

~AMEN (580)

[Hebrew, 'a-men' - so be it, or surely, Greek, a-men', truly]

- This word in both **English** and **Greek** is a transliteration from the **Hebrew** 'a-men'. The meaning is so be it, or surely. The **Hebrew** root word from which it is drawn 'a-man' means be faithful, be trustworthy.
- In the Hebrew Scriptures the word is used as a solemn expression to obligate oneself legally to an oath or covenant and its consequences
- And this water that brings a curse must enter into your intestines to cause your belly to swell and the thigh to fall away. To this the woman must say; **Amen! Amen!** (**Numbers 5:22**)
- Cursed is the man who makes a carved image or a molten statue, a thing detestable to Yehowah, the manufacture of the hands of a wood-and-metal worker, and who has put it in a hiding place. And all the people must answer and say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:15**)
- Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt. And all the people must say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:16**)
- Cursed is the one who moves back the boundary mark of his fellowman. And all the people must say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:17**)
- Cursed is the one who causes the blind to go astray in the way. And all the people must say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:18**)
- Cursed is the one who perverts the judgment of an alien resident, a fatherless boy and a widow. And all the people must say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:19**)
- Cursed is the one who lies down with his father's wife, because he has uncovered the skirt of his father. And all the people must say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:20**)
- Cursed is the one who lies down with any beast. And all the people must say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:21**)

- Cursed is the one who lies down with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother. And all the people must say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:22**)
- Cursed is the one who lies down with his mother-in-law. And all the people must say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:23**)
- Cursed is the one who fatally strikes his fellowman from a hiding place. And all the people must say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:24**)
- Cursed is the one who accepts a bribe to strike a soul fatally, when it is innocent blood. And all the people must say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:25**)
- Cursed is the one who will not put the words of this Law in force by doing them. And all the people must say; **Amen!** (**Deuteronomy 27:26**)
- Also, my bosom I shook out and then said; In this manner may the true God shake out from his house and from his acquired property every man that does not carry out this word, and in this manner may he become shaken out and empty. To this all the congregation said; **Amen!** And they began to praise Yehowah. And the people proceeded to do according to this word. (**Nehemiah 5:13**)
- Also as a solemn expression to subscribe to an expressed prayer.
- Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel from time indefinite to time indefinite. And all the people proceeded to say; **Amen!** And a praise to Yehowah. (**1 Chronicles 16:36**)
- To an expression of praise,
- Then Ezra blessed Yehowah the true God, the great One, at which all the people answered, **Amen! Amen!** With the lifting up of their hands. They then bowed low and prostrated themselves to Yehowah with their faces to the earth. (**Nehemiah 8:6**)
- Or to an expressed purpose,
- At once Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, **Amen!** Thus may Yehowah the God of my lord the king say. (**1**

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- For the purpose of carrying out the oath that I swore to your forefathers, to give them the land flowing with milk and honey, as in this day. And I proceeded to answer and say; **Amen**, O Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 11:5**)
- Each of the first four books, or collections, of the Psalms concludes with this expression, perhaps indicating that it was customary for the congregation of Israel to join in at the end of the song or Psalms with an **Amen**.
- Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel from time indefinite even to time indefinite. **Amen** and **Amen**. (**Psalms 41:13**)
- And blessed be his glorious name to time indefinite, and let his glory fill the whole earth. **Amen** and **Amen**. (**Psalms 72:19**)
- Blessed be Yehowah to time indefinite. **Amen** and **Amen**. (**Psalms 89:52**)
- Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel from time indefinite even to time indefinite, and all the people must say **Amen**. Praise Yah, you people! (**Psalms 106:48**)
- The **Hebrew** word '*a-man*' is applied to Yehowah as the **faithful** God.
- And you well know that Yehowah your God is the true God, the faithful God, keeping covenant and loving-kindness in the case of those who love him and those who keep his commandments to a thousand generations. (**Deuteronomy 7:9**)
- This is what Yehowah, the Repurchaser of Israel, his Holy One, has said to him that is despised in soul, to him that is detested by the nation, to the servant of rulers. Kings themselves will see and certainly rise up, and princes, and they will bow down, by reason of Yehowah, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who chooses you. (**Isaiah 49:7**)
- And describes his reminders and promises as trustworthy and faithful.
- The Law of Yehowah is perfect, bringing back the soul. The

reminder of Yehowah is trustworthy, making the inexperienced one wise. (**Psalms 19:7**)

