



*God's Call
to*

Prophetic Watchmen



The Historic Role of the “Watchman”





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The First Watchman.. Genesis

Adam and Eve:

Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. **Fill the earth and govern it.** Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground (every or all living thing).” Genesis 1:28 (NIV)

“govern it”: כָּבַשׁ ka’bash, to **subdue**, to bring **into subjection**, to **keep under**, make subservient... To **stomp under foot**.





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Adam and Eve:

The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and **watch over it**.

Genesis 2:15 (NLT)

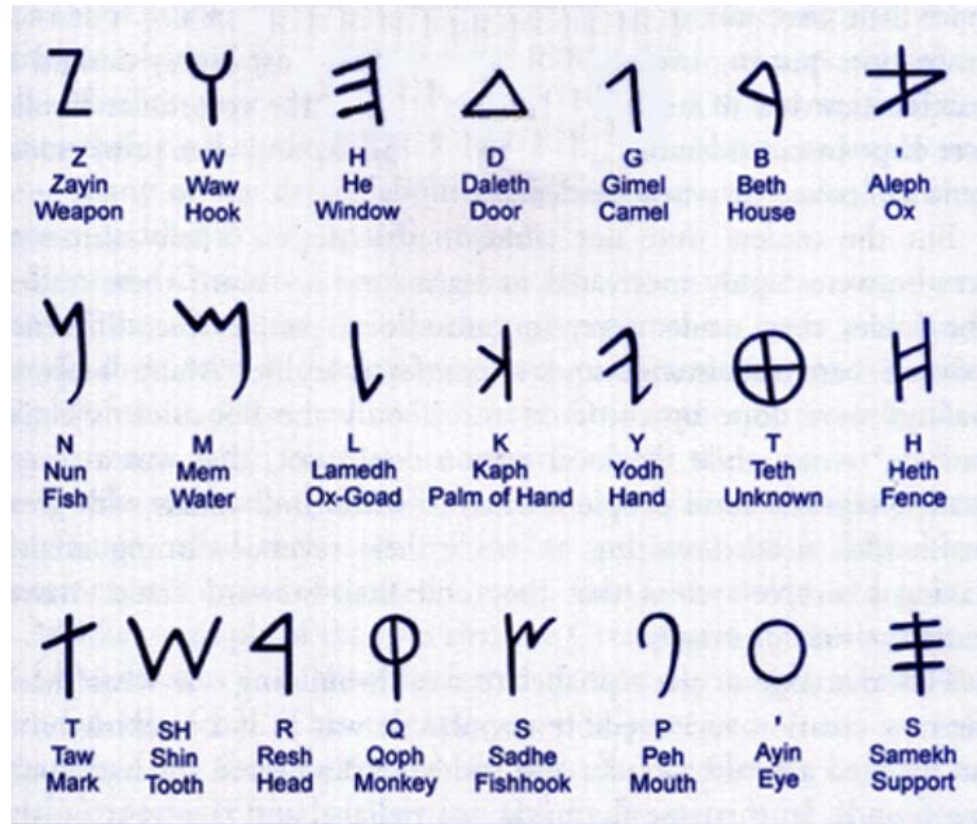
“watch over it”: שָׁמַר sha'mar: to **keep, guard**, observe, give heed, **have charge of**, to peer into the distance.





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The First Watchman.. Hebrew Word Picture



The Phoenician Alphabet ~ 1400 BC

The Etymology of Hebrew Words.

Like other ancient written languages, Hebrew originated from pictographic script. Later, the pictograms evolved into a Hebrew script that strongly resembles the ancient Phoenician alphabet. We use these Hebrew word pictographs (or pictures) to simply *illustrate* Scripture.



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The First Watchman.. Hebrew Word Picture

The Hebrew Word: **sha'mar**: שָׁמַר / שָׁמַר (Strong's H8104)

שׁ Sheen Teeth = Consume or Destroy

מ Mem Water = Massive, Mighty or Chaos

ר Reysh Head = a person, the head, the highest

***'Destroy.. the Person of Chaos' (the rebellious man) or
'To Destroyer the Chaos.. Person'***

Man's first assignment: ***To destroy the serpent (chaos) from the garden.***





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The “Watchman’s” Assignment





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Where do we find “Watchmen”?

