[B-5] Equidistant Letter Sequences [ELS]
{Signature of God #2}

[[**Special note** on ELS -- **ELS** works **ONLY** with the **Masoretic Hebrew Text** and the **Greek Received Text** which the King James Version of the Bible is based on. Much of it does not work with the modified Biblia Hebraica Hebrew text that most modern Bible translations including the NIV, NASB, NKJV, HCSB, CEV and countless others are based on. See the section entitled. **Holy Bible vs New Age Bibles**]]

Wednesday, March 26, 1997 I went to the Waco Richland Mall with my wife and daughter. After sitting down on a bench for several minutes, Susie {my wife} motioned to me. I was not sure what she wanted, so I went into the Family Christian Bookstore where she was to see what she wanted. She was looking for our daughter Connie, but just as I came into the store she spotted her. After entering the store I began to feel that there was something in the store the Lord wanted me to see, so I began looking around. Suddenly, I spotted the book entitled: **The Signature of God** , by Grant Jeffrey. The book caught my eye, because the name of the book is a subtitle I had used for many years in my notes on **The Use of Numbers in Scripture** in my Revelation study series.

As I looked at the title of Mr. Jeffrey's book I thought, "I already know what the 'Signature of God' is-- it is how God uses numbers and mathematics in the scriptures from Genesis to the Revelation in ways that no human could have master-minded." I was curious to find out what this person "thought" was the "signature of God." As I began to read the book I learned what I consider to be the best mathematical proof to date about the accuracy and authorship of the Bible. I soon remembered that Grant Jeffrey was the author of another book I had read earlier titled: **Armageddon-Appointment With Destiny**. The following notes have mostly been taken from Grant Jeffrey's book **The Signature of God**.

The basic idea behind **Equidistant Letter Sequences** [ELS] {also known as **Bible Code**} is this: Take important words such as TORAH {תורה} [Torah which means the "Law" refers to the first 5 books of the Bible - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy], locate the first letter of the word, search sequentially in the Hebrew text until you arrive at the second letter of the word, count the number of letters from the first letter to the second letter, add this number to the second letter and see if the letter there corresponds to the third letter, if it does, add the same number of letters to the third letter and see if it corresponds to the fourth letter. With 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet, the probability of the third letter being the correct letter would be 1 out of 22, the probability of the fourth letter also being the correct letter would be 1 out of 22 x 22 {22^2 or 1 out of 484}, the probability of the fifth also being correct would be 1 out of 22 x 22 x 22 {22^3 or 1 out of 10,648}, etc. Obviously the probability of actually spelling out a long word or phrase would be extremely small. Although a person might expect a couple of occurrences of a particular short word in a manuscript as long as the Bible,

the vast number of such occurrences recently discovered in the Hebrew Bible by teams of computer scientists and mathematicians using super computers at Jerusalem's Hebrew University and the Jerusalem College of Technology is so overwhelming only those who have a completely rejected God and closed their minds could brush aside this evidence for the Authorship of the scriptures. {These studies have now been duplicated and confirmed independently by researchers at Harvard and Yale!} I have personally duplicated a number of these myself with a computer program. See also: **Examples of ELS Bible Code.**

The following is a quote from Grant Jeffrey's book, **The Signature of God** , p. 227:

"Rabbi Michael Dov Weissmandl was a brilliant Czechoslovakian Jewish scholar in astronomy, mathematics, and Judaic studies. In the years before World War I, he found an obscure but intriguing reference to the Bible Codes in a rare book written by a fourteenth-century rabbi known as Rabbeynu Bachayah. The book described a curious pattern of letters encoded within the Torah by skipping an equal number of letters. This discovery inspired Rabbi Weissmandl to begin exploring to see if he could detect other examples of similar codes hidden within the Torah. During the following years, Weissmandl found that he could locate certain meaningful and related words or phrases, such as "hammer" and "anvil", if he examined the letters at sequences that were equally spaced in the Hebrew text. In other words, if he found the first letter of a significant word such as 'Torah,' and then, by skipping forward seven letters he found the second letter of the same word, he would continue to skip forward **the same number of letters** to see whether or not the complete word 'Torah' was spelled out in the text **at equally spaced intervals**. Rabbi Weissmandl' described this unusual phenomenon as '**equidistant letter sequences**' [ELS].**"**

The rabbi was astonished to find that an incredible number of significant words were hidden in code within the text of the Torah at equally spaced intervals." Rabbi Weissmandl left no written records of his discoveries, but many of his students spread his work which ultimately reached the mathematicians and scientists in Jerusalem.