- To time indefinite I shall preserve my loving-kindness toward him, and my covenant will be faithful to him. (**Psalms 89:28**)
- As the moon it will be firmly established for time indefinite, and as a faithful witness in the skies. (**Psalms 89:37**)
- In the **Christian Greek Scriptures** the title **Amen** is applied to Christ Jesus as **the faithful and true witness**.
- And to the angel of the congregation in Laodicea write. These are the things that the **Amen** says, the **faithful and true witness**, the beginning of the creation by God. (**Revelation 3:14**)
- Jesus made singular use of the expression in his preaching and teaching, using it very often to preface a statement of fact, a promise, or a prophecy, thereby emphasizing the absolute truthfulness and reliability of what he said.
- For truly I say to you that sooner would heaven and earth pass away than for one smallest letter or one particle of a letter to pass away from the Law by any means and not all things take place. (**Matthew 5:18**)
- Hence when you go making gifts of mercy, do not blow a trumpet ahead of you, just as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, they are having their reward in full. (**Matthew 6:2**)
- Also, when you pray, you must not be as the hypocrites. Because they like to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the broad ways to be visible to men. Truly I say to you, they are having their reward in full. (**Matthew 6:5**)
- When you are fasting, stop becoming sad-faced like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Truly I say to you, they are having their reward in full. (**Matthew 6:16**)
- Truly I say to you that this generation will by no means pass away until all these things occur. (**Matthew 24:34**)

- In these cases the Greek *a-men'* is translated as truly **KJ**, verily, or, when doubled, as throughout the book of John, most truly.
- He further said to him. Most truly I say to you men, you will see heaven opened up and the angels of God ascending and descending to the Son of man. (**John 1:51**)
- Jesus use of **amen** in this way is said to be unique in sacred literature, and it was consistent with his divinely given authority.
- For he was teaching them as a person having authority, and not as their scribes. (**Matthew 7:29**)
- However, as Paul shows at;
- For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you through us, that is, through me and Silvanus and Timothy, did not become Yes and yet No, but Yes has become Yes in his case. (**2 Corinthians 1:19**)
- For no matter how many the promises of God are, they have become Yes by means of him. Therefore also through him is the **Amen** said to God for glory through us. (**2 Corinthians 1:20**)
- The title **Amen** applies to Jesus not merely as a truth speaker or as a true prophet and spokesman of God, but also as the one in whom all of God's promises find fulfillment. His faithfulness and obedience even to a sacrificial death confirms and makes possible the bringing to reality of all the promises and declarations of God's purpose. He was the living Truth of those revelations of God's purpose, the things to which God had sworn.
- So the Word became flesh and resided among us, and we had a view of his glory, a glory such as belongs to an only-begotten son from a father, and he was full of undeserved kindness and **truth**. (**John 1:14**)
- Because the Law was given through Moses, the undeserved kindness and the **truth** came to be through Jesus Christ. (**John 1:17**)
- Jesus said to him; I am the way and the **truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (**John 14:6**)

- Therefore Pilate said to him; Well, then, are you a king? Jesus answered; You yourself are saying that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the **truth**. Everyone that is on the side of the truth listens to my voice. (**John 18:37**)
- The expression **Amen** is used many times in letters, especially those of Paul, when the writer has expressed some form of praise to God.
- Even those who exchanged the truth of God for the lie and venerated and rendered sacred service to the creation rather than the One who created, who is blessed forever. **Amen**. (**Romans 1:25**)
- To God, wise alone, be the glory through Jesus Christ forever. **Amen**. (**Romans 16:27**)
- To him be the glory by means of the congregation and by means of Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. **Amen**. (**Ephesians 3:21**)
- If anyone speaks, let him speak as it were the sacred pronouncements of God, if anyone ministers, let him minister as dependent on the strength that God supplies. So that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. The glory and the might are his forever and ever. **Amen**. (**1 Peter 4:11**)
- Or expresses the wish that God's favor be manifested in some manner toward the recipients of the letter.
- May the God who gives peace be with all of you. **Amen**. (**Romans 15:33**)
- Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an everlasting covenant, our Lord Jesus. (**Hebrews 13:20**)
- Equip you with every good thing to do his will, performing in us through Jesus Christ that which is well-pleasing in his sight, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen**. (**Hebrews 13:21**)
- It is also used where the writer earnestly subscribes to what is expressed.

