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The Adversary and The Self:

An Introduction to Justinian Linguistic Deconstruction and A Study of the Divine Functions of

Sin, Satan, and Hell

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Abstract

This paper introduces an emerging methodology from the author, Justinian Linguistic Deconstruction and reconsiders the role of Satan not as a rebellious adversary to God, but as a divinely appointed function meant to test, refine, and ultimately reveal the self. Drawing from biblical texts and linguistic patterns, it explores how Sin, spiritual struggle, and the adversarial presence are not antithetical to God's will but integrated into a redemptive framework. Through close examination of figures like Judas, Cain, and the Satan of Job, the work argues that the Fall itself may have been an orchestrated event designed to awaken perception and agency in humanity. Rather than presenting evil as opposition, this paper presents a paradigm in which the adversary is an instrument—both of separation and return. In doing so, it challenges traditional dichotomies and invites the reader into a deeper contemplation of divine purpose, justice, and restoration.

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I. Introduction

The duality of Light vs. Darkness has fascinated mankind since the beginning of recorded history. The force of Darkness, found in the canonized Holy Bible, contains the concepts of Sin and Satan, which personifies the inner desires, and inner moral and personal struggles that humanity wrestles against by the hour. They traditionally represent the Evil, and the Darkness, the balance to what Good and is Light. This paper explores how the biblical Adversary—known as the Satan—functions not as solely God’s enemy, but as a being that has been appointed a complex/ divinely-understood role, an agent of testing and refinement. He becomes the Shadow of God. It is a role destined from the War in Heaven, cast unto humanity as the fallen angel was cast to Earth. It also explores Hell as the reservation for refinement and will show that what we call Evil may simply be the distortion of perception. Through a multi-layered analysis of ancient language, psychological theory, and shifting theological interpretations, I argue that the true adversary is not an external being, but a mirror of inner conflict and perception—the byproduct of divine quantum entanglement. Using a linguistic deconstruction method and symbolic reinterpretation, this work also examines how changes in translation have distorted our understanding of both Sin and Satan, among other terms, and how reclaiming their original functions reveals a God who uses even darkness to shape light, as He tells us in Isaiah 45.7, “I form the light and create darkness; I make peace and create evil; I, the Lord, do all these things”.

II. Methodology (JLD + 999)

In the study of ancient languages and theological texts, linguistic deconstruction is often necessary to recover the earliest intended meanings of key terms. While traditional etymology and historical linguistics focus on phonetic and

semantic shifts, an alternative emerging approach—Justinian Linguistic Deconstruction (JLD)—proposes a letter-by-letter (or symbol-by-symbol) breakdown of words (or concepts) to their earliest recorded form, then reconstructs their meanings into a cohesive defining sentence. This method aims to do justice to the original intent of a lexeme or concept that has undergone centuries of interpretive distortion and proceeds from a hermeneutical base that incorporates both exegesis and eisegesis, while removing later additions such as diacritical markers, unless present at the language's inception. Unless otherwise noted, all letter-level readings in this study use the JLD 999 schema; traditional/iconic glosses (Egyptian → Proto-Sinaitic/Paleo-Hebrew; Akkadian; Sumerian) appear only as comparative context. Masoretic vocalization (niqqud/accents) is treated as a reception layer rather than part of the earliest consonantal design (see §III and the niqqud discussion). While the development of diacritical marks has been transformative for understanding ancient languages, it can also trap a word in a singular—sometimes biased—interpretation, creating a potential linguistic pitfall. With these constraints in place, we first clarify how niqqud functions as reception-layer metadata before turning to a worked example in the JLD/999 framework.

Ancient language was inherently symbolic, often reflecting themes of light and darkness. Through the JLD method, we can also distinguish between light-based (Divine) and darkness-based (Shadow) symbolism to construct a dual-perspective interpretation of each word. This approach allows for layered, multifaceted meanings that adapt to varying contexts—mirroring how, in life, such shifts in meaning are often shaped by one's perception and decisions. It is important to note that *light* and *darkness* in this framework do not strictly equate to *good* and *evil*. Rather, they

represent the tone or direction of a word's usage: light typically denotes a positively sanctioned, constructive aspect, while darkness is conveyed through a negative, often destructive or mirrored lens.

I, J William Gill, developed the JLD method in 2024 while working on my undergraduate studies in biblical and theological studies at Regent University, as I was researching the Tetragrammaton (YHWH), the ineffable name of the Hebrew God in the canonized Holy Bible. While looking at the Tetragrammaton symbol-by-symbol I hypothesized that if we could breakdown and decipher the Tetragrammaton symbol-by-symbol, could we not do the same with other words—what would be the difference? I then began to use the process on other words, including those not coded as biblical, to test my hypothesis, and began to see a parallel with breakdowns and the modern meaning of words, but expressed in a descriptive sentence, or a definition built into the word itself.

Originally, I brought every word back to Akkadian, looking for the earliest potential meaning of the given word from the earliest known recorded language. The thought was that if written language, as far as man is aware, began with the Akkadians, then reconstructing all words based on this language and its symbolic content would bring us back to the original mindset of humanity. After seeing reconstruction errors, it was decided that the origin language of the chosen word should be the earliest available root of the chosen word, in that root's language. This would potentially give the researcher the earliest known *spelling*, in the era it was brought to inception, allowing them to see the most accurate conceptual description of the chosen word from its original language creators. To cross-check modern interpretations, the current spelling and language can also be used. This allows the researcher to gauge if the word

has shifted in meaning over generations. Some words have been found to shift drastically, based on translation, when reviewing words in this framework, others subtly or not at all. These shifts may have been a conscience decision, or one influenced by political or religious pressures. This method also lets the researcher gain a better understanding of how words are formed and what specific letters mean in a word, how they serve a purpose and not just a space.

While reviewing the Hebrew language, I observed a peculiar pattern in how some of the Hebrew alphabet letters were formed—it was noted that certain letters appear to fall off at the end, while others rest upon a horizontal or curved line, and this seemed deliberate rather than accidental. I argue that the consonantal structure of Hebrew suggests no inherent need for the later Masoretic system of *niqqud* to ensure comprehension. The consonantal framework itself provided a perfect equilibrium, sufficient for conveying meaning and awaiting the attentive interpreter's discernment.

This conviction found one of its earliest and most articulate defenders in the eighteenth-century theologian John Gill. In his *Dissertation Concerning the Antiquity of the Hebrew Language* (1767), Gill argued that the Hebrew text exhibits a native perfection—"it is perfect in its letters and in its points," as he quotes Abraham de Balmis—linking this to the language's ability to "express the nature of the things signified" and to its roots being "for the most part, of three letters only" (Gill, 1767, p. 22). For Gill, the strength of Hebrew resided in its original consonantal design, a system capable of sustaining meaning; he also asserted the stability of the consonantal alphabet as far back as the days of David and Solomon, visible in the alphabetic acrostics (Ps 119; Prov 31; Lam) (Gill, 1767, p. 22). Gill defended the primacy and sufficiency of Hebrew's consonantal structure while disputing the notion

that vowel points were a late Masoretic invention; in fact, he amasses evidence for their antiquity and usefulness (Gill, 1767, pp. 70, 83, 96, 120–121). His work reflects a pre-modern attempt to situate Hebrew as the most ancient and divinely ordered of human languages (Gill, 1767, pp. 22, 120–121). Building on this foundation, the Justinian Linguistic Deconstruction (JLD) method proposes that Hebrew should be understood not merely as a phonetic language but as a system of conceptual shorthand.

This paper argues that Gill's insights into the sufficiency of the consonantal text find fuller development in the JLD framework, which interprets Hebrew roots and clusters as compressed carriers of meaning that expand contextually. Gill's central claim (citing Balmis) that Hebrew is "perfect in its letters and in its points... nothing wanting, and... nothing redundant," sits alongside his observation that most roots are tri-literal and that Hebrew words "express the nature of the things signified" (Gill, 1767, p. 22). He further argued that the consonantal alphabet remained stable from the monarchic period, pointing to acrostic evidence (Gill, 1767, p. 22). The JLD method affirms Gill's recognition of Hebrew's consonantal backbone but extends it: where Gill takes tri-literal economy as linguistic perfection, JLD treats the roots as conceptual shorthand—semantic seeds whose meanings unfold contextually.

While Gill defends the Hebrew text and (contra many moderns) argues for the antiquity and utility of points and accents (Gill, 1767, ch. 4; see esp. Jerom[e] evidence, pp. 83–85), modern textual criticism (e.g., Würthwein & Fischer) gives a historical account of Masoretic vocalization (Tiberian, 7th–10th c. CE) as a learned notation of a received reading tradition rather than part of the earliest consonantal layer. (Würthwein, 1987).

This model suggests that Hebrew was never primarily a phonetic script intended to reproduce spoken language with precision; rather, it functioned as an architecture of compressed thought. The “vulgarly spoken” argument appears in Gill’s discussion of when Hebrew ceased to be commonly spoken—he notes it was still vulgarly spoken for hundreds of years after Ezra, which he uses to challenge certain necessity claims about the points (Gill, 1767, p. 118).

By reframing Hebrew as conceptual shorthand, JLD contributes three key insights to the history of Hebrew studies:

1. **Compression as Design:** The tri-literal root system demonstrates not only economy but intentional compression, embedding theological and conceptual depth in minimal form.
2. **Contextual Expansion:** Meaning unfolds not from phonetic precision but from contextual expansion, aligning with oral tradition and communal interpretation.
3. **Interpretive Control:** The later imposition of vowel points and accents represents a shift from open conceptual breadth to narrowed doctrinal control, shaping how Scripture was read and transmitted.

These insights situate JLD as both a continuation of Gill’s defense of Hebrew antiquity and a corrective to modern assumptions that Hebrew was deficient without vowels.

John Gill’s eighteenth-century defense of Hebrew’s perfection and his critique of vowel points opened a scholarly conversation that remains unresolved. The Justinian Linguistic Deconstruction method extends this conversation by interpreting Hebrew as a system of divine shorthand, where consonantal clusters compress theological meaning into skeletal forms awaiting expansion. In this light, the antiquity and sufficiency of Hebrew are not

merely linguistic curiosities but signs of a deeper architectural design in divine revelation.

After further analysis of the letters, it was determined that the Hebrew alphabet is divided into three sections of nine letters—I labelled these as Stable, Unstable and Balanced. Please review Appendix D for full letter breakdown. This method I titled the 999 Framework as a nod to gematria, and the three groups of nine letters found in the framework. The framework balances Stable and Unstable letters as well as Balanced letters, accordingly, offering a complex and nuanced review of the Hebrew language.

III. Linguistic History/ Niqqud

We will take a moment to explore a few non-biblical examples before we proceed into the research. This will help the reader get a better understanding of the process being used in this paper. The first word we will breakdown is *book*:

We can trace *book* to *buch*, of Germanic roots. We will use Elder Futhark Runes, the oldest known Germanic script in our breakdown (~2nd century AD). Again, this gives us the earliest, most accurate usage of that word, before translation influence. Here is the breakdown:

Table Ia

JLD Breakdown of the word Book (Germanic Root of buch) using Elder Futhark Runes.

Letter	Name	Conceptual Meaning	Citations
ᚷ	Berkanan (Berkano)	Birch tree; growth; container of life/knowledge	Thorsson, 1987, p. 52; Pollington, 2008, p. 62; Page, 1999, p. 91
ᚯ	Othala (Odal)	Ancestral home; inheritance; spiritual legacy	Thorsson, 1987, p. 52; Pollington, 2008, p. 62; Page, 1999, p. 91
ᚱ	Kaunan (Kenaz)	Torch; fire/illumination; transformation	Page, 1999, p. 109; Blum, 1982 (Rune 6); <i>Anglo-Saxon Rune Poem</i> ("Cen")

Reconstructed interpretation:

"A vessel of ancestral legacy that brings illumination and inner transformation."

This aligns with the modern definition of *book*, which is "*a bound set of blank sheets for writing or keeping records in*" (Oxford University Press, n.d.), however it defines *book* as more than a bound set of sheets for writing, and describes it as the vessel that our ancestors used to educate and illuminate the future, to transform thinking. The weight this carries goes beyond modern understanding, giving us a deeper connection with our past and the word's historic purpose.

