

THE NAME OF ~~YHWH~~ YUD - HEH - VAV - HEH יהוה

The goal of this teaching is...

- To understand his name, not a euphemism such as Lord, God, HaShem etc...
- Who removed it and why
- The curses incurred by removing the text of the Torah and Brit Chadesha
- To understand the prophecies of His Name being forgotten, and restored!
- Yeshua pronounced His name **(Part 2)**
- Annunciation of the name **YHWH (Part 2)**
- The prophets and Kings referred to Him as "Yah" **(Part 2)**

The Basics... Understanding His name...

It is NEVER commanded anywhere in scripture to replace His name, or use euphemisms in its place, none the less, the name of **YHWH** has been replaced 6,824 times in the Tanakh (Not to mention the hundreds of replacements in the Brit Chadesha).

It should appear as **YHWH** and not **YHVH** because there is/was no "V" sound in ancient Hebrew, example.... Avraham was Awraham, David was Dawid, etc... so actually the The Hebrew letter "ו" "VAV" is/was pronounced "WAW"

YHWH revealed himself to different people as different names...

***Exo 6:3** I appeared to Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov as **El Shaddai**, although I did not make myself known to them by my name, **Yud-Heh-Waw-Heh** (יהוה) [**YHWH**].*

But there is something special about **YHWH** that carries more importance than attributes such as El Shaddai, El Elyon, Aviad, El Roi, Adonai etc...

The Command...

Exo 3:15** Elohim said further to Moshe, "Say this to the people of Isra'el: '**Yud-Heh-Waw-Heh** (יהוה) [**YHWH**], the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Avraham, the Elohim of Yitz'chak and the Elohim of Ya`akov, has sent me to you.' **This is my name forever; this is how I am to be remembered generation after generation.

One of the reasons we shouldn't have a problem with Adonai is that Abraham referred to Him as Adonai many times. But instead of a "Blanket replacement" it should read in our scriptures as it is... **YHWH** as **YHWH**, Yah as Yah, Elohim as Elohim, or Adonai as Adonai, or in other words **it should read as it appears in its original text!** As Yeshua said...

Mat 5:18** Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, **not so much as a yud (י) or a stroke will pass from the Torah – not until everything that must happen has happened.

Whats the first letter of His Name... YUD! (it appears in the Greek as IOTA G2503 the tenth letter in the Hebrew aleph bet or Yud) Not one Yud must fall from the Torah, unfortunately this has occurred in the endless replacement of His name!

Be aware that the Bible is not "sacred name" only, as there are a few occasions where He was referred to as Adonai...

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Strong's H136

אֲדֹנָי *ad-o-noy'*

An emphatic form of [H113](#) (Adone); the *Lord* (used as a proper name of God only): - (my) Lord.

Gen 18:27 Avraham answered, "Here now, I, who am but dust and ashes, have taken it upon myself to speak to Adonai"^{H136}.

Exo 4:10 Moshe said to YHWH, "Oh, Adonai"^{H136}, I'm a terrible speaker. I always have been, and I'm no better now, even after you've spoken to your servant! My words come slowly, my tongue moves slowly."

Christianity replaced the name of **YHWH** with "Lord", they also replaced "Adonai" with "Lord", they also replaced "Elohim" with "God". So when the occasion arose in Hebrew and it read "Adonai^{H136} YHWH^{H3068}" (Master **YHWH**) instead of sticking to their replacement theme of "Lord" and having an awkward reading result of "Lord Lord", they would instead translate it as "LORD GOD", as in...

Zec 9:14 And the LORD^{H3068} shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3068} shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. (KJV)

The name was intended to be annunciated, and as we will look at next week, Yeshua annunciated it. And the name **YHWH** was annunciated until the Pharisees originally replaced it as Adonai, HaShem wasn't used until much later...

Ruth 2:4 when Bo`az arrived from Beit-Lechem. He said to the reapers, "YHWH be with you"; and they answered him, "YHWH bless you."

The Rabbis intentions of guarding the name is against the Torah, and at best it is a misguided effort to protect the people from an instance such as this...

