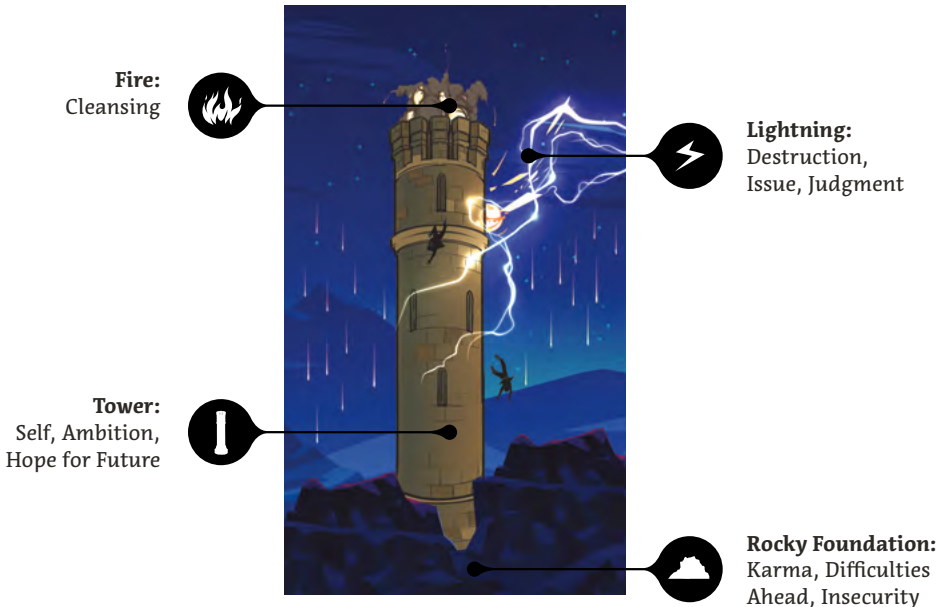


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# THE TOWER

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**Yes/No Reading:**



*Yes*



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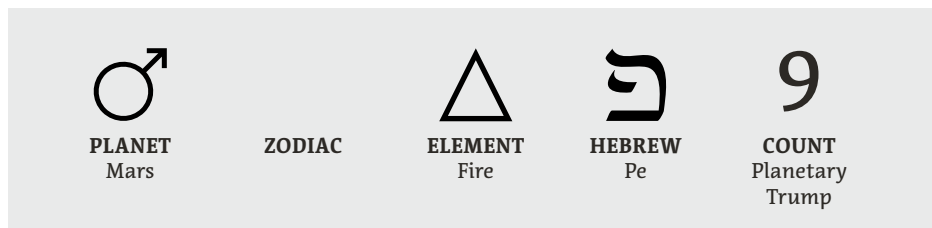
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**Names in Other Tarot Systems:**

Golden Dawn: The Tower

Tarot of Marseilles: La Maison Dieu

Thoth: The Tower



**Upright: *Ruin, Trauma, Sudden Changes, Disgrace, Catastrophe, Destruction***

You may be undergoing a significant and unexpected change or disruption in your life, which can be disorienting and unsettling, particularly if you believed that everything was stable and secure. The Tower card serves as a reminder that sometimes shaky foundations need to collapse to make room for stronger structures, beliefs, or situations. The lightning bolt striking the tower represents a moment of clarity or epiphany, revealing truths that may have been hidden from view. It's a wake-up call.

Despite the apparent chaos and destruction, the Tower also brings some opportunities. Like a building that has been demolished to make way for new construction, situations that are dismantled in our lives often create space for fresh opportunities and growth that are more aligned with our true selves. Although the initial impact can be daunting or surprising, the long-term effects often lead to positive growth. The key is to find the strength and resilience to rebuild from the ruins.

**Reversed: *Rebuilding Foundations, Illness, Fear of Suffering, Avoiding Disaster***

When the Tower card is reversed, the disruption and chaos that it usually signifies may not be as severe or might be contained within oneself. There's a feeling of unease or anxiety about potential upheaval, and you might be trying to avoid the inevitable.

In contrast to the upright Tower, which is typically associated with external circumstances, the inverted Tower signifies internal transformation and change. You may be grappling with profound realizations or facing deep-seated personal fears. Although it can be unsettling, this process presents an opportunity for personal growth and development.