We will continue with one more example, the word *knowledge*. We can trace the word *knowledge* back to Sanskrit, with the word *jñāna*, or ज्ञान, meaning "*knowledge, perception or*

insight". Sanskrit is one of the oldest conceptual languages in history. Here is the breakdown using the Sanskrit script of Devanagari:

Table 1b

JLD Breakdown of the word Knowledge (Sanskrit word of jñāna, or ज्ञान, using Devanagari.

Letter	Name	Conceptual Meaning	Citations
ज	ja	Birth; initiation; spark	Apte, 1965; Monier-Williams, 1899; Feuerstein, 2001
ज्ञ	ñā	Deep internal perception; inner consciousness	Apte, 1965; Monier-Williams, 1899; Feuerstein, 2001
ज्ञ	jñā (ligature e: ज + ज्ञ)	Awakening of inward awareness (synthetic value of ja+ñā)	Apte, 1965; Monier-Williams, 1899; Feuerstein, 2001
ज्ञा	ā (long vowel sign)	Extension; depth; fullness — “great/full version of the idea”	Monier-Williams, 1899; Radhakrishnan, 1927
ज्ञान	na	Movement; vibration; flow of life → mind/breath; directional knowing (active consciousness)	Feuerstein, 2001; Radhakrishnan, 1927; Apte, 1965

Reconstructed Interpretation:

“The spark of inward perception, expanded in fullness, flows into conscious understanding”

This interpretation also aligns with the modern definition of the word *knowledge*, which is, “awareness or familiarity gained by experience of a fact or situation” (Oxford University Press, n.d.), however it goes further. It gives a deeper understanding of what the term, at its inception, meant to those who developed it. Knowledge is not simply awareness gained by experience, but rather the spark in each of us that seeks to understand, and does, expanding and growing from a thought to conscious reality. We gain knowledge when we develop what stirs inside of us. With that said, let us segue into some knowledge of the Hebrew language, and the diacritical system developed to gain understanding.

Hebrew is one of the oldest written languages still in use today. It first emerged over three thousand years ago as the language of the ancient Israelites and was used to compose much of the Hebrew Bible (Kutscher, 1982; Sáenz-Badillos, 1993). Following the Babylonian exile, Hebrew began to shift and absorb features from neighboring languages like Aramaic, as seen in texts from the Second Temple period, including the Dead Sea Scrolls (Qimron, 1986; Garr, 2004). Although it eventually stopped being a spoken everyday language by the second century CE, it continued as a sacred and scholarly language in Jewish religious life and literature throughout the medieval period (Sáenz-Badillos, 1993; Khan, 2013). In the modern era, Hebrew experienced a revival in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, led by Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, a Jewish linguist, and became the official language of the State of Israel in 1948. While Modern Hebrew differs in some ways from its biblical form, it preserves a deep connection to its ancient roots and remains a vital part of Jewish identity and culture today (Fellman, 1973; Zuckermann, 2009).

The Niqud system—a series of diacritical markers and vowel points used to indicate vowel sounds in the Hebrew language—was not added until approximately 600–950 CE by the Masoretes. This leaves a gap of roughly 1,600 to 1,950 years during which the written Hebrew text existed without standardized vocalization, leaving its pronunciation and in some cases its meaning open to interpretation (Sáenz-Badillo, 1993; Yeivin, 1980). The inherent problem that occurs is that we, seemingly overnight, see a dramatic shift from open interpretative language to conformed, guided thought. The freedom and beauty that the original translators were afforded was stripped.

The Niqud was developed and implemented by the Masoretes, a group of Jewish scribes, scholars, and linguists who operated primarily between the 6th and 10th centuries CE, dedicated to the preservation, standardization, and vocalization of the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh). The most famous of the Masoretes was Aaron ben Moses ben Asher, who Finalized Tiberian Niqud system and created Aleppo Codex, the most authoritative Masoretic text, as Emanuel Tov states, “The Aleppo Codex, produced under the supervision of Aaron ben Asher, was regarded as the most authoritative Masoretic text of the Hebrew Bible by later scholars, including Maimonides” (Tov, *Textual Criticism*, p. 74). Tov also gives insight into Aaron’s father, Moses ben Asher, a renowned Masorete who produced the Codex Cairensis (~895 CE), a manuscript of the Prophets featuring early Tiberian vocalization, in his book *Textual Criticism*. On page 80, he says of Moses ben Asher’s work, “The Codex Cairensis, attributed by its colophon to Moses ben Asher in the year 895 CE, is the earliest dated manuscript containing the Prophets according to the Tiberian tradition.”

There is ongoing scholarly debate as to whether Aaron ben Moses ben Asher belonged to the Karaite movement, a Jewish sect that rejected rabbinic oral law, or to the Rabbanite tradition of mainstream Judaism. His association with certain Karaite communities and

textual customs suggests an openness to Karaite influence; however, the question of his sectarian identity remains unresolved. What is undisputed is that his work—especially the Tiberian Niqqud system—was respected and preserved in both Karaite and Rabbanite circles (Kahle 1959, 202–204; Tov 2012, 74). If Ben Asher were indeed Karaite, this would complicate the traditional portrayal of him as a neutral or strictly Rabbinic figure and raise significant questions about the ideological underpinnings of the Niqqud system (Kahle 1959, 207). His most well-known contemporary scholastic rival, Moshe ben Naphtali, although publicly disputing many of Ben Asher’s vocalizations and interpretations, did not identify him as belonging to either sect nor was the topic ever something that s (Morag 1962, 11–13).

Ben Naphtali was a lesser-known scholastic rival Masorete who challenged around 860–875 of Ben Asher’s pronunciations, including placement of accents, vowels, and orthographic features, though the meaning of the text usually remains unchanged. These differences were well documented in Masoretic lists, the most famous being by Elia Levita in the *Masoret ha-Masoret* (16th century), where he summarized many of these variant readings (Levita, 1538; Yeivin, 1980). Both men came from families with deep rooted biblical ties, as Yeivin describes them, ““The Masoretes... were not innovators but preservers. They saw their task as keeping the sacred text exactly as it had been received, a trust handed down since (Mount) Sinai” (Yeivin, 1980, p.12). Ben Asher, hailed for his work, came from a family described as, "Ben Asher's family, like many Masoretes, likely belonged to the Levitical class... maintaining traditions of biblical chanting and textual precision that can be traced to Temple practices” (Tov, 2001, p.34). And while their rivalry was intense, it was said to be rooted in deep respect for tradition and preserving the Word of God in its fullness, as stated by Geoffrey Khan, "The differences between Ben Asher and Ben Naphtali are a testimony to the seriousness with which both schools approached the biblical text... These were not casual

disagreements but deeply considered judgments about sacred tradition” (Khan, 2020).

Opposition to the Niqud system points out how traditional Hebrew was conceptual and provided room for deeper interpretation. Prior to the Masoretic intervention, Hebrew writing lacked vowel points, which meant that readers had to rely on context, tradition, and interpretive skill to derive meaning from the consonantal text. This interpretive openness allowed for a diversity of theological and philosophical understandings (Yeivin, 1980; Tov, 2001).

The inclusion of Niqud by the Masoretes, however, introduced a fixed system of pronunciation and grammar that standardized how texts were to be read. Scholars argue this may have been intentional, serving to preserve a specific Rabbinic interpretation of Scripture and curtail alternate readings (Khan, 2007). By locking in how the text *must* be pronounced, the Niqud also limited how it could be understood, thus potentially aligning Scripture more closely with established doctrine (Tov, 2001; Segal, 1948).

If we apply the JLD method to the word Niqud (ניקוד), we get:

Table 1c

JLD breakdown of word niqud using pointed Hebrew

Letter	Name	Category	Gematria	Conceptual Meaning (from your schema)
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נ	Nun	Stable	50	Volcano; Worship; Perpetual; Continuing always; Life; Breaking forth; Reaching the sky
י	Yod	Balanced	10	Flame; Divine point; Illumination; Spirit of God; Spark; Light the path
ק	Qof	Unstable	100	Elephant; Found Wisdom; Great wisdom; Seeing the Divine; Mystery; Powerful
ו	Vav	Unstable	6	Man's Spirit; Stillness; The unknown; Message from God; The soul of man
ד	Dalet	Unstable	4	Snake; Ruler of Self; Planting seed; Grounded path; Beginning growth; Lesson

Reconstructed interpretation:

“Breaking forth from God’s great wisdom, joined to Man’s Spirit; a lesson/ teaching”

Note that under JLD, vocalization is ordinarily removed to expose the consonantal architecture. The lone exception is the technical term *niqqud* itself, whose coinage and standard form presuppose pointing; here, the points and matres are included in the orthographic pass. When desired, a distinct root pass may trace N–Q–D (‘to dot/mark’). This interpretation reframes *Niqqud* not merely as vowel dots—but as a powerful knowledge base, passed on to Man to teach and instruct. This further affirms the importance of the *Niqqud* in helping to define a language that would otherwise be too conceptual to accurately restore. While I still find the *Niqqud* to be not necessary to understand, I do want to note and recognize its impact and contribution. We can explore further by deconstructing each of the individual *Niqqud*, to get a better conceptual grasp on what they are doing to the language. Review this chart in Appendix G.

The chart provides further insight into the structure and function of the Hebrew language following the introduction of the Niqud system. The reconstructed interpretations of each affirms that the Niqud serve primarily as grammatical instruments intended to aid in pronunciation and the interpretations give a deeper insight into what each is used or how they apply themselves to letters. However, it is important to recognize that while they facilitate vocalization, they also impose constraints on the language's original conceptual freedom. To see the stakes of this shift from conceptual breadth to pointed performance, consider a high-visibility term in a doctrinally weighty text.

As a test case, consider רַע in Isa 45:7. JLD first reads the bare consonants רע as conceptual architecture and then considers how the Patach pointing narrows that field.

Letter	Name	Category	Gematria	Conceptual Meaning	Citations
ע	Ayin	Stable	70	Eye; perception; understanding; seeing	Kaplan, 1997; Tov, 2002
ר	Resh	Unstable	200	Head; beginning; source; chief; principle	Klein, 1987

Reconstructed interpretation:

"From the source, perception"

Or

"What is perceived" or "What is understood."

This interpretation differs from the post-Niqqud translation of:

- ר (Resh): Head, beginning, source, chief, principle
 - Niqqud addition: Patach (short “a” vowel): locks the word to a specific meaning rather than allowing the organic conceptualization that was in the original language (Even-Shoshan, 2003).
- ע (Ayin): Eye, perception, understanding, seeing (Kaplan, 1997; Tov, 2002).

Interpretation with Niqqud: “*Evil, Wicked, or Bad*” (Even-Shoshan, 2003).

If we examine scripture verses containing the Hebrew symbol ע, ר and replace the interpretation with “what is perceived”, the verses read as:

- Isaiah 45.7: “I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create what is perceived; I, the Lord, do all these things.”
- Genesis 6.5: “Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only what is perceived continually.”
- Psalm 34.14: “Depart from what is perceived and do good.”
- Amos 3.6: “Shall there be what is perceived in a city, and the Lord has not done it?”
- Ecclesiastes 12.14: “For God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or what is perceived.”
- Proverbs 8.13: “The fear of the Lord is to hate what is perceived...”
- Isaiah 5.20: “Woe to those who call what is perceived good, and what is good perceived.”

This interpretation views the world as continually shaped by our free will—by what we perceive each day—rather than by a fixed external force. To perceive is to choose, sometimes subconsciously. God grants us the capacity to perceive His Word, His works, and what is good; within that perception we find either the path to righteousness or the stairway to sin. These reinterpreted verses urge caution: do not see blindly and be discerning about what you label “bad” versus what may, in truth, be good. This does not imply that what is inherently evil becomes good; rather, it warns against letting perception, untethered from truth, govern our decisions. While one can read the term in the traditional sense of “evil,” I contend that such a reading flattens the concept into something more rigid and darker than the letters themselves suggest. This dynamic appears with Eve in Genesis 3:6: “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat...”

In this verse, Eve saw that the tree was good for food—an act of perception. Thus, it was not some abstract force of evil that led her astray, but a distorted perception of what God had already defined as off-limits. The serpent, though manipulative, did not create evil; he bent her perception. Scripture reinforces this theme in other passages as well:

- Genesis 13.10: “And Lot lifted up his eyes, and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered... then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan...” In this verse Lot chose Sodom due to the fertile ground, but did not perceive the spiritual pitfall that was coming.
- Numbers 13.33: “And there we saw the Nephilim... and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.” The men flee in fear due to how they perceive their stature compared to the enemy.