Lev 24:11-16 in the course (of a fight) of which the son of the woman of Isra'el uttered the Name [Yud-Heh-Waw-Heh (יהוה)] in a curse. So they brought him to Moshe. (His mother's name was Shlomit the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.) They put him under guard until YHWH would tell them what to do. YHWH said to Moshe, "Take the man who cursed outside the camp, have everyone who heard him lay their hands on his head, and have the entire community stone him. Then tell the people of Isra'el, 'Whoever curses his God will bear the consequences of his sin; and whoever blasphemes the name of YHWH must be put to death; the entire community must stone him. The foreigner as well as the citizen is to be put to death if he blasphemes the Name.

The prohibition of [blasphemy](#), for which [capital punishment](#) is prescribed in Jewish [law](#), refers only to the [Tetragrammaton](#) (Soferim iv., end; comp. **Babylonian Talmud Sanhedrin 66a**). Another reason it was replaced according to the Talmud, is the Rabbis interpretation of, and setting up a fence around these scriptures...

Exo 20:7 ל "You are not to use lightly the name of YHWH your Elohim, because YHWH will not leave unpunished someone who uses his name lightly.

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Lev 19:12 Do not swear by my name falsely, which would be profaning the name of your Elohim; I am YHWH.

Do not Add or Subtract, the commands...

By substituting His name, we are going against what He said...

Deut 4:2 In order to obey the mitzvot of YHWH your Elohim which I am giving you, do not add to what I am saying, and do not subtract from it.

Deut 12:32 (13:1) "Everything I am commanding you, you are to take care to do. Do not add to it or subtract from it.

Pro 30:6 Don't add anything to his words; or he will rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

Rev 22:18-19 I warn everyone hearing the words of the prophecy in this book that if anyone adds to them, Elohim will add to him the plagues written in this book. And if anyone takes anything away from the words in the book of this prophecy, Elohim will take away his share in the Tree of Life and the holy city, as described in this book.

So Christianity has replaced the name in the text, nor do they annunciate it. And on the other side of the coin, Judaism usually leaves **YHWH** in the Hebrew text, but they annunciate it as "HaShem" (The Name). And they also replace it in english, sometimes as "HaShem" and sometimes simply as "Y" or even as "AdoShem". Even in the Messianic movement it is fairly common to replace His name as "Adonai" (CJB) These replacements of the name by religion has broken **YHWH's** command!

Some Examples of the importance of His name...

Exo 9:16 And in very deed for this cause have I raised you up, for to show in you my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. (see Rom 9:17, Rom 10:18, Rev 5:13)

Num 6:27 "In this way they are to put my name on the people of Isra'el, so that I will bless them."

Psa 9:10 Those who know your name put their trust in you, for you have not abandoned those who seek you, YHWH

Psa 86:11 YHWH, teach me your way, so that I can live by your truth; make me single-hearted, so that I can fear your name.

Psa 86:12 I will thank you, YHWH my Elohim, with my whole heart; and I will glorify your name forever.

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Psa 91:14 "Because he loves me, I will rescue him; because **he knows my name**, I will protect him.

Psa 99:3 Let them praise your great and fearsome **NAME** (he is holy)

Psa 103:1 [By David:] Bless **YHWH**, my soul! Everything in me, **bless his holy name!**

Isa 26:8 Following the way of your judgments, we put our hope in you. The desire of all our soul is to remember you **and your name.**

Isa 42:8 I am **YHWH**; that is my name. I yield my glory to no one else, nor my praise to any idol.

Isa 52:6 Therefore **my people will know my name**; therefore on that day they will know that I, the one speaking — here I am!"

Ezek 39:7 I will make **my holy name known among my people Isra'el**; I will not allow my holy name to be profaned any longer. Then the Goyim will know that I am **YHWH**, the Holy One in Isra'el.

Joel 2:32 (3:5) At that time, whoever **calls on the name of YHWH** will be saved. For in Mount Tziyon and Yerushalayim there will be those who escape, as **YHWH** has promised; among the survivors will be those whom **YHWH** has called. (**Acts: 2:16-2:22** All who call on the name of Yeshua will be saved)

Mal 3:16 Then those who feared **YHWH** spoke together; and **YHWH** listened and heard. A record book was written in his presence for those who feared **YHWH** and had **respect for his name.**

Zec 14:9 Then **YHWH** will be king over the whole world. On that day **YHWH** will be the only one, **and his name will be the only name.**

Zep 3:9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, **that they may all call upon the name of YHWH**, to serve him with one consent.

