

# *Matthew's Gospel*

## **Chapter 5c**

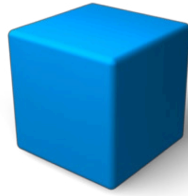


# Our Identity as Salt



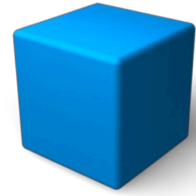
**Holy of Holies**

1 Kings 6:19-20



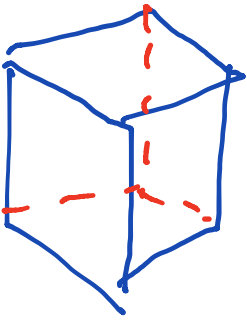
**Salt Crystal**

Matthew 5:13



**New Jerusalem**

Revelation 21:16

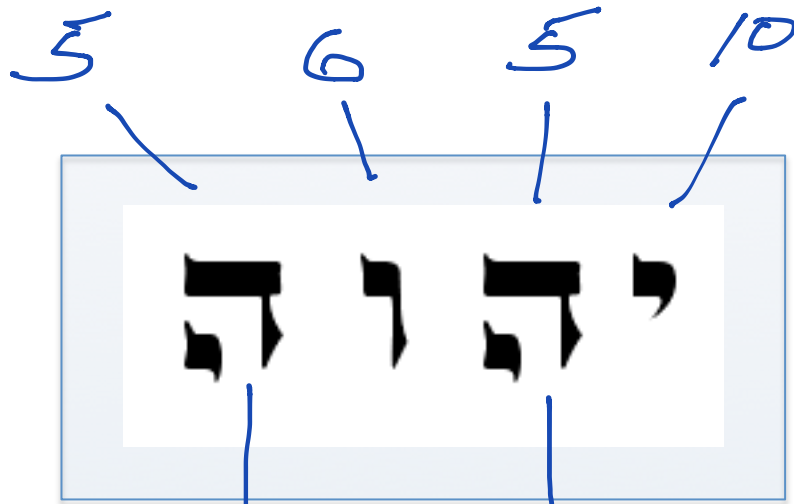


6 Surfaces

8 Corners

12 Edges

26 Features



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"LOVE"

*“When salt becomes unsavory, wherewith is it salted”?  
[R’ Yehoshua said] “With the after-birth of a mule”.  
“And is there an after-birth of a mule?”  
“And can salt become unsavory?”*

∞ b. Talmud Berachot 8b

### **Numbers 18:19**

All the holy contributions that the people of Israel present to Adonai I give to you, and to your sons and daughters with you, as a perpetual due. It is a **covenant of salt** forever before Adonai for you and for your offspring with you."

### **2 Chronicles 13:5**

Ought you not to know that Adonai God of Israel gave the kingship over Israel forever to David and his sons by a **covenant of salt**?

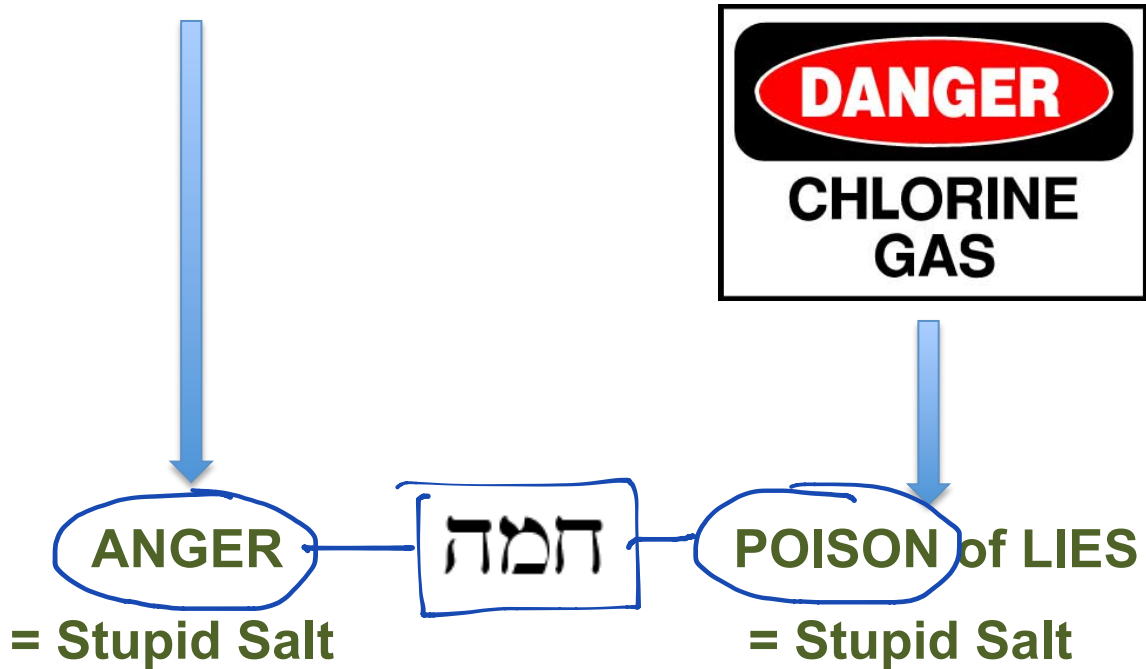
**SALT (NaCl) = Sodium Chloride**

(Sodium + Chlorine)