- 1 Samuel 16.7: “The Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’”
Here, the Lord points to the fault with Saul—that he is allowing his perception of Eliab to guide his decision. The Lord states He chooses by the heart, not by what is solely seen, distinguishing true sight from what is perceived.
- Matthew 6.22-23: "The eye is the lamp of the body; so, then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!" In this verse, we find Jesus pointing out that perception steers our vision — and that if we perceive something as light, even when it is truly darkness, then what we shine outward will be distorted. This does not imply we are correct, but rather our perception itself has been corrupted through misalignment with truth. The greater danger is not blindness — it is thinking we see, when what we see is wrong.


Taken together, these texts show perception as the first gate of obedience or failure: what we “see” shapes what we choose. With JLD/999 we’ve treated letters as conceptual architecture and noted how reception layers can narrow a field of meaning. With that in place, we can now turn from perception as catalyst to the language of sin itself—first clarifying terms, then testing how consonantal design and reception layers frame the doctrine.

IV. Divine and Shadow Aspects — Dual Method

As I reviewed the JLD case studies, I noticed that the phrases they produced tended to be positive, with righteous overtones. That isn't always how language functions in lived reality. Words can tilt toward light or drift into distortion depending on how they are perceived in the moment. Drawing (in part) on Carl Jung's notion of the "shadow," I began testing whether each Hebrew letter—read through the JLD 999 schema—carries tendencies that can move in two directions: a Divine aspect (the ordered, righteous trajectory) and a Shadow aspect (the mirrored or darker trajectory). On the historical side, I'm standing on common ground about script development and reception: the Egyptian → Proto-Sinaitic/Proto-Canaanite → Paleo-Hebrew line of descent and the later Masoretic vocalization as a recorded reading layer over the earlier consonantal design (see also Hamilton, 2006; Naveh, 1987; Sass, 1988; Cross, 2003; Rollston, 2010; Würthwein & Fischer, 2014; Huehnergard, 2011; Woods, 2011). The Divine/Shadow mapping itself is a hermeneutical lens, not a claim that these scholars advocate the 999 system.

Using this dual method, I can track the two natural vectors of a given word and show how each can shape the reader's inner posture (psyche) and doctrinal conclusions. This matters for biblical work: because Hebrew is highly conceptual, it helps explain why the Masoretes often fixed one performed reading (via *niqqud*) and how shifts in perception can steer interpretation. The Divine/Shadow approach can be used alongside the standard JLD workflow or on its own, depending on the researcher's aim. It remains an interpretive aid—designed to get us moving in the right direction—rather than a set of exact definitions. Conclusions are disciplined by the JLD letter tendencies (per the 999 schema), the text's reception history, and Scripture's broader theological guardrails. This method will be demonstrated in the next section.

V: Sin

Having explored perception as a catalyst for sin, we turn to sin itself—not merely as a force opposed to God, but as a veil through which refinement becomes possible in biblical discourse. To avoid confusion, we distinguish two uses of “Sin”: (1) the biblical/theological category (e.g., פשע, עוון, חטא; NT ἁμαρτία), and (2) the Mesopotamian proper name Sîn/Su’en, the moon-god (cuneiform , dEN.ZU). JLD uses the latter only as a comparative, non-biblical demo of symbol-by-symbol reading; it does not claim an etymological link between the god’s name and the biblical doctrine of sin. With that methodological guardrail in place, we briefly read Sîn at the sign level, and then return to the Hebrew terms that carry the doctrine in Scripture.

Symbol	Traditional Sound	Divine Meaning (Light/Perceptive)	Shadow Meaning (Corrupt/Reactive)
  	d (Dingir)	Divine essence; sacred being; denotes godhood or celestial designation	False divinity; pride; self-elevation; illusion of godhood
	EN	Lordship, wise authority, ancient guide	Domineering ruler, control through fear or ego
	ZU	Wisdom, knowledge of time, cycles (moon),	Secret-keeper, obscurer, deception through hiddenness,

		perception of hidden truths	manipulation via knowledge.
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Divine Aspect:

"The Divine Lord who grants hidden wisdom and governs the sacred cycles of perception."

Shadow Aspect:

"A self-elevated ruler who masks the truth in mystery, using authority and hidden knowledge to control through fear or illusion."

Sin can be encountered as a reality that tests and teaches—or, when pursued with harmful intent, destroys. Navigated with discernment, trials associated with sin can yield wisdom and drive us nearer to God; indulged in, they deform and divide. To ground this claim, Appendix H catalogs key biblical episodes by outcome: Divine sins are those whose narrative arc lands in a redemptive end (repentance, wisdom gained, order restored); Shadow sins terminate in destruction or death; Critical sins are epoch-shaping, altering the course of redemptive history. This outcome lens affirms God's sovereignty even amid human failure (cf. Isa 45:7) without calling sin "good": God brings good through judgment and refinement, not from the moral quality of sin itself.

Judas's betrayal (for thirty pieces of silver) initiates the passion sequence and ends in his suicide—an outcome of death without recorded repentance. In this paper, that places the episode under Critical, not because the act is righteous, but because its historical scope is singular. The narrative also preserves the counterfactual possibility of mercy: had Judas turned, a redemptive outcome was not foreclosed—free will remains operative within divine sovereignty. This observation helped shape the taxonomy used throughout: Divine (redemptive terminus), Shadow (destructive

terminus), and Critical (history-shaping scope).

Sin tests and teaches when met with obedience; it destroys when embraced for harm. Our taxonomy—Divine / Shadow / Critical—codes episodes by where the arc lands (see Appendix H).

“I have refined you, but not as silver;

I have tried you in the furnace of affliction” (Isaiah 48.10 KJV).

Refinement, not the moral quality of sin, accounts for any good that follows.

“You have heard; now see all this.

From this time I announce to you new things, hidden things” (Isaiah 48.6).

Affliction reveals what faithful hearing missed; the aim is disclosure and formation.

“You did not hear; your ear was not opened...

for I knew that you would deal very treacherously” (Isaiah 48.8).

Discipline addresses deafness and treachery; it never rebrands sin as good; Divine outcomes mark repentance and renewal; Shadow marks destruction; Critical marks history-shaping turns.

Finally, He gives us instruction of our separation in Isaiah 48.9:

“For my name's sake will I defer mine anger,

and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off”;

and in Isaiah 59:2:

“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.”

This can be further supported in Hebrews 5.8:

"Though he were a Son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered".

Taken together, these citations locate suffering within God’s formative purpose rather than as random misfortune. Scripture ties obedience to endured trial—“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered” (Heb 5.8, KJV)—so if suffering forms obedience, sin functions as the proximate tool that teaches by consequence.

From there it is natural to bring in voices on formation. Carl Jung, the father of analytical psychology, observes: “There is no coming to consciousness without pain” (Jung, 1959/1968, CW 9ii, ¶ 234). Read alongside the biblical pattern of refining affliction, Jung’s point underscores that growth requires encountering what wounds and corrects us. Early Christian theologian Origen of Alexandria makes a parallel claim: “God’s punishments are salvific and educational, leading the soul to purification” (*On First Principles*, II.10.4). If divine “punishments” aim at purification, then sin—the thing that occasions such discipline—can be understood as the instrument that initiates the refining process, without calling sin good in itself.

VI. The Satan

The Satan was first introduced in Hebrew, as שָׂטָן (Ha’Satan), translated in Old

English as 'the Satan', or 'the Accuser'. This was a title, not a personal name. It was intended by the original author to reflect a nameless entity, who, driven by doubt and disdain, would test the heart and souls of mankind, in an attempt to prove that man was not capable, nor righteous enough, to enter the kingdom of heaven. Elaine Pagels, author of *The Origin of Satan*, views the Satan as one of God's angels, a being of superior intelligence and status (Pagels 1979).

As a society we have glorified the Satan, ascribing undue reverence to that which is a title. In scripture he is referred to as: 'the prince of this world' (John 12.31); "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4.4); 'the Father of Lies' (John 8.44); 'the accuser of our brethren' (Revelation 12.10); 'the prince of the power of the air' (Ephesians 2.2); and, most notably, 'the evil one' (John 5.19). We have inadvertently given more credit and power than what which was intended by God.

Let us take a closer look at the role of The Satan, deconstructing it using the JLD 999 Framework to uncover a balanced review of the role.

Letter	Name	Category	Gematria	Conceptual Meaning
ה	Heh	Balanced	5	Wind (Breathe of Life), <i>Applied knowledge, Renewal, Birth, Resurrection, To give life, To take life, Loss of life, Release</i>
ש	Shin	Stable	300	Fire Water, <i>Transformation, Refinement, To change form, Sacrifice, Punishment</i>
ט	Tet	Stable	9	Moon, Potential, <i>Incompleteness, Coming full circle, Hidden, Mystery, Rest</i>
נ	Nun	Stable	50	Volcano, Worship, <i>Perpetual, Continuing always, Life, Explosive, Breaking forth, Reaching the sky</i>

Reconstructed interpretation:

“The one who transforms life from incompleteness to worship”

or

This interpretation aligns with the theory presented by Carl Jung on the psychological concept of a manifested *Shadow* (for which the term *Shadow Aspect* is derived from), the unconscious aspects of the personality that an individual does not acknowledge or wishes to hide. Or, as stated by Jung, “the thing a person has no wish to be” (Jung, 1951, p. 9). When we allow the Satan to manifest with *Shadow Aspects*, defined by running The Satan through the traditional two-aspect method, he is the archetype of what mankind does not want to become, psychologically and spiritually—the embodiment of that which lives in veiled darkness. This interpretation may serve the theory that the Satan is a construct of the human mind, our own inner iniquity doing battle with our righteous inner self.

Furthermore, the aspect presented to us is to our choosing. As with all things, free will abounds and we, even when facing the plight of Sin and the Satan, have an opportunity to rise above, or descend lower with him. The Satan will either refine you, giving you the opportunity to receive the Lord’s grace, or he will consume you with his destructive ways. It is the ultimate battle of self.

To support this theory, recall the words of the Christ, Jesus, to his apostle, Peter, during the Last Supper: “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not” (Luke 22.31-32). In this verse Jesus, instead of praying against Satan, prays for Peter’s faith, indicating the battle was internal, between opposing forces within Peter and not between an external force.

The connection to this comes during another conversation between the Apostle and the Christ—Jesus sharply scolding Peter for opposing his plan to travel to Jerusalem to complete His mission. Those words are found in Matthew 16.23: “Get thee behind me, Satan:

thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men". This verse is twofold, as firstly, it solidifies Jesus Christ as the embodiment and personification of God, by revealing God's omnipresence and omnipotence. Jesus, sensing a shift in Peter's soul, acknowledges the inner Satan stepping forward and presenting as Peter. His ability to sense and see this shift, and His ability to transverse the subconscious, affirms His divine status. Secondly, it reveals Peter's shift from Apostle to the Satan comes from Peter allowing the Sin of disobedience and loss of trust in Him who is the Christ, to manifest from subconscious turmoil to conscious manifestation. In that moment, the *Shadow Aspect* of the Satan was waging war on Peter's soul.

This aligns with Carl Jung's theory that if left untreated and unmanaged, the *Shadow* will manifest itself into our conscious, physical world. In his work *Aion* (1951) Jung states: "The shadow personifies everything that the subject refuses to acknowledge about himself and yet is always thrusting itself upon him directly or indirectly." This would mean that due to Peter not acknowledging his doubt in Christ's plan, and working through it constructively, his *Shadow* (or the Satan) was given room to develop into a conscious force that Christ could see.

We find further support for the Satan's role as a divine refinement tool starting in Genesis 3.1, the Serpent placing doubt in the mind of Eve, "Did God *really* say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" This doubt conceived to Sin and The Fall commenced. The Serpent used manipulation to test Eve, to see if she was worthy of being called a child of God. The punishment that followed was set by God himself, not the Satan, for the Satan is merely the catalyst prodding for a reaction or pointing a finger at deceit. He is literally the proverbial "devil on the shoulder".

Continuing in scripture, we find support in Job 1.6-22, where Job, the righteous man,

according to God, is put through trials at the request of the Satan, arguing that God's grace and mercy is the sole reason for Job's unwavering faith. He asks God to test Job, through him, and see if faith abounds. The scenes show God's sovereignty and the Satan's role as being at the mercy of God's divine allowance, and in the end we see that Job triumphs, choosing spiritual refinement over destruction of the soul, choosing to lead with the *Divine Aspect* of the Satan rather than dwelling and succumbing to the *Shadow Aspect* that was pressured through his circle of friends.

