

THE NAME OF **YHWH**, YUD - HEY - VAV - HEY יהוה

Last week in part 1, we studied...

- To understand his name, not a euphemism such as Lord, God, HaShem etc... **(Part 1)**
- Who removed it and why **(Part 1)**
- The curses incurred by removing the text of the Torah and Brit Chadasha **(Part 1)**
- To understand the prophecies of His Name being forgotten, and restored! **(Part 1)**

This week in part 2 we will cover...

- Yeshua pronounced His name
- Annunciation of the name **YHWH**
- The prophets and Kings referred to Him as "Yah"

Even if you completely disagree with me on how to pronounce the name, I believe that we owe it to Him to at least refer to Him as "YAH"! Moses, David, and others all pronounced His name as "YAH". "YAH" appears a total of 50 times in the Tanakh, so if we cant agree on an annunciation, we should be able to agree on calling him "YAH"! (we will look at this later)

Yeshua pronounced the name...

John 17:6 I revealed your name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me. They have kept your word. v11-12 I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your name which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name. Those whom you have given me I have kept. None of them is lost, except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

Also in Aramaic, there are key phrases. From the AENT...

John 17:6 I have made your name known to the sons of those men whom You had given to me from the world. They were Yours and You have given them to me, and they have kept Your Word. v11-12 Henceforth I will not be in the world, and these are in the world. And I am coming to Your presence. Kadosh Father, keep them by Your Name, ¹⁶¹ that which you have given to me, that they may be one as We are. I was with them while I was in the world, I have kept them in your name: ¹⁶² those whom you have given to me, I have kept. And not a man of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the scriptures might be fulfilled.

(AENT)

Footnotes from the AENT...

- **161** "A very key passage. Aramaic literally reads that **YHWH** gave His name to Y'shua; therefore he has the name of his Father with him"
- **162** "Y'shua keeps them in YHWH's name so when people call upon **YHWH** in Y'shua's name, we are calling on **YHWH** for salvation. As the name of **YHWH** is in the Mashiyach, so are we to have the name of Mashiyach in us, which means that as followers of Y'shua we are to walk according to his righteousness, observe Torah and walk in the anointing of the Ruach haKodesh as Mashiyach demonstrated to us."

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Then Yeshua says again later in John...

John 17:25-26 Righteous Father, the world hasn't known you, but I knew you; and these knew that you sent me. I made known to them your name, and will make it known; that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Yeshua prophecies...

*Luke 13:33-35 Nevertheless, I must keep travelling today, tomorrow and the next day; because it is unthinkable that a prophet should die anywhere but in Yerushalayim. "Yerushalayim! Yerushalayim! You kill the prophets! You stone those who are sent to you! How often I wanted to gather your children, just as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but you refused! Look! God is abandoning your house to you! I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of **YHWH**!' " *Psa 118:26*

Now in your Greek based Brit Chadesha, it will read as "Blessed is he who comes in the name of Adonai" or "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" The Greek word is Kurios...

Strong's G2962

κύριος kurios, koo'-ree-os

From κύρος kuros (supremacy); supreme in authority, that is, (as noun) controller; by implication Mr. (as a respectful title): - God, Lord, master, Sir.

The problem is this... Yeshua was quoting the Psalms...

*Psa 118:26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of יהוה **YHWH**. We bless you from the house of יהוה **YHWH**.*

I seriously doubt that Yeshua would have replaced the text and said "Lord" He would have quoted the text and said "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of **YHWH***"!!!

In the "Toldot Yeshu" a rabbinical parody the rabbis accuse Yeshua of using sorcery to learn the name **YHWH** and using it to performing miracles and accused him of sorcery. The Talmud makes the same accusations (San. 43a). One of the many "reasons" Yeshua was executed for was for using the name **YHWH**...

From the Mishna, Sanhedrin 7:5 and also in the Talmud tractate Sanhedrin 67a-69a. A paraphrased account...

