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ITS ORIGIN AND

SIGNIFICANCE



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"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price," Isa. 55:1.

"...freely ye have received, freely give," Mat. 10:8.

Please note:

The true Names of the Creator, Yahweh, and His Son Yahshua the Messiah, are used throughout this booklet, instead of the common but erroneous forms found in most translations of the Holy Scriptures.

These Names are found thousands of times in the Original, Inspired Scriptures, but most translators say they have “followed longstanding tradition” by inserting substitutes such as “LORD” and “GOD” in place of Yahweh’s Name, and the Savior’s True Name has been corrupted by centuries of Greek, Latin, and French influence. For more information, or for additional copies of this booklet, please write to the U. S. address on the preceding page.

The Word

HalleluYah,

Its Origin & Significance

The word hallelujah, pronounced halleluyah, is the most ancient of all words of praise. It is used both on earth and in heaven to worship the Almighty (Rev. 19:1-6). What is the origin, meaning, and significance of this word?

HalleluYah is a pure Hebrew word and yet is found in almost every language under the sun. The first part of the word, "hallelu-," means "praise" or "praise ye." The last part, Yah, is the name of the one being praised.

Yah is the personal name of the Heavenly Father. It is found more than 6,800 times in the Bible's original language. We also find it at the end of many names of Bible prophets, such as Elijah (EliYah), which means "my Mighty One is Yah." Also, Jeremiah, Obadiah, Isaiah, Zechariah, etc.

Yah is the basic or short form of the sacred name. The full form of the Heavenly Father's name is Yahweh. This name is found in the Hebrew Scriptures, large Bible concordances, encyclopedias and dictionaries, as well as in many current writings of history and archaeology.

WHERE WE GOT THE WORD "JEHOVAH"

Until recent years it was thought that His name was to be pronounced "Jehovah." But, as the *Encyclopedia Britannica* explains, "Jehovah" is an erroneous form of the sacred name, of which the true form is "Yahweh" (*Micropedia*, Vol. 10). Modern dictionaries show the same.

We should not profane the Creator's name by using an erroneous or corrupted form. This wrong form came about when certain Bible translators mistakenly used the vowel sounds of the Hebrew word for master (adonai) and mixed them with the four Hebrew letters that form the Heavenly Father's name.

What is interesting is how or why this happened. Originally, the name Yahweh was known and used worldwide when all men knew Him and there were no false deities. But after most of the world went into idolatry, Yahweh made Himself known again by name to certain men such as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Gen. 12:8,26:25,28:13) and later to Moses (Ex. 3:15, 34:5).

Thus, His name was revealed to the Hebrew people who were instructed to use it. And for centuries it was freely used. But much later, religious leaders began to say it was too sacred to be spoken. They told the people to just say or read Adonai (Lord) when they came across the sacred name in the Scriptures.

Because of this, when vowel marks were later added to the Hebrew language, the vowel marks for Adonai were inserted with the letters of the sacred name, This was to indicate to the people to say " Adonai" and not the name Yahweh.

As a result, when translators in later years sought to translate the Scriptures into other languages, they became confused. They mixed the vowel sounds for

adonai with the letters of the sacred name and came up with "Jehovah."

BIBLICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE TRUE NAME

Some may ask what the importance of all this is. It seems strange that anyone would question the Importance of their Creator's name, especially if they know Him as their Heavenly Father. The Bible itself does not leave us in any doubt as to the vital importance of the name Yahweh.

When the true name is put back into the passages where translators substituted the word Lord, the reading of the Bible makes it very clear that we should know, love, and use the name Yahweh. Here are just a few examples:

- Micah 6:9: "Yahweh's voice cries unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name." Ezekiel 39:7: "So will I make my Holy Name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my Holy Name any more; the heathen shall know that I am Yahweh, the Holy One in Israel."
- Zechariah 14:9: "And Yahweh shall be King over all the earth: in that day there be one Yahweh, and His name one."
- Joel 2:32: "And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered [saved]."
- Exodus 20:7: "Thou shalt not take the name of Yahweh thy Elohim in vain, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." (To say it is unimportant or a vain thing is certainly one form of taking it in vain.)

Malachi 3: 16: "...and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared Yahweh, and that thought upon His name."

The one verse in the King James Version that does bring this name over into English is alone enough proof for the obedient person to see his responsibility to use this name. That verse is Psalm 68:4, which in the King James says, "Sing unto God, sing praises to His name; extol Him. . .by His name JAH, and rejoice before Him." (JAH is pronounced YAH as in hallelujah. There was no J in the original Hebrew.) So it is very clear that name Yahweh is meant to be known and used by those who love Him.