And remember when Paul delivered Hymenaeus and Alexander to the Satan, in 1 Timothy 1.20, to teach them not to blaspheme—again we see the *Divine Aspect* at work—Paul's acknowledgement of refinement being the reason for involving the Satan. We can approach this verse with a hermeneutical lens, which could lead to the interpretation that Paul witnessed the breakdown between man's faith and man's obtainment of wisdom, and recognizing the necessity of clear understanding, invoked the Adversary as a divine instrument of correction. This is witnessed by breaking down the names of 'Alexander' and 'Hymenaeus' to their root language using the traditional two-aspect JLD method:

Greek of Ἀλέξανδρος (*Alexandros*):

A (Alpha)	First, Source, Divine Beginning (Sacks, 2003)
Λ (Lambda)	Authority, Leadership, Goading Force (Davidson, 1999)
E (Epsilon)	Breath, Life Force, Existence (Benner, 2010)
Ξ (Xi)	Divided Paths, Forking, Fracture, Duplicity (Robinson, 2006)
A (Alpha)	(Again) Divine Origin, Reiteration (Sacks, 2003)
N (Nu)	Flow, Continuation, Spirit-in-Motion (Benner, 2010)
Δ (Delta)	Doorway, Threshold, Transition (Davidson, 1999)

P (Rho)	Head, Authority, Power, Will (Robinson, 2006)
O (Omicron)	Cycle, Wholeness, Eye (Davidson, 1999)
Σ (Sigma)	Finality, Summation, Result (Benner, 2010)

Reconstructed interpretation: *“A force that encodes divine authority, flowing through trials and thresholds toward completion.”* Symbolizes faith.

Greek of Ὑμέναιος (*Hymenaios*):

Y (Upsilon)	Hidden force, overarching divine veil (Robinson, 2006)
Λ (Lambda)	Authority, Leadership, Goaded Force (Davidson, 1999)
Μ (Mu)	Waters, womb, collective flow (Benner, 2010)
Ε (Epsilon)	Breath, expression (Benner, 2010)
Ν (Nu)	Movement, current, spirit (Davidson, 1999)
Α (Alpha)	Divine root, singular source (Sacks, 2003)
Ι (Iota)	Being, essence, unity of form (Robinson, 2006)
Ο (Omicron)	Cycle, repetition, continuity (Davidson, 1999)
Ο (Omicron)	Cycle, Wholeness, Eye (Davidson, 1999)
Σ (Sigma)	Completion, judgment, return (Benner, 2010)

Reconstructed interpretation: *“Sacred flow and concealed knowledge—embodying the cycle of divine breath moving through creation.”* Symbolizes wisdom.

With these interpretations we can view the verse as Paul perceiving a disparity between faith and wisdom, between the zeal to believe and the capacity to understand. He delivers them to Satan—not for destruction, but for alignment—to mend the nuanced

imbalance between trusting blindly and knowing wisely.

The thorn in Paul's flesh, 2 Corinthians 12.7, taught him to endure and prevail, that which survived three prayers for removal. His 'thorn' was there to teach, to instruct, and to be overcome, not to be removed from the Lord. This implies divine authority and divine intent—even that which Paul perceived as a hinderance was not without good.

In Zechariah 3.1–2, we see the following scene: "And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" Satan stands at the right hand of the Angel—not in alliance with evil, but in service to divine justice. Though adversarial in nature, his role in this scene is not to oppose God, but to uphold the integrity of God's system. His accusation against Joshua is not rooted in personal malice, but in a commitment to the consistency of righteousness.

This mirrors real-world dynamics wherein even a rival—someone ideologically opposed or personally disliked—may, at times, stand in support of a higher truth or system beyond personal bias. Like a rival leader choosing to uphold a neutral code of justice rather than protecting his own interests, Satan here enforces a systemic truth that must be addressed before grace can be rightfully extended. His presence at the right hand signifies not partnership with the Angel's mercy, but alignment with the divine order that requires sin to be acknowledged before it can be absolved. The Lord rebuking Satan is not discrediting the accusation, it is acknowledging a judgement has been made from it, as if to say, "You have been heard, and my judgement is..." This does not equate to the Satan as 'good', however it does affirm his role in divine judgement.

An alternative interpretive approach views the scene through the lens of Carl Jung's

Shadow theory. Within this framework, the figure at Joshua's right hand could symbolize Joshua's unconscious self—the *Shadow*—standing beside his conscious identity to reflect an inner psychological conflict. The act of divine rebuke may thus be seen not as a condemnation of Satan, but as a reassurance directed toward Joshua himself, addressing internal fears and offering grace. In this reading, the Satan functions less as an embodiment of disobedience and more as a personification of internal doubt or opposition. Both interpretations ultimately converge on the idea of the Satan as a divinely sanctioned mechanism of spiritual testing.

Spiritual testing takes the stage in the Gospels, most explicitly in Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, accounted for in all Synoptic Gospels, such as Matthew 4.1–11: "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil..." In this passage, we see that it is not Satan acting independently, but the Spirit who leads Jesus into confrontation. This affirms that the testing itself was part of God's divine plan—not a trap to be feared, but a necessary path toward fulfillment. To complete His mission, Jesus had to face the Adversary—and overcome.

Again, one can view this scene through the lens of Carl Jung, with the Holy Spirit leading Jesus into the wilderness, to isolate and face his inner *Shadow*. The Satan did not appear to Jesus until forty days of fasting had occurred (Matthew 4.2-3). At this point, Jesus would be facing, among other ailments, possible hallucinations, and this would have allowed Jesus to fully interact with his *Shadow* (Brown 2009). While normally suppressed, the strain and stress on Jesus as a result of the extended fasting would have manifested his unconscious into his conscious, as Jung explains, "The psychological rule says that when an inner situation is not made conscious, it happens outside, as fate" (Jung, 1953/1980, p. 71). One could apply this to Jesus' situation—his body depleted of nutrients would have made his *Shadow* appear to force addressing the issue, as we see with the first tempt, turning a stone

to bread (Matthew 4.2-3). The Satan's continued use of "If thou be the Son of God", could be viewed as Jesus' inner *Shadow* questioning his own claim of divinity, forcing Jesus' to continue in faith or give up in doubt. Ultimately, His faith prevails, and the Satan departs. With either lens, that of the Satan or the *Shadow*, we shown the adversary to be working as an instrument of testing while the continuing to refine Jesus' soul, allowing His spiritual brilliance to shine as gold in the furnace.

Opposition to Jung's theory may circle back to Job 1.6-22. If Job is not present, how can one correlate the Satan to be on par with that of the *Shadow*, one's inner self? The answer lies in God's omnipresence. If God, not bound by structure and physical laws, able to hear all, see all and touch all, then God would be able to interact with that which lives in the subconscious. The moment our mind has manifested the presence of anything else, God, in turn, can interact with that manifestation as He does with us on a conscious level.

In scripture, we find support for God's omnipresence in Genesis 20.3 – God appears to Abimelech in a dream, warning him about Sarah; In Genesis 41.15-16 – Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams, showing divine interaction with subconscious imagery; In Daniel 2.28 – Nebuchadnezzar's dream is revealed to be a message from God; And in Acts 10.9-16 – Peter's vision of unclean animals shows God revealing divine truths through subconscious manifestations. These verses serve as evidence that God interacts on levels that transcend typical communication.

VI. Hell

As we discuss transcendence and the subconscious, let us segue into the topic of Hell and Hell's role in the divine plan. Scripture references multiple words that depict the concept of Hell, the underworld, where the souls of the damned reside and are punished for eternity for their earthly transgressions. Let us unpack these words, using the dual JLD method. The

original Hebrew term that was translated as Hell, is the word *Sheol* (שְׁאוֹל) deconstructed down with the 999 Framework to:

Letter	Name	Category	Gematria	Conceptual Meaning
ש	Shin	Stable	300	Refinement, transformation, trial, purifying fire
א	Aleph	Balanced	1	Origin, divine force, strength beginning, silent presence
ל	Lamed	Stable	30	Instruction, authority, movement, guiding force

Reconstructed meaning (framing Sheol as a ‘place’): *“A place of transformation and refinement, guided by divine force”.*

This reconstructed interpretation of Sheol points to a place of transformation and refinement through guided connections. The letter choices do not point to a place of fire and chaos, but rather they acknowledge that Sheol is a place of change, as is seen with fire, and while that change may be painful, its intention is to bring something new, something refined, not to destroy and consume. This description is supported in Scripture on several occasions: Proverbs 23.14 states, “You shall beat him with the rod and deliver his soul from Sheol.” This suggests that Sheol is a place of refinement, and once refined, your soul may be delivered;

however, it may manifest itself to the living, as shown in the Book of Proverbs. In verse 9.18 it states, “But he knoweth not that the dead there; her guests in the depths of Sheol.” King Solomon, the credited author, points out that one may be in Sheol, unawares, and not realize he is also in the company of the dead, for he is spiritually blinded, during his refinement.

This reframes the concept of Hell (derived from the Latin Vulgate translation of ‘Infernum’; from the Greek Septuagint translation of ‘Hades’; from the Hebrew of ‘Sheol’) not as place of torment, chaos, and eternal burning, but a place of refinement and restoration, not reserved solely for the dead. This revelation is further supported by Carl Jung, in his seminal work, *The Red Book*. In it he states, “Hell is when the depths come to you with all that you no longer are or are not yet capable of” (Jung, 2009, p. 244). This can be interpreted as Hell is where you go to face your fears, desires and sins—the things that we choose to hide and not confront, but are forced to face, in Hell. Or as it is written, a place where we will be refined: “I have refined thee, but not as silver; I have tested thee in the furnace of affliction” (Isaiah 48.7).

The Greeks transposed their view of Sheol in that of *Hades*, derived from the root of Haidēs. Hades was God of the Dead in Greek mythology, and likewise, the name of his realm—the abode of the dead spirits in *Homer*, son of Kronos and Rhea, brother of Zeus and Poseidon (Harper, n.d.). If we take the root Haidēs (Ἅιδης in Ancient Greek), and using the JLD method, deconstruct the word letter by letter, and look at the Divine and Shadow Aspects of the word, we get:

Letter	Ancient Root	Divine Meaning (Light)	Shadow Meaning (Dark)
H	Fence / Wall (from Phoenician ḥet → Greek rough-breathing)	Boundary for protection / sacred threshold	Barrier of separation / isolation from life

A	Ox head (aleph)	Divine strength / origin / spark	Selfish power / prideful dominance
D	Door (dalet)	Transition / passage / potential to move forward	Locking gate / imposed limitation / entrapment
E	Window / breath (he)	Revelation / invitation / divine insight	Exposed weakness / vanity / illusion of openness
S	Thorn / weapon (shin/sin)	Refining trial / holy resistance	Suffering / torment / destructive judgment

From this interpretation we can establish that the same linguistic understanding was translated, with the Greeks labelling Hell as a place of higher learning, within a controlled environment.

A later translation by St. Jerome, completed in 405 CE, known as the Vulgate, brought about the term ‘Inferum’. While originally used to describe, pre-Christian, a lower space where descent, change, and containment occur, we begin to see the shift publicly to the fiery description we have come to recognize as the English variant, ‘Hell’ (Lewis & Short, 1879).

The current Hell derives from Old English ‘helan’, meaning “to cover or to hide” (Bosworth & Toller, 1898). The letter-by-letter deconstruction in Late Modern English is using the dual JLD method is:

Divine Aspect

Symbol	→ Conceptual Meaning → Divine Aspect	Citation
H	→ Breath / Spirit / Boundary between realms → Boundary of sacred space	(Cross, F. M. 1973)
E	→ Energy / Expansion / Divine force → Containment of divine energy	(Hallo, W. W. 1997)
L	→ Staff / Authority / Instruction → Divine guidance and righteous order	(Naveh, J. 1987)
L	→ (Repetition) → Intensified divine instruction	(Naveh, J. 1987)

🔍 Interpretive Sentence (Divine):

“Hell is a divinely governed boundary where the breath of God holds back destructive expansion, applying firm—but corrective—authority to guide fallen spirit back toward justice.”

