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Dear Family & Friends,

I wrote this Hebrew Alphabet book for both you and your kids. Most of you do Bible Study, & this is to help you gain a little bit of comprehension when you come across words written in Hebrew. Please excuse the childishness of some of the things that I wrote, but I was trying to get it down to a kid's level of understanding, as well as you guys. This is my first go at this, so there is always room for improvement. If you have any input you want to share, I'd appreciate it. If it's usable we'll put it up on this web site so that other parents & kids can use it as well.

There are things in the Hebrew language that are incredibly profound & beautiful! I'm convinced that Ancient Hebrew was the original language. When God confused the language in Babel, the ones who received His judgment were the people living in Babel, & not the ones still up in the area of Mt Ararat. If you read the Hebrew Text for this incident, the Hebrew indicates that the way He confounded the languages is that He poured more words into the parent language so that it overflowed in all different directions, like somebody pouring a liquid into a container of another liquid until it overflows. Then as each little 'stream' travelled in its own direction, it picked up debris along the way. As I've studied Hebrew, I've discovered Hebrew words in my own language in the least expected places, but that's another story...

And 'a certain Beloved old welder' graciously let me take the time, energy, & resources to put this whole thing together.

If you have Jewish friends, please point these things out to them. If they become upset, that means you've given them something to think about, especially if they are in the habit of spelling God's NAME.

May the grace of the LORD be with you all!

The Welder's Wife

ps. Because there are 32 pages to this material, it's been broken down into 4 separate pdf. files so that it is easier to download. They are pages 0-6, 7-14, 15-26, & 27-32.

# A VERY OLD TREASURE



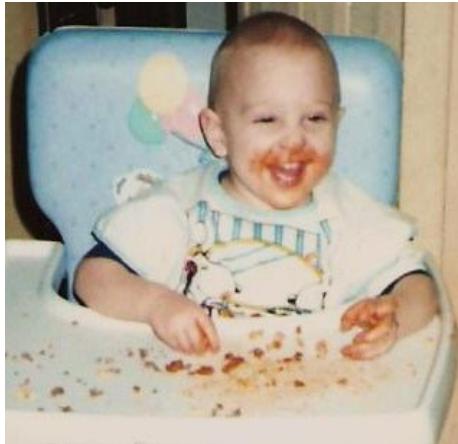
written for some 'kids' I know... & their kids!  
by a 'very old' wife of a very beloved 'old' welder!

{ The 'old' part is all in perspective! }

When you were a baby you had to learn to talk.

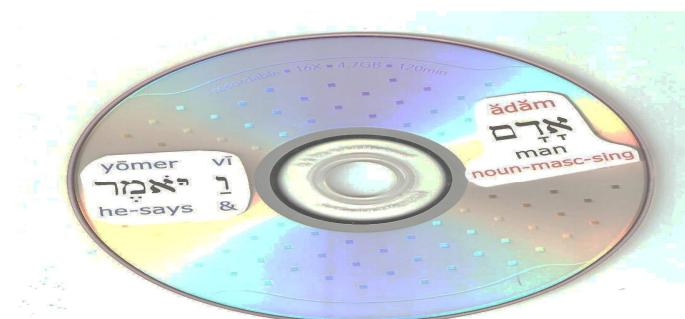


Your parents taught you the language that they spoke.



