

His Name is Yahweh

יהוה

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— and still is when correctly pronounced.

His name is NOT Yahovah, Yehovah or Jehovah

The Name “Yahweh” (H3068 יהוה) appears in the Tanakh (Older Testament) over 6,800 times!

Yahweh’s name has been edited out of most Bible translations of the Tanakh, and substituted with the capitalized titles “LORD” or “GOD” – where the name “Yahweh” actually belongs.

This substitution is a grave error for two reasons. First, it nullifies Yahweh’s explicit command to tell the world that we have only One Elohim: Yahweh. Second, according to the Bible, Yahweh is the only Name in which we have salvation (Exodus 3:15, 9:16, 20:24; Numbers 6:27, etc.).

Yahweh never even hinted that we should share his **titles** with the world.

The Name “Yahweh” (G2962 κύριος kurios) also appears throughout the B’rit Hadashah (New Testament), but is again replaced with “LORD” or “GOD”.

Yahweh is called the Divine Name and the Tetragrammaton, or four-letter word, because it has four letters in Hebrew: יהוה or Yod-Hey-Waw-Hey.

There Was No Vav In The Ancient Hebrew

When the ancients wanted a ‘v’ sound, they would use the Bet/Vet, the second letter of their alphabet, not the sixth letter. Ancient Hebrew did (and still does) indeed have a letter ‘W’, the sixth letter of the Hebrew Alphabet, the yod, originally pronounced “waw”, **not** “vav”. Only if you are using a modern mispronunciation would you say “Yod-Hey-Vav-Hey” (YHVH).

David Bivin of Jerusalem Perspective puts it this way: *“In any attempt to understand the Bible, there is no substitute for a knowledge of ancient Jewish custom and practice. For example, the term ‘Jehovah,’ which is found in many Christian translations of the Bible, originated due to Christian lack of awareness of Jewish custom.”*

He further states: *“By linguistic comparisons with other ancient Semitic languages, scholars can be almost certain that the divine name was originally pronounced YaHWeH.”*

The pronunciation of the first syllable of the Tetragrammaton is confirmed by the abbreviated form of God's name yah, which is sometimes used in biblical poetry (see Exodus 15:2; Psalm 68:4). It is also confirmed by the yah that is attached as a suffix to many Hebrew names such as 'eliyah (Elijah) and 'ovadyah (Obadiah).

The Change From Waw to Vav and the Yah to Jah or Jeh

Exodus 20:7, Deuteronomy 5:11 – “*You shall not take the name of YHWH your Elohim in vain.*”

According to Nehemiah Gordon of the Berean Patriot, when scholars went around the Jewish world in the 1800’s they documented how the Jews of that time pronounced every letter of the Hebrew alphabet. No matter what nation the Jews were living in, the Aleph, Bet, Gimel, Dalet, and Hey; all were identical, But not the waw.

As the Jews were scattered abroad, they came in contact with people who spoke Germanic languages, and as we all know very well, not only do they say ‘Y’ as Jah, they also say ‘W’ as Vah. As time went on and the mingling of languages became more imbedded.

The Change to Yahovah / Yehovah (and/or Jahovah / Jehovah)

A system of vowel signs that had been developed by the Masoretes in the 6th Century AD placed the vowel signs of the word Adonai into the consonants YHWH. Early Christian scholars in Europe, not realizing the alterations made by the Masoretes, then presented the spelling Jehovah. The word Yahovah/Jehovah has **no** meaning whatsoever in the Hebrew language!

New spellings for YHWH such as Jahovah or Jehovah should not be created out of our ignorance of Jewish conventions. Neither Jahovah nor Jehovah have any meaning in Hebrew! The Jahovah and Jehovah misspellings simply and vividly illustrate a continuing lack of understanding of Hebrew language and Jewish practice.

The Ancient Hebrew Research Center Possibilities

Researchers at the Ancient Hebrew Research Center say it is entirely possible that the name Yod-Hey-Waw-Hey may have different vowels. A tiny sample of some of those possible spellings, are:

- YaH-WeH
- YiH-WeH
- YeH-WaH
- Ye-Ha-WaH
- Ye-He-WeH
- Ye-Ho-WaH

As you can see, the last three examples follow the imposition of other vowels into the YHWH, an inexcusable practice.