The Torah was completed by Moses sometime just before his death {2552 A.H. around 1496 B.C.} The Hebrew Old Testament was accepted as canon around 300 B.C. and has been unchanged since that time. The Greek New Testament was accepted as canon around 300 A.D. and has remained unchanged since that time.

In 1988 a team of Jewish computer scientists and mathematicians put a computer program together to search for encoded words in the Hebrew text of the Old Testament. Their first test was to search for word pairs such as: hammer and anvil, tree and leaf, man and woman, etc. They searched for 300 word pairs and to their amazement found every pair encoded in the Hebrew text! Their work was published in a paper called: **Equidistant Letter Sequences in the Book of Genesis**, in the Journal of Royal Statistical Society. Since that time multitudes of other discoveries have been made.

The following is merely a small sample of what has now been discovered. For more information see the references at the end of this section.

In **Genesis 1:1**, beginning with the first occurrence of the Hebrew letter tav {ת}, counting 49 letters the second letter of 'Torah' appears, counting 49 more letters the third letter appears, counting 49 more letters the fourth letter appears-- Torah {תורה} is spelled out using every 50th letter of the text.

The Hebrew word for Israel {ישראל} is spelled out in the opening passage of Genesis by skipping every seven letters and once again by skipping every fifty letters with a short passage of only five verses [Genesis 1:30-2:3] Grant Jeffery notes that these verses where Israel is encoded are known as the *Kiddush* and are recited by Jews around the world every Sabbath.

Beginning with **Exodus 1:1**, Torah is spelled out the same way; every 50th letter beginning with the first appearance of the Hebrew letter tav {ת}.

Leviticus does not have 'Torah' encoded, but has Jehovah {God's name} {יהוה} spelled out beginning with the first appearance of the Hebrew letter yod {י} and counting forward every 8th letter {Note: the number 8 [2^3] is God's number -- see **Use of Numbers In Scripture**.

In Genesis 2:4-10 the word 'Eden' {עדן} is encoded 16 times [2^4] in the passage which is only 379 Hebrew letters long.

Numbers and Deuteronomy both have 'Torah' encoded in the initial verses of the books, but in Numbers 'Torah' is spelled out in reverse order using 50 letter intervals. In Deuteronomy, 'Torah' is also spelled out in reverse order at 49 letter intervals beginning in the 5th verse. In Genesis 2 which deals with the garden of Eden, there are 25 different modern Hebrew names for trees encoded.

Other series:

In Genesis 38 which describes the birth of Pharez to Tamar by Judah {an ancestor to King David} has encoded within it the **five descendants from Judah to King David in the correct chronological order!** {Nearly 500 years before David's birth!}

'Zedekiah' the last king of Judah and 'Matanya' his original name are encoded in Genesis. {Nearly 1000 years before Zedekiah's reign!}

'Hanukkah' which refers to the festival of lights commemorating the rededication of the temple after the Maccabee's recaptured it around 165 B.C. from Antiochus IV Epiphanes was found encoded in sequence with 'Hasmoneans' the famous name of the family of warriors led by Judas Maccabee are encoded in Genesis. {Nearly 1300 years before the Maccabees!}

'The name of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's occurred together with the name of the leader of the Moslem Brotherhood assassination team that killed him. The same code sequence also contained the year of his assassination, 1981, and the {modern

Hebrew} words for 'president,' 'gunfire,' 'shot,' and 'murder.' Incredibly, even the {modern Hebrew} word for 'parade' appears in this coded sequence. President Sadat was assassinated during the president's review of a military parade in 1981.' {P. 209 -- The Signature of God} {These were encoded in the Torah about 3400 years before the event!}

In Deuteronomy 10:17-22 the word 'Hitler' {היטלר} is spelled out at a 22 letter interval beginning with the 9th occurrence of the Hebrew letter heth {ה}. Beginning with the next to last appearance of the Hebrew letter beth {ב} in this passage, researchers counted backwards every 13th letter and discovered the phrase "b'yam mara Auschwitz" which means, "in the bitter sea of Auschwitz."
"Auschwitz"[אושיץ], "Belsen", "Hitler" {היטלר}, and "Berlin" are all clustered encoded in this Deuteronomy passage.
Scientists also discovered in Deuteronomy 33:16 beginning with the Hebrew letter mem {מ} and counting every 246th letter spelled out the phrase "Melek Natzim" [מלך נאצים] which means "King of the Nazis"
In Genesis 39 to 41 "Mapecha HaSarfatit" which spells "the French Revolution" in Hebrew, "Louis", the name of the French king, the "house of Bourbon," "Hamarseilles" the name of the French national anthem, and "Bastillia" the infamous French prison for political prisoners are all encoded -- interestingly these chapters describe Joseph's imprisonment in Egypt.

