



Family, Words & The Blueprint – Tazria-Metzora 2026

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The BluePrint Of Creation

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## **The Tree of Life Blueprint**

### **Free Chapter: Words Create Worlds**

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#### **Introduction**

Shalom and welcome.

For over twenty years I have served as a Hazan and volunteer Jewish chaplain. At age 35 I discovered I was Jewish — a descendant of the tribe of Levi with a grandfather who was a Kohen. That discovery changed everything. Since then, I have devoted my life to uncovering the ancient **Blueprint of Creation** that Hashem gave to Adam: the Tree of Life.

This free chapter is taken from my book *Adam, the Blueprint and the Tree of Life*. It focuses on this week's double Torah portion, **Tazria-Metzora**, and the most powerful force we all possess — our words.

Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein teaches a profound truth in his lecture on Tazria-Metzora: **“Words create worlds.”**

God did not build the universe with tools or materials. He spoke it into existence with ten utterances. As Pirkei Avot 5:1 states: “The world was created with ten statements.”

We human beings, created in the image of God, carry a spark of that same creative power. The Torah calls us *medaber* — the speaking being. Our words do not merely describe reality. They shape it.

#### **The Lesson of Tazria-Metzora**

In this double portion, the Torah speaks about *tzara'at* — a mysterious skin affliction that required the person to be separated from the camp. The sages teach that *tzara'at* was not random. It was most often the physical result of *lashon hara* — evil speech or gossip.

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Lashon hara does more than hurt feelings. It reshapes how people see one another. One negative comment can destroy a reputation, fracture a friendship, or push someone out of community. Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

### **The Tree of Life at the Center**

The Torah begins with Genesis for a reason. It is the blueprint. Right in the center of the Garden stands the **Tree of Life**. Ancient civilizations knew this symbol long before Sinai. The Torah reveals its true meaning: how speech, choices, and relationships shape reality.

Hashem commanded Adam to eat from every tree in the garden — including the Tree of Life. This means we are meant to experience the fullness of life: joy, growth, love... and also pain, loss, and death. The Tree does not remove difficulty. It calls us to do the real work with love.

### **My Personal Story**

On April 6th, 2026, I buried my mother. One hundred and fifty people stood at her funeral — all relatives, all descendants of the tribe of Levi, carrying the Kohen line that science traces back to 550 BCE.

For the last five years of her life, I visited her every single week, even after she no longer knew who I was. Many family members said they couldn't do it — it was too hard. But the Tree of Life does not allow us to run from the hard parts. It demands we show up and do the sacred work.

### **The Hebrew Lesson: Ger (גר)**

Many people read Isaiah 56 and believe the “stranger” refers to non-Jews joining Israel. The Hebrew word גר (ger) in this context often means a Jew who became estranged from his own people — someone who forgot or was cut off from his identity, like me.

I didn't discover I was Jewish until I was 35. It took years to realize the Bible I had been reading had almost nothing to do with my own. God is calling His estranged children home.

### **The Real Work**

The real work is not our careers or achievements. The real work is in marriage, parenting, prayer, and showing up for family even when it hurts.

Turn off the phones.

“Words create worlds.”

Sit with your children.

Read them the story of Adam and the Tree of Life.

Speak words that build instead of tear down.

This is *Avodah* — sacred service.

**Closing Thought**

Words create worlds.

Choose them wisely.

May this free chapter bless you and your family.

**Shabbat Shalom,**

Gavriel

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