The researchers do ask an important question, however. They ask: “*When we are teaching Yahweh to others, are we placing the importance on the pronunciation of that name, or are we teaching them the character of Yod-Hey-Waw-Hey? . . . When someone insists on a particular pronunciation, even to the point of making it a Salvation issue, is that person creating unity – or chaos?*”

The Encyclopedia Commentaries

Charles H. Campbell of *AlwaysBeReady* has compiled a list of commentaries by various encyclopedias.

The encyclopedias state:

- The Jewish Encyclopedia: “Jehovah — a mispronunciation of the Hebrew YHWH the name of God.”
- The New Jewish Encyclopedia: “It is clear that the word Jehovah is an artificial composite.”
- Encyclopedia Judaica: “The true pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton YHWH was never lost. The name was pronounced Yahweh.”
- The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia: “JEHOVAH is an erroneous pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton.”
- Encyclopedia Americana: “Jehovah — erroneous form of the name of the God Israel.”
- Encyclopedia Britannica: “The pronunciation ‘Jehovah’ is an error resulting among Christians from combining the consonants YHWH with the vowels of ADHONAY.”
- Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary: “Jehovah — False reading of the Hebrew YAHWEH.”
- Webster’s Third New International Dictionary: “Jehovah — Intended as a transliteration of Hebrew YAHWEH, the vowel points of Hebrew ADHONAY (my lord) being erroneously substituted for those of YAHWEH.”
- New Catholic Encyclopedia: “Jehovah — false form of the divine name YAHWEH.”
- The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia: “Jehovah — is an erroneous form of the divine name of the covenant God of Israel.”

Neither Jahovah nor Jehovah are appropriate spellings of YHWH.

Recent Archaeology Discoveries (as of June 2023)

Recent archaeology discoveries have confirmed that the **original spelling** of the Tetragrammaton is **YHWH** in the ancient Hebrew text.

Two such discoveries are highlighted in the Expedition Bible videos below.

The first discovery comes from Soleb, in Egypt, during the 15th Century BC. The Pharaoh of that time inscribed the names of his enemies into the walls of a temple and mentions the name of Yahweh, the Israelite god. Egyptologist Donald Redford documented this find in his 1992 book: Egypt, Canaan, and Israel in Ancient Times.

Link: <https://youtu.be/pGEOZ5YI22M>

The second discovery comes from a burial site in Katef Hinnom, a suburb of Jerusalem, by Dr. Gabriel Barkay in 1979. It is the oldest copy ever found of a portion of a verse taken from the book of Numbers 6:24-26 in the Hebrew Bible, from around 7BC, the time of the first temple of Solomon.

Link: <https://youtu.be/X74dr58e6T8>

A third discovery found on an early Israelite curse inscription from Mt. Ebal also confirms that the original spelling was **YHWH**.

The Folded Lead Tablet

In March 2022, a lead tablet from Mt. Ebal was discovered by a research team led by scholars from the Associates for Biblical Research. At that time they claimed that it contained one of the oldest extant Hebrew inscriptions. Now, after more than a year, one part of the inscription has been peer-reviewed and published in the Heritage Science journal.

The Folded Lead Tablet, containing writing on both its inside and outside, measures less than one square inch and appears to have been folded in half after being written.

The Inscription: https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-artifacts/inscriptions/mt_ebal_inscription/

As translated by the Associates for Biblical Research (ABR) team, the tablet reads:

- You are cursed by the god yhw, cursed.
- You will die, cursed — cursed, you will surely die.
- Cursed you are by yhw —cursed.

The team suggests that “*the use of the name Yhw, a shortened version of the divine name Yahweh (YHWH), is clear evidence that the text is an early Hebrew inscription.*”

Why I Believe The Waw/Yod Were Changed

Why have the Waw (the sixth letter) and the Yod (the tenth letter) both been attacked and perverted?