The team of scientists from the Jerusalem schools selected 34 names of Jewish rabbis and sages who lived from around 900 A.D. to 1900 A.D. found in the "Encyclopedia of Great Men in Israel" based on the longest biographies and tested the Torah to see if any of their names could be found. They found that not only did their names appear, but their names even appeared together with either their year of birth, or their year of death in the same encoded sequences. When the results of this study was submitted to Statistical Science Journal for publication, the editor demanded that the staff of the journal be allowed to randomly select 32 more names from the same encyclopedia and submit those names for testing. To their astonishment these additional 32 names together with either the year of their birth or the year of their death were also found encoded in the Torah bringing a total of 64 known modern day men whose names have already been found in the Torah.

In the first chapter of Leviticus, Aaron's {אהרן} name is encoded **25 times** not counting the 4 times in appears in the normal surface text. {Aaron, Moses' older brother, was Israel's first high priest.}

Yacov Rambsel, a Jewish student, whose book: **<u>Yeshua - The Hebrew Factor</u>** , has discovered references to the name of Jesus throughout the Old Testament. The following is only a small sample:

Beginning in the first verse of Genesis beginning with the 5th letter [5 is the number for grace in the Bible -- see Use of Numbers In Scripture], yod {י}, counting every 521st letter the words 'Yeshua Yakhol' appears which means "Jesus is able."

In Isaiah 53:10 which prophesies the grief of our Lord and His sacrifice for our sins -- beginning with the second yod {י} in the eleventh word {יאריך} and counting every 20th letter left to right appears the phrase "Yeshua Shmi" {ישוע שמי} which means "Jesus is My Name"

In Genesis 3:20-21 beginning with the last letter heth {ה} in verse 20 and counting every 9th letter appears the name "Yoshiah" {יושיעה} which means "He will save" -- a Hebrew equivalent name for Yeshua - Jesus. Remember Matthew 1:21 "thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins."

In Zechariah 11:12 which prophecies the price Jesus would be betrayed for -- 30 pieces of silver, beginning with the letter yod {י}, counting every 24th letter spells out the name 'Yeshua.'

In Zechariah 12:10 beginning with the letter cheth {ח} found in the phrase "an only son" -- the Hebrew word for "Messiah" is encoded counting every 38th letter.

In Leviticus 21:10-12 beginning with the first heth {ה} and counting every 3rd letter is spelled out "han dam Yeshua" [הן דמ ישוע] which means "Behold, the blood of Jesus."

In Psalm 41:7-10 which prophecies the plot against Jesus, beginning with the first yod {י} in verse 8 contained in the phrase 'they plot evil' counting every 2nd letter spells out the name 'Yeshua.'

The book of Ruth beginning in Ruth 1:1 and the fourth yod {י}, every 5th letter spells out 'Yeshua.'   Jesus is a direct descendant of Ruth {Matthew 1}.

Isaiah 61:12 beginning with the yod in the phrase 'spirit of the Lord God' counting every 9 letters spells out the name Oshiya which means "I will save" and is a variation of Yeshua.

In Daniel 9:26 beginning with the letter yod {י} in the phrase "the city," counting every 26th letter backwards spells out the name Yeshua.

"The Israeli scientists wrote a follow-up paper for submission to Statistical Science, a scientific journal that insisted that a group of opposing scholars review and challenge their data and examine their computer program before publication. Despite the fact that all of the reviewers held previous beliefs against the inspiration of the Scriptures, the overwhelming evidence and the integrity of the data forced the editors to approve the study's scientific accuracy and reluctantly publish the article. Robert Kaas, the editor of

Statistical Science, wrote this comment about the study: "Our referees were baffled: their prior beliefs made them think the Book of Genesis could not possibly contain meaningful references to modern day individuals, yet when the authors carried out additional analyses and checks the effect persisted." {The Signature of God P. 212}

"Scientists who have studied these results state no human could create such a Hebrew document containing hundreds of encoded, significant words hidden within this text. They concluded that it would be impossible to reproduce this phenomenon in Hebrew {or any other language} text even if they had the help of a group of brilliant language geniuses, or the assistance of the world's most sophisticated super-computers." {The Signature of God P. 213}