**EXPLOSIVE**

**POISON**

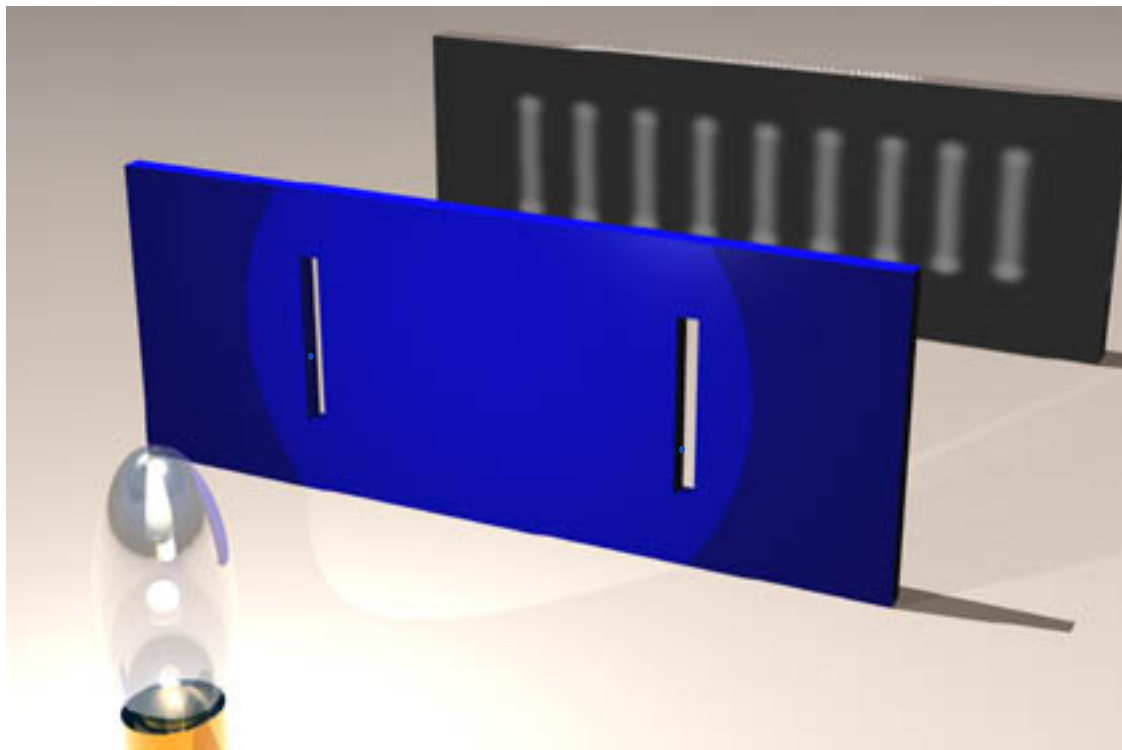
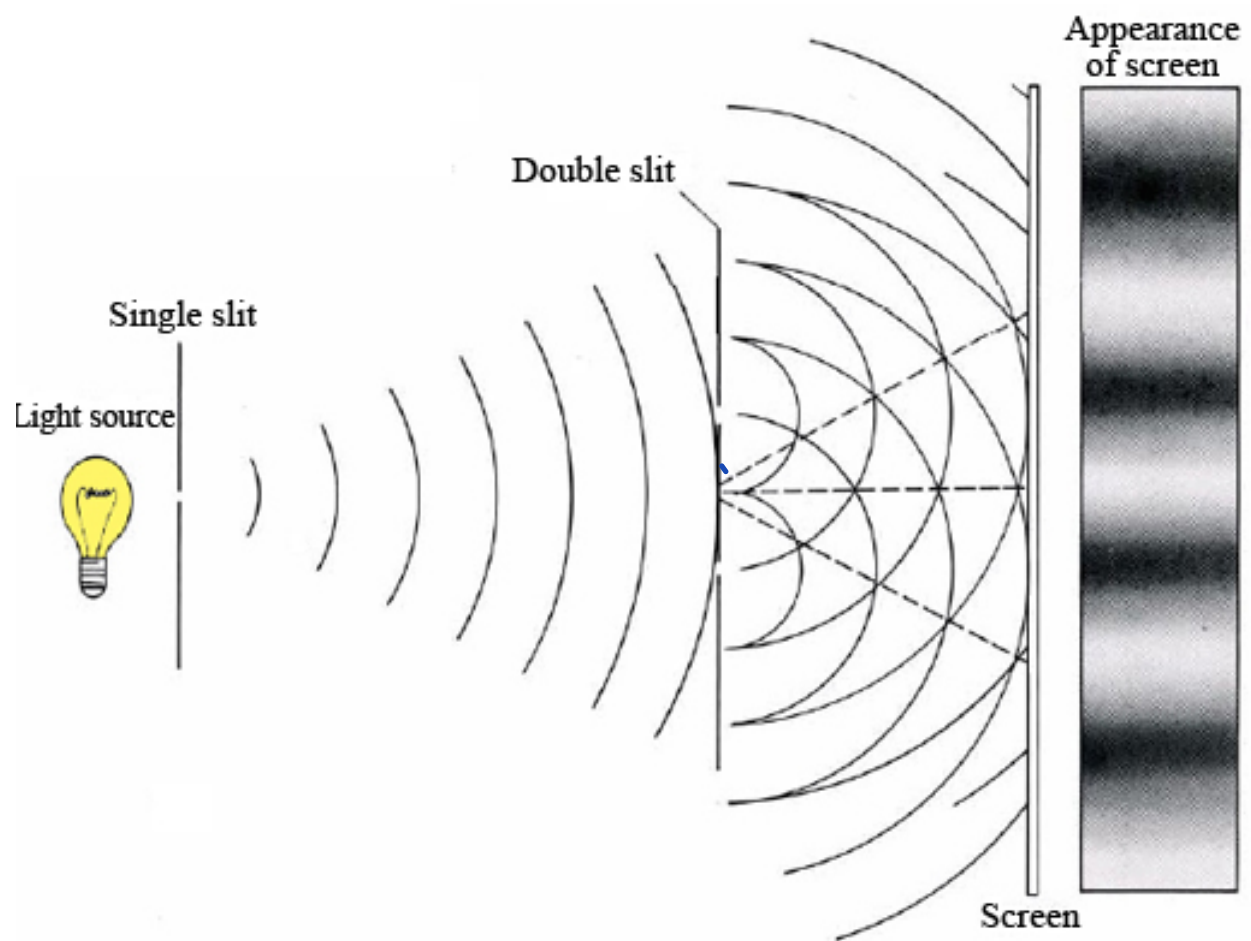
([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSYr\\_P8bC4k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSYr_P8bC4k))



