

Hi, welcome to listen to the digital reading of my article about **“THE POWER OF THE HEBREW WORD”**. **This article was written in 2008, but it is still very relevant.**

In 2001 a fascinating book that should have made an impression on the Western world historians and the public in general was published. But it did not happen. The author is Benjamin Blech, and he is Jewish rabbi and professor of Talmudic studies at the Yeshiva University in New York. The book's title is "The secret of the Hebrew words" and in it the academic professor shows a number of examples of the relationship between the Hebrew language, as the Torah texts written in, and the Jewish theology and understanding of history. The book is perhaps mainly written to orthodox Jews, but others can be read it to get a better insight into the relationship between Hebrew number mysticism and the Jewish religion. For Jews, the Hebrew language is namely sacred and each character corresponds to a number, which means - in some sense – that it can deduce prophetic predictions of the Torah, at least if you believe that God himself has written texts and that he has coded them full of secrets that people in the future can use their time on to interpret.

Some Christian theologians perceive this as number magic and as an expression of superstition, but others take it very seriously. Best known in this context is probably Jehovah's Witnesses and various Adventist sects, which have repeatedly predicted the end of the world from such a text / numeric analysis. So far, this has proven not to be true.

When Benjamin Blech's book is so interesting is because it ends with a review of the Torah Leviticus 25:10, which correspond to what of the Danish Bible is called the third book of Genesis, chapter 25, verse 10. The Hebrew text unfortunately, I cannot reproduce here, since I do not have the Hebrew character set on my computer, but in the newest Danish Bible translation it is stated this way:

*"And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants."*

The interesting aspect of this verse is, acc. Benjamin Blech, that it predicts Israel's formation and the number of dead at the Nazi Holocaust. Blech shows that the Hebrew word for "we shall come back" is misspelled in the original text. A letter is missing, namely what corresponds to the Latin "v" which in Hebrew numerical code is identical to the number 6. The absence of this letter show - in Blech's interpretation - that 6 million Jews will pass away before the Jewish state can be restored. Blech also believe that the year of this event (1948) is predicted in the same text passage. It all fits so perfectly. The precondition for Israel's creation was the fate of the Jews during World War 2, and in the traditional historiography and in countless Hollywood movies and TV shows we have learned that it all actually happened as the holy book foretold 2,500 years ago. There were 6 million Jews who died as a result of it, which since the late 60s has been called the "Holocaust". The prophecy was obviously true, and Hitler was really just a tool for the advancement of the heavenly prophecy, which - according to the wise rabbi - came true during the war.

Taking this into account that the original Hebrew of the Torah (= Old Testament) is written over two thousand years ago, it is rather remarkable that it so exactly has predicted the number of Jews killed during World War 2, and the most notable is that a number of Jewish writers have come to exactly the same numbers through what, they

claim, has been a "thorough scientific study" of the static information, which are available from the war time. Thus the former chairman of the Mosaic Religious Community in Denmark - Jacques Blum – used so much space in his book on "False paths" to prove that the figure 6 million is still absolutely true, even if the number of Jews killed at Auschwitz for some years ago was written down from 4 million to 1.5 million. This write-down of 2.5 million would one think would get researchers to reduce the total number of dead from Holocaust from 6 million to 4.5 million, but it did not happen. Blum and the other researchers discovered at the same time - all by coincidence - that there were 1.5 million deaths, which one previously had forgotten to reckon with. The number 6 million was therefore still absolutely true, and the 2,500 years old prophecy was reconciled - thankfully - accordingly to modern research.

There is really prophetic power of the Hebrew word. It is said that the founder of Zionism Theodor Hertzl wrote in his diaries of the late 1800s that 6 million Jews would die so the Jewish state could be restored. I have not even been able to check this information, as these diaries are unavailable to the public. But reading the Encyclopedia Britannica, 1902, it is stated in the article about "Anti-Semitism" that in Russia there are *"six million of Jews who are being systematically degraded"* (p. 482). Here we see, then, that the old prophecy has already been fulfilled. And the same thing happens immediately after the First World War, when New York's Jewish mayor Martin H. Glynn writes in "The American Hebrew" (31 / 10-1919), the war has led to Six million men and women are dying in the threatened Holocaust". The same equivalent information may also be found in a number of other Jewish and non-Jewish publications, which were published all the way up to the Second World War's start.

Thus there is not - as many imagine - only one Holocaust, but three. All are foretold in the Torah and all are repeated in for the time being the most objective sources for information, and each time 6 million Jews have been slaughtered. The first went on in Russia in the late 1800s, the second time in First World War and the third time under the Hitler regime. Three times God's chosen people had to suffer so the Hebrew prophecy could come true so they could get their own state. Altogether there were 18 million victims, which approximately correspond to the number of Jews in the world.

Here it is hard not to be a little moral. As we now know that it all has been predicted, and thus can be seen as an expression of a plan that Jehovah came from his own devising at the beginning of time, I think that you can afford to voice criticism against this God. For if it has to be necessary to kill 6 million of his chosen children so Israel can be restored, could he not be content to let this happen once? But entirely three times, is it not a bit too much?

At the same time we must of course compliment Jacque Blum and the other talented "scientists" who through great scientific works have concluded that 6 million people died during each of these Holocausts. And how amazing is it that the figure is consistent with the old prophecy. Yes, the Torah is truly a divine book. It is full of mystery and divine predictions. It is at least as brilliant as the Koran in which Muslim fundamentalists teaches us that incandescent invention and various other events in modern world are predicted.

My own view, however, is that Jehovah, Allah and the other gods must have problems with morale. Why do millions of people die so a prophecy can come true? And why should historical figures as Adolf Hitler be liable for the event, which the omnipotent deity has decided to happen for thousands of years ago? I find it hard to

understand. Was it really necessary for 3 x 6 = 18 million Jews should die to be able to have state constituted? And, what is equally noticeable is the fact that we never have heard about the first two Holocausts, while the third is poured into the minds of all of us through television, newspapers, books, museums and memorial days? In several European countries it is even forbidden and leads to imprisonment not to believe in the holy figures, 6 million.

I am not sure, but one thing I am aware about, however is: There is an enormous power in the Hebrew word, and very few people dare to contradict it. If you try, it often goes really wrong. But why is it like this?

Thank you for listening. Godby  
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