

*El Shaddai Ministries welcomes  
you to your Sabbath*

פָּרַשׁ תְּנִיחָה

Noach  
“Noah”

Genesis 6:9-11:32  
Isaiah 54:1-55:5  
Luke 17:20-27



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| <u><b>Announcements</b></u> |  |
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| Tuesday                     | Prayer and Worship starting at 1:00 p.m. at ESM Office.  |
| Thursday                    | Manna Time at 10:00 a.m. at ESM Office.  |
| Saturday – Torah Club       | <b>NEW TIME!</b> Join us on Shabbat at <b>1:00</b> p.m. for FFOZ Torah Club and Fellowship!.   |
| October 21 & 28             | Join us to hear Dr. Danny Ben Gigi teaching for our Shabbat Service.   |
| October 24                  | Join us for the funeral of Gail Cornielus, Tuesday, October 24, at 11:00 A.M. at Tuell McKee Funeral Home, 2215 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Tacoma, WA 98403.   |
| October 28                  | We welcome you to join us in celebration of the memory of Gail Cornielus for her Memorial at El Shaddai Ministries after the Service on Saturday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> at 12:45 P.M..  |
| New Calendars & USB's       | New Calendars and new USB's are here!  |
| Contact Forms               | We are in the process of updating our current contact information. If there has been a change of address or contact information, there are Contact Forms on the Information table to fill out. We would love to have all our information up to date. Thank you!! |

Date:

Prayer Request:

Complete the following if you wish to be contacted.

Name:

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Please email your request to: [prayer@esm.us](mailto:prayer@esm.us) or place it in an offering box.

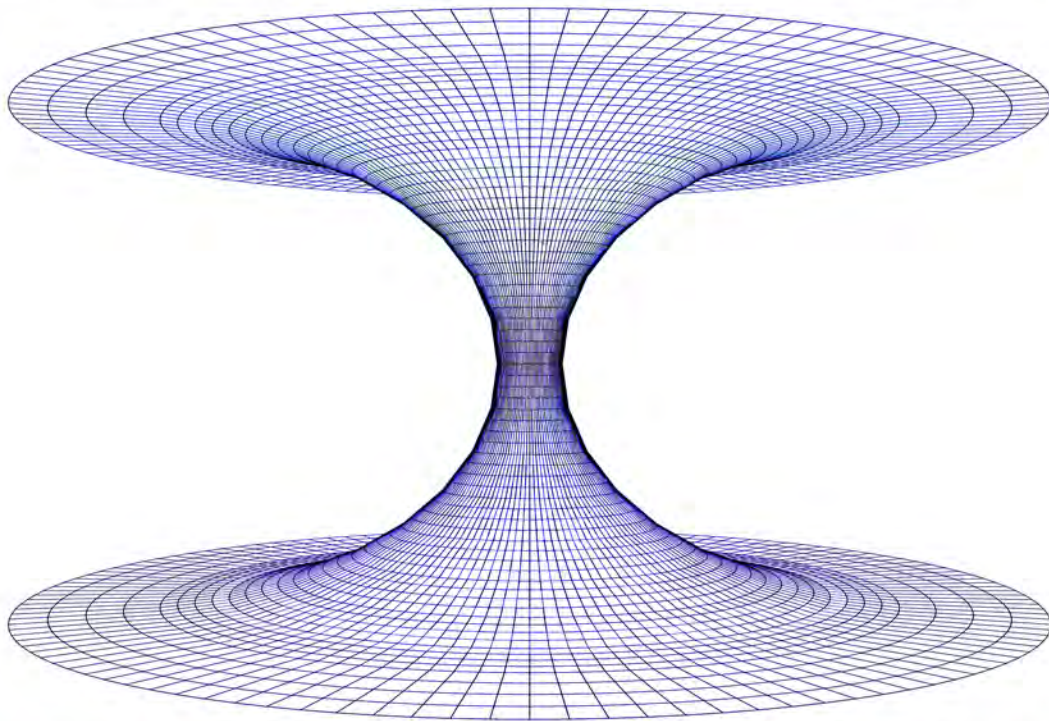
# THE ASTOUNDING TIME FLIPS IN THE HEBREW BIBLE



Most Bible students and scholars associate Biblical prophecy with prophets, while in fact almost every verse of the Hebrew Bible which includes **verbs** is prophetic by its essence due to a unique attribute that cannot be found in any English or other Bible translation on the planet. This bewildering and unique characteristic that can also be found in Hebrew versions of the New Testament, is called: "The Inversion 'Vav' from Past to Future" and vice versa. It is also called the 'Conservative Vav.' 'Vav' is the sixth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It means "and." Learn more about the Inversion 'Vav' on page 9. Mysteriously, when this 'Vav' appears in the Hebrew Bible it flips (reverses) the tense of the sentence from future to past and the opposite.