**Ephesians 4:25-27**

Therefore, having put away **falsehood** let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your **anger**, and give no opportunity to the devil.

# Our Identity as Light



*Light ... is one of the most extraordinary and wondrous phenomena within the physical world... Although it is subordinate to the laws of nature and physics, nonetheless, it has many characteristics and functions transcending our environment and relating to the spiritual sphere and to eternity... the characteristics of light and the way it functions are reflective of a duality: it is physical, yet spiritual; it manifests itself in our world, yet it is not always seen.*

✎ R' Yisrael Lorberbaum (*"The Dimension Beyond"*)

## **Principles of Light**

- Light expands instantaneously and not in stages.
- It pervades all of reality.
- It does not mix with anything else.
- It does not undergo change.
- It is unaffected by anything.
- It is unaffected by time.
- Light only exists when it is connected to its root source.

✎ *"The Dimension Beyond"* (R' Yisrael Lorberbaum)

## Proverbs 6:23

For the **mitzvah** is a lamp, and the **Torah** is light...

## Revelation 21:23

And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the **glory of God has illumined it**, and its **lamp is the Lamb**.

### A Quote from Midrash Tehillim (22.11):

**The nations of the world...will declare:**

**“Who is this nation who uses light for everything?”**

**“Their Torah is light:**

*“And the Torah is light...”* (Prov.6:23)

**“Their God is light:**

*“The light of Israel will become a fire,  
and his Holy One a flame...”* (Isaiah 10:17)

**“Their Redeemer is light:**

*“Your light has come”* (Isaiah 60:1)

**“Their happiness is light:**

*“The light of the righteous will rejoice”* (Prov. 13:9)

**“Their future is light:**

*“Light is sown for the righteous”* (Psalm 97:11)

**“These are gods, not men!”**

## **SALT & LIGHT: Similarities**

- Necessary for life
- Eternal
- Duality
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## **SALT & LIGHT: Differences**

- Earthly vs. Heavenly
- Body vs. Mind
- Corruptible vs. Incorruptible
- Being 'salt' precedes being 'light'
- Effort vs. effortless
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