THE NAME LINK BETWEEN FATHER AND SON

There is also a direct connection between the name of the Almighty and the name of His Son, our Savior.

In Psalm 72:17 (in the well-known World Publishing Co. edition of the King James) the center reference shows the original Hebrew read as follows: "His name shall be as a Son to continue His Father's name forever: and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call Him blessed."

This is clearly a prophecy concerning the Savior. And of course, a son always bears his father's or family name.

The Savior Himself said, "I have come in my Father's name..." John 5:43. And Ephesians 3:14-16 shows that the Father's name is upon "the whole family in heaven and earth."

Bible scholars know that our Savior was not known by the name "Jesus." The fact that many have come to accept the person of the Savior while knowing only the name Jesus does not make that His actual name. He was born a Hebrew, as prophesied in Isaiah 9:6, Micah 5:2, and elsewhere. But „ Jesus" is not Hebrew. It is derived from the Greek name Iesous, which is found in the Greek translations.

The overriding point is not what is not His name, but what His name is. It is in fact the same as Joshua, the successor of Moses. In the King James in Hebrew 4:8 and Acts 7:45, the name Jesus is used when speaking of Joshua. This shows that "Jesus" is being substituted for the Hebrew name Joshua.

If the J in Joshua is pronounced as accords with Hebrew which has no J sound, we have nearly the correct pronunciation of the Savior's name. But "Yoshua" does not show a connection with the Father's name. Therefore, the best way to write His name in English is Yahshua. Here's why:

Originally, Joshua was called Hoshua or Oshea, meaning "salvation" or "deliverance." But Moses added to this the sacred name and called him Yahoshua, meaning "salvation of Yah" or "Yah-salvation" (Numbers 13:16). Later, the "o" sound was dropped in usage and the name became shortened to Yahshua. This happened after Israel's Babylonian captivity. The shortened form, then, was in use when the Savior of man was named in the New Testament.

The Messiah's name Yahshua contains the sacred, heavenly family name Yah: Yah-shua. He truly and literally came in His Father's name, as He Himself said, and "His name shall be as a Son to continue His Father's name forever" (John 5:43, Psalm 72:17). He alone is the "Salvation of Yah." "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

This is not to say that those who have been unwillingly ignorant of His true name have not found salvation in the person of the Savior. Yahweh is full of justice and mercy. Nevertheless, His past mercy in no way justifies continuing in ignorance. To use the words of Acts 17:30, "The times of this ignorance Yahweh winked at; but now commands all men everywhere to repent."

When any truth is restored, which men's traditions have hidden, it becomes the responsibility of His true people to walk in that truth regardless of the cost. "Therefore, to him that knows to do good and does it not, to him it is sin," James 4: 17.

ORIGIN OF SUBSTITUTE NAMES

Keep in mind that the word "Lord" is a substitute and is not the true name. The word "baal," which came into Hebrew from the Babylonian language, was translated "lord:" Read these revealing verses:

- "How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies?...which think to cause My

people to forget My name...as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal," (that is, for Lord) Jeremiah 23:26-27.

"And it shall be at that day, says Yahweh, you shall call me Ishi [my husband] and shall call me no more Baali [my Lord]. For I will take away the names of Baalim [Lords] out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name," Hosea 2:16-17. Baal (Lord) was the name of the deity of pagan Babylon.

Incidentally, one of the names of Baal was Gad, pronounced God. This was the Baal of fortification or troops and is translated "troop" in Isaiah 65:11, a passage condemning Israel for idolatry.

According to Romans 10:13-14; Acts 2:21, and 22:16, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of Yahweh shall be delivered" (saved). This is fulfilled by calling on the name of Yahshua the Messiah, which contains the Father's name-the family name Yah. Perhaps you already know the Savior. If so, start now to call on Him by His true name and ask Yahweh to "take the names of Baalim [Lords] out of your mouth."

If you are yet in your sins, having never really accepted the Savior, put your trust in Him who died for you and who is now living at the Father's right hand. He will soon return to set up His Kingdom on earth. You, too, can become a child of the Most High Yahweh and an heir to eternal life. "He that believes on the Son has everlasting life, and He that believes not on the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of the Almighty abides in him" John 3:36.

How can you receive Him? "Repent, and be baptized, everyone of you in the name Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sin, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (which is His indwelling power in your life). "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh our Almighty One shall call," Acts 2:38-39. (See also Acts 8:12, 16, "35, 36; 10:43, 48; 16:31-33; 19:4, 5; 22:16; Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 3:26, 27; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 10:22; 1 Peter 3:21, Mark 16:16.)

When you find salvation in the Father's Great Name, you will truly say, "HalleluYah!"



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