:5

^aPs 48:8

Psalm 87:6

^aPs 69:28; Is 4:3; Ezek 13:9

Psalm 87:7

¹Or *dance*

^aPs 68:25; 149:3

^b2 Sam 6:14; Ps 30:11

^cPs 36:9

Targum

Psa. 87:1 Uttered by the sons of Korah. A song that was established at the instruction of the fathers of old. ² The LORD loves the entrances to the academies established in Zion more than all the synagogues of the house of Jacob. ³ Glorious words have been spoken of you, O city of God, forever. ⁴ The Egyptians and Babylonians have reminded those who know you of your praises; behold, the Philistines and Tyrians, with the Ethiopians; this king was brought up there. ⁵ And of Zion it will be said, “King David and Solomon his son were brought up within it; and God shall build it above.” ⁶ O LORD, in the book in which they write the account of all the ages [it is written], “This king was brought up there forever.” ⁷ And they utter songs with celebration – all kinds of psalms with sacrifice are uttered in your midst.

Spiritual Awareness

Introduction

Korach ran an unsuccessful revolt against Moses (Number 16). He felt he was superior to Moses, Aaron, and Israel's other leaders. He refused to recognize that the Land of Israel is holier than any other land in the world. Korach's sons refused to join their father in his revolt. Instead, they composed this Psalm to extol the unique virtues of the Land of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

Verse three

They are honored through Him, Who is proclaimed within You, O city of God. Meditate on this verse.

Verse six

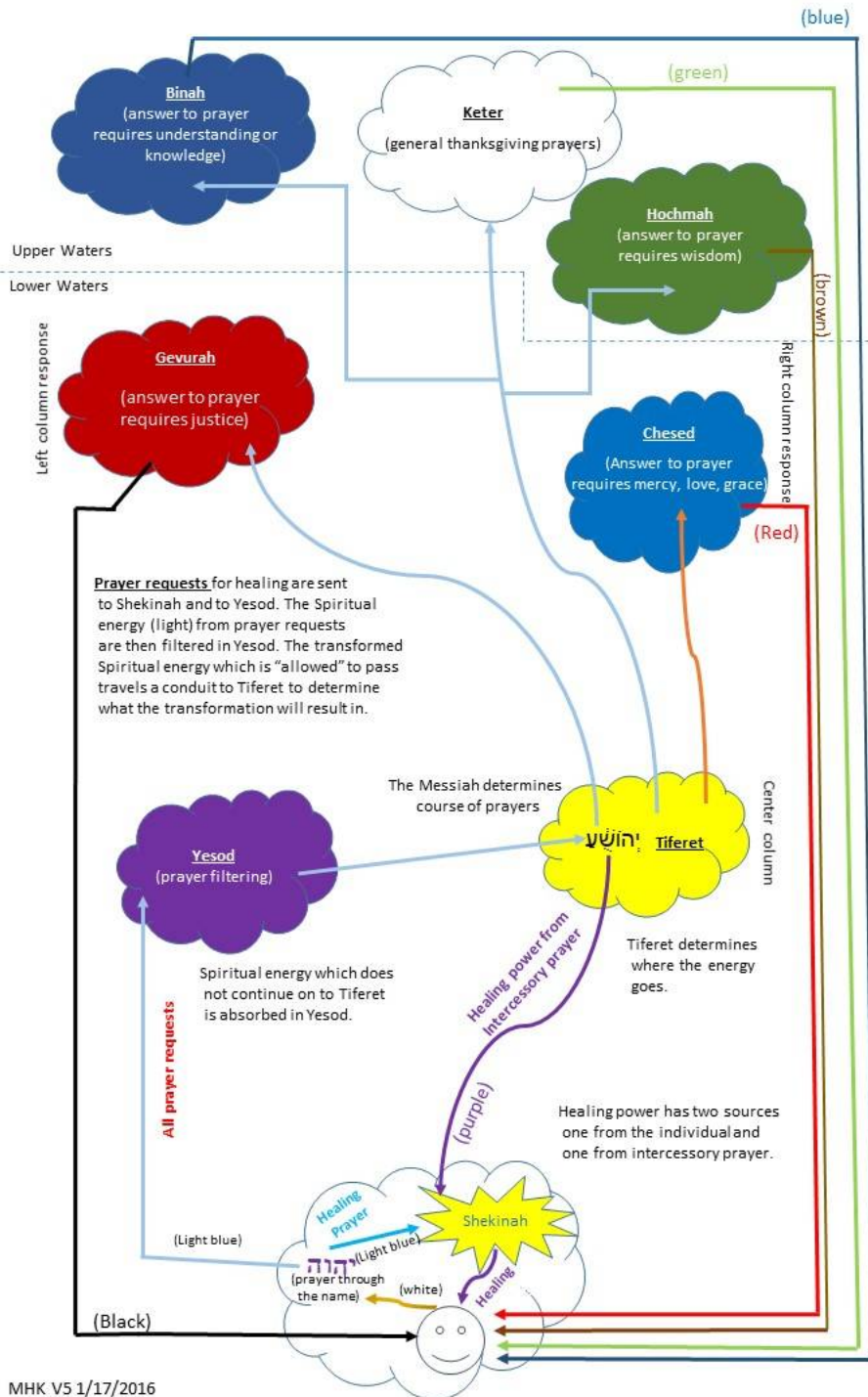
It was believed that the LORD had a book that listed people who had labored for the welfare of their own people. It was a short list for every nation.

