

THE HEBREW VOWELS: 1) THE “AW” SOUND OF QAWMÆTS

QAWMÆTS makes the “AW” sound, as in “SAW.” The “W” in “AW” is a hard sound, as in “wealth,” “watermelon,” or “window.”

The Hebrew Root Words, most of which contain only three Consonants, are pictures. **Qawmæts** depicts a hand opening wide to grasp the letter above it.

* קָמַץ pr. *to press together, to compress, comp. kindr. קָמַץ*; then *to take with the hand or fist, e. g. a handful Lev. 2, 2. 5, 12. Num. 5, 26. Hence*

(Gesenius' Hebrew Lexicon)



The symbol for **qawmæts** resembles a tiny letter “T” beneath the Hebrew Consonant. In this case, since the letter above is a Qœwph, which stands for “Holiness,” **qawmæts** is reaching up to **take hold of a handful** of Holiness.

Qawmæts is Strongs H7061, which occurs 3 times in The Bible:

[Leviticus 2:2 KJV] *And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall **take[H7061]** thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon The Altar, [to be] an Offering made by fire, of a Sweet Savour unto The LORD:*

[Leviticus 5:12 KJV] *Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall **take[H7061]** his handful of it, [even] a Memorial thereof, and burn [it] on The Altar, according to The Offerings made by fire unto The LORD: it [is] a Sin Offering.*

[Numbers 5:26 KJV] *And the priest shall **take an handful[H7061]** of The Offering, [even] The Memorial thereof, and burn [it] upon The Altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the Water.*

When we see the little “T” below a letter and we pronounce **qawmæts**, we open and purse our lip muscles into an oval, almost as if we are holding water in our mouths. Let us practice the “AW” sound of **qawmæts** until we can speak it Perfectly, and then practice it Perfectly until we never sound it in discord.