

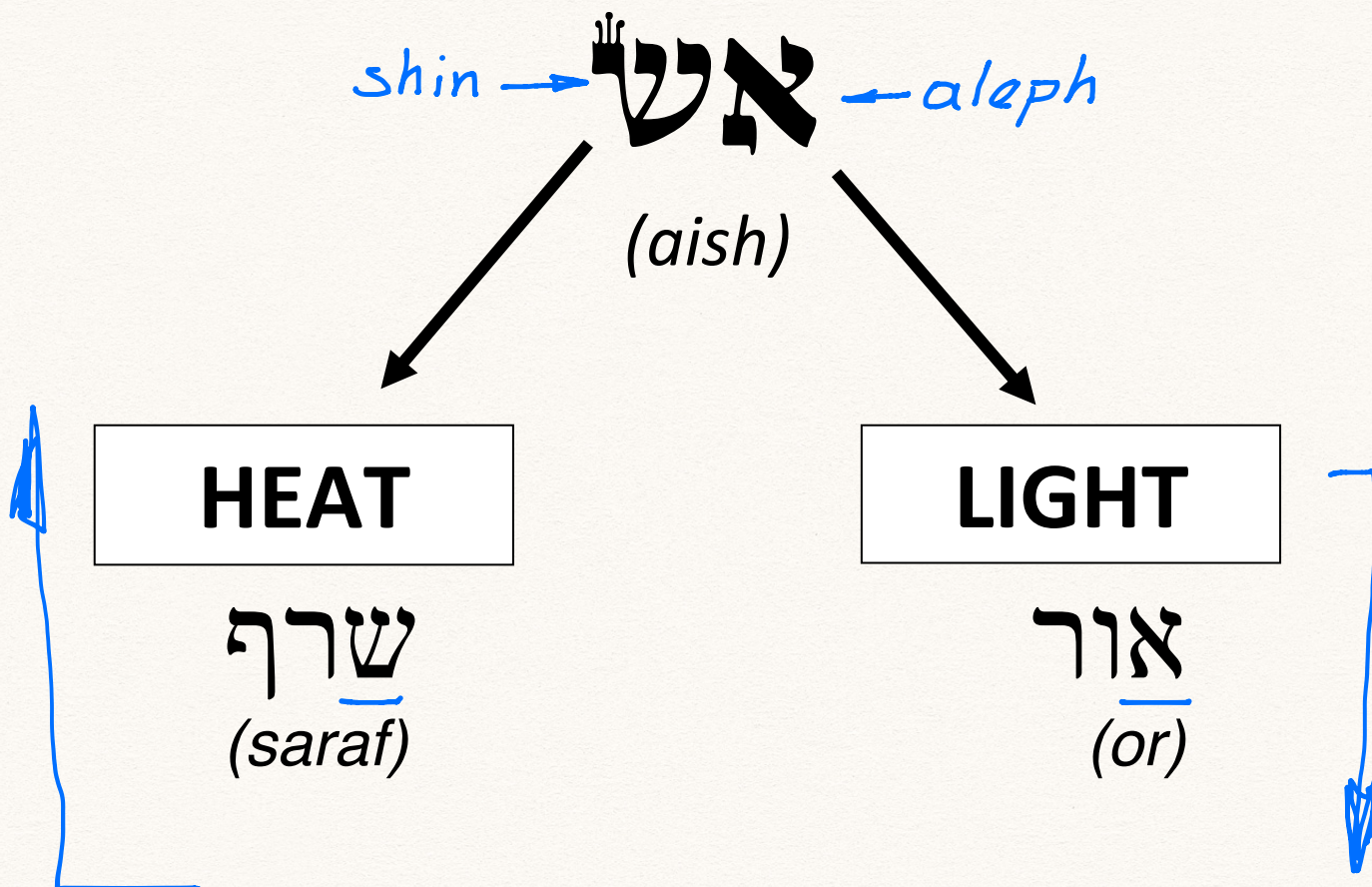
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Amos 2:6 – 3:8

Hebrews 12:28-29

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Fire: An Image of God's Essence