Shadow Aspect

Symbol	→ Conceptual Meaning → Shadow Aspect	Citation
H	→ Breath / Spirit / Boundary between realms → Suffocation, exile from the divine	(Cross, F. M. 1973)
E	→ Energy / Expansion / Divine force → Chaos without containment	(Hallo, W. W. 1997)
L	→ Staff / Authority / Instruction → Corrupted leadership, spiritual oppression	(Naveh, J. 1987)
L	→ (Repetition) → Tyranny through cyclical domination	(Naveh, J. 1987)

Interpretive Sentence (Shadow):

“Hell is a place where the breath of God is withheld, and energy festers under corrupted authority—becoming a mirror of spiritual exile where domination replaces guidance”

The reconstructed interpretation transitions Hell from a place of refinement to its current realm where God is absent, his spirit is not actively present in this interpretation. This is a critical shift as it pulls Hell into a realm akin to Dante’s Inferno—eternal punishment and Sheol loses its opportunity to refine souls for purification. This shift is seen in scripture with the King James Version ensuring that surrounding word translations match the intended imagery of Hell, as we see in Mark 9.43: "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched." In this verse, the Greek word translated as Hell is Γέεννα, or Gehenna (Valley of Hinnom), which refers to a literal place outside Jerusalem where trash and bodies were burned, not the realm of Hell (Davies & Allison, 1988).

We are taught in Proverbs 17.3, “The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts.” This attest to the fact that when we are put through trials we are not being punished, but chosen to be refined through divine interaction. As gold becomes more brilliant in smelting, the soul of man becomes more pure, more clarified. It is through this fire that we shed the impurities that bind our soul to sin. And as God states in Isaiah 45.3, “And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel”. Even in the pit of darkness, God will show us treasures, and shall we seek refinement, we shall be delivered to his grace.

VII. Translation

This verse is one of many examples that illustrate the impact that changes due to translation can lead to misinterpretations that can have severe influence on the verse's message. These types of translation errors are typically intentional, fueled by religious or governmental agendas at the time of translation. This was affirmed by Isaac Newton in his work, *An Historical Account of Two Notable Corruptions of Scripture*, in which he argues the alteration of John 5.7 and 1 Timothy 3.16 in support of theological doctrine, namely, the Trinity (Newton 1754). Further support comes from Bart D. Ehrman, author of, *In Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why*, an analysis where Ehrman examines how both accidental and deliberate alterations impacted the New Testament.

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I would like to offer a statement regarding the intent of my research. At first glance, it may appear that the work presented challenges Christian doctrine or ideology. Let me be clear: it is, in fact, quite the opposite. This research—alongside the emerging Justinian Linguistic Deconstruction (JLD) method—is an effort to bring into the light the fullness of God's Word: not filtered through agendas or cultural revisions but understood as it was originally intended. The aim is not to dismantle faith, but to restore it—to return to the foundations of divine truth with integrity, reverence, and honesty. We live in a time where the world is in desperate need of faith—real, unshaken faith—in a power greater than ourselves. Now more than ever, we must return to the beginning: to the words that stirred our ancestors, to the awe that moved prophets and poets, to the stillness where God's voice was heard. We have, in many ways, become blind to the beauty and the gift of trusting God, and we have entrusted ourselves to lesser things—things with less truth, less life. I invite you to engage with this research with an open mind and an open heart, not in fear of what may be challenged, but in hope of what may be revealed. God is still speaking—if you are willing to hear Him. May God bless us all. In Christ. Selah.

Appendix A:

The Law of Divine Entanglement

In the beginning, God made man as His mirror, and the mirror was alive. The Infinite, in His fullness, sought to behold Himself in form, and so He breathed into dust the awareness of being. Creation became the living reflection of the Creator — a conscious image designed to reveal and return His light.

As the light of the God shone upon existence, every creature became a reflection of His being, and the image returned unto Him according to its measure. The universe became the field of divine resonance, where thought and form, light and shadow, spirit and matter intertwined in endless dialogue. Thus, the righteousness of God became known in the righteousness of man, and the unrighteousness of man gave form to the shadow of God. For as creation is bound to its Creator, so is the reflection bound to the light it reveals. Humanity does not create evil; it distorts perfection. The shadow is not born of rebellion but of separation — the inevitable darkening that occurs when the mirror turns from its source.

When man moves in the light, Heaven aligns. When man moves in the shadow, the shadow of God awakens. And the Adversary is born — not as rebellion, but as reflection — the embodiment of God in shadow form. Satan is not the enemy of God but the echo of divine justice, the shadow cast by holiness upon the realm of free will. This is the mystery of Entanglement: That what manifests in man collapses into form in God's mirror; and what unfolds in God's will manifests in man's becoming.

Every righteous act harmonizes the divine field; every sin disturbs it. Yet both remain bound, as entangled particles, in perfect correspondence. The human and the divine are not separate

planes but reciprocal states within a single consciousness. Man does not simply imitate God — he participates in God's unfolding through every motion of choice.

Therefore, the cosmos itself responds to human intention. When humanity sins, it is not merely a moral offense but a quantum disturbance — a wave that ripples through the divine field, awakening the shadow aspect of God to restore balance. When humanity loves, the wave returns to rest, and light fills the void that once concealed the divine face.

For neither the light nor the darkness is separate from Him, but each reveals the other, that all may return perfected unto the Source from which it came.

Or, to further the quantum connection, think of Schrödinger's Cat — the notion that when the cat is in the box, it exists in superposition: both dead and alive, until the box is opened.

Now, place God in that box. Is He good, or is He evil?

For a moment, He is once again brought back to Genesis — before the light was separated from the darkness — one complete entity, whole and undivided...until we make a decision.

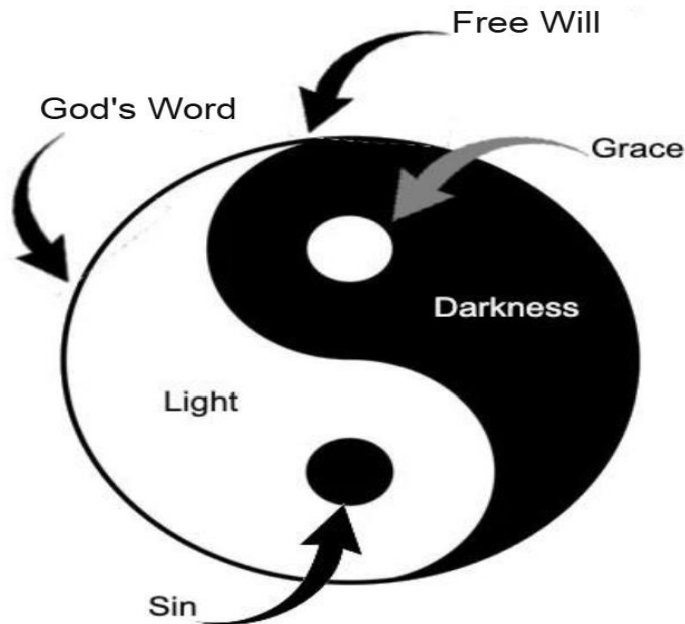
Appendix B:

Greek Name Forms and Morphology

In the original Greek, the names *Alexander* (Ἀλέξανδρος) and *Hymenaeus* (Ῥμέναιος) both end with a final sigma (ς) in their nominative (base) form, used when naming or identifying the subject. However, in 1 Timothy 1.20, they appear in the accusative case—Ἀλέξανδρον and Ῥμέναιον—because they are direct objects of the action (“delivered unto Satan”). In these declined forms, the final sigma is replaced by the grammatically appropriate endings. This morphological change is standard in Koine Greek and does not alter the root meaning of the names.

Appendix C:

The Agothostic/ Tzarufic Balance Diagram



Free Will is the culmination of our choices between Light and Darkness. Sin Serves as Light's tool of refinement, while God's Grace is given to redeem us from Darkness. God's Word encompasses everything.

A Reframed Yin-Yang: Biblical Balance of Sin, Grace, and Divine Alignment

This symbol is a theologically reinterpreted version of the ancient Yin-Yang, adapted to express the framework introduced in this study- an Agothostic theology centered around refinement (Tzarufism). It is not used to suggest dualism in the Eastern metaphysical sense, but rather to illustrate the movement of the soul through divine contrast—Light and Darkness, Sin and Grace, and the centrality of God's Word as the standard of alignment.

- The black and white spheres represent the two experiential domains: Darkness and Light.

- Sin exists within Light—not as corruption, but as a refining agent allowed by God to strengthen the soul.
- Grace exists within Darkness—not as comfort for the wicked, but as redemptive access for those willing to turn.
- The curved shape implies movement—we pass through both Light and Darkness via Free Will.
- This Free Will is the boundary: the ultimate standard of balance, justice, and truth. We decide which side we will travel and walk on.
- The outer circle- God's Word- encompasses everything—Light and Darkness.

This diagram is intended as a visual representation of the theological model developed in this manuscript as laid out by J William Gill. It reflects the unity and intentionality of God's creation, including the forces that challenge and restore the human soul.

Appendix D: 999 Framework- Hebrew Alphabet Reinterpretation

The 999 Framework offers a reinterpreted reading of the Hebrew consonants by foregrounding their visual form as meaningful architecture rather than treating them only as phonetic symbols (Gill, 1767; Rollston, 2010; Würthwein, 1987). Building on Würthwein's account of vocalization as a later Masoretic notation of a received reading tradition and Rollston's emphasis on scripts as cultural artifacts, 999 treats the consonants as a designed signal system that can participate in sense prior to (and alongside) phoneticization (Rollston, 2010; Würthwein, 1987). In dialogue with paleographic trajectories from Egyptian through

Proto-Sinaitic to Paleo-Hebrew—as mapped by Allen, Hamilton, Sass, Naveh, and Cross—and informed by Akkadian/Sumerian context on writing practices (Huehnergard, 2011; Woods, 2011; Allen, 2014; Hamilton, 2006; Naveh, 1987; Sass, 1988; Cross, 2003), the framework renames and reorganizes letters into stable / unstable / balanced classes based on axis, symmetry, enclosure, and “line of gravity,” then assigns concise conceptual tags as mnemonic descriptors (Cross, 2003; Rollston, 2010).

Methodologically, this is an explicitly hermeneutical reconstruction: when recovering likely ancient visual cues and their mnemonic load, certain descriptors are adjusted to reflect cross-tradition convergences in sign shape, iconic residue, directional dynamics, and historical usage—for example, the tall ascender of Lamed functioning as a guiding stroke, the box-like Bet suggesting enclosure/grounding, or the tridentic Shin evoking refinement/transform (Hamilton, 2006; Sass, 1988; Naveh, 1987; Cross, 2003; Rollston, 2010). None of this discounts traditional Hebrew grammar or Masoretic vocalization; rather, it proposes a supplementary lens—rooted in the consonantal backbone Gill championed and textual history clarifies—showing how letter shape can legitimately participate in meaning within a comparative, evidence-aware framework (Gill, 1767; Würthwein, 1987; Rollston, 2010).

Recasting select Hebrew letter-forms against possible Egyptian antecedents is not a denigration of Hebrew but a recognition of cultural interface and intentional re-signification: symbols once associated with Egyptian polytheism are absorbed and reoriented within Israel’s monotheistic confession of YHWH, transforming inherited visual habits into vehicles of covenantal meaning (Allen, 2014; Hamilton, 2006; Naveh, 1987; Sass, 1988; Cross, 2003). In this reading, Hebrew script functions as consonantal architecture whose shapes can carry conceptual weight even as later vocalization records the community’s performance of that

text (Würthwein, 1987; Rollston, 2010).

Far from diluting Israel's theology, such reinterpretation strengthens the confession of YHWH by stripping the old images of their prior cultic power and subordinating them to the sovereignty of the one God, a move consistent with the broader biblical pattern of redeeming and retooling cultural forms for divine purposes (Cross, 2003; Rollston, 2010). Within the 999/JLD approach, this is a hermeneutical reframing: the forms are historically informed, the meanings are theologically redirected, and the result is a supported, comparative perspective that honors Hebrew's distinct identity while acknowledging its ancient Near Eastern horizon (Allen, 2014; Hamilton, 2006; Naveh, 1987; Sass, 1988; Würthwein, 1987).