"He who blasphemes is liable only when he will fully pronounce the divine name. On every day of the examination the witnesses with a substitute name or euphemism, once the trial is over they would not put him to death with the substitute or euphemism. But they would put everyone out and ask the most important of the witnesses "say what exactly you heard?" Then the witness says what he heard (pronounce the name) and then the Judges would tear their clothing." See the similarity in Mathews account...

Mat 26:59-65 The head cohanim and the whole Sanhedrin looked for some false evidence against Yeshua, so that they might put him to death. But they didn't find any, even though many liars came forward to give

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*testimony. At last, however, two people came forward and said, "This man said, 'I can tear down God's Temple and build it again in three days.' " The cohen hagadol stood up and said, "Have you nothing to say to the accusation these men are making?" Yeshua remained silent. The cohen hagadol said to him, "I put you under oath! By the living God, tell us if you are the Mashiach, the Son of God!" Yeshua said to him, "The words are your own. But I tell you that one day you will see the **Son of Man sitting at the right hand of HaG'vurah** and coming on the clouds of heaven." At this, the cohen hagadol tore his robes. "Blasphemy!" he said. "Why do we still need witnesses? You heard him blaspheme!"*

The above is from the CJB (Complete Jewish Bible) But in most Bible it reads *"You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of The Power" and coming on the clouds of heaven"*

Stern realizes what's going on and puts the euphemism "HaG'vurah" (in English "The Power") in the text. This was a popular first century substitute name or euphemism. The problem is that Yeshua was quoting scripture (**Psa 110:1, v5 & Dan 7:13**) and most likely did not use "HaG'vurah" and you see the way Caiaphas reacts to "HaG'vurah" (or **YHWH** in reality) he says "Blasphemy" and tears his clothes as prescribed in the Talmud tractate Sanhedrin 66a. Most likely a scribe with the fear of being put to death translated it "HaG'vurah"!

Psa 110:1 *[A psalm of David:] YHWH says to my Adonai, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." v5 Adonai at your right hand will shatter kings on the day of his anger.*

Dan 7:13 *"I kept watching the night visions, when I saw, coming with the clouds of heaven, someone like a son of man. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence.*

Paul may also have been tried for the same thing...

Act 18:12-15 *But when Gallio became the Roman governor of Achaia, the unbelieving Jews made a concerted attack on Sha'ul and took him to court, saying, "This man is trying to persuade people to worship God in ways that violate the Torah." Sha'ul was just about to open his mouth, when Gallio said to the Jews, "Listen, you Jews, if this were a case of inflicted injury or a serious crime, I could reasonably be expected to hear you out patiently. But since it involves questions about **words and names and your own law**, then you must deal with it yourselves. I flatly refuse to judge such matters."*

The annunciation of **YHWH**

Why **YHWH** is most likely pronounced **Yahweh**...

For many years people have been making excuses on why we shouldn't use the name **YHWH**, and instead use a substituted word such as Lord, God, HaShem, Adonai, Allah etc... Today one of the main arguments is that the pronunciation has been lost, this is simply a more recent form of an excuse to replace His name.

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Mat 7:7-11 *"Keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps asking receives; he who keeps seeking finds; and to him who keeps knocking, the door will be opened. Is there anyone here who, if his son asks him for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone? or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? So if you, even though you are bad, know how to give your children gifts that are good, how much more will your Father in heaven keep giving good things to those who keep asking him!"*

Also in scripture it says His name "**YHWH**" is a memorial from generation to generation forever. (**Exo 3:15**) Why would he command all mankind to call on His holy and set apart name, then He allows us to lose it and skirt His commands by creating substitutes? I don't think so! We have never lost it, but He may conceal it for us to seek out...

