

# ■ Comprehensive Ancient Hebrew Imagery Glossary

## ■ Daily Life & Clan

### **Tent / Ohel**

*Image:* Goat-hair tent pitched in wilderness

*Meaning:* Dwelling, clan life, shelter

*Notes:* Tent = covenant family center

### **Tent-Flap / Petach**

*Image:* Curtain entrance to the tent

*Meaning:* Threshold, boundary of hospitality

*Notes:* Standing at flap = encounter threshold

### **Clan / Mishpachah**

*Image:* Interwoven family lines

*Meaning:* Kinship unit, covenant family

*Notes:* Identity rooted in clan, not individual

### **Household Vessel / Kli**

*Image:* Pot, jar, or tool

*Meaning:* Body or covenant role

*Notes:* Vessels are shaped and kept for use

### **Staff / Rod (Mateh, Shevet)**

*Image:* Shepherd's staff or tribal rod

*Meaning:* Authority, guidance, correction

*Notes:* Rod = tribe, rule, discipline

### **Garment / Beged**

*Image:* Woven covering of wool/linen

*Meaning:* Identity, honor, protection

*Notes:* Covering = honor; uncovered = shame

## ■ Land & Agriculture

### **Path / Derek**

*Image:* Dirt track worn by footsteps

*Meaning:* Way of life, covenant walk

*Notes:* To walk = to live faithfully

### **Field / Sadeh**

*Image:* Open farmland

*Meaning:* Labor, provision, inheritance

*Notes:* Where covenant labor is seen

### **Vineyard / Kerem**

*Image:* Rows of grapevines

*Meaning:* Fruitfulness, inheritance, joy

*Notes:* Israel = Yahweh's vineyard

### **Olive Tree / Zayit**

*Image:* Gnarled oil-rich tree

*Meaning:* Endurance, covenant root

*Notes:* Branches grafted = peoples in covenant

### **Fig Tree / Te'elah**

*Image:* Spreading leafy tree

*Meaning:* Prosperity, peace, stability

*Notes:* Sitting under fig = security

### **Grain (Wheat/Barley)**

*Image:* Heads of grain

*Meaning:* Provision, covenant cycles

*Notes:* Harvest festivals = covenant timing

### **Threshing Floor / Goren**

*Image:* Circular packed-earth floor

*Meaning:* Separation, judgment, revelation

*Notes:* Winnowing = Yahweh's sorting

### **Rain / Dew (Matar, Tal)**

*Image:* Showers & dew

*Meaning:* Blessing, provision

*Notes:* Early & latter rains = Yahweh's timing

## **■ Shepherding & Flock**

### **Shepherd / Ro'eh**

*Image:* Man with staff guiding sheep

*Meaning:* Guide, protector, provider

*Notes:* Kings & Yahweh as Shepherd

### **Flock / Tson**

*Image:* Cluster of sheep/goats

*Meaning:* People under covenant

*Notes:* Sheep = dependent, needing care

### **Lamb / Seh**

*Image:* Young sheep

*Meaning:* Innocence, sacrifice

*Notes:* Central to Passover imagery

### **Wolf / Ze'ev**

*Image:* Predator circling flock

*Meaning:* Threat, false leader

*Notes:* Wolves scatter flock

### **Gate / Petach of Sheepfold**

*Image:* Stone enclosure entry

*Meaning:* Safety, covenant entry

*Notes:* Shepherd = door of sheep

## **■ Body & Breath**

### **Breath / Ruach**

*Image:* Wind or lung breath

*Meaning:* Vitality, life, presence

*Notes:* Ruach = life-force, movement

### **Flesh / Basar**

*Image:* Living body

*Meaning:* Mortality, weakness

*Notes:* Not evil, but frail

### **Blood / Dam**

*Image:* Life-fluid at altar

*Meaning:* Life, covenant bond

*Notes:* Life is in the blood

### **Heart / Lev**

*Image:* Inner chest

*Meaning:* Will, decision center

*Notes:* Hebrews locate thought in heart

### **Hand / Yad**

*Image:* Open palm/fist

*Meaning:* Power, action, authority

*Notes:* In Yahweh's hand = under power

### **Face / Panim**

*Image:* Human face

*Meaning:* Presence, favor, attention

*Notes:* Seek face = seek presence

**Ear / Ozen**

*Image:* Ear open to hear

*Meaning:* Listening, obedience

*Notes:* Inclining ear = receiving instruction

**Eye / Ayin**

*Image:* Eye as fountain

*Meaning:* Seeing, perspective

*Notes:* Good eye = generosity

**■ Covenant & Worship****Altar / Mizbeach**

*Image:* Raised stones/earth