The LORD counts when He registers peoples; This one was born there. Meditate on this verse.

Appendix

Mystical Methodology to Prayer

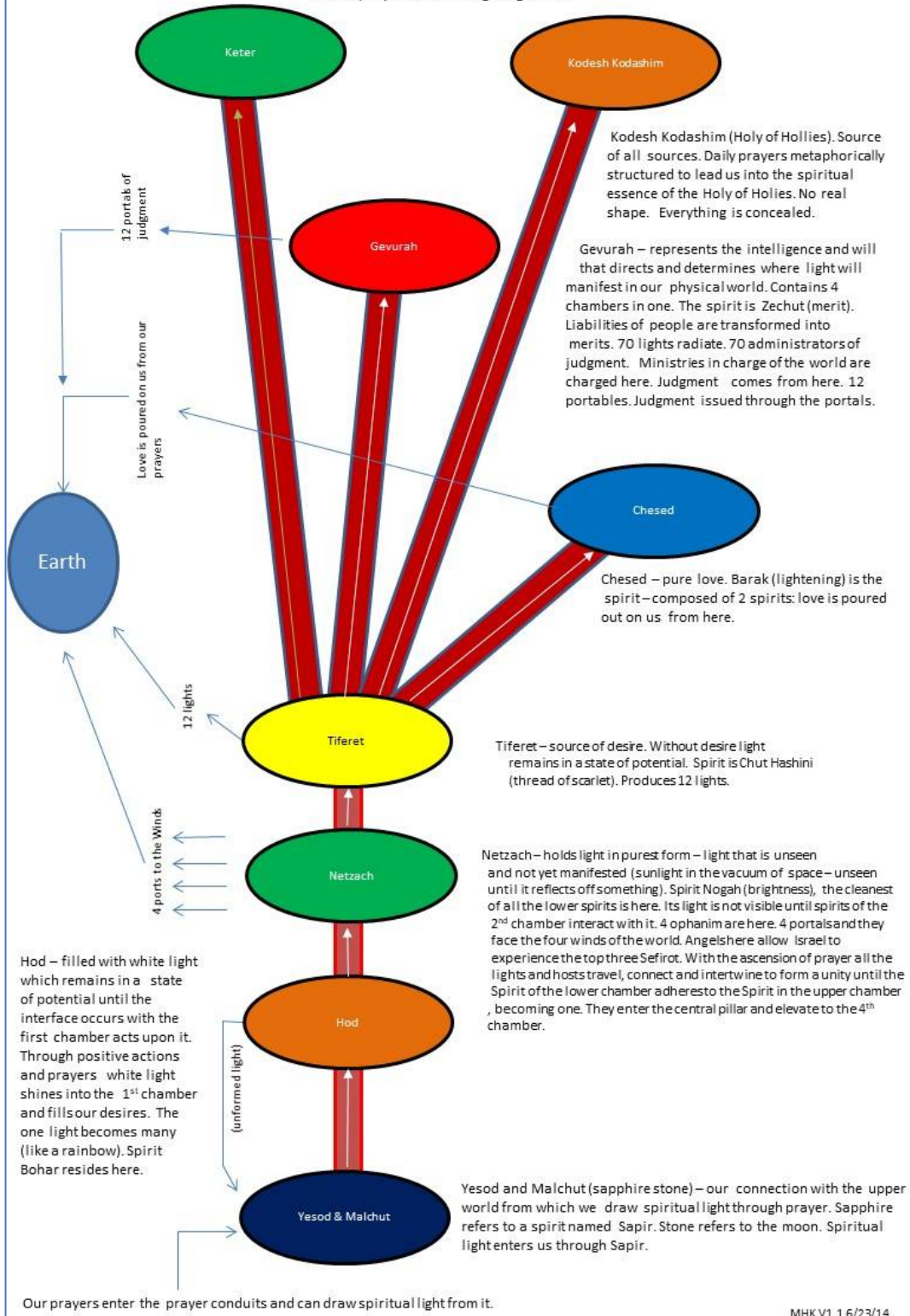
All prayers result in spiritual energy which rises through the conduits that connect Sefirot realms. The "answer" to prayers is the transformation of spiritual energy from its original frequency to an appropriate frequency which will give the necessary results.



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