Pro 25:2 *Elohim gets glory from concealing things; kings get glory from investigating things.*

The hard fact is as the Encyclopedia Judaica concludes, "The true pronunciation of the name **YHWH** [**Yahweh**] was never lost" (Volume 7 pg 680). The first step in understanding the pronunciation of the name of **YHWH** is to rectify a common error that has contributed to the confusion of the subject. It is a commonly held belief among many christian theologians and scholars that the ancient Palaeo-Hebrew and the modern Hebrew – Aramaic letter systems had no vowels, vowel sounds they conclude, were always understood, and the correct pronunciation of a word had to be taught verbally. (Palaeo Hebrew was used until the 2nd century, vowel markings did not appear until the 6th Century) This is why the term "Jehovah" is a late 6th century confusion, christian scholars saw **Y H W H** with the vowel markings of Adonai inserted by the Jewish scribes as a reminder not to say **Yahweh**, but rather say Adonai. That's how you end up with "Jehovah". The truth of the matter is that there were always vowels in Hebrew, in fact the name **Yud Hey Vav Hey יהוה** are four vowel-consonants or semi-vowels. That is, that it's four letters can be used as vowels or consonants, something comparable in English would be the letter "W" and "Y" can be used as both vowels and consonants. Any good book on Hebrew Grammar is well aware of this fact, for example Weingreen states...

"However, long before the introduction of vowel-sings it was felt that the main vowel-sounds should be indicated in writing and so the three letters, Yud –Hey – Vav or יהו were used to represent long vowels." (PGCH pp 6-7)

R. Laird Harris writes in his "Introductory Hebrew Grammar" writes "Four of the Hebrew letters, א, ה, ו, and י are vowel letters" (Aleph, Hey, Vav, and Yud) [IHG pg 16]

The same thing is reported in "The beginners Handbook to Biblical Hebrew" by Marks and Rogers, also in "How the Hebrew Language grew" by Horowitz.

The Historian/Priest Josephus writes...

His (the Priests) head was covered by a tiara of fine linen, wreathed with blue, encircling which was another crown of gold, whereon was embossed the sacred letters, to wit, FOUR VOWELS. Wars 5:5:7

The scripture Josephus is referring to is...

Exo 28:36-37 *"You are to make an ornament of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal, 'Set apart for YHWH.' Fasten it to the turban with a blue cord, on the front of the turban,*

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Grammatical Vowel pronunciations in Hebrew...

- **Yud** י “ee” as in the word “see”, or when the first letter “y” as in the word “yes”

- **Hey** ה “ah” as in the word “bah”

- **Vav** ו “oo” as in “too” or long “u” as in “rue”

- **Hey** ה “ay” as in “bay”

Very easily you could see that Jehovah would not be the correct pronunciation of the sacred name as there is no letter “J” in Hebrew language and in Hebrew the name “Hovah” comes from Strong’s Concordance # **H1943** and means *ruin* or *mischief*. The name of our Heavenly Father is not ruin or mischief. Also Jehovah or Yehovah is grammatically impossible in the Hebrew language (final Hey not pronounced “ah” but rather “ay”)

Strong’s H1943

הוה hôvâh *ho-vaw'*

Another form for [H1942](#); *ruin*: - mischief.

Yahweh contains all three tenses within His name (Past, Present, and Future), HYH (יהי, "He was"); HWH (היה, "He is"); and YHYH (יהיה, "He will be").

Rev 1:4 *From: Yochanan To: The seven Messianic communities in the province of Asia: Grace and shalom to you from the One who is, who was and who is coming; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne;*

Rev 1:8 *"I am the 'Aleph' and the 'Tav,' " says YHWH, Elohim of heaven's armies, the One who is, who was and who is coming.*

Rev 4:8 *Each of the four living beings had six wings and was covered with eyes inside and out; and day and night they never stop saying, "Holy, holy, holy is YHWH, Elohim of heaven's armies the One who was, who is and who is coming!" (Isa 6:2)*

Rev 11:17 *saying, "We thank you, YHWH, Elohim of heaven's armies, the One who is and was, that you have taken your power and have begun to rule.*

Breath in and say “**Yah**”, Exhale and say “**weh**” this is the Breath of Life that created life...

Gen 2:7 *Then YHWH Elohim, formed a person [Hebrew: adam] from the dust of the ground [Hebrew: adamah] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, so that he became a living being.*

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The name, **Yah!**

Yah appears in many names throughout the scriptures, such as...