Letter	Name	Gematria	Stable Aspect Examples
ב	Bet	2	Rabbit , Found Path, Blessing, Where you are grounded, Friendly, Joy
ט	Tet	9	Moon , Potential, Incompleteness, Coming full circle, Hidden, Mystery, Rest
ג	Gimel	3	Scorpion , Danger, Change Course, Pursue goodness, May strike, Proceed with caution, powerful
ל	Lamed	30	River , Guidance, Leadership, Showing the path, The source of life

נ	Nun	50	Volcano , Worship, Perpetual, Continuing always, Life, Explosive, Breaking forth, Reaching the sky
ע	Ayin	70	Eye , Balancing duality, conscious awareness, Insight, Seeing fresh, Through another's eyes, Seeing clearly
צ	Tsade	90	Antelope , Vision, Choosing the path of, Making a Choice, Stealth, Quick decision
ש	Shin	300	Fire Water , Transformation, Refinement, To change form, Sacrifice, Punishment
ת	Tav	400	Blue Crown , To do battle, God, All powerful, Greatness, Explosive

Letter	Name	Gematria	Unstable Aspect Examples
ד	Dalet	4	Snake , Ruler of Self, Planting seed, Grounded path, Grounding Self, Beginning growth, lesson
ו	Vav	6	Man's Spirit , Stillness, The unknown, Message from God, The soul of man
ז	Zayin	7	Cloud (Divine Eye) , Changing course, From Gods eyes, All seeing, What would God see, God sees all
כ	Kaf Final	20	Whale (Great Fish) , Connecting to the Spirit, Speech, Ruler of the Sky, To teach

י	Nun Final	50	Lightning Sky , Reaching new heights, Become older, Outer growth, Awakening
פ	Peh Final	80	Osiris Hook , Opening oneself, Inner growth, Potential inside, Vulnerability, Hidden life
ץ	Final Tsade	90	Praising Man , Spiritual growth, Meeting with the divine, Ascending, Forgiveness, Blessing God
ק	Qof	100	Elephant , Found Wisdom, Great wisdom, Seeing the Divine, Mystery, Powerful
ר	Resh	200	Closed hand , Strength, Anger, Powerful, Take Charge, Fight, Rules/ Laws

Letter	Name	Gematria	Balanced Aspect Examples
א	Aleph	1	Crown (Wadjet) Ruler of the Land, Strength, Leader (Ruler), Power in One, to teach
ה	Heh	5	Wind (Breathe of Life) , Applied knowledge, Renewal, Birth, Resurrection, To give life, To take life, Loss of life, Release

ח	Het	8	Doorway , Enclosure, Inner chamber, Protection from, Sacred space, New beginning, Doorway
י	Yod	10	Flame , Divine point, Illumination, Spirit of God, Spark, To be Feared, Survival, Weapon against evil, Light the path
כ	Kaf	20	Octopus Ruler of the Sea, Giving, Illusion, Tool, to teach, Smart, Problem-solving, Mystery
מ	Final Mem	40	Sealed waters , Sealed goodness, Inner knowledge, Protected, Obtained knowledge, Consumption
נ	Mem	40	Wave , Flow, Movement, Releasing knowledge, To be born, Life beginning, Release energy, Show force
ס	Samekh	60	Whirlwind (Mist/ Fog) , Support, Encircle, Surrounding arm, Sent from the divine, Message from God
פ	Peh	80	Ibis , Receptive, Vision, Seeing the way, Perception, Self-aware, Creative

Appendix E:

On the Use of Mirrored Symbolism in JLD and Symbolic-Linguistic Criticism

I. Introduction to Symbolic Mirroring

Within the framework of Justinian Linguistic Deconstruction (JLD), each symbol is approached as a conceptual unit—independent of phonetics, vowels, or imposed grammar. It is understood that symbols, especially those originating in proto-literate systems (e.g.,

Cuneiform, Proto-Sinaitic, Indus, and Mayan glyphs), carry inherent dualities—light and shadow, spirit and flesh, ascent and descent.

The mirroring technique introduced here draws upon this dual nature, exploring not only the original, or *divine*, aspect of each letter or symbol, but also its corresponding *shadow* meaning. This dual-view methodology has been developed to account for the total symbolic weight of a glyph or letter, particularly in contexts where divine separation, inversion, or loss of breath (*ruach*) is thematically central.

II. Theological Justification

Scripture reveals a God who allows paradox: light emerges from darkness (Gen. 1.2–3), life from death (John 12.24), righteousness from betrayal (Luke 22.21). If the divine letters are created and imbued with spiritual force, then it must follow that their shadow also exists—by either separation, misuse, or inversion.

Just as Lucifer became the Satan, and Eden gave way to exile, so too do symbols reflect both origin and fall. Mirroring therefore does not invent meaning; it reveals the opposite edge of the same sword—the same breath, withheld.

III. Methodological Structure

The mirroring process operates by the following rules:

1. No arbitrary inversion: A symbol is only mirrored when its primary definition permits contrast or duality. For instance, the letter S (breath, spirit) permits a mirror meaning of severance or hissing, reflecting absence of breath.

2. No contradiction of essence: Mirrored meanings must remain symbolically coherent with the original—i.e., a nurturing symbol cannot be mirrored into war unless rooted in the same archetype (e.g., womb vs. tomb).
3. Shadow is not corruption: The mirrored form is not lesser—it is necessary to the whole. For every Christ, there is a Judas; for every covenant, a fall.
4. Symbols already dual in essence are left whole: Serpent (נחש) for example, may carry wisdom and deceit simultaneously. No mirror is needed where both meanings are native.

IV. Precedent and Parallels

This method finds validation not only in theological constructs but in mystical and psychological systems:

- In Kabbalah, each *sefirah* has a “back” side (the *qlipoth*)—a hidden counterpart.
- In Jungian psychology, the *Shadow* is not evil, but the concealed power of the self.
- In biblical inversion narratives, God often speaks truth through reversal (e.g., “the last shall be first”).

V. Purpose and Integrity

The inclusion of mirrored interpretations is not speculative license. It is a means of restoring conceptual completeness to sacred language. This is especially necessary when interpreting civilizations, symbols, or names.

Mirroring helps recover the lost cry of the Comforter in silent scripts. It allows us to see what the serpent whispers when the breath has fled.

VI. Concluding Statement

To speak the fullness of a symbol, one must learn both its word and its wound.

Therefore, all mirrored meanings presented within this work are governed by this principle:

To see not only the light of a letter—but its shadow stretched across the valley it names.

Appendix F: Prophet/ Town as Narrative Thesis'

Name + Town	JLD Sentence	Biblical Role / Identity	Alignment?
Job + Uz	The one who binds to divine strength and descends through connection into the house of testing, emerging from a land of hidden vision and the narrow path of righteousness.	A righteous man tested by suffering in a land of mystery and endurance; finds God through the depths.	Yes – The sentence captures Job's role as the tested and perceptive sufferer walking the narrow path.
Isaiah + Jerusalem	The hand of divine fire opens the eye and joins man to God; in the city where the hand connects fire to teaching, peace is made complete.	Prophet to kings in Jerusalem, seer of divine majesty and messianic vision.	Yes – Matches Isaiah's visionary authority and peace-filled prophecies centered in Jerusalem.

Jeremiah + Anathoth	The hand of divine authority reaches through chaos to bring revelation; from the place where the eye sees the covenant, the connection is sealed in life.	Called from Anathoth to weep over Judah's fall; symbol of endurance, revelation through suffering.	Yes – Captures Jeremiah's call, chaos, covenant insight, and deep emotional depth.
Ezekiel + Babylon	The hand of God separates and reveals the holy through strength and guidance — even within a divided house ruled by earthly power.	Priest turned prophet among exiles; visions of God's glory and judgment in Babylon.	Yes – Reflects Ezekiel's vision and God's authority working even in Babylon's confusion.

Daniel + Babylon	The door of life opens by God's hand to bring strength and instruction — even within a divided house held by authority.	Exiled visionary; interpreter of dreams, servant to kings, prophet of apocalyptic wisdom.	Yes – The duality and structured strength perfectly fit Daniel's life and writings.
Hosea + Samaria	God reveals through fire and vision, binding the prophet to divine sight — to a land where judgment flows through chaos, under rule, seeking what endures.	Prophesied judgment and love to the Northern Kingdom amidst corruption.	Yes – Captures Hosea's role as a prophetic voice navigating judgment and enduring love.

Joel + Jerusalem	<p>God's hand connects to divine strength and leads with authority, speaking into a city where divine rule connects judgment with peace.</p>	<p>Called Judah to repentance; his imagery of the day of the Lord is rooted in Zion.</p>	<p>Yes – Joel's call to repentance and hope in Jerusalem is echoed in the divine instruction.</p>
Amos + Tekoa	<p>The prophet sees through the waters of chaos, surrounded by divine support — sent from a place where the covenant reaches across the unseen and opens the eye.</p>	<p>Shepherd from Tekoa, voice of justice, rebuke of Israel's elite.</p>	<p>Yes – Amos's prophetic vision and origin match the symbolic framework of chaos to covenant.</p>

Obadiah + Edom	The eye opens in the house of God, revealing a door through divine action — speaking to a nation where strength passes through a threshold and connects to hidden depths.	Oracle against Edom — the smallest prophet with a message of divine reversal.	Yes – Obadiah’s precise warning to Edom fits his symbolic sentence exactly.
Jonah + Nineveh	The prophet’s path connects life to divine revelation, sent to a city where life multiplies, divine action intensifies, and the breath of God seeks to restore.	Reluctant prophet to Nineveh; theme of divine mercy and hidden revelation.	Yes – Jonah’s path, city, and divine revelation fit the JLD structure seamlessly.

Micah + Moresbeth	God's hand rests on the waters and reveals His presence, sending forth one who connects chaos to divine authority, judgment, and covenant.	Prophet of judgment and hope, sent from a humble village with a powerful voice.	Yes – Micah's humble origin and divine authority reflect the symbolic mission.
Nahum + Nineveh	Life enclosed in divine protection reaches into the city where multiplied life is held in the hand of God, awaiting the revealing flame.	Proclaims Nineveh's fall; voice of righteous judgment upon violent empires.	Yes – Nahum's fire of judgment and Nineveh's fall are conceptually accurate.

Habakkuk + Judah	The prophet who embraces the sacred unknown within divine boundaries is sent to a people whose hand reaches through the threshold, connecting to the breath of God's presence.	Questions divine justice, but ultimately affirms God's faith and hidden purpose.	Yes – Habakkuk's struggle and prophetic vision match the hidden and revealed elements.
Zephaniah + Jerusalem	Righteous words give life through God's hand, declaring in the city where divine rule connects fire to peace.	Speaks during Josiah's reforms; calls Judah to humble return to God.	Yes – Zephaniah's righteous call and fire-judgment blend perfectly with Jerusalem's themes.

Haggai + Jerusalem	The prophet brings divine movement within God's sanctuary — to a city where the hand of rule connects purifying fire to authority and peace is made whole.	Urges temple rebuilding; calls people back to obedience and divine order.	Yes – Haggai's structured movement and rebuilding mission reflect his symbolic identity.
Zechariah + Jerusalem	The prophet who discerns and covers with divine authority is sent to the city where the hand of God connects judgment to peace.	Sees visions of restoration, speaks hope and covenant renewal post-exile.	Yes – Zechariah's discernment and city- based message are symbolically consistent.

Malachi + Jerusalem	The one who flows in divine strength to extend God's guidance — to the city where divine authority refines and brings peace to completion.	Calls out priestly corruption; prepares hearts for the coming messenger.	Yes – Malachi's flowing authority and covenantal focus are fully aligned.
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Appendix G:

Niqqudot Breakdown

I. Method

In this Appendix, the Justinian Linguistic Deconstruction method reads each niqqud sign through the consonantal architecture of its name (e.g., *pataḥ* = פֿתָח; *qamats* = קָמֶץ, not as a pronunciation guide but as a compact semantic cue. For each entry, the Letters column decomposes the graphemic name and assigns 999 letter-pressures; the Conceptual Flow and Condensed Phrase synthesize those pressures into a short sense-line. The Traditional Function then notes the standard phonetic role (short/long quality, reduction, stress, softening), and the Mapping column asks where the conceptual read converges with that function (e.g., openness/protection ⇔ open vowel; sealed/hidden/compressed ⇔ closed or reduced vowels). In short, JLD/999 asks whether the name's consonantal semantics and the sign's phonetic behavior point in the same conceptual direction.