- The Waw represents man/mankind, and the Yod represents Yeshua.
- We know that Satan hates humans, and especially Yeshua.
- Satan wants to destroy both, and trumpets it by rejecting the original pronunciation and introducing an alternative way to spell and speak both Hebrew letters.

Conclusions

- 1) The original spelling of the name was Yod-Hey-Waw-Hey.
- 2) The original pronunciation of the sixth letter was “waw” and still is when correctly pronounced.
- 3) Archaeology clearly shows that YHWH is the correct spelling of the Tetragrammaton.
- 4) Archaeology clearly shows that Yahweh is the correct pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton.
- 5) We don't substitute other Hebrew word vowels into the YHWH to come up with the spelling.
- 6) YHWH's name is not Yahovah/Jahovah. That word (and the alternate Yehovah/Jehovah) is a colossal, undeniable, erroneous mistake, and have absolutely no meaning in the Hebrew language.
- 7) Satan has rejected the pronunciation of the sixth and tenth letters due to his hatred of Yeshua and mankind, has introduced an alternative, and many have chosen this perverted way to speak and write the Yod and Waw.

Honor His Name

Praise Your glorious name, may it be exalted above all blessing and praise

Yahweh exalts his name because he is jealous that his name be known and exalted.
His glory will not be given to another.

Honoring YHWH With Meanings Of His Name

The four letters that make up the name of Yahweh are: Yod-Hey-Waw-Hey [H3068 יהוה].

They can be translated to mean:

- The Man With The Outstretched Arms and Nailed Hands Shall Be Revealed Twice.
- Behold the Nail, Behold the Hand.
- Behold the Nailed Hand.
- Behold The Nailed Hand Is Salvation

Yahweh is:

- Yahweh Elohiym – Yahweh our God [יהוה אלהים H3068 H430] Deuteronomy 6:4
- Yahweh Rapha – Yahweh That Heals [יהוה רפא H3068 H7495] Exodus 15:26
- Yahweh Qadash – Yahweh Who Sanctifies [יהוה קדש H3068 H6942] Exodus 31:13; Ezekiel 37:28
- Yahweh Rapha – Yahweh Who Will See To It [יהוה ראה H3068 H7200] Genesis 22:8, Genesis 22:14
- Yahweh Tsaba – Yahweh of Hosts [יהוה צבא H3068 H6635] 1 Samuel 1:3
- Yahweh Nissi – Yahweh Our Banner [יהוה נס H3068 H5251] Exodus 17:15

Honoring YHWH With His Name

- Exodus 3:15 – “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘Yahweh, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ **Yahweh is my name forever, and this is my memorial-name to all generations.**”
- Exodus 9:16 – “For this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show my power in you, and that my name may be declared in all the earth.”
- Numbers 6:27 – “Put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”
- Ezekiel 39:7 – “My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am Yahweh (יהוה), the Holy One in Israel.”
- Psalm 69:30 – “I will praise the name of Elohim with song and magnify Him with thanksgiving.”
- Psalm 148:13 – “Let them praise the name of Yahweh, for his name alone is exalted.”
- In Exodus, when Yahweh met Moses at the burning bush, he commanded Moses to make known His name to the people in Egypt and to all peoples of the earth.
- In Numbers, he commands Moses to pronounce his name upon the Israelites.
- In Ezekiel, he further clarified that His name, Yahweh (יהוה), is to be made known to all nations.

That name had two parts which are:

- I AM – Hāyāh [H1961] meaning: I exist, I am, I am self existent; that is: to be.
- YHWH – Yahweh [H3068]

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Honoring YHWH That His Name Will be Above All

2 Samuel 6:2; 1 Chronicles 13:6— “The ark of God bears the Name of Yahweh-Tzva’ot, who is enthroned above the k’ruvim.”

Nehemiah 9:5 – “Praise Your glorious name, may it be exalted above all blessing and praise.”

Psalms 8:1 – “Yahweh! Our Lord! How glorious is your name throughout the earth! The fame of your majesty spreads even above the heavens!”

Psalms 148:13 – “Praise the name of Yahweh, his glory is above both earth and heaven.”