- Jeremiah or yir-meh-yaw **יהרמיה** “**Yah** will Rise”
- Isaiah or yesh-ah-yaw **ישעיה** “**Yah** has saved”
- Judah or yeh-hoo-daw' **יהודה** “**Yah** Praise”
- Zechariah or zek-ar-yaw **זכריה** “**Yah** has remembered”
- Joshua or yeh-ho-shoo'-ah **יהושוע** “**YHWH** Saved”
- Elijah or ay-lee-yaw **אליה** “**El** + **Yah**”
- Jonathan or yeh-ho-naw-thawn **יהונתן** “**YHWH** given”

We do know that the first two letters (Yud, Hey) form “**Yah**”, Ancient Hebrew and Aramaic scrolls spell these names at times as *Yud – Aleph* instead of *Yud – Hey* thus denoting “**Yah**”. Also the first to fourth century church fathers such as Jerome and Epiphanius rendered these names as “**Yah**” in Latin and Greek. Even today Jews retain the pronunciation in these names listed above as “**Yah**”!

Strong's H3050

יָהּ yâhh yaw

Contracted for [H3068](#), and meaning the same; *Jah*, the sacred name: - Jah, the Lord, most vehement. Cp. names in “-iah,” “-jah.”

“**Yah**” is also replaced by “Lord” in most translations... It appears 50 times in the Tannakh, which is interesting, because in Genesis and Exodus every fiftieth letter spells **Yud – Hey – Vav – Hey** or **YHWH**, then in Numbers and Deuteronomy every fiftieth letter spells **Hey – Vav – Hey – Yud** or **HWHY** (**YHWH** backwards pointing) both the names are pointing at Leviticus! It's also of note that the word “Hallelujah” never actually appears in the Hebrew text, only in Greek! Some translations translate two separate words as “Hallelujah” ... When **halal**^{H1984} and **Yah**^{H3050} appear back to back you get “HalalYah” or “Halleluyah” Here a few instances of the name **Yah**

Exo 15:2 **Yah** is my strength and my song, and he has become my Yeshua. This is my Elohim: I will glorify him; my father's Elohim: I will exalt him.

Exo 17:16 and said, "Because their hand was against the throne of **Yah**, **YHWH** will fight `Amalek generation after generation.

Psa 68:4 Sing to Elohim, sing praises to his name; extol him who rides on the clouds by his name, **Yah**; and be glad in his presence.

Psa 77:11 So I will remind myself of **Yah's** doings; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

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Psa 89:8 **YHWH** Elohei-Tzva'ot! Who is as mighty as you, **Yah**? Your faithfulness surrounds you.

Psa 94:12 How happy the man whom you correct, **Yah**, whom you teach from your Torah,

Psa 118:14 **Yah** is my strength and my song, and he has become my Yeshua.

Psa 118:17-19 I will not die; no, I will live and proclaim the great deeds of **Yah**! **Yah** disciplined me severely, but did not hand me over to death. Open the gates of righteousness for me; I will enter them and thank **Yah**.

Psa 135:3 praise **Yah**, for **YHWH** is good; sing to his name, because it is pleasant. For **Yah** chose Ya`akov for himself, Isra'el as his own unique treasure

Psa 146:1 Praise **Yah**! Praise **YHWH**, O my soul!

Psa 146:10 **YHWH** will reign forever, Your Elohim, O Zion, to all generations. Praise **Yah**!

Psa 147:1 Praise **Yah**! For it is good to sing praises to our Elohim; For it is pleasant and praise is becoming.

Psa 149:1 Praise **Yah**! Sing to **YHWH** a new song, And His praise in the congregation of the godly ones.

Psa 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise **Yah**. Praise **Yah**!

Son 8:6 [She] Set me like a seal on your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, passion as cruel as Sh'ol; its flashes are flashes of fire, [as fierce as the] flame of **Yah**.

Isa 12:2 "See! El is my Yeshua. I am confident and unafraid; for **Yah**, **YHWH** is my strength and my song, and he has become my Yeshua!"

Isa 26:4 Trust in **YHWH** forever, because in **Yah**, **YHWH**, is a Rock of Ages."