Rom 10:12-13 That means that there is no difference between Jew and Gentile — **YHWH** is the same for everyone, rich toward everyone who calls on him, since everyone who calls on the name of **YHWH** will be delivered.

Some examples of His name being used...

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1Sa 20:42 Y'honatan said to David, "Go in peace; because we have sworn, both of us, in the name of **YHWH**, that **YHWH** will be between me and you, and between my descendants and yours, forever." So David got up and left, and Y'honatan went back to the city.

1Sa 24:21-22 (24:22-23) So swear to me **by YHWH** that you will not kill my descendants after I die or blot out my name from my father's family." David swore to Sha'ul (by **YHWH**), and Sha'ul went home, but David and his men went back up to the stronghold.

Psa 116:4 But I called on the name of **YHWH**: "Please, **YHWH!** Save me!"

Psa 145:21 My mouth will proclaim the praise of **YHWH**; all people will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Psa 148:13 Let them praise the name of **YHWH**, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above both earth and heaven.

Isa 25:1 **YHWH**, you are my Elohim. I exalt you, I praise your name. For you have accomplished marvels, [fulfilled] ancient plans faithfully and truly.

Isa 65:15 My chosen will use your name as a curse — "May master **YHWH** strike you dead!" But to his servants he will give another name.

Jer 44:26 Therefore hear the word of **YHWH**, all Y'hudah living in the land of Egypt: 'I swear by my own great name,' says **YHWH**, 'that no man of Y'hudah will **speak my name** again in the land of Egypt, swearing, "As **YHWH**, Elohim, lives."

Joel 2:26 You will eat until you are satisfied and **will praise the name of YHWH** your Elohim, who has done with you such wonders. Then my people will never again be shamed.

Zec 13:9 That third part I will bring through the fire; I will refine them as silver is refined, I will test them as gold is tested. **They will call on my name**, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is my people' and **they will say, 'YHWH is my Elohim.'**"

Prophecies of the restoration...

Beginning with how we lost **YHWH**, by following other gods...

Jer 23:26-27 How long will this go on? Is [my word] in the hearts of prophets who are prophesying lies, who are prophesying the deceit of their own minds? With their dreams that they keep telling each other, they hope to **cause my people to forget my name**; just as their ancestors forgot **my name** when they worshipped Ba`al

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Ba'al, also known as Tammuz, was known as "Ba'al Gad" (see **Joshua 11:17, 12:7, & 13:5**) there is no "AAH" sound in Hebrew, it is pronounced Chanukah not ChAAHnukah it would have been the Tribe of "God" not the tribe of "Gad" Now look at at the definition of Ba'al...

H1167

בעל ba'al bah'-al

From **H1166**; a *master*; hence a *husband*, or (figuratively) *owner* (often used with another noun in modifications of this latter sense: - + archer, + babbler, + bird, captain, chief man, + confederate, + have to do, + dreamer, those to whom it is due, + furious, those that are given to it, great, + hairy, he that hath it, have, + horseman, **husband**, **lord**, man, + married, master, **person**, + sworn, they of.

H1168

בעל ba'al bah'-al

The same as **H1167**; *Baal*, a Phoenician deity: - Baal, [plural] Baalim.

What I'm suggesting is that it is not a coincidence that today **YHWH** is known as "Lord God" and that mainstream Christianity celebrates "Ba'al Gods" (The Lord Gods) holidays such as x-mass ,easter, and lent etc...

Num 25:3-5 With Isra'el thus joined to Ba'al of P'or, the anger of **YHWH** blazed up against Isra'el. **YHWH** said to Moshe, "Take all the chiefs of the people, and hang them facing the sun before **YHWH**, so that the raging fury of **YHWH** will turn away from Isra'el." Moshe said to the judges of Isra'el, "Each of you is to put to death those in his tribe who have joined themselves to Ba'al of P'or."