When God made **Adam** & **Eve**,

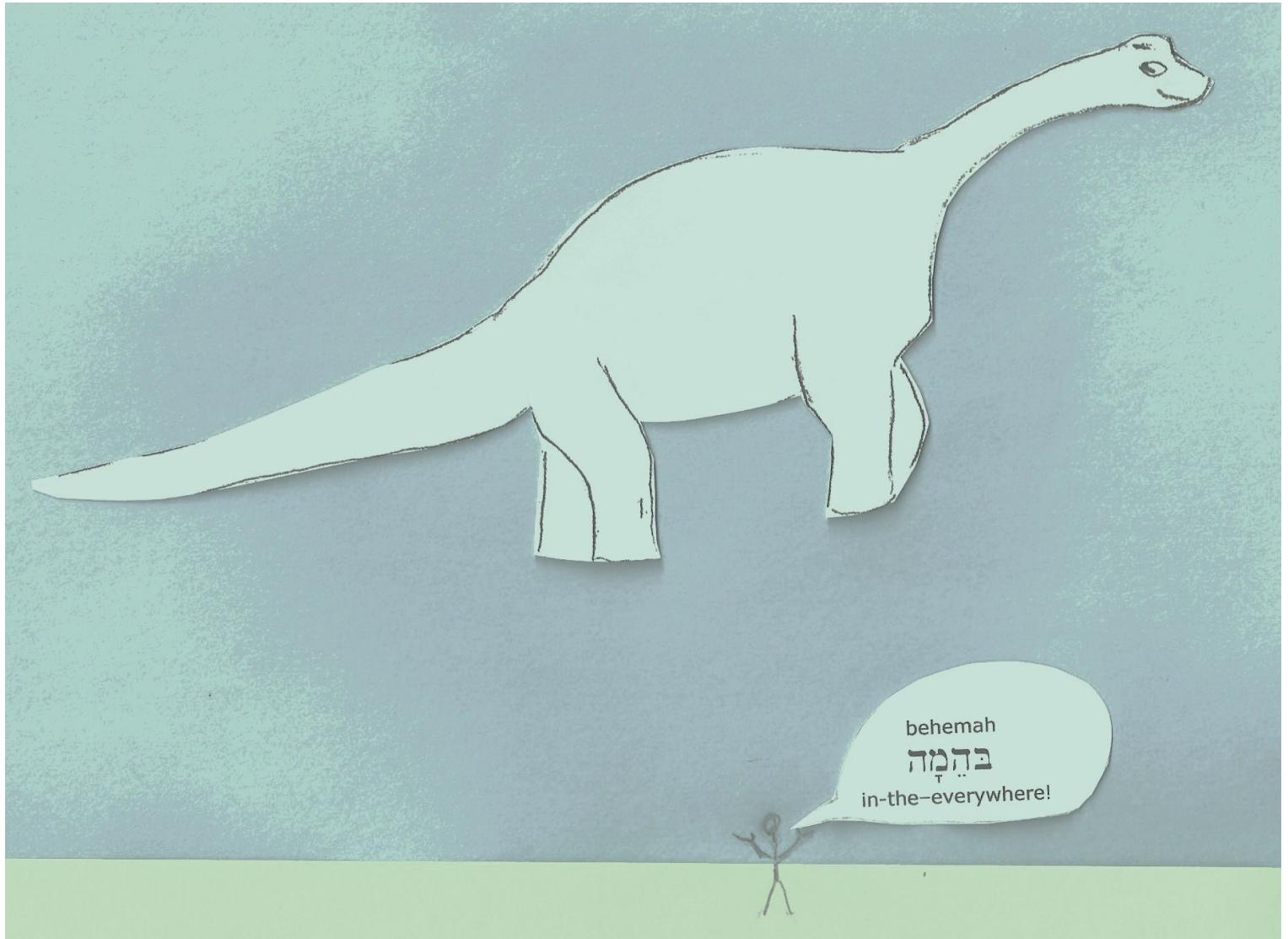
He programmed their brains so that they already knew how to talk on the very first day that He made them!



Do you remember that story?

After God put **Adam** in His **garden** & told him what he could & could not eat, then God made **animals** that live in **the field** & **birds** while **Adam** was watching Him, & then brought them to **Adam** to see what he would call them.

Whatever **Adam** called them, that was their name.



Then God made **Adam** fall asleep, z...Z...z...ZZZ...z...z...Z...

& while he was asleep, God opened up his side & took out one of his ribs,  
& then closed it back up.