- **On the Watchtower..**

Security guards overseeing the fields, guarding the harvest from wild animals or thieves

- **On the Wall..**

Soldiers guarding the city from the onslaught of enemies

- **Overlooking the Activities of the Community..**

Soldiers observing daily life and activities





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“Watchmen”
had a unique perspective
on the activities of life!





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The Watchman..

The Responsibility of the Watchman	'sha'mar'	שָׁמַר
The Calling of the Watchman:	'tza'phah'	צָפָה
The Work of the Watchman:	'na'tsar'	נָצַר





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The Watchman's Calling..

The Hebrew Word: **'tza'phah'** **צָפָה** (*verb*)

- To lean forward, to peer into the distance, to observe, behold, spy out, wait for, keep the watch or keep guard.
- To keep an eye on something or someone, to guard someone, to watch over.

(**Ezekiel 3:17**; Ezekiel 33:2,6,7; Hosea 9:8; 2 Samuel 13:34,18:24-27)





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The Watchman's Calling..

The Hebrew Word: **'tza'phah'** **הִצַּפֵּה / צ פ ה** (Strong's H6822)

צ פ ה Tsade Fishhook = catch, desire, need

פ ה Pey Mouth = to speak, a word, to open

ה צ Hey Behold = to reveal, to show

“Hooked at the Mouth to Reveal”

“Point to This or That Place”

‘Compelled to bring forth that which is revealed’





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The Watchman's Calling..

The “*tsa’phah*” Watchmen as one who **goes before the Lord to see what He would say**. We see this role in... **Habakkuk. 2:1-2**

I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart;
and I will keep **watch to see what He (The Lord) will speak to me,**





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The Watchman's Work..

The Hebrew Word: 'na'tsar' נָצַר

- to ***watch, guard, keep, preserve***... To maintain the things entrusted to them

Proverbs 27:18 - He who **tends** (na'tsar) the fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who cares for his master will be honored.





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The Watchman's Work..

The Hebrew Word: 'na'tsar' נָצַר / נ / צ / ר (Strong's H5341)

נ צ Noon Fish = activity, life, a sprout

צ ר Tsade Fishhook = catch, desire, need

ר נ Reysh Head = a person, the head, the highest

'The Life of a Hooked Man' ' or 'The Man who Catches a Fish'

A life that keeps what's most important





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The Watchman..

The Responsibility of the Watchman:

‘sha’mar’ שָׁמַר **‘The Person who Destroys the Man of Chaos’**

The Calling of the Watchman:

‘tza’phah’ צָפָה **‘Compelled to bring forth that which is revealed’**

The Work of the Watchman:

‘na’tsar’ נָצַר **‘A life that Keeps what’s most important’**





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The Prophet's Call to be a "Watchman"





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The Prophet Ezekiel..

Ezekiel was called "**Prophet**"

Ezekiel 2:5

God appointed Ezekiel as a "**Watchman**" (**tza'phah**) "Son of man, **I have made you a watchman** (**tza'phah**) for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me."

Ezekiel 3:17





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The Prophet's Call to be a "Watchman"

- God uses the role of the "Watchman" to give to the Prophet Ezekiel his job description.
- He positioned prophets as "**Watchmen**" to observe and comment on society's behavior, and deliver messages of warning and instruction.





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The Prophet's Call to be a "Watchman"

- Like Ezekiel nearly all the prophets in the Bible understood their call to be a "Watchmen." ...

The Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Habakkuk and Hosea and
Including John the Baptist.

(Isaiah 21:6-7; Jeremiah 6:17, Amos 7:14, Habakkuk 2:1, Hosea 9:8,
Matthew 3:1-3)





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The Prophet's Call to be a "Watchman"

Just as the prophets could not separate their prophetic call from being a "Watchman"..

we cannot separate our call to be a "Watchman" from our call to be a Prophetic People – to see and know what God is saying and doing





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The Call to become a Prophetic Watchman





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In the course of the Old Testament,
God's Spirit of Prophecy was reserved
for a select few.

But as New Testament believers, God's
Spirit is available for all!





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A Prophetic Watchman..

- **Moses** expressed God's heart that not only a few were to be anointed but all people would be prophets (**nabi**).