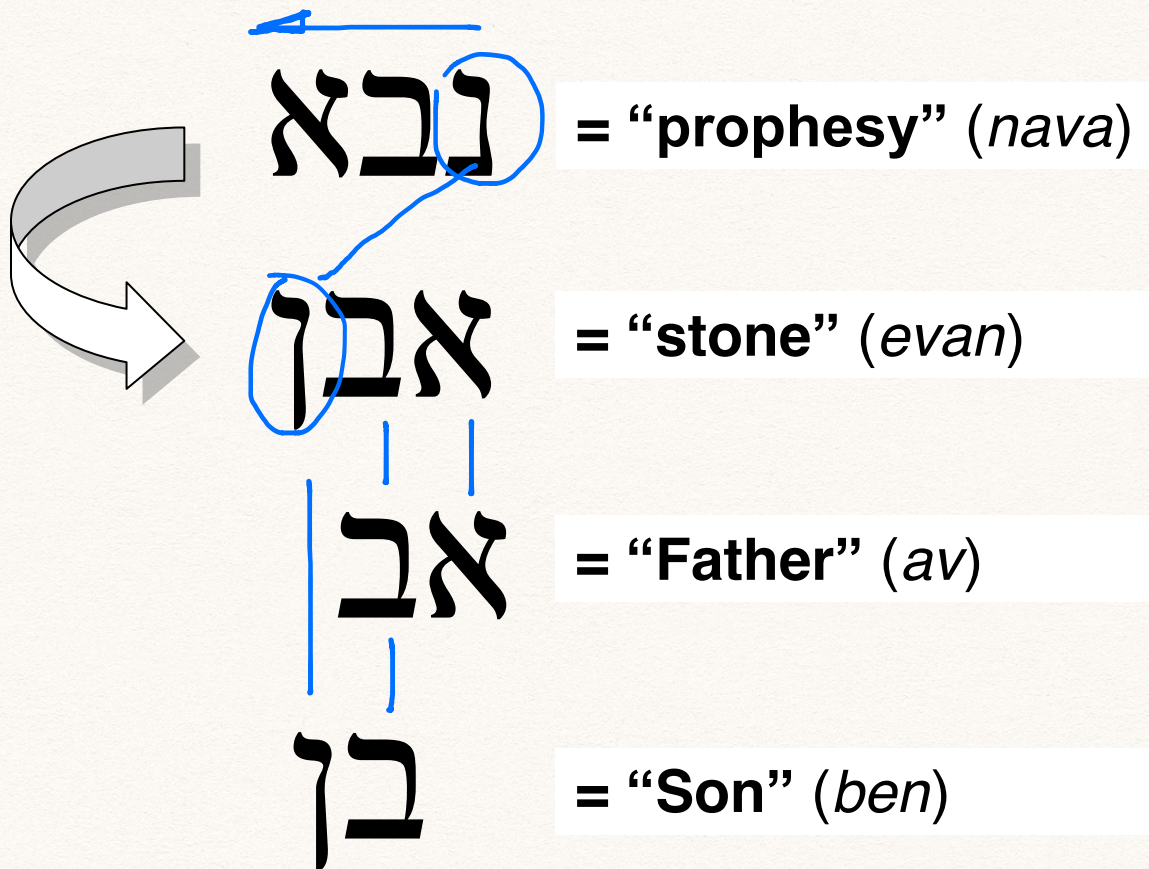


Genesis 15:17

And it came to pass when the sun had gone down, and it was dark, that behold, there was a smoking furnace, and a flaming torch which passed between those pieces.

“The Jew is that sacred being who has brought down from heaven the everlasting fire, and has illumined with it the entire world.”

☞ Leo Tolstoy



Amos 1:2

And he said: “Adonai will roar from Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem; the dwellings of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.”

Amos 3:4

Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Does a young lion cry out from his den, if he has taken nothing?

Amos 3:8

The lion has roared; who will not fear? Adonai the Lord has spoken; who can but prophesy?

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Proverbs 22:13

The sluggard says, “There is a lion outside! I shall be killed in the streets!”

“What does faith offer in return for the struggle and the effort? It gives the presence of God, but not always the sense of God’s presence... One has to decide what one really wants, the actual presence of God or the feeling that one is close to Him.”

✎ R' Adin Steinsaltz

Luke 12:47-48

And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.