'**Merriam-Webster**' offers two definitions for 'time': 1) the measured or measurable period during which an action, process, or condition exists or continues 2) DURATION: a non-spatial continuum that is measured in terms of events which succeed one another from past through present to future. However, Biblical Hebrew overrules this cosmic rule! At this point you may be asking "why?"

Well, many have been struggling with this question for generations. Some researchers



**Tunnel or wormhole over curved spacetime - can time go back and forth?**

[A **wormhole** (Einstein-Rosen bridge) is a hypothetical structure connecting disparate points in spacetime, and is based on a special solution of the Einstein field equations]

Wikipedia

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even suggested that this was the prevailing literary style when the Biblical text was first written. But this is a wrong assumption. If that was the case, then the whole or at least a part of the Bible would have been written in this style consistently. But this is not the case, and indeed at times we see regular usage of past tense verbs with or without the 'Vav' in the very same verse where the inversive 'Vav' is used. In other cases we witness regular prose style narratives lasting over several consecutive verses. No Bible scholar, linguist or scientist could offer a comprehensive and inclusive answer to this amazing enigma. Here are two mind-boggling examples of the effect of the 'The Inversion 'Vav.'



Consider this well known verse:

“And God said, **Let there be** light; and there **was** light.” [Genesis 1:3](#)

Now see the Hebrew verse with the conjugated verb “be” shows in red:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי-אוֹר וַיְהִי-אוֹר:

The translation of this verse according to Hebrew grammar rules is as follows:

“And God said, **Be light!**; and there **will be** light.”

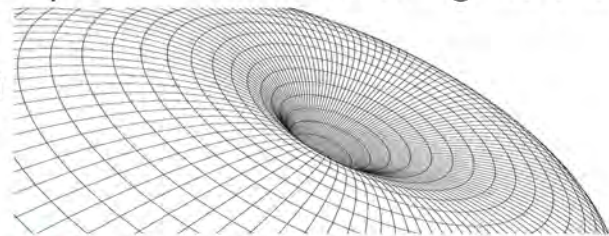


**Is our time being measured by the only possible clock in the universe?**

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1) Obviously, there is no need for God to ask for an external apparatus or mechanism that induces action to create the light as it is inferred by the phrase: "Let there be." God's imperative (command) "**BE** Light" is sufficient. Hence we learn the principle that the **Word** of God is also the **action** and there is no need for mediation. 2) The "will be light" could be an unknown Present Perfect Continuous tense phrase that is not part of the usual Hebrew grammar, though it precisely describes an event that started happening in the past, continuously happened up to the present, and still happens during the present (a kind of "has been + verb + ..ing form). Perhaps "will be light" as called by the proper rules of Hebrew grammar may be a phrase encrypted to bear significance that transcends way **above and beyond** our comprehension, while we have only chosen the simplistic prose narrative of telling the event as a past simple tense story.

The flipping of tenses can happen even with the absence of the inversive 'Vav.' Consider this well known verse:



"And God said to Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**; and he said, Thus shall you say to the people of Israel, **I AM** has sent me to you." Exodus 3:14.

Now see the Hebrew verse with the conjugated verb "be" shown in red:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל-מֹשֶׁה אֲהִיָּה אֲשֶׁר אֲהִיָּה וַיֹּאמֶר כֹּה תֹאמַר לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲהִיָּה שְׁלַחְנִי אֵלֵיכֶם:

The startling translation of this verse adheres to Hebrew grammar rules:

"And God said to Moses, **I WILL BE THAT I WILL BE**; and he said, Thus shall you say to the people of Israel, **I WILL BE** has sent me to you."

We'll revisit this statement later on in this book with reference to God's Name.

