



Shalom

One of the most fascinating word is **SHALOM**.

It has a very in-depth meaning. It shows rich state of affair, fullness, completeness, wholeness with sanctity. It's a Hebrew word read from left to right.

Every letter in Hebrew in pictorial form has a meaning behind. The first letter from left is

“shin”

It is the picture of a teeth which symbolises fire which mean “destruction”

“Lamed”

Lamed is the tallest of all the alphabets which indicates “authority”. It is also said to be the shape of a staff or rod which shepherds used as we read in the scripture

Psalms 23:4

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

“Vav”

The shape is of a hook. It signifies “connectivity” between 2 things.

“Mem”

It is the waters of life or stream or waters of “chaos and confusion”.

These words combined together can mean

- a) **Harmony** b) **free from violence** c) **not at war** d) **sense of serenity** e) **peace**

The picture language informs us that (shalom) only comes when the authority connected with chaos and confusion is destroyed. Every time we utter this word mean that someone will come to destroy the one who is causing chaos and confusion.

And who is that person?

HE is our **PRINCE OF PEACE**.

Keeping the above meaning in mind read the scripture, it will give various dimensions of the verse, as referred in Judges, by Gideon.

Judges 6:24

Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom: to this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Shalom to all.

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