In an attempt to suggest that all of these "coincidences" could occur in other religious Hebrew texts scientists selected the Samaritan Pentateuch which differs in only small textual changes from the Hebrew Bible and after much testing concluded that none of the word pairs found in the Hebrew Bible appeared. In another attempt, a Hebrew translation of Tolstoy's "War and Peace" which is about the same length as Genesis was used, but no hidden codes were found. The same tests were run on the Hebrew apocryphal books written during the 400 years prior to Jesus' birth, but again, no such encoded words were found. {The Signature of God P. 215}

Professor Harold Gans, a brilliant mathematician who examined sophisticated foreign government intelligence codes for the U.S. and has published over 180 technical papers, doubted the research conducted in Jerusalem. Dr. Gans wrote his own complex computer program to examine the Hebrew text. After running his program for 19 straight days and nights to test the codes he concluded the codes were real, and today he teaches classes in synagogues throughout the world. {The Signature of God P. 217}

In these last days, the Lord has removed the knowledge of His Word from the liberal theologians and has turned it over to the scientists, mathematicians, and computer programmers who understand the difference between facts, empirical evidence, and true logic and -- the vain philosophies of men. Our faith is not built on "blind" faith, but on faith in the Author of all truth; the Creator of the "laws" of science and the "laws" of mathematics. Anyone who can recognize Hebrew and Greek letters and can count can verify everything presented in these notes dealing with the use of numbers in Scripture.

The following listing of codes comes from the book <u>His Name Is Jesus</u>, By Yacov Rambsel {Hebrew is read from right to left-- negative skip means the letters are read in reverse order.}

Notice Mary's name appears **three times** – there were three Mary's!

Name	Hebrew	Begins	Word	Letter	Interval
Yeshua	ישוע	Isa. 53:10	11	4	-20
Nazarene	נזיר	Isa. 53:6	11	3	47
Messiah	משיח	Isa. 53:11	1	1	-42
Passover	פסח	Isa. 53:10	13	3	-62
Galilee	גליל	Isa. 53:7	1	2	-32
Caesar {wicked Caesar, to perish}	קיסר עמל אבד	Isa. 53:11	7	4	-194
The evil Roman city	רע עיר רומי	Isa. 53:9	13	2	-7
Caiaphas	כיפה	Isa. 52:15	7	3	41
Annas	ענן	Isa. 53:3	6	5	-45
Mary	מרים	Isa. 53:11	1	1	-23
Mary	מרים	Isa. 53:10	7	3	6
Mary	מרים	Isa. 53:9	13	3	44
The Disciples	למדים	Isa. 53:12	2	3	-55
*Peter	כפה	Isa. 53:10	5	2	-19
Matthew	מתתי	Isa. 53:8	12	1	-295
John	יוחנן	Isa. 53:10	11	4	-28
Andrew {Anddrai}	א נ ד ר י	Isa. 53:4	11	1	-48
Philip	פילף	Isa. 53:5	10	3	-133
Thomas	תומא	Isa. 53:2	8	1	35
James {Yaakov}	יעקב	Isa. 52:2	9	3	-34
James {Yaakov}	יעקב	Isa. 52:2	3	4	-20
Simon the Canaanite	שמעון	Isa. 52:14	2	1	47

Thaddaeus	תדי	Isa. 53:12	9	1	-50
*Matthias	מתיה	Isa. 53:5	7	4	-11
Let Him be crucified	יצלב	Isa. 53:8	6	2	15
His Cross	צלב	Isa. 53:6	2	2	-8
Lamp of the Lord	נר יהוה	Isa. 53:5	5	7	20
Bread	לחם	Isa. 53:12	2	3	26
*Wine	יין	Isa. 54:1	4	1	-210
From Zion	מציון	Isa. 52:14	6	1	45
Moriah	מריה	Isa. 52:7	4	5	153
Obed (servant)	עבד	Isa. 53:7	3	2	-19
Jesse	ישי	Isa. 52:9	3	1	-19
Seed	זרע	Isa. 52:15	2	2	-19
Water	מים	Isa. 52:7	9	1	-19
Levites	לוים	Isa. 54:3	3	6	19
From the Atonement Lamb	מכפר טלא	Isa. 52:12	12	2	-19

*Transcription errors corrected – see note on page 10

Note that Jesus and His disciples are all named in Isaiah 52-53 with one notable exception-- Judas. Matthias is named by name only one time in the Bible, and that is in Acts chapter one where he was chosen to take Judas' place! This is the same passage which tells us "He was wounded for our transgressions" and "By His stripes we are healed!"