Once again we see here a future projection but this time it is of God's essence. Perhaps it is easier for us to relate to this occurrence of inversive tenses since it declares a notion that we all know - God is eternal.

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These verses from Deuteronomy 6:5-7 reflect the usage of the Inversion 'Vav' from past to future. All the verbs which are marked in red are past tense verbs. The flipped future verbs here are used as Imperatives.

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֵת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לְבָבְךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשֶׁךָ וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ:

Ve•a•hav•tá et Adonái Elo•hé•cha be•chol-le•vav•chá oo•ve•chol-naf•she•chá oo•ve•chol-me•odé•cha.

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֶנְכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם עַל-לְבָבְךָ

Ve•ha•yu ha•de•va•rim ha•é•le ashér Ano•chi me•tzav•chá ha•yom al-le•va•vé•cha.

And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart;

וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבְנֶיךָ וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלִכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ:

Ve•shi•nan•tám le•va•né•cha ve•di•bar•tá bam be•shiv•te•chá be•vey•té•cha oo•ve•lech•te•chá va•dé•rech oo•ve•shoch•be•chá oo•ve•ku•mé•cha.

And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

There is no easy way to put it, but as we encounter thousands of these astounding instances in the original Hebrew Bible we can't help but carefully witness that the upper level narrative of the Bible is actually encrypted with parallel currents of time dimensions flowing in opposite directions from past to future and from future to past. What it all means as a comprehensive notion we might never know. However, we have a pretty good chance while we test the inversive tenses by verse-to-verse scrutiny. Who knows what treasures are waiting for each of us even in a limited number of occasional verses we'd come across. Perhaps these are not meant to be occasional verses but rather designated for individual people to decipher as their own gift of the spirit.

# THE INVERSION “VAV”

The sixth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is, as you already learned, named “Vav.” It is a prefix, meaning a letter that is always attached to a word that follows it. It means “and.” Since “and” in Hebrew is just a letter it always connects to the next word whether it is a name or a verb or a pronoun (such as I, you, she etc.).

## The Conjunctive “Vav”: ו' החבור

This is the equivalent of “and” in English. It connects between nouns or actions (verbs and infinitives).

Examples: אֲנִי וְאַתָּה - I and you      קוֹרֵא וְלֹמֵד - read and learn      דֵּינָה וְדָוִד - Dena and David

## The Conversive Vav: ו' ההפוך

The Conversive “Vav” occurs only in Biblical Hebrew. It is also called: **The Inversion “Vav”** **1** **from Past to Future and from Future to Past.** When the Bible describes an incident that occurred in the past or is expected to occur in the future, the description usually begins with a verb whose tense matches the time of the story, and it continues with other verbs whose tenses are reversed. These verbs are preceded by a “Vav” (the “Vav” of Inversion), which has two functions: **1** It serves as a connecting “Vav” (equal to the English word “and”) to continue the story. **2** It marks a reversal of tenses from past or future, or vice versa.

**Past tense example:** All Hebrew verbs in red are in Future tense. The **1** flips them to Past tense.

בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם חָלָה חִזְקִיָּהוּ לְמוֹת; וַיָּבֹא אֵלָיו יִשְׁעִיָּהוּ בֶן-אָמוֹץ הַנְּבִיא וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה צוּ לְבֵיתְךָ כִּי מֵת אַתָּה וְלֹא תַחִיָּה. וַיִּסַּב אֶת-פָּנָיו אֶל-הַקִּיר וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל אֶל-יְהוָה. II Kings 20:1-2

1. In those days was Hezekiah mortally ill. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus said the Lord, Set your house in order; for you shall die, and not live. 2. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the Lord...



**Future tense example:** All Hebrew verbs in red except for the second (a Future tense verb), are in Past tense. The **1** flips them to Future tense.

וְהָיָה בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִשְׂרָק יְהוָה לְזָבוּב אֲשֶׁר בְּקִצָּה יְאִרֵי מִצְרַיִם; וְלְדַבּוּרָה אֲשֶׁר בְּאֶרֶץ אַשּׁוּר. וּבָאוּ וְנָחֻ כָּלָם... Isaiah 7:18-19

18. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall whistle to the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. 19. And they shall come, and shall rest all of them...