Jdg 6:25 *That very night **YHWH** said to him (Gideon), "Take your father's bull and the other bull, the seven-year-old. Destroy the altar to Ba'al that belongs to your father, cut down the Asherah pole next to it,*

1Ki 16:31 *But then, as if it had been a trifling thing for him to commit the sins of Yarov'am the son of N'vat, he took as his wife Izevel the daughter of Etba'al king of the Tzidonim, and went and served Ba'al and worshipped him. He erected an altar for Ba'al in the house of Ba'al, which he had built in Shomron*

1Ki 18:19-21 *Now order all Isra'el to assemble before me on Mount Karmel, along with the 450 prophets of Ba'al and the 400 prophets of the asherah who eat at Izevel's table." Ach'av sent word to all the people of Isra'el and assembled the prophets together on Mount Karmel. Eliyahu stepped forward before all the people and said, "How long are you going to jump back and forth between two positions? If **YHWH** is Elohim, follow him; but if it's Ba'al, follow him!" The people answered him not a word.*

1Ki 19:18 *Still, I will spare seven thousand in Isra'el, every knee that hasn't bent down before Ba'al and every mouth that has not kissed him." (Sounds like **Rev 7:3, Rev 13:8, & Rev 14:9**) Quoted in **Rom 11***

Isa 65:11 *"But as for you who abandon **YHWH**, who forget my holy mountain, who prepare a table for Gad, a god of luck, and fill bowls of mixed wine for Meni, a god of destiny — I will destine you to the sword, you will all bow down to be slaughtered; because when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear, but did what was evil from my point of view and chose what did not please me."*

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The restoration of Israel to the Land, the Torah, and His Name...

Jer 12:15-17 Then, after I have uprooted them, I will take pity on them again and bring them back, each one to his inheritance, each one to his own land. Then, if they will carefully learn my people's ways, swearing **by my name, 'As YHWH lives,'** just as they taught my people to swear by Ba`al, they will be built up among my people. But if they refuse to listen, then I will uproot that nation, uproot and destroy it," says **YHWH**.

Jer 16:11-15 then you are to say to them, 'It is because your ancestors abandoned me, says **YHWH**, and went after other gods, serving and worshipping them, but abandoned me and did not keep my Torah. And you have done worse than your ancestors, for — look! — each of you lives according to the stubbornness of his own evil heart, so that you don't listen to me. Therefore I am thrusting you out of this land into a land you have not known, neither you nor your ancestors; and there you will serve other gods day and night; for I will show you no favor.' "Therefore," says **YHWH**, 'the day will come when people will no longer swear, "As **YHWH** lives, who brought the people of Isra'el out of the land of Egypt," but, "As **YHWH** lives, who brought the people of Isra'el out of the land to the north and out of all the countries where he drove them"; for I will bring them back to their own land, which I gave to their ancestors.'

Context is the restoration of Israel from amongst the nations and rebuilding the Temple...

Isa 45:4 It is for the sake of Ya`akov my servant, yes, for Isra'el my elect, that I call you by your name (Israel) and give you a title, although you don't know me.

Isa 56:6-8 "And the foreigners who join themselves to **YHWH** to serve him, to love the name of **YHWH**, and to be his workers, all who keep Shabbat and do not profane it, and hold fast to my covenant, I will bring them to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Adonai **YHWH** says, he who gathers Isra'el's exiles: "There are yet others I will gather, besides those gathered already."

Ezek 20:39 "As for you, house of Isra'el, here is what Adonai **YHWH** says: 'Go on serving your idols, every one of you! But afterwards, [I swear that] you will listen to me, and you will no longer profane **my holy name** with your gifts and with your idols. {It's more important to learn His ways the Torah first!}'

Ezek 36:2 I will set apart my great name to be regarded as holy, since it has been profaned in the nations — you profaned it among them. The nations will know that I am **YHWH**,' says Adonai **YHWH**, 'when, before their eyes, I am set apart through you to be regarded as holy.'