“But Moses said to him (Joshua), “..Would that **all the Lord's people were (nabi) prophets and that the Lord would **put His Spirit upon them!** “**

Numbers 11:29

Note: The Apostle Paul speaking to the Church in 1 Corinthians 14:5, says; “Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but *even* more **that you would prophesy; .. “**





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- *Joel declared; "... 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy (Naba), your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.* *Joel 2:28- 32*

נָבִיא *naba'* meaning to **prophesy, to speak by inspiration, to predict**. This most commonly refers to **the way in which the word of the Lord came to the people** (Jer. 19:14; Eze. 11:13).

נָבִיא *nabiy'*: A spokesman, speaker, **prophet** (H5030)





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The Hebrew Word: **'nābā'** נָבָא / אָבַא (verb) (Strong's H5012)

נ א Noon Fish Activity, Life

ב א Bet House, Tent Household, Inside, Family

א א Alef Ox Strength, Leader, First

'The Strong Life Within..' or 'To Bubble Up'

***'One who gushes forth and sees (understands) and proclaims
the life of God's Spirit'.***





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- **Peter** observing the fulfillment of God's promise to Joel, said: "...*'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.* *Acts 2:17 - 21*

“prophesy” prophēteu'ō (pro-fā-tyü'-ō) - To foretell things to come, to declare truths through the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit whether by prediction or otherwise; to tell forth God's message. A proclaimer, one who speaks out the counsel of God with the clearness, energy, and authority which spring from the consciousness of speaking in God's name and having received directly message from Him for others. ***Nabā*** in Hebrew.





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What Does
a Prophetic Watchman Look Like
in Light of Today's Culture ?





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A “**CULTURE**” is ..

the common reference points for the whole of a society.

It is an integrated system of learned behavioral patterns or “norms” which are the mainline characteristics of the members of that society.





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Sub-culture

A **subculture** is a people **within a culture** differentiating themselves from the mainstream. But they **accept the general “norms” and behaviors of that society.**

A subculture may have their own specific characteristics, norms, trappings; they may even have their own language. Yet, even though they attempt to be different, they blend into mainstream society.





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Counter-culture

A **counterculture** presents values and behaviors that differ substantially from the “norms” of mainstream society; their main purpose is to make a difference from what people view as “mainstream.” A counter-culture models their beliefs and hopes presenting an alternative cultural.

In offering a clear alternative, a counterculture often pushes society to self-examination, self-criticism, and often self-defense.





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God's Prophetic Watchmen model a “**counterculture,**”
their actions run counter to mainstream “norms.”

- Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and Daniel in Babylon, powerfully and miraculously represented the God of Israel
- Esther, an orphan girl in the captivity of Persia, raised up to be Queen, saves the entire Jewish people
- Christians in the Book of Acts; sent out by Jesus, boldly declared truth in the power of the Holy Spirit and turned their world upside down





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Dr. Billy Graham



The Roman high tribunal initiated a drive to stamp out Christianity as a disturber of pagan unity... [they] had a false notion that a person's conscience could be controlled by law, so **they made it illegal to be different**. All had to bow to Caesar. All had to conform to pagan custom... Nonconformists were threatened with death, and many chose death rather than to conform to Rome and to compromise their consciences...





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Times have changed, but human nature hasn't. The pagan world is still trying to put its stamp of conformity on every follower of Jesus Christ. Every possible pressure is being brought to bear upon Christians to make them conform... The Apostle Paul [Rom 12:2] urges Christians **everywhere in all ages to be nonconformists as far as the world system is concerned.** A true Christian, living an obedient life, is a constant rebuke to those who accept the moral standards of this world.

Dr. Hal H. Sacks / BridgeBuilders Intl.





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"How could the early disciples turn the world upside down when millions of Christians can't even keep it right side up today?" ... They didn't conform their faith to the world. They had the truth, and refused to water it down. They had faith they would not compromise.





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Because they dared to buck the tide of public opinion and be different, because they dared to believe when other people doubted, because they were willing to risk their lives for what they stood for, because they chose death rather than to live an empty life, the world took notice... In due time, they turned the philosophical and religious world upside down





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Prophetic Watchmen..

SEE what others can not see..

HEAR what others do not hear..

SAY what others will not say..

Living in this world, empowered by God, reflecting Christ

Changing Spiritual Climate, Transforming Culture !





Arise, Shire People of God!

Answer the Call

YOU ARE...

Arizona's Prophetic Watchmen





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Thank You.. God richly bless you!
"Son of man, I have made you a watchman .."