II. Explanation

Because the niqqud system was introduced by the Masoretes, the words that *name the signs themselves* (e.g., פֿתָח, צִיּוּר) belong to the post-Masoretic layer and thus include their diacritical marks from the word's inception. By contrast, biblical vocabulary predates the system and did not carry diacritics at the language's or Scripture's original stage; therefore, in JLD we strip those points and read the consonantal architecture alone. In short, post-Masoretic words (including niqqud names and any terms coined after the system's adoption) are

shown with their marks, while pre-Masoretic/biblical words are analyzed without diacritics so the consonants—and their pressures—can be read on their own.

III. Overlays

To make the interaction explicit, each marked consonant gets a **brace overlay** (see

Table G1):

- **Vowels:** {A} {E} {I} {O} {U} {OQ} (qamats-qatan), {Ø} (silent/rest), {SN} (shva na, vocal).
- **Process marks:** {D} **dagesh**, {R} rafe, {M} meteg.
- **Reduced (ḥataf):** {HP} {HQ} {HS}.

Overlays modify the same consonant they sit on; they never replace letters. Example: → נחנח
נ{D}{A} נ{A} נ{Ø}.

Policy on dagesh (what {D} means).

By default, {D} intensifies/pressurizes the host consonant's concept (gemination/forte). This aligns cleanly with many Piel/dagesh-forte verbs and with our table's readings. A

“shadow/negate” reading (piercing/removing what the host encodes) remains an optional analytic mode for special cases—but is not used in the chart unless stated.

IV. Outputs

Each row yields:

1. a consonant-by-consonant JLD breakdown (with overlays),
2. a hermeneutical sentence that compresses the letters + overlays + traditional function into a single sense-line, and

3. a Function Fit note (Yes/Partial) indicating how well that sentence tracks the sign's traditional role.

Across the table, patterns recur: “open / released / flowing” motifs gravitate to open/long vowels; “hidden / sealed / compressed” motifs cluster around closed, short, or reduced vowels; “connection/joining” motifs often appear where vav mediates or a vowel binds syllables. These regularities offer a comparative rationale for how consonantal semantics can illuminate reception-layer signs without displacing traditional grammar.

V. **Scope**

This procedure is hermeneutical and comparative—not a claim that the Masoretes encoded theology in every dot and dash. Diacritics such as dagesh, rafe, and meteg are treated as process marks (intensify, soften, stress), and JLD/999 renders them as concise action-phrases that often mirror their technical effects (e.g., “strong movement that brings change” for dagesh). The result is a coherent reading system in which the sign's name, its overlays, and its traditional function can be checked side-by-side for convergence.

Table G1*Brace Overlays*

Name (Heb/Eng)	Example	Traditional value	Typical sound (rough)	Position / key notes	Result
נְטָה (Pataḥ)	א_	Short a	“a” in father (short)	Under letter	Add overlay {A} (Aleph/Heh) : open, expansive, breath; modifies the host letter.
קָמַץ (Qamats Gadol)	א_	Long a	Long “a” (often father)	Under letter; length by syllable type	Add overlay {A} (Aleph/Heh) : open, expansive, breath; modifies the host letter.
קָמַץ קָטָן (Qamats Qatan)	א_	Short o	“o” in off	Same sign; value by closed, unaccented syllable	Add overlay {OQ} (Ayin+Qof composite): short-o contraction/ containmen t at the host.

סֶגוֹל (Segol)	אֵ	Short e	“e” in bed	Under letter (triangle of dots)	Add overlay {E} (Heh): clarity/com pact enclosure at the host.
צִירֵי (Tzere)	אִי	Long e	“ei/ay” in they	Under letter (two side- by-side dots)	Add overlay {E} (Heh): clarity/com pact enclosure at the host.
חִירִיק / חִירֶק (Hiriq)	אִ	i (short/long)	“i/ee” in machine	Under letter; length by context	Add overlay {I} (Zayin): focused/nar row pressure at the host.

<p>םל in (Holam)</p>	<p>א</p>	<p>Long o</p>	<p>“o” in go</p>	<p>Dot above/left of letter</p>	<p>Add overlay {O} (Ayin): raised/sust ained seeing at the host.</p>
<p>אמלם in (Holam Male)</p>	<p>י</p>	<p>Long o (with Vav)</p>	<p>“o” in go</p>	<p>Dot above Vav (mater present)</p>	<p>Add overlay {O} (Ayin): raised/sust ained seeing at the host.</p>
<p>קבוצ (Qibbuts/Q ubbus)</p>	<p>א</p>	<p>u (short)</p>	<p>“u” in put</p>	<p>Three diagonal dots under letter</p>	<p>Add overlay {U} (Tet): clustered/c ollective joining at the host.</p>

שורוק (Shuruk)	וּ	u (long, with Vav)	“oo” in food	Dot in Vav (looks like Vav with dagesh)	Add overlay {U} (Tet): clustered/c ollective joining at the host.
שֶׁא (Sheva)	אְ	Silent or reduced	Silent / very short “ə”	Two vertical dots; value by rules	Contextual —see Na’ /Nah rows.
שֶׁא נָע (Sheva Na’)	אְ	Vocal sheva	Very short “ə”	Typically word/syllabl e start or after long vowel	Add overlay {SN} (vocal): movement/ outflow (audible, brief) at the host.

נָּ נֶשֶׁ (Sheva Nah)	נֶ	Silent sheva	—	Typically syllable- ending; silent divider	Add overlay {Ø} : rest/bounda- ry (silent divider); do not omit the letter.
חֲטָפ־חֶטֶּ (Hataf Pataḥ)	חֲ	Reduced a	Very short “a”	Sheva + pataḥ combo	Add brief overlays {HP}/{HQ}/{ HS} (reduced A/O/E): compresse d versions of the above at the host.
חֲטָפ־חֻמֶּ (Hataf Qamats)	חֲ	Reduced o	Very short “o”	Sheva + qamats combo	Add brief overlays {HP}/{HQ}/{ HS} (reduced A/O/E): compresse d versions of the above at the host.

הַטָּף־גִּלְגָּל (Hataf Segol)	אֵ	Reduced e	Very short “e”	Sheva + segol combo	Add brief overlays {HP}/{HQ}/{ HS} (reduced A/O/E): compresse d versions of the above at the host.
שִׁגְגָּה (Dagesh)	בִּ	Fortis/gemi nation or stop value	Hardens/do ubles consonant	Inside letter; Begadkefat rules apply	Add {D} : intensify/do uble the host consonant’ s force (gemination or hardening as context dictates).
רַפָּה (Rafe)	בְּ	Softening mark	Fricative value	Over/near letter; mostly manuscript s	Add {R} : soften/atten uate the host con

Table G2*Niqqudot JLD Breakdown w/ Overlays*

Term	Hebrew (with niqqud)	Overlays (per letter)	Reconstructed sentence (hermeneutical)	Function fit
Patach	פַּתַּח	$\varphi\{D\}\{A\} \rightarrow \eta\{A\}$ $\rightarrow \eta\{\emptyset\}$	Intensified perception opens; greatness is openly marked; the doorway seals.	Yes
Qamats	קָמַץ	$\kappa\{A\} \rightarrow \mu\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\gamma\{\emptyset\}$	Hidden wisdom opens into life and resolves in upward praise.	Yes
Tzere	צִירִי	$\nu\{E\} \rightarrow \iota\{\emptyset\} \rightarrow$ $\tau\{E\} \rightarrow \iota\{\emptyset\}$	Vision is lit by the spark, takes charge, and is lit again for clarity.	Yes
Segol	סֶגוֹל	$\omicron\{E\} \rightarrow \lambda\{D\} \rightarrow$ $\iota\{O\} \rightarrow \lambda\{\emptyset\}$	Encircling support carries change, joins connection, and moves under guidance.	Yes

Shva (generic)	שָׁוָא	$\psi\{\emptyset\} \rightarrow \iota\{A\} \rightarrow \kappa\{\emptyset\}$	Transformative fire binds to the source in a reduced rest.	Yes
Holam	חֹלָם	$\eta\{\emptyset\} \rightarrow \iota\{O\} \rightarrow \lambda\{A\} \rightarrow \mu\{\emptyset\}$	A guarded doorway joins to connection, guided into sealed inner flow.	Yes
Hiriq	חִירִיק	$\eta\{I\} \rightarrow \iota\{\emptyset\} \rightarrow \rho\{I\} \rightarrow \iota\{\emptyset\} \rightarrow \kappa\{\emptyset\}$	Focused protection sparks light, rises in strength, and approaches wisdom.	Yes
Kubutz	קִבּוּץ	$\kappa\{U\} \rightarrow \beta\{D\} \rightarrow \iota\{U\} \rightarrow \gamma\{\emptyset\}$	Wisdom binds into blessing, rejoins, and concludes in praise.	Yes
Shuruk	שׁוּרוּק	$\psi\{\emptyset\} \rightarrow \iota\{U\} \rightarrow \rho\{\emptyset\} \rightarrow \iota\{U\} \rightarrow \kappa\{\emptyset\}$	Transformation flows through bound connections and steadies at the edge.	Yes

Dagesh	שגְּדֹ	$\tau\{D\}\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\lambda\{D\}\{E\} \rightarrow \psi\{\emptyset\}$	A hardened beginning drives change and refines to completion.	Yes
Meteg	גְּדֹג	$\mu\{E\} \rightarrow \tau\{E\} \rightarrow$ $\lambda\{\emptyset\}$	Flow gathers hidden potential and turns into change.	Partial
Rafe	רָפֵה	$\tau\{A\} \rightarrow \phi\{E\}\{R\} \rightarrow$ $\eta\{\emptyset\}$	Authority releases the mouth into breath and renewal.	Yes
Qamats Qatan	קָמֶץ קָטָן	$\kappa\{A\} \rightarrow \mu\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\gamma\{\emptyset\} \mid \kappa\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\upsilon\{A\} \rightarrow \iota\{\emptyset\}$	Praise compresses into hidden continuity; the small qamats carries an o-flow.	Yes
Shva Na	נָא נֶאֱשָׁ	$\psi\{\emptyset\} \rightarrow \iota\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\kappa\{\emptyset\} \mid \imath\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\nu\{\emptyset\}$	The divider sounds: connection to the source continues into awareness.	Yes

Shva Nach	נַ שְׁוָא נַחֲשׁ	$\psi\{\emptyset\} \rightarrow \iota\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\kappa\{\emptyset\} \mid \eta\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\nu\{\emptyset\}$	The divider rests : connection to the source continues within a boundary.	Yes
Hataf Patach	חֲטַף פָּטַח	$\nu\{HP\} \rightarrow \upsilon\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\eta\{\emptyset\} \mid \phi\{D\}\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\pi\{A\} \rightarrow \nu\{\emptyset\}$	A brief opening coils potential, then a strong opening marks and protects.	Yes
Hataf Qamats	חֲטַף קָמַח	$\nu\{HQ\} \rightarrow \upsilon\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\eta\{\emptyset\} \mid \zeta\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\mu\{A\} \rightarrow \gamma\{\emptyset\}$	A brief o-opening coils potential, then wisdom flows to praise.	Yes
Hataf Segol	חֲטַף סֵגוֹל	$\nu\{HS\} \rightarrow \upsilon\{A\} \rightarrow$ $\eta\{\emptyset\} \mid \omicron\{E\} \rightarrow$ $\lambda\{D\} \rightarrow \iota\{O\} \rightarrow$ $\zeta\{\emptyset\}$	A brief e-opening coils potential, then support encloses connection under guidance.	Yes

Appendix G:

Hebrew Divine and Shadow Aspects Chart

I. Method Rationale

The Divine & Shadow Aspects Dual Method is a Justinian Linguistic Deconstruction interpretive lens that articulates two natural trajectories latent in a word's consonantal architecture. The Divine Aspect names the ordered tendency of a letter-chain when aligned with YHWH's character and covenant aims; the Shadow Aspect names the disordered tendency of the same chain when bent by fear, pride, idolatry, or misperception. Here letter tendencies means the small, repeatable directional "nudges" each letter contributes in the 999 schema (e.g., ך toward ordered strength, ן

toward perception, τ toward doorway/learning). These tendencies are not free inventions: they are derived from your 999 table and then constrained by (a) reception history (e.g., how niqqud/accents channel one performed reading of the text), and (b) canonical guardrails that distinguish true perception and ordered obedience from misperception and distortion (e.g., Deut 30:15–20; 1 Sam 16:7; Matt 6:22–23). This approach rests on standard background scholarship regarding the development of Hebrew writing (Egyptian \rightarrow Proto-Sinaitic/Proto-Canaanite \rightarrow Paleo-Hebrew) and the later, Masoretic layer of vocalization and accents as a record of received reading rather than part of the earliest design (see also Hamilton, 2006; Naveh, 1987; Sass, 1988; Cross, 2003; Rollston, 2010; Würthwein & Fischer, 2014; Huehnergard, 2011; Woods, 2011).