Ezek 39:25-29 "Therefore Adonai **YHWH** says this: 'Now I will restore the fortunes of Ya`akov and have compassion on the entire house of Isra'el, and I will be jealous for my holy name. They will bear their shame and all their [guilt from] breaking faith with me, once they are living securely in their land, with no one to make them afraid. This will be after I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, thereby being consecrated through them in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am **YHWH** their Elohim, since it was I who caused them to go into exile among the nations, and it was I who regathered them to their own land. I will leave none of them there any more, and I will no longer hide my face from them, for I have poured out my Spirit on the house of Isra'el,' says Adonai **YHWH**."

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Hos 2:13-19 (2:15-21) *I will punish her for offering incense on the feast days of the ba`alim, when she decked herself with her earrings and jewels, pursuing her lovers and forgetting me," says YHWH. "But now I am going to woo her — I will bring her out to the desert and I will speak to her heart. I will give her her vineyards from there and the Akhor Valley as a gateway to hope. She will respond there as she did when young, as she did when she came up from Egypt. "On that day," says YHWH "you will call me Ishi [My Husband]; you will no longer call me Ba`ali [My Lord]. For I will remove the names of the ba`alim from her mouth; they will never again be mentioned by name. When that day comes, I will make a covenant for them with the wild animals, the birds in the air and the creeping things of the earth. I will break bow and sword, sweep battle from the land, and make them lie down securely. I will betroth you to me forever; yes, I will betroth you to me in righteousness, in justice, in grace and in compassion;*

Do you see whats going on? We were once fooled into Ba'al worship, we celebrated feasts of Ba'alim, christmass, easter, and lent, we worshiped on the "sun god day" (Sunday), we called him "Lord". But for His names sake he returned us to the Torah, restored the Sabbath (the wedding sign of His people) and His feast, He is making His name known to us (YHWH). He will soon return us to His land! YHWH is a jealous Elohim, we should no longer call him by our ex's name (Ba'al or Lord) Try calling your spouse by your ex's name, see how he or she feels, try telling him or her that today (or Dec 25th) is your birthday, when Its not, how do you think that is going to go over?

In closing...

Zep 1:4 *"I will stretch out my hand over Y'hudah and all those living in Yerushalayim. I will wipe every remnant of Ba'al from this place, the idol-serving priests and even their names,*

Zec 13:2 *"When that day comes," says YHWH-Tzva'ot, "I will cut off the very names of the idols from the land, so that no one even remembers them any more. I will also expel the [false] prophets and the spirit of uncleanness from the land;*

Isa 52 *Awake! Awake, Tziyon! Clothe yourself with your strength! Dress in your splendid garments, Yerushalayim, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean will enter you no more. Shake off the dust! Arise! Be enthroned, Yerushalayim! Loosen the chains on your neck, captive daughter of Tziyon! For thus says YHWH: "You were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money." For thus says Adonai YHWH: "Long ago my people went down to Egypt to live there as aliens, and Ashur oppressed them for no reason. So now, what should I do here," asks YHWH, "since my people were carried off for nothing? Their oppressors are howling," says YHWH, "and my name is always being insulted, daily. Therefore my people will know my name; therefore on that day they will know that I, the one speaking — here I am!" How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, proclaiming shalom, bringing good news of good things, announcing Yeshua and saying to Tziyon, "Your Elohim is King!" Listen! Your watchmen are raising their voices, shouting for joy together. For they will see, before their own eyes, YHWH returning to Tziyon. Break out into joy! Sing together, you ruins of Yerushalayim! For YHWH has comforted his people, he has redeemed Yerushalayim! YHWH has bared his holy arm (who is his arm?) in the sight of every nation, and all the ends of the earth will see the Yeshua of our Elohim. Leave! Leave! Get out of there! Don't touch anything unclean! Get out from inside it (the nations), and be clean, you who carry YHWH's temple equipment. You need not leave in haste, you do not have to flee; for YHWH will go*

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ahead of you, and the Elohim of Isra'el will also be behind you. "See how my servant will succeed! He will be raised up, exalted, highly honored! Just as many were appalled at him, because he was so disfigured that he didn't even seem human and simply no longer looked like a man, so now he will startle many nations; because of him, kings will be speechless. For they will see what they had not been told, they will ponder things they had never heard."

This is what He is doing today!

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