

Lesson 2: The heavens separate water, which has reflective, mirror properties

"And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heavens." Genesis 1:6-8

רָקִיעַ *rar keyah* - firmament – expanse, solid, beaten out

Jesus, the solid one, was bruised (beaten out) for us. He satisfies the thirst of those who believe in Him.

מַיִם *ma yeem* - water

שָׁמַיִם *shar ma yeem* - heavens

Some let the ש (shin) stand for the word שַׁדַּי *Shad dai*

שָׁדַד *Shad* - breast

דַּי *daye (dai)* – overflows, pours out (dagesh doubles the letter d)

י on the end of a word is how "my" is added to a noun.

So it could be my breast or my breast overflows/pours out. It's often translated "almighty"

Some think shin represents fire. There are three stems and three crowns – The trinity can be seen in shin.

מ Some think mem stands for water

So we could say they are waters and God waters.

Many mezuzah cases are marked with the Hebrew letter ש shin. The mezuzah is placed on the doorposts as a reminder of God's presence and God's mitzvot (commandments).

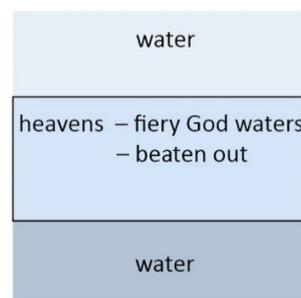
Deut. 6:4-9 "And you shall write them upon the posts of your house"

Revelation 22:1-2 "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb."

Everything God created tells us something about our creator.

Psalms 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God"

Psalms 148:4 "Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that are above the heavens."



Can you see the Hebrew letters for Shaddai on my mezuzah? This one has the stones for the 12 tribes of Israel, which the High priest wore on his chest. Jesus is our high priest. He was poured out for us. We are like jewels on His breast.



Water has reflective properties. It was designed to reflect what's above it. (The heavens). The stiller the water, the better they reflect what's above.

God's desire is that His will, His ways and he Himself is seen on and in the earth (The water below reflecting the waters above).

Matthew 6 :10 "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."



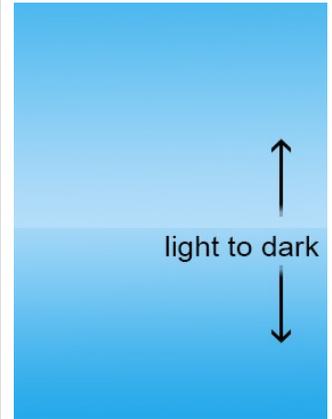
The higher you look up into the sky the darker it becomes. The opposite is true on earth. The closer the object, the darker it looks.

On a cloudless day, the sea produces a darker mirror image of a cloudless sky, or whatever is above it.

The deeper the water, the darker it looks.

2 Corinthians 3:18 "And we all, whose faces have been unveiled, behold as in a mirror (the Lord), are being transformed into the same image, from glory to glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

It's not as we gaze upon ourselves, but as we gaze upon Jesus we are transformed into His likeness, reflecting Christ.



Activity: Add a little white to the blue paint. Start at the bottom and keep adding white to make a gradient for the water. Similarly create a mirror gradient for the sky. On top of the water gradient, add some darker shapes, like the one opposite, larger at the bottom of the page, thin at the horizon line. Make them lighter as they get thinner towards the horizon line.



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