Not only will his name be known and exalted throughout the planet, his name and glory will be exalted above all praise, all blessings, and above both earth and heaven. Even the Ark of the Covenant bears his name, the name of the One who is seated above the Cherubim.

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Honoring YHWH That His Name Will be Known in all Nations

Psalms 86:9 – “All the nations you have made will come and worship before you and will glorify your name.”

Zechariah 14:9 – “On that day Yahweh will become King over all the earth - Yahweh alone, and His name alone.”

Malachi 1:11 – “For from farthest east to farthest west my name will be great among the nations.”

Revelation 15:4 – “All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous deeds have been revealed.”

Throughout the entire Bible Yahweh consistently states that his name will be known planet-wide. There will not be a single inch of this earth wherein his name will be unknown.

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Honoring YHWH That The Greatness of His Name Will be Known

Deuteronomy 28:58 – *“You will fear this glorious and awesome name, Yahweh, your God.”*

Isaiah 12:4 – *“Make his deeds known among the peoples, declare how exalted is his name.”*

Isaiah 25:1 – *“Yahweh, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.”*

Psalms 34:3 – *“Proclaim with me the greatness of Yahweh; let us exalt his name together.”*

Psalms 99:3 – *“Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!”*

Psalms 111:9 – *“Holy and awesome is his name!”*

The name of Yahweh is glorious, great, awesome, feared, and holy. There is no other name that garners this kind of attention and worship. Not one other.

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Consequences for Failure to Honor Yahweh's Name

Malachi 2:2 – *“If you won’t listen . . . I will turn your blessings into curses . . . because you pay no attention.”*

Yahweh will set his face against anyone who makes his sanctuary unclean or who profanes his name (Leviticus 20:3).

Whoever blasphemes the name of Yahweh is to be put to death, whether that person is a native or a foreign resident (Leviticus 24:16).

Profaning the name of Yahweh caused the Jews to be thrown out of the Land of Israel and scattered to all the nations of the world (Deuteronomy 28:15-68, Ezekiel Chapters 36 thru 39).

Honoring his name brings blessings.

Honoring his name brings protection.

Dishonoring his name brings curses.

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Commandment Three – Exodus 20:7, Deuteronomy 5:11

א *“You are not to take the name of Yahweh your Elohim in vain.”*

Yahweh says in effect: *“When you take my name as your name, don’t do it lightly or in vain.”* Originally, this commandment was interpreted to mean one was not to use Yahweh’s name as a name by which one swore an oath, especially a wedding oath. Yahweh’s name simply was not used in conversation to avoid the risk of violating the commandment. Instead, words such as Ha’Shem (The Name H8034 הַשֵּׁם) or Adonai (H136 אֲדֹנָי) were used, and it soon became to mean that one should not use the sacred name frivolously or irreverently, either.

In a Jewish wedding ceremony, once the groom had established and paid the purchase price for the bride he would then offer the Cup Of Covenant to his prospective bride, thereby pledging his life to and for his bride. If the bride accepted this promise, she would then drink of the cup confirming that she, too, would pledge her life to and for her betrothed. This was never done lightly or frivolously – from this point on the bridegroom and bride-to-be were considered married, and all the covenants, privileges, and duties of a fully married couple applied.

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Today, when a couple enters into a marriage they typically bind themselves to each other with an oath; *“I take you to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, and I pledge myself to you.”*

When the woman marries the man she typically takes the man’s last name as her own, a symbol of the oath she has just sworn – to admit he has won her heart from all other suitors, to have no other lovers, to do so solemnly and not lightly nor in vain.

Likewise, the man leaves his father and his mother, and binds himself to bride: they become one flesh (Genesis 2:24).

Neither is he to do so frivolously or in vain. Sounds very similar to the first two commandments, does it not?

His Name is Yeshua

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Yahweh and Yeshua are One – Yeshua IS Yahweh of the Tanakh

Yeshua (Yahweh) is the savior and redeemer

Yeshua Is The Way, The Truth, and The Life

Yeshua is the living word, or in other words, Yeshua is the living Torah!