In this position, the card is a prompt to confront and accept the necessary changes, rather than trying to resist or delay them.



**CHAKRA:**  
Solar Plexus, Root

**TIMING:**  
Unexpectedly

**NUMEROLOGY:**  
7, 16

**ARCANA RELATION:**  
The Chariot

**DEITY:**  
Athene, Ares, Horus

**ANIMAL:**  
Bear, Boar, Horse, Wolf

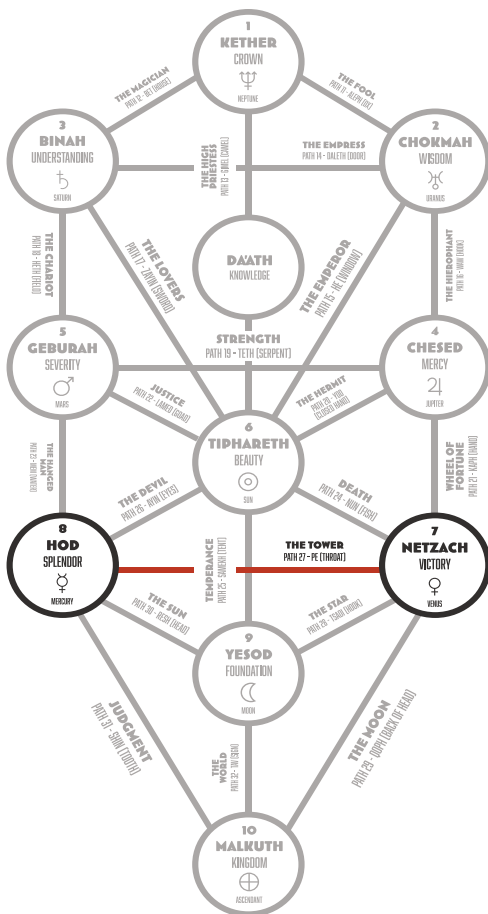
**CRYSTAL:**  
Bloodstone, Chrysocolla,  
Garnet, Hematite, Lodestone,  
Magnetite, Ruby

**PLANT:**  
Heather Honeysuckle, Garlic,  
Tobacco, Rue, Wormwood,  
Yarrow

**MAGICKAL ITEM:**  
Sword

**ARCHANGEL:**  
Camael

## TAROTORIAL® EXPANDED



**GREY**  
Stability, Neutrality,  
Reserve



**EMERALD**  
Renewal, Balance,  
Foundations



**BLACK**  
Dignity, Force,  
Stability, Protection



**RED**  
Desire, Passion,  
Power, Vitality

The Tower presents a striking scene of dramatic upheaval. Central to its imagery is a lofty tower, standing high on a craggy mountain's peak, symbolizing ambitions or constructs that once felt invincible and untouchable. Without warning, a bolt of lightning fiercely strikes the tower, causing windows to erupt in flames and indicating a divine or unexpected intervention. This sudden force leads to chaos as figures, once secure within the tower's walls, now find themselves in free fall, a powerful representation of unforeseen changes and disruptions.

The tower's foundation, assumed to be the strongest part, seems to be collapsing or fracturing, creating a vivid image of outdated beliefs, ideologies, or life situations built on weak ground. This chaos occurs under a brooding sky, heavy with dark clouds, emphasizing unexpected challenges and the need to confront and rebuild.

This tumultuous atmosphere highlights the profound disruption and transformation that the card represents, indicating that sometimes, we need a stark shake-up to progress and grow.



**PLANET:** Mars primarily governs energy, drive, and ambition. Mars is about starting new things, taking the initiative, and pioneering efforts. It's also associated with sexual attraction and raw physical energy.



**ELEMENT:** Fire represents energy, creativity, and power. It is the realm of love, courage, and action. It is associated with Summer, the Suit of Wands, and the South cardinal direction.



**HERMETIC QABALAH** Associated Hebrew Letter: Pe – Throat, Mouth (Speak, Word)



**TREE OF LIFE PATHWAY:** 27th Path Between Hod (Splendor) and Netzach (Victory)