

I am the first and the last – ami rishon v'ani acharon

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Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God. (Isa 44:6 KJV)

As a guy who likes to point out the (standalone) aleph tavv, wouldn't it be cool if there was one in this verse? Well guess what, there isn't one. What to do? Just for fun, I thought I would do some gematria on "I am the first, and I am the last". WARNING making serious spiritual conclusion on hidden messages from just evidence of gematria is foolish and dangerous". Therefore take this teaching with a grain of salt, it's a secondary or (maybe even) a tertiary source of evidence about the whole teaching of the Aleph Tav. This is "fun" with gematria so, again, take it for what it's worth.

I'm not sure how much deep insight I got out of this writing looking at it from a gematria perspective, but I pulled it out of my e-Sword study notes anyway and put it together in this article. After I did this I then decided to search the whole bible for the words "first" and also "last". My results and the patterns I found can be seen in pages 3-4.

Here are the words of interest with their Strong's number and the transliteration Isa 44:6

..." **I**^{H589} *ani* *am* the first, **H7223** *RiShoN* and **I**^{H589} *ani* *am* the last, **H314** *AChAron* ..."

Isa 44:6 HSB5

Me-lech- the King מֶלֶךְ Yah-weh the LORD יהוה a-Mar Thus saith' אָמַר koh- Thus כֹּה-
 Yah-weh the LORD יהוה ve-go'a-Lo and his redeemer וְגֹאֲלוֹ Yis-ra'El of Israel יִשְׂרָאֵל
 va'a-Ni and I וְאֲנִי ri-shoN I [am] the first ראשון a-Ni I am' אֲנִי tze-va 'ot; of hosts צְבָאוֹת
 ein and there' אֵין u-mib-bal'a-Dai and beside וּמִבְּלַעְדֵי a-chá-Ron, and I [am] the last אַחֲרָיו
 E-lo-Him. me [there is] no God : אֱלֹהִים

Word	Translation	Transliteration	Letter Count	Total
1st word	I am	<i>ani</i>	aleph:1, nun:50, yood:10	61
2nd word	the first	<i>rishon</i>	resh:200, aleph:1, sheen:300, vav:6, nun:50	557
3rd word	and I	<i>v'ani</i>	vav:6, aleph:1, nun:50, yood: 10	67
4th word	last	<i>acharon</i>	aleph:1, chet:8, resh:200, vav:6, nun:50	265
			61 + 557 + 67 + 265	950

The first occurrence for a gematria with the value of 950¹ is **הַמִּתְהַפְּכֶת** *ham-mit-hap-Pe-chet* found in [Gen 3:24](#) where you have the translation “which turned every way”.

Gen 3:24 is the last verse of chapter 3 and is a powerful verse. Here is the whole verse with a mixture of the King James and the OJB translation.

So he drove out *et-HaAdam*; and he placed at the east of the *Gan Eden et-HaKeruvim*, *vet* (and a) flaming cherev (sword) *ham-mit-hap-Pe-chet* (gematria=950) which turned every way, to shomer *et-Derech* (the way) of the *ats* (tree) *HaChayim* (of life). ^{Gen 3:24}

I say it's a powerful verse because it describes what is preventing us from going back to the Garden of Eden and access to the tree of life. It has strong allusion to the Messiah as “the way” to get back there and to the Father (Joh 14:6). There is not standalone aleph tav but there are two hyphenated aleph tav and one aleph tav preceded with a vav.

Check out these verses in Revelations as well.

⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. ⁸ And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; ^{Rev 2:7-8 KJV}

¹³ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. ¹⁴ Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. ^{Rev 22:13-14 KJV}

Here is similar phraseology in Isaiah.

