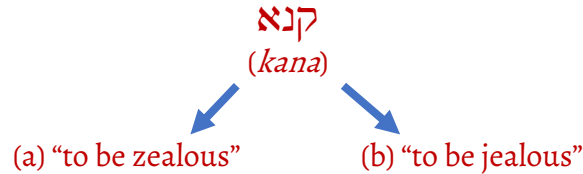




# THE HEBREW KEY

## #17 – Is God Jealous?



### (A) Psalm 69:9

For **zeal** for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.  
(c. John 2:17)

### (B) Genesis 30:1

When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she became **jealous** of her sister...

### Numbers 25:11-13 (ESV)

“Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the people of Israel, in that he was **jealous** with My **jealousy** among them, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in My **jealousy**. Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace, and it shall be to him and to his descendants after him the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was **jealous** for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel.’”

קנה  
(kanah)

“to purchase” or “legally acquire”

קנא (kana) v. = “to be jealous/zealous”

קנה (kanah) v. = “to purchase/acquire”

קנאה (kinah) n. = “zeal” or “jealousy”

The Two Sides of קנא:

+ **Zeal** to protect what I rightfully own

- **Jealousy** to own what belongs to another

Exodus 34:14

For you shall worship no other god, **for Adonai, Jealous is His name; He is a jealous God.**

... כי יהוה קנא שמו אל קנא הוא:

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#### REFERENCES:

**John 2:17** His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

**Genesis 4:1** Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain [קין], saying, “I have acquired [קנה, *kanah*] a man with the help of Adonai.”

**Numbers 5** [This passage about the *sotah* (the wayward wife) contains the words ‘jealous’ and ‘jealousy’ 10 times.]