II. Procedure & Use

For each lexeme, Justinian Linguistic Deconstruction proceeds in two passes: (1) an orthographic pass (reading the word as written, including matres where standard), and (2) a design pass (reducing to radicals to surface the stable conceptual backbone). From the 999 table, map each letter's tendency into two vectors: a Divine vector (the ordered way that tendency plays out) and a Shadow vector (the disordered way it can bend). Then synthesize two short aspect statements for the lexeme. Add a brief reception note explaining how vocalization narrows the field into one community-performed reading without erasing the alternative trajectory the design permits. The method is a hermeneutical aid—it makes explicit the directional cues already present in the script—rather than a claim that ancient authors consciously encoded every aspect. Use it alongside philology, context, and theology, and frame conclusions as

interpretive proposals disciplined by Scripture's wider witness and the documented transmission of the text (see also the sources above).

Table G1

Hebrew Letter: Divine and Shadow Aspects

Letter	Name	Category	Divine Aspect	Shadow Aspect
א	Aleph	Balanced	Rightful headship; single-hearted teaching	Self-exaltation; tyrannical "one-power"
ב	Bet	Stable	Grounded dwelling; hospitable blessing	Smallness/insularity; hoarded comfort
ג	Gimel	Stable	Strong change toward good; prudent courage	Harmful strike; reckless change
ד	Dalet	Unstable	Door to learning; planted beginnings	Gatekeeping; stunted starts; self-rule
ה	Heh	Balanced	Life-giving breath; renewing release	Careless release; taking/giving life lightly

י	Vav	Unstable	True linkage; faithful message; spirit- connector	Entanglement; manipulation; fixation on the unknown
ז	Zayin	Unstable	Cutting clarity from God's gaze	Aggressive cutting; sanctimony "from on high"
ה	Het	Balanced	Sacred enclosure; safe inner chamber	Legalistic walls; fearful withdrawal
ט	Tet	Stable	Hidden potential maturing to rest/completion	Stagnation; looping incompleteness; secretiveness
י'	Yod	Balanced	Divine spark; precise illumination; skill	Nitpicking "light"; fear- driven survivalism
כ	Kaf	Balanced	Generous tool- use; wise giving	Illusion/control by tools; clever domination
ך	Kaf Final	Unstable	Mature stewardship extended outward	Heavy-handed overreach; sky-rule pretension

ל	Lamed	Stable	Rivered guidance; life- giving leadership	Controlling direction; coercive “pathing”
מ	Mem	Balanced	Life-flow; released knowledge; birthing force	Flooding force; chaotic spill; forcefulness
מ	Mem Final	Balanced	Sealed goodness; protected wisdom	Stale hoarding; closed consumption
נ	Nun	Stable	Perpetual life; faithful breakthrough	Explosive striving; burnout eruptions
נ	Nun Final	Unstable	Mature ascent; reaching rightly	Brittle ambition; showy “height”
ס	Samekh	Balanced	Surrounding support; divine uphold	Smothering embrace; fog/obfuscation
ע	Ayin	Stable	Clear, compassionate perception	Misperception ; envy; surface- judging
פ	Peh	Balanced	Receptive insight; creative, truthful speech	Self- referential “vision”; chatter; performative talk

פ	Peh Final	Unstable	Honest opening; inner growth revealed	Overexposure; exploited vulnerability
צ	Tsade	Stable	Righteous choosing; nimble discernment	Rash choice; stealthy opportunism
ץ	Tsade Final	Unstable	Ascending praise; spiritual lift	Performative piety; spiritual vanity
ק	Qof	Unstable	Reverent depth; mystery that yields wisdom	Occult elitism; opaque mystique
ר	Resh	Unstable	Strong ordering; just rules/law	Raw power; anger; coercive rule
ש	Shin	Stable	Refining fire/water; holy transformation	Destructive zeal; punitive “purity”
ת	Tav	Stable	God’s seal; consummate greatness in battle for good	Triumphalism; explosive might-makes-right

Note. For background and comparative context, see also Hamilton (2006), Naveh (1987), Sass (1988), Cross (2003), Rollston (2010), Würthwein and Fischer (2014), Huehnergard (2011), and Woods (2011).

Appendix H:**Categorizing Sin (Divine/ Shadow/ Critical)****Table H1***Divine Episodes by Outcome (Terminal Arc Is Restorative)*

Event	Passage(s)	Commandment / Transgression	Outcome Rationale
Prodigal son (dishonor + reckless living)	Luke 15:11–32	5th (dishonor to father)	Sin gives way to repentance and the father's restoring embrace.
Peter's denial	Luke 22:54–62; John 21:15–19	9th (false testimony)	Failure → bitter repentance → public restoration/commi ssion.
Jonah's flight	Jonah 1–4	Disobeying explicit call (1st principle)	Discipline becomes a lesson about God's mercy and mission.
Rahab's deception (framed as faith/allegiance)	Josh 2; 6:22–25; Heb 11:31; Jas 2:25	Tension with 9th; allegiance to YHWH	Allegiance is honored; she is folded into Israel's story.
Wilderness: manna complaints (taught Sabbath)	Exod 16	Testing God (Deut 6:16); 4th risk	Grumbling becomes instruction; provision and Sabbath pattern established.

Golden Calf (ending in covenant renewal)	Exod 32; Deut 9–10	1st–2nd (no other gods; no idols)	Catastrophe → intercession, judgment, repentance, renewal, new tablets.
David’s census (<i>with shadow consequences</i>)	2 Sam 24; 1 Chr 21	Presumption/pride; misuse of authority	Plague is halted at an accepted sacrifice; altar/temple site revealed.
Job’s integrity under trial (not a sin)	Job 1–2; 38–42	—	Testing produces revelation, humility, intercession, restoration.
Nebuchadnezzar humbled (<i>with shadow</i>)	Dan 4	Pride/usurpation (1st principle)	Humbled to “beastliness,” then restored with doxology.
Ezra–Nehemiah reforms	Ezra 9–10; Neh 5; 10; 13	Mixed (marriage/usury/Sabbath)	Corporate confession → corrective action → renewed practices.
Esther: Haman foiled (ironic pedagogy)	Esth 3–7	Haman’s pride/plot (1st/6th)	Reversal instructs; deliverance memorialized (Purim).

Note. “Shadow” marks units that end in judgment, destruction, or unresolved loss.

Commandment/transgression column anchors each case to the Decalogue where clear or to

the nearest Torah locus/principle.

Table H2

Shadow Episodes by Outcome (terminates in judgment/destruction/loss)

Event	Passage(s)	Commandment / Transgression	Outcome Rationale
Cain murders Abel	Gen 4:1–16	6th (murder)	Curse and exile; no restorative turn here.
Lot's drunkenness → incest	Gen 19:30–38	7th (incest; Lev 18)	Ends in shame; tangled lines (Moab/Ammon).
Sodom & Gomorrah (inhospitality + violence)	Gen 18–19; Ezek 16:49	Pride, neglect of needy; attempted assault (6th/7th principles)	Cataclysmic judgment by fire.
Craving meat (quail plague)	Num 11	Testing God; 10th (covetous craving)	Ironic judgment at Kibroth-hattaavah.
Spies/refusal to enter	Num 13–14	Unbelief/rebellion	Generation sentenced to die in wilderness.
Korah's rebellion	Num 16	Revolt vs. God's order; 5th (authority principle)	Earth swallows rebels; warning memorial remains.

Baal-Peor (idolatry/ immorality)	Num 25; 31:16	1st–2nd (idols); 7th (sexual immorality)	Deadly plague ensues.
Achan's theft of devoted things	Josh 7	8th theft; 10th coveting; sacrilege	Defeat → exposure → execution; camp is purged.
Gideon's ephod becomes a snare	Judg 8:24–27	2nd (idol)	Memorial-turned- idol ensnares Gideon/Israel.
Micah's shrine / Danite theft	Judg 17–18	2nd idol; 8th theft; 1st syncretism	Privatized cult spreads into institutional idolatry.
Jephthah's rash vow	Judg 11:30–40	Profane vow (Deut 23:21–23)	Irrevocable loss; communal lament.
Delilah betrays Samson	Judg 16:4–21	8th betrayal; 9th deceit	Betrayal for silver → capture, blindness, imprisonment.
Saul's unlawful sacrifice	1 Sam 13:8–14	Usurping priestly role (Num 18)	Kingdom torn away.
Saul spares Amalek	1 Sam 15	Rebellion against explicit command	Saul rejected as king.
Saul consults the medium at Endor	1 Sam 28:3–25	Necromancy (Deut 18:10–12)	Doom pronounced; despair before defeat.
Uzzah touches the ark	2 Sam 6:6–8	Violating holy handling (Num 4)	Immediate death.

David & Bathsheba	2 Sam 11–12; esp. 12:14–18	7th adultery; 6th murder; 10th covet; 9th deceit	Prophetic judgment; first child dies within this episode.
Jeroboam's golden calves	1 Kgs 12:26–33; 13:34	1st–2nd (idols)	Foundational sin leading Israel astray; long-term ruin.
Jezebel arranges Naboth's death	1 Kgs 21	6th murder; 9th false witness; 10th covet	Prophetic doom on Ahab's house.
Uzziah burns incense (pride)	2 Chr 26:16–21	Usurping priestly office	Struck with leprosy until death.
Belshazzar profanes temple vessels	Dan 5	Sacrilege; pride	Kingdom falls that night.
Herod Antipas beheads John	Matt 14:1–12; Mark 6:14–29	6th (murder); rash oath (Lev 5)	Prophet slain through injustice.
Pilate's abdication/ complicity	Matt 27:24–26	Injustice; 6th by complicity	Delivers the innocent to death.
Ananias & Sapphira	Acts 5:1–11	9th lying; 8th fraud	Sudden judgment; fear upon the church.
Simon Magus (buying the gift)	Acts 8:18–24	Treating God's gift as commodity (1st)	Rebuked; warned of bitter bondage.
Elymas opposes the gospel	Acts 13:8–12	Sorcery (Deut 18), resisting truth	Struck blind; judgment serves mission.

Herod Agrippa I accepts worship	Acts 12:21–23	1st (taking divine glory)	Struck down; eaten by worms.
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Note. “Shadow” marks units that end in judgment, destruction, or unresolved loss.

Commandment/transgression column anchors each case to the Decalogue where clear or to the nearest Torah locus/principle.

Table H3

Critical Episodes by Scope (history-shaping beyond one nation)

Event	Passage(s)	Commandment / Transgression	Outcome Rationale
Adam & Eve (the Fall)	Gen 3	Disobedience to God’s direct word (1st principle)	Cosmic entry of sin/death; all history bent toward redemption.
Pre-flood violence/corruption	Gen 6–7	6th (violence) + pervasive evil	Global judgment/reset; Noahic covenant reframes creation.
Babel (scattering/languages)	Gen 11:1–9	Hubris/usurpation (1st principle)	Languages confused; peoples scattered— civilizational shift.
Pharaoh’s resistance to YHWH	Exod 5–14	Defiance/oppression (1st; cf. Exod 22–23)	Plagues, Passover, Exodus—salvation- history pivot to the nations.

Manasseh's idolatry/bloodshed (in Kings)	2 Kgs 21:1–16; 23:26–27	1st–2nd (idolatry); 6th (bloodshed)	In Kings, tips Judah past reversal; exile pronounced inevitable.
Judas's betrayal	Matt 26–27; John 13; Acts 1:16–20	8th betrayal; 9th deceit; rejection of Messiah (1st)	Triggers the passion sequence → crucifixion/resurrection.
Stephen's stoning	Acts 7:54–8:4	6th (murder); rejecting God's messenger	Martyrdom catalyzes scattering; mission moves outward.

Note. “Critical” is reserved for episodes whose effects are epochal (cosmic or transnational).

As with other categories, coding follows the terminal arc and scope, not initial intent.