- Look! He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, and those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will beat themselves in grief because of him. Yes, **Amen**. (**Revelation 1:7**)
- He that bears witness of these things says; Yes. I am coming quickly. **Amen**! Come, Lord Jesus. (**Revelation 22:20**)
- The prayer expressed at;
- Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel from time indefinite to time indefinite. And all the people proceeded to say; **Amen**! and a praise to Yehowah. (**1 Chronicles 16:36**)
- And those contained in the Psalms below;
- Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel from time indefinite even to time indefinite. **Amen** and **Amen**. (**Psalms 41:13**)
- And blessed be his glorious name to time indefinite, and let his glory fill the whole earth. **Amen** and Amen. (**Psalms 72:19**)
- Blessed be Yehowah to time indefinite. **Amen** and **Amen**. (**Psalms 89:52**)
- Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel from time indefinite even to time indefinite, and all the people must say **Amen**. Praise Yah, you people! (**Psalms 106:48**)
- As well as the expressions contained in the canonical letters, all indicate the correctness of the use of **Amen** at the close of prayers. It is true that not all the prayers recorded show such conclusion, such as David's closing prayer for Solomon.
- And to Solomon my son give a complete heart to keep your commandments, your testimonies and your regulations, and to do everything, and to build the castle for which I have made preparation. (**1 Chronicles 29:19**)
- Or Solomon's dedication prayer at the inauguration of the temple
- For you yourself separated them as your inheritance out of all the peoples of the earth, just as you have spoken by means of Moses

your servant when you were bringing our forefathers out from Egypt, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (1 Kings 8:53)

- **And it came about that, as soon as Solomon finished praying to Yehowah with all this prayer and request for favor, he rose up from before the altar of Yehowah, from bending down upon his knees with his palms spread out to the heavens. (1 Kings 8:54)**
- **And he began to stand and bless all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying; (1 Kings 8:55)**
- **Blessed be Yehowah, who has given a resting-place to his people Israel according to all that he has promised. There has not failed one word of all his good promise that he has promised by means of Moses his servant. (1 Kings 8:56)**
- **May Yehowah our God prove to be with us just as he proved to be with our forefathers. May he neither leave us nor forsake us. (1 Kings 8:57)**
- **So as to incline our heart to himself to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and his regulations and his judicial decisions, which he gave in command to our forefathers. (1 Kings 8:58)**
- **And may these words of mine with which I have made request for favor before Yehowah prove to be near to Yehowah our God by day and night, that he may execute judgment for his servant and judgment for his people Israel as it may require day by day. (1 Kings 8:59)**
- **To the end that all the peoples of the earth may know that Yehowah is the true God. There is no other. (1 Kings 8:60)**
- **And your heart must prove to be complete with Yehowah our God by walking in his regulations and by keeping his commandments as at this day. (1 Kings 8:61)**
- **Although such expression may well have been made.**
- **And David went on to say to all the congregation; Bless, now, Yehowah your God. And all the congregation proceeded to bless Yehowah the God of their forefathers and bow low and prostrate themselves to Yehowah and to the king. (1 Chronicles 29:20)**

- **Similarly, its use is not recorded in Jesus prayers**
- **And going a little way forward, he fell upon his face, praying and saying; My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me. Yet, not as I will, but as you will. ([Matthew 26:39](#))**
- **Again, for the second time, he went off and prayed, saying, My Father, if it is not possible for this to pass away except I drink it, let your will take place. ([Matthew 26:42](#))**
- **Jesus spoke these things, and, raising his eyes to heaven, he said; Father, the hour has come, glorify your son, that your son may glorify you. ([John 17:1](#))**
- **According as you have given him authority over all flesh, that, as regards the whole number whom you have given him, he may give them everlasting life. ([John 17:2](#))**
- **This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ. ([John 17:3](#))**
- **I have glorified you on the earth, having finished the work you have given me to do. ([John 17:4](#))**
- **So now you, Father, glorify me alongside yourself with the glory that I had alongside you before the world was. ([John 17:5](#))**
- **I have made your name manifest to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have observed your word. ([John 17:6](#))**
- **They have now come to know that all the things you gave me are from you. ([John 17:7](#))**
- **Because the sayings that you gave me I have given to them, and they have received them and have certainly come to know that I came out as your representative, and they have believed that you sent me forth. ([John 17:8](#))**
- **I make request concerning them. I make request, not concerning the world, but concerning those you have given me, because they are yours. ([John 17:9](#))**