There is no other literature in existence which contains hidden codes in the manner given here. Numerous Hebrew texts including a Hebrew version of <u>War and Peace</u> [which contains about the same volume of material as the book of Genesis] have been tested with no codes being found. The above lists which are only a small sampling of the discoveries which have been made demonstrate the uniqueness of the scriptures, an orderliness, and an all-knowing plan of human existence which cannot be explained away. The possibility of these codes appearing anywhere by pure chance is mathematically impossible.

The fact that the Bible Codes even exist is important, but what is even more fascinating is where they are located. When looking at the ELS codes it is always significant where the codes are located. It is for that reason in my **Examples of ELS Bible Code.** I have provided interlinear translation of the Hebrew text. Grant Jeffrey points out that nearly all, if not all, passages prophesying the coming Messiah contain the name of **Jesus** encoded within them. While I have not personally had the time to check out every occurrence, the ones I have checked out are in agreement with his point!!!

Obviously, arguing over the accuracy or inerrancy of Scripture is pure foolishness when the FACTS are examined in a scientific and intelligent manner. However, the most important question of all is not whether you know about the Scriptures, nor even whether you believe the Scriptures, but whether you know and have a saving relationship with their Author.

For more information see:
The Signature of God, by Grant R. Jeffrey, published by Frontier Research, 1996, P.O. Box 470470, Tulsa, OK 74147-0470 (1-800-883-1812)
Number in Scripture, by E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913), Published by Kregel Publications, P.O. Box 2607, Grand **Armageddon- Appointment With Destiny**Rapids, MI 49501, by Grant R. Jeffrey, published by Frontier Research
Yeshua- The Hebrew Factor, by Yacov Rambsel, published by Frontier Research.
His Name Is Jesus - The Mysterious Yeshua Codes, by Yacov Rambsel, published by Frontier Research.
The Mysterious Bible Codes, by Grant Jeffrey [Details new research of Bible codes in the Greek New Testament]
Bible Code Bombshell, by R. Edwin Sherman, published by New Leaf Press
www.biblecodedigest.com

WARNING: There is a growing trend among Bible code students to attempt to predict future events based on codes found in the Bible. Such attempts are akin to astrology which is strictly forbidden in Scripture. While it is **ABSOLUTELY TRUE** that the codes demonstrate God's foreknowledge of all things, and the **FACT** that He is the **AUTHOR** of the Bible, using the codes to predict future events is a tool used by Satan to discredit God's word when such **HUMAN** predictions fail. A good example are codes found in Genesis chapter 18 discussed in Grant Jeffrey's book The Signature of God [pages 239-240] relating to Anwar Sadat's assassination by members of the Muslem Brotherhood in a military parade in 1981. The words: gunfire, shot, murder, Sadat, Chaled Islambooli {leader of the Muslem Brotherhood}, 1981, military, and even the modern word for parade are all encoded in Genesis chapter 18 {which in the text talks about God and Abraham discussing judgment coming on Sodom and Gomorrah}. A person studying the codes **BEFORE** the event actually happened may have just as easily predicted that Anwar Sadat was going to murder Chaled and have a military parade in 1981 to celebrate the event! It is NOT our job to try to figure out what God is up to! It is our job to trust God to lead us in the way He wants us to go even though we ourselves do not know what lies ahead.

*Note on the <u>Transcription errors</u> on pages 7 and 8 – you will notice that three words in the list have an asterisk [*]. Everything in the list I personally have validated. Those three when I tried to validate them did not show up as indicated in <u>Signature of God</u> by Grant Jeffrey who received that list from Yacov Rambsel. Whether the errors were from Yacov, his editor, or the publisher, I do not know. As I searched for the words I found "Peter" and "wine" after only a short time. However, I searched for "Matthias" off and on over several months with no results. I was convinced that the name had to be on the list so I kept searching. My wife noticing that I was troubled about something asked me what the problem was. I told her I was trying to find "Matthias" in the code, but had been searching for months without results. She said: "Have you prayed about it?" I was convicted immediately and prayed to the Lord that He would show me where "Matthias" was in the code. When I opened my eyes, my eyes fell a few verses down from where I had been looking and the word "Matthias" just jumped out at me. I thanked God for revealing the answer.

I searched for Yacov Rambsel on the internet in hopes of calling his attention to the errors so they could be corrected in future publications, only to find out that he had passed away some years earlier so I did not pursue the issue further.