*Meaning:* Meeting place with Yahweh

*Notes:* Sealed with life given

**Sacrifice / Zevach**

*Image:* Meal sacrifice

*Meaning:* Covenant fellowship

*Notes:* Shared meal at altar

**Sacrifice / Minchah**

*Image:* Grain gift

*Meaning:* Tribute offering

*Notes:* Gift of loyalty

**Sacrifice / Olah**

*Image:* Burnt ascent

*Meaning:* Total surrender

*Notes:* Smoke rising upward

**Covenant / Berit**

*Image:* Animals cut, blood poured

*Meaning:* Binding agreement

*Notes:* To cut covenant = blood bond

**Priest / Kohen**

*Image:* Man at altar

*Meaning:* Servant, mediator

*Notes:* Represents clan before Yahweh

**Lamp / Ner**

*Image:* Clay oil lamp

*Meaning:* Life, guidance, testimony

*Notes:* Lamp = Yahweh's word

### **Oil / Shemen**

*Image:* Pressed olive oil

*Meaning:* Anointing, joy, abundance

*Notes:* Sets apart priests/kings

### **Incense / Ketoret**

*Image:* Smoke rising

*Meaning:* Prayer, remembrance

*Notes:* Sweet aroma before Yahweh

## **■ Elements of Creation**

### **Fire / Esh**

*Image:* Campfire or altar flame

*Meaning:* Purification, presence

*Notes:* Fire refines or destroys

### **Water / Mayim**

*Image:* Flowing stream/flood

*Meaning:* Life, cleansing, chaos

*Notes:* Living water sustains

### **Stone / Eben**

*Image:* Heavy rock/pillar

*Meaning:* Strength, permanence

*Notes:* Stones = covenant markers

### **Dust / Aphar**

*Image:* Fine earth

*Meaning:* Mortality, frailty

*Notes:* Man from dust, to dust

### **Light / Or**

*Image:* Dawn or flame

*Meaning:* Life, truth, revelation

*Notes:* Light reveals

### **Darkness / Choshech**

*Image:* Night or tomb

*Meaning:* Death, hiddenness

*Notes:* Used for grave imagery

## ■■ Moral & Spiritual

### **Sin / Chata**

*Image:* Arrow missing target

*Meaning:* Straying, missing path

*Notes:* Sin = deviation

### **Iniquity / Avon**

*Image:* Twisted rope

*Meaning:* Perversion, corruption

*Notes:* Twistedness of heart

### **Transgression / Pesha**

*Image:* Broken boundary stone

*Meaning:* Rebellion

*Notes:* Breach of covenant

### **Righteousness / Tzedakah**

*Image:* Balanced scales

*Meaning:* Right deeds, alignment

*Notes:* Covenant faithfulness

### **Faith / Emunah**

*Image:* Firm peg in wall

*Meaning:* Steadiness, loyalty

*Notes:* Firmness under weight

### **Mercy / Rachamim**

*Image:* Womb cradling life

*Meaning:* Compassion, tender love

*Notes:* Womb-love imagery

### **Grace / Chen, Hesed**

*Image:* Outstretched hand

*Meaning:* Favor, loyalty

*Notes:* Covenant kindness

### **Love / Ahavah**

*Image:* Binding cord

*Meaning:* Affection, attachment

*Notes:* Covenant bond of hearts

### **Hope / Tikvah**

*Image:* Tied cord

*Meaning:* Expectation, tether

*Notes:* Rahab's scarlet cord

### **Truth / Emet**

*Image:* Pillar planted firm

*Meaning:* Reliability, firmness

*Notes:* Stability of reality

### **Wisdom / Chokmah**

*Image:* Craftsman's hand

*Meaning:* Skilled living

*Notes:* Practical mastery

### **Knowledge / Da'at**

*Image:* Union of husband/wife

*Meaning:* Intimate knowing

*Notes:* Experiential knowledge

## ■■ Judgment & Deliverance

### **Grave / Pit / Darkness**

*Image:* Hollow earth/tomb

*Meaning:* Death, silence

*Notes:* More accurate than Sheol

### **Sword / Cherev**

*Image:* Iron blade

*Meaning:* Judgment, war

*Notes:* Instrument of authority

### **Cup / Kos**

*Image:* Drinking vessel

*Meaning:* Portion, blessing/wrath

*Notes:* Cup = destiny shared

### **Snare / Pach**

*Image:* Trap for birds

*Meaning:* Hidden danger

*Notes:* Wicked ensnare themselves

### **Redeem / Ga'al**

*Image:* Kinsman rescuer

*Meaning:* Buy back, restore

*Notes:* Family loyalty rescue

### **Deliverance / Yeshuah**

*Image:* Drawn from waters/pit

*Meaning:* Rescue, salvation

*Notes:* Concrete saving act