- **And all my things are yours and yours are mine, and I have been glorified among them. (John 17:10)**
- **Also, I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world and I am coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them on account of your own name which you have given me, in order, that they may be one just as we are. (John 17:11)**
- **When I was with them I used to watch over them on account of your own name which you have given me. I have kept them, and not one of them is destroyed except the son of destruction, in order, that the scripture might be fulfilled. (John 17:12)**
- **But now I am coming to you, and I am speaking these things in the world in order, that they may have my joy in themselves to the full. (John 17:13)**
- **I have given your word to them, but the world has hated them, because they are no part of the world, just as I am no part of the world. (John 17:14)**
- **I request you, not to take them out of the world, but to watch over them because of the wicked one. (John 17:15)**
- **They are no part of the world, just as I am no part of the world. (John 17:16)**
- **Sanctify them by means of the truth. Your word is truth. (John 17:17)**
- **Just as you sent me forth into the world, I also sent them forth into the world. (John 17:18)**
- **And I am sanctifying myself in their behalf, that they also may be sanctified by means of truth. (John 17:19)**
- **I make request, not concerning these only, but also concerning those putting faith in me through their word. (John 17:20)**
- **In order, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in union with me and I am in union with you, that they also may be in union with us, in order, that the world may believe that you sent me forth. (John 17:21)**

- **Also, I have given them the glory that you have given me, in order, that they may be one just as we are one. (John 17:22)**
- **I in union with them and you in union with me, in order, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may have the knowledge that you sent me forth and that you loved them just as you loved me. (John 17:23)**
- **Father, as to what you have given me, I wish that, where I am, they also may be with me, in order to behold my glory that you have given me, because you loved me before the founding of the world. (John 17:24)**
- **Righteous Father, the world has, indeed, not come to know you, but I have come to know you, and these have come to know that you sent me forth. (John 17:25)**
- **And I have made your name known to them and will make it known, in order, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in union with them. (John 17:26)**
- **Or in the prayer of the disciples at;**
- **Upon hearing this they with one accord raised their voices to God and said; Sovereign Lord, you are the One who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them. (Acts of Apostles 4:24)**
- **And who through Holy Spirit said by the mouth of our forefather David, your servant; Why did nations become tumultuous and peoples meditate upon empty things? (Acts of Apostles 4:25)**
- **The kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers massed together as one against Yehowah and against his anointed one. (Acts of Apostles 4:26)**
- **Even so, both Herod and Pontius Pilate with men of nations and with peoples of Israel were in actuality gathered together in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. (Acts of Apostles 4:27)**
- **In order to do what things your hand and counsel had foreordained to occur. (Acts of Apostles 4:28)**

- And now, Yehowah, give attention to their threats, and grant your slaves to keep speaking your word with all boldness. ([Acts of Apostles 4:29](#))
- While you stretch out your hand for healing and while signs and portents occur through the name of your holy servant Jesus. ([Acts of Apostles 4:30](#))
- However, the weight of the prior evidence presented strongly indicates the rightness of the use of **Amen** as a conclusion to prayer, and Paul's statement at,
- Otherwise, if you offer praise with a gift of the spirit, how will the man occupying the seat of the ordinary person say **Amen** to your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying? ([1 Corinthians 14:16](#))
- In particular shows that it was customary for those in Christian assembly to join in the **Amen** to a prayer. Additionally, the examples of those in heaven, recorded at,
- And every creature that is in heaven and on earth and underneath the earth and on the sea, and all the things in them, I heard saying; To the One sitting on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever. ([Revelation 5:13](#))
- And the four living creatures went saying; **Amen!** And the elders fell down and worshiped. ([Revelation 5:14](#))
- And they keep on crying with a loud voice, saying, Salvation we owe to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb. ([Revelation 7:10](#))
- And all the angels were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell upon their faces before the throne and worshiped God. ([Revelation 7:11](#))
- Saying; **Amen!** The blessing and the glory and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honor and the power and the strength be to our God forever and ever. **Amen.** ([Revelation 7:12](#))
- After these things I heard what was as a loud voice of a great

crowd in heaven. They said; Praise Yah, you people! The salvation and the glory and the power belong to our God. (Revelation 19:1)

- **Because his judgments are true and righteous. For he has executed judgment upon the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he has avenged the blood of his slaves at her hand. (Revelation 19:2)**
- **And right away for the second time they said; Praise Yah, you people! And the smoke from her goes on ascending forever and ever. (Revelation 19:3)**
- **And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God seated upon the throne, and said, **Amen!** Praise Yah, you people! (Revelation 19:4)**
- **All give support to its use in subscribing to prayers or solemn statements and thereby, through the use of this one word, expressing the confidence, strong approval, and earnest hope that is in their hearts.**