Isa 41:4 HSB5

ko·Re [it] calling **קרא** ve·a·Sah, and done **ועשה** fa·Al Who hath wrought **פעל** mi- Who **מי**
 Yah·weh **יהוה** a·Ni I' **אני** me·Rosh; **באחד** מראש had·do·Rot the generations **הדרות**
אני a·cha·ro·Nim and with the last **אחרונים** ve·Et **ואת** ri·Shon, the first **ראשון** Jehovah
הוא Hu. he a·ni- I'

Isa 48:12 HSB5

וישראל ya·a·Ko, unto me O Jacob **יעקב** e·Lai to me' **אלי** she·Ma' Hearken **שמע**
 a·Ni I' **אני** hu·he **הוא** a·ni- I' **אני** me·ko·ra·I; my called **מקראי** ve·Yis·ra·El and I'sra'el
 a·cha·Ron. **אחרון** a·Ni I' **אני** af I'am also' **אף** ri·Shon, I [am] he I [am] the first **ראשון** am
אני I also [am] the last

¹ Gematria Database reference: http://www.biblewheel.com//GR/GR_Database.php?Gem_Number=950&SearchByNum=Go

Searching for first and last gives us certain patterns.

1st pattern: ... Topic: History of Israel's Kings; "first and last" "they are written / are they not written" in the book of ...

1Ch 29:29 Now the acts of David the king, **first** and **last**, behold, they *are* written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

2Ch 9:29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, **first** and **last**, *are* they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

2Ch 12:15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, **first** and **last**, *are* they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

2Ch 16:11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, **first** and **last**, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

2Ch 20:34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, **first** and **last**, behold, they *are* written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who *is* mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

2Ch 25:26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, **first** and **last**, behold, *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

2Ch 26:22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, **first** and **last**, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write.

2Ch 28:26 Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, **first** and **last**, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

2Ch 35:27 And his deeds, **first** and **last**, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

2nd pattern: unique to Neh 8:18. Topic: feast of booths (first & last days of), context read Neh 8:17². he is Ezra, see Neh 8:1-2.³

Neh 8:18 Also day by day, from the **first** day unto the **last** day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *was* a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

3rd pattern: the contents of this article. Topic "I am the first and the last"

Isa 41:4 Who hath wrought and done *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the **first**, and with the **last**; I *am* he.

Isa 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the **first**, and I *am* the **last**; and beside me *there is* no God.

Isa 48:12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the **first**, I also *am* the **last**.

² Neh 8:17 KJV And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made **booths**, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

³ Neh 8:1-2 KJV ¹ And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that *was* before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. ² And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

4th pattern: unique to Jer 50:17. Topic: two houses scattered by foreign kings.

Jer 50:17 Israel *is* a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: **first** the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and **last** this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

Here is the remaining search results found in the New Testament

Mat 12:45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the **last** *state* of that man is worse than the **first**. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Mat 19:30 But many *that are* **first** shall be **last**; and the **last** shall be **first**.

Mat 20:8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them *their* hire, beginning from the **last** unto the **first**.

Mat 20:16 So the **last** shall be **first**, and the **first** **last**: for many be called, but few chosen.

Mat 27:64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the **last** error shall be worse than the **first**.

Mar 9:35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be **first**, *the same* shall be **last** of all, and servant of all.

Mar 10:31 But many *that are* **first** shall be **last**; and the **last** **first**.

Luk 11:26 Then goeth he, and taketh *to him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the **last** *state* of that man is worse than the **first**.

Luk 13:30 And, behold, there are **last** which shall be **first**, and there are **first** which shall be **last**.

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The **first** man Adam was made a living soul; the **last** Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this **first**, that there shall come in the **last** days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

Rev 1:11⁴ Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the **first** and the **last**: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Rev 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the **first** and the **last**:

Rev 2:8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the **first** and the **last**, which was dead, and is alive;

Rev 2:19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the **last** *to be* more than the **first**.

Rev 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the **first** and the **last**.

⁴ Note that Rev 1:8 and Rev 21:16 has beginning and end(ing). Rev 1:8 "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty". Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.