

I also want to take a moment and address the Star of David. Many people are afraid of it or think it is some pagan symbol. It is not. Calm your fears! It will not come and get you! For heaven sake God created the stars, prophesied that a Star would come out of Jacob to rule and reign, a Star heralded the Messiah at His first coming, etc. I'm telling you, any design of a star that Jewish people use in many anti-Semites minds would become pagan. As a matter of fact if you go to any website bashing the Star of David you will find they are generally white supremacists, conspiracy minded, etc. Now I am not saying everyone against the Star of David is a white supremacist or conspiracy minded I am just saying they are ill informed. I do not plan on answering any emails from the Star of David bashers or those who are convinced it is pagan. Here are some thoughts to consider:

Through the Jewish people's long and often difficult history, we have come to the realization that our only hope is to place our trust in God. The six points of the Star of David symbolize God's rule over the universe in all six directions: north, south, east, west, up and down.

Originally, the Hebrew name *Magen David* — literally "Shield of David" — poetically referred to God.

Ps 115:9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

The word for shield here in Hebrew is Magen.

Ps 89:18 For the LORD is our <u>defence</u>; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.

Here the same word Magen is translated as Defence. The Magen David or shield of David known as the Star of David is meant to show Israel trust is in God. You can see why so many are against it!

It acknowledges that our military hero, King David, did not win by his own might, but by the support of the Almighty. This is also alluded to in the third blessing after the Haftorah reading on Shabbat: "Blessed are you God, Shield of David."

It is a design found in nature as you will see in this article about a native flower in Israel called the Persian Buttercup:



It's known as the ultimate survivor. It grows wild in Israel, thriving in the harsh dry conditions that would kill many other plants. It turns out that the cell walls of the storage roots of this particular plant serve as a shield. In winter, when the first rain comes, the cell walls block the sudden influx of water which could cause the cells to burst. At the same time, they protect the cells from dehydration by absorbing water. "We have never before seen a structure like this in the cell walls of plants," she says. "This is a very rare structure - maybe even unique." And what do the cells of this hardy survivor - a native Israeli Persian buttercup - look like under a microscope?



This is God's design so don't call it pagan. In the ancient Hebrew alephbet the letter Dalet was <u>a triangle</u> meaning door and we know Yeshua is the door Here is the ancient picture: \triangle

King David's name was made up of two letter Dalets! $\Delta Y \Delta$ He was known as a man of war.



And what do we find but the Star of David is made up of 12 equal triangles representing the 12 tribes of Israel that make up God's shield. Each one representing a doorway to God.

Here is a link where a doctor in linguistics shows how the "star" in Acts 7 does not refer to the Star of David:

http://ichthys.com/mail-star%20of%20David.htm

And here is a link that shows you all the Hebrew letters in the language of God is hidden in the star of David:

http://www.awesomelamb.com/Store/magen/magen.html

The Star of David represents Yeshua:

Mt 2:2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen <u>his star</u> in the east, and are come to worship him.

The Star of David is Messiah's Star!

Re 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. <u>I am</u> the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning <u>star</u>.

Satan is a copycat and everyone knows his star is the pentagram. He hates the Star of David and is the one leading the charge against it! Wave that flag of Israel knowing full well it is an in your face reminder to the devil that his time is coming!

Be Blessed!

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