The Name That Belongs to Yeshua

Isaiah 22:2 – *“Yahweh is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation!”*

Isaiah 43:11 – *“There is no other deliverer besides me.”*

Philippians 2:9-11 – *“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, . . . every knee will bow, . . . and every tongue will acknowledge that Yeshua the Mashiach is Yahweh.”*

Ephesians 1:20-21 – *“Yeshua is seated at Yahweh’s right hand in heaven, far above every ruler, authority, power, dominion or any other name that can be named.”*

The words translated savior, deliverer, and redeemer in Isaiah are Yeshua in Hebrew [H3444 יְשׁוּעָה and H3467 יִשְׁעַ].

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The name of Yahweh has been bestowed upon Yeshua – Yeshua IS Yahweh, and all are to acknowledge this fact!

His name is above every ruler, authority, power, dominion, and name. There is no greater, more exalted name in the universe.

The Name That Belongs to Yeshua

Malachi 3:6 – *“I Am Yahweh (יְהוָה), I do not change . . .”*

Proverbs 23:18 – *“You will have a future; what you hope for will not be cut off.”*

Psalms 25:3 – *“No one waiting for you will be disgraced.”*

Yahweh’s name firmly establishes His eternal nature and that He is the same yesterday, today, and for all eternity. He is loving, merciful, gracious, and desires that not one will perish.

Hebrews 13:8 – *“Yeshua (יְהוֹשֻׁעַ [H3091]) Ha’Mashiach (מָשִׁיחַ [H4899]) is the same yesterday and today and forever.”*

John 14:6 – *“Yeshua said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life.’”*

John 10:28 – *“I give them eternal life. They will absolutely never perish, and no one will snatch them from my hands.”*

The same descriptions of Yahweh are also applied to Yeshua – he is eternal, he is merciful, he desires that no one perish.

Place your faith in Him and His promises and receive eternal life.

The Name That Belongs to Yeshua

Peter Said Yeshua is Yahweh

Acts 2:21 *“Whoever calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved.”*

Acts 4:11-12 *“This Yeshua is the stone rejected by you builders which has become the cornerstone. There is salvation in no one else! For there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by whom we must be saved!”*

Paul Said Yeshua is Yahweh

Romans 10:13 *“Everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved.”*

Isaiah Said Yeshua is Yahweh

Isaiah 43:11 - *“I, yes I, am Yahweh; there is no Yeshua besides me.”*

Yeshua Himself Said He is Yahweh

John 8: 24 *“If you do not trust that I AM [who I say I am], you will die in your sins.”*

John 8: 58 *“Yes, indeed! Before Abraham came into being, I AM!”*

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Final Conclusions

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Ancient Hebrew had and still has a ‘V’ sound – the Bet/Vet, but the name is not spelled Yod-Hey-Vet-Hey.

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The Ten Commandments are a written testimony to the sacrament of marriage and are a joy and a gift of love from a husband to his wife, and from a wife to her husband. The taking of marriage vows is a solemn event. The third petition of the Ketubah, (Commandment Three) reminds everyone to do so solemnly, not on a whim, frivolously, lightly, or in vain. Doing so on a whim is not a proper way to enter into a marriage – neither with a human spouse, nor especially with Yahweh, our Elohim.

Yahweh’s name is to be exalted and glorified. It is to be glorified for his own sake, and we are to pray that he take concern for his name and do so, just as Yeshua did: “Father, glorify your name!” (John 12:28)!. And the response from Yahweh: “A bat-kol came out of heaven, ‘I have glorified it before, and I will glorify it again’!”

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An End of Days Prophecy

“This time I will make them know
My power and My might;
and they shall know that
My Name is Yahweh.”

Jeremiah 16: 21

*Y'varekh'kha Yahweh v'yishmerekha
Ya'er Yahweh panav eleikha vichunekka
Yissa Yahweh panav eleikha v'yasem l'kha shalom*

Yahweh blesses you, and keeps you;

Yahweh makes His face shine upon you, and is gracious to you;

Yahweh lifts up His countenance upon you, and makes you whole.