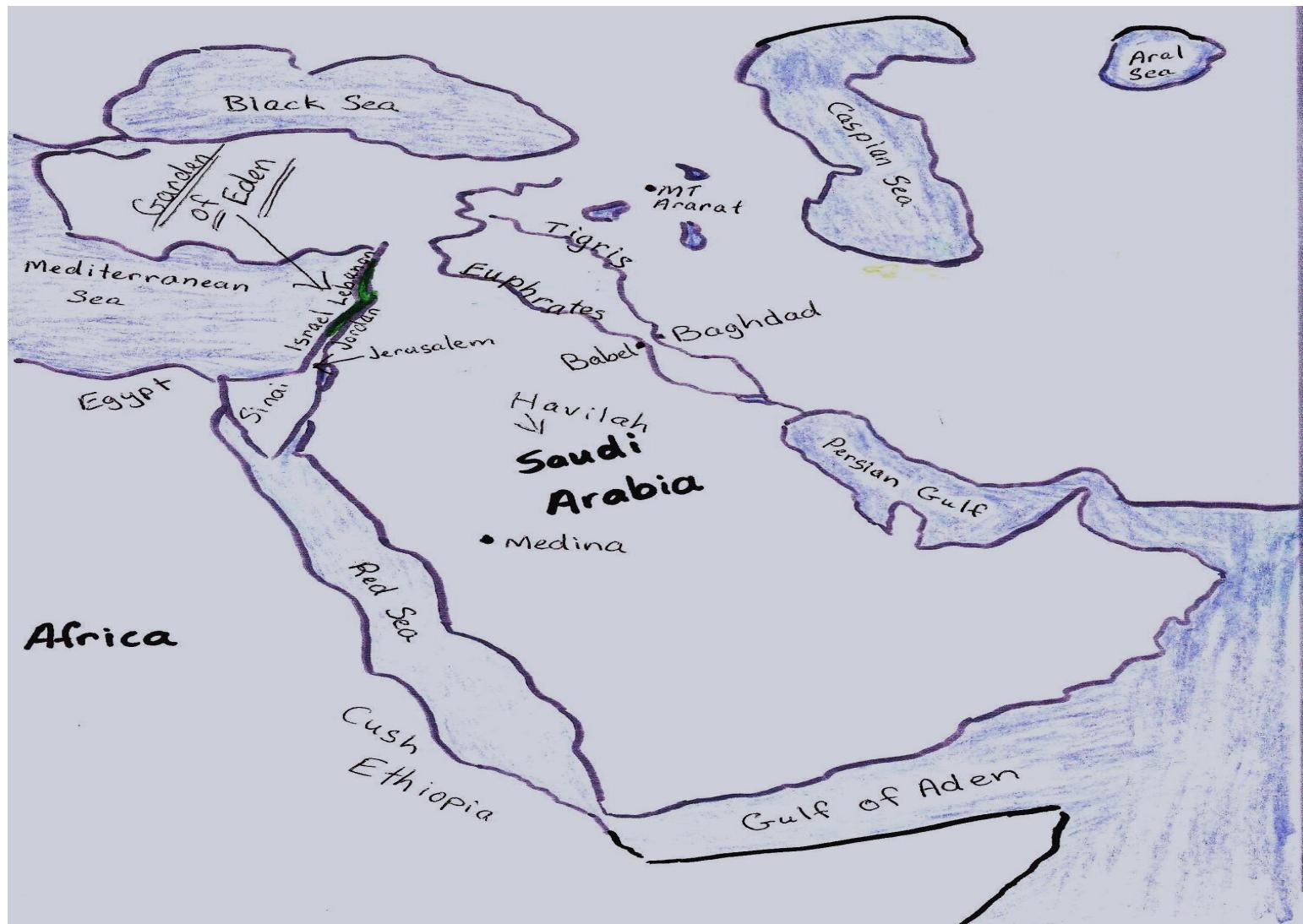
Then God made that rib into a **woman** & brought her to **Adam**. Maybe God made her while **Adam** was waking up, because **Adam** then says, "This time this is bone from my bones & flesh from my flesh!" & he called her '**Woman**' because she was taken out of **Man**. { Actually, that's not really exactly right. What he really called her was '**ee-shah**' because he was speaking Hebrew & not English! '**Ee-shah**' means '**woman**' & '**ee-sh**' means '**man**' in Hebrew. Or you could say '**male & female**' or '**husband & wife**' because **eesh** & **eeshah** mean all those things.

**vjai** eesh      **hVai** eeshah      }

Anyway, they could talk right from the beginning!

And how do I know that they spoke Hebrew? Well, do you remember that story about the Tower of Babel, where God confused what everybody was saying, so that they couldn't understand each other, so they all quit the building project, & all left to go their separate ways?

Well, it only happened at Babel. (That's in Iraq near Baghdad.) It didn't happen to those who still lived near Mount Ararat. Those guys kept speaking the same language they had always spoken, which was Ancient Hebrew. A long time later, some of their kids, & their kid's kid's kids moved down towards the land of Canaan (Israel). And when they moved, they took the Hebrew language with them. And that was the same language that all of Jacob's family spoke, as well as their enemies. (Ever wondered why the Israelite Spies had no problems talking with Rahab just before the battle of Jericho? It's because they all spoke the same language!)



And do you want to know a secret?

Guess what language the whole world is going to learn how to speak  
when the **KING** of Kings & **LORD** of Lords is reigning from **His** throne in **Jerusalem?**

(Zep 3:9 & Is 19:18)

Did you guess it was **Hebrew**?

**Hebrew** is an ancient treasure & it belongs to **Him**

& did you know that the **Hebrew Alphabet** begins & ends with **Him**?

So... let's pull it out of the treasure box & have a look at it,



but before we get started, let me explain a couple things:

(And...as you read this list below, don't worry about remembering everything in it, because you can come back to it later if you forget something.)

- a` Every letter in the original Hebrew alphabet was a consonant.
  - b` In the beginning the vowels weren't written down 'cause everyone knew how to say them.

In Israel today, they still don't write them into their words. The vowels are only used for the



## Hebrew used in the scriptures.

- g` The first letters that were used to write Hebrew words were all pictures of something. The letters that are used today don't necessarily still look like the original picture, but the meaning of that picture is still connected to the letter.
  - d` Also, every Hebrew letter has a symbolic meaning,
  - h` and... every Hebrew letter is also used for a number...
  - w` and there are no capitol letters in Hebrew,
  - z` and there are no lower case letters!
  - x` There's 5 Hebrew letters that change when they are used at the end of a word.
  - j` Hebrew reads from right to left

<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<< You start here  
and you finish here<<<<<<<<<<

- Y Hebrew is generally written & spoken in the present tense!

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