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Lamed למד (74 = 2 x 37) means to teach and to learn

Pictogram: A staff – symbol of authority

(thought: salvation lies in the knowledge of Jesus Christ )

Numeric value = 30

Lamed is the only Hebrew letter that reaches above the line. Our knowledge comes from above. With eternity in view, it concerns things above. It is learned and passed on (taught).

- Gen 12 God brought Abraham <u>out</u> of Ur and Haran, to bring him <u>into</u> the Promised Land.

  Abraham learned from God, and about God, out of relationship.

  Abraham <u>taught</u> his family the way of righteousness (Gen 18:19)
- Exo 12 God brought Israel <u>out</u> of Egypt, to bring them <u>into</u> the Promised Land.

  Because of unbelief, God imposed the Law (Gal 3:19). The Law was to <u>teach</u> Israel.
- Deut 4:10 "Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words so they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.
- Acts 2 God brought us <u>out</u> of the world, to bring us <u>into</u> the life that is truly life the life of faith in God in Christ.

We are to learn, not of the letter of the Law, but the Spirit in the Law

2 Cor 3:6 (... ministers of a new covenant – )
not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills but the Spirit gives life.

The letter (of the Law) kills. It is meant to kill – to bring us to an end of ourselves and into a life in Him.

Matt 9:13 (Jesus) But go and **learn** what this means: "I desire mercy and not sacrifice" for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

Jesus is a friend of sinners – He came to save those who know they are lost.

- John 13:13 "You call Me **Teacher** and LORD; and you are right, for so I am."
- John 14:26 "... the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach** you all things ..."

| PURPOSE? | Luke 6:40 | A pupil (disciple) is not above his teacher; but everyone, <u>after he has</u> <u>been fully trained</u> , will be <b>like</b> his teacher. |
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|          | Psa 51:13 | (Then) I will <b>teach</b> transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn (back) to You.  |