

Question About Hebrew Letter “Bet” and Housing the Light of Genesis 1:3 Within

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Pastor Ed Anderson taught that "Bet" represents the concept of a container or vessel meant to house within it the spiritual in the physical world. Meant to be a place for the Creator's glory to manifest. Are we to house within ourselves the "Light" from Genesis 1:3?

“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.” Genesis 1:3 KJV

Answer:

This is a **profound and beautiful question**, and one that leads us directly into the **mystery of God’s creative light**, the **symbolism of the Hebrew letter Bet (ב)**, and how we are called to be **vessels of His glory**.

Let’s explore it in three parts:

1. The Mystery of the Light in Genesis 1:3

“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”

— *Genesis 1:3 (KJV)*

This light is *not* the sun, moon, or stars. Those were created **later**—on **Day 4** (Genesis 1:14–19).

So what is this original light?

- It is often understood in Jewish and Christian thought as the **primordial or divine light**.
- Some rabbis refer to it as the “**Or HaGanuz**” (אור הגנוז) — *the hidden light*, a light that reveals **truth, goodness, and the presence of God*.
- In New Testament language, this is **Christ Himself**:

“In Him was life, and the life was the **light** of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.”

— *John 1:4–5*

So this “light” from Genesis 1:3 is **not physical** but **spiritual**—a manifestation of God’s essence, order, glory, and presence.

2. Bet (ב) – The Dwelling of the Light

Bet represents:

- A **house** or **container**.
- A **vessel for the divine**.
- The idea that the **infinite Creator** desires to **dwell within the finite creation**.

This letter begins:

- The **Torah** (*Bereshit* – “In the beginning”),
- The word **Bayit** (house),
- The name of **Bethlehem** (“House of Bread”),
- And even **B’rit** (Covenant).

Now apply this to us:

- Jesus, the Light of the World, came to dwell among us (**John 1:14**).
- Now, **we are the house** (Bet!)—*vessels for that Light*.

“But we have this **treasure in earthen vessels**, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.”

— *2 Corinthians 4:7*

“Do you not know that **your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit**?”

— *1 Corinthians 6:19*

Thus, just as **Bet** housed the Word at the start of creation, **we are spiritual “Bet”s**—containers of the **Light of Christ**.

3. Distinguishing Between Lights in Genesis 1

So to clarify:

Light	Hebrew Word	Day	Meaning
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Genesis 1:3 — “Let there be light”	Or (ὥς)	Day 1	Spiritual light — revelation, glory, truth, possibly the pre-incarnate Christ
Genesis 1:14 — “Let there be lights in the heavens...”	Me’orot (מְאוֹרוֹת)	Day 4	Physical lights — sun, moon, stars used for signs, seasons, and timekeeping

Summary:

- **Day 1 Light** = God’s presence, truth, and spiritual revelation.
- **Day 4 Lights** = created objects that govern day/night and seasons.

Jesus reflects both:

“I am the Light of the World.” – *John 8:12*

“The Sun of Righteousness shall rise...” – *Malachi 4:2*

Application: Are We to House the Light of Genesis 1:3?

Yes. Absolutely. Without a doubt.

- When you receive Christ, **you receive the Light** that God spoke into being in Genesis 1:3.
- That Light is meant to **dwelt in you** and **shine through you** (Matthew 5:14–16).
- You become a **living Bet**—a **dwelling place for the Word** and a **light to others**.

Final Word of Encouragement

“Arise, shine; for **thy light is come**, and the **glory of the Lord is risen upon thee**.”
— *Isaiah 60:1*

So don’t just carry the light—**be the house** where God’s glory is seen.

Let the **spiritual light of Genesis 1:3** illuminate your heart, guide your steps, and overflow into the darkness around you.