

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO NOT CALL ON YAHWEH'S NAME?

*A controversy rages. Many sermons and writings have been produced lately in order to justify NOT using the names of Yahweh and Yahshua. We have heard statements made thusly, "The name is not as important as the character and honor." Furthermore, it has been stated, "We worship God as God, that's all that is required." Is this true? Many also stubbornly persist in calling the Savior's name "Jesus" rather than "Yahshua." What does it all mean?*

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When Yahweh revealed Himself to Moses in the midst of the burning bush (Ex. 3) He told him, "I am the Elohim of thy father, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacot," Ex. 3:6.

Yahweh told Moses that he had seen the affliction of His people by the hand of the Egyptians and that He was sending Moses to Pharaoh to demand that he let Israel go. (v.v. 7-10)

Moses, of course, knew that he (himself) had no power over the great Pharaoh to be able to make him submit to his wishes or desires, so he asked, "Who am I, tat I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" (v. 11).

Yahweh assured him that He would be with him, promising him that when he had brought Israel out of Egypt he would serve Elohim on the very mountain (Mount Horeb) that he was standing on.

Then Moses asks a question that should amaze all these ministers who proclaim that the name isn't important. Certainly the question must seem foolish to them for Moses asks, "Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, 'The Elohim of your fathers hath sent me unto you;' and they shall say to me, 'WHAT IS HIS NAME?' What shall I say unto them?" (v. 13).

If the name doesn't matter; if all we have to do is know the character and honor, if all we have to do is worship God as God (as many are proclaiming today), then why ask such a question? Why didn't Yahweh set Moses straight and just tell him, My name isn't important, they just need to worship Me as Elohim (God).

Yahweh certainly didn't chastise Moses for asking such a question but rather responded with "Hayah Ashar Hayah, (I AM THAT I AM)," and He said, "Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, 'I AM hath sent me unto you'," And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, "Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, YAHWEH Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is My name for ever, and this is MY MEMORIAL unto all generations," Ex. 3:14-15.

The MEMORIAL unto all generations is the name YAHWEH just as the Passover was commanded as a memorial throughout the generations of Israel a feast to be kept by an ordinance for ever (Ex. 12:14).

The Prophet Hoses is inspired to repeat that Yahweh is the memorial name (Hos. 12:5).

As people have neglected the Passover memorial, turning from it to Easter, they have drifted farther and farther from the truth about Yahweh's commanded way of worship, the feasts, the commandments and His MEMORIAL NAME!

Irregardless of what men say, Yahweh stresses that His name is important. He has stressed that Yahweh is the MEMORIAL twice for emphasis. We must give heed to what Yahweh says and not man.

The *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* (ISBE) has this to say about names, "In many places throughout the OT *sem* (*sem* is the Hebrew word for name) serves no greater purpose than to identify some person, place, or places, or things. But it would be quite incorrect to say that in

the OT a name was just an identity tag and no more. There, as in other ancient literature, the name of a person sometimes revealed his character, his personality, even his destiny. In fact a person's name was often considered to be but an expression, indeed a revelation, of his true nature, as the many popular etymological explanations of names given to people in the OT makes clear," (article, "NAME," Vol. three, p. 481).

Interesting isn't it? A name in the OT was more than just an identity tag. A name revealed a person's character, personality and destiny. In fact, a person's name was an expression, a revelation of his true nature!

Furthermore, *Tyndale's New Bible Dictionary*, second edition has this to say, "The Bible's view of names and naming would be offended by the idea of a mere coincidence or accident of parental choice: the link it sees between name and person is both too close and also too dynamic for that," (article, 'NAME,' p. 810).

The ISBE also states, "Names provide a means of indicating specific identity, and sa such are essential to efficient communication about times and circumstances involving individual people and places," (article, "Names of God" p. 483).

The use of a name is no accident. The link between a person and his name was inseparable. The use of names provides the ability to COMMUNICATE about times, circumstances, etc., involving individual people and places.

So when Yahweh gave His name to Moses as a MEMORIAL to ALL GENERATIONS shouldn't that say something to us about the use of His name? Don't these words of men that we have read here warn us that just as a man's name is important to himself, his family, his occupation, his character, etc., Yahweh's name is not only important to Himself but that is should also be just as important to us?

Listen to what else Mr. Tyndale has to say about the name in his *New Bible Dictionary*, "The name of God lies at the heart of progressive revelation," (p. 812). What a statement! And so TRUE! Yahweh's name was good enough for Moses in his day and through the revealing of the name to Moses and Israel they received progressive revelation! They also received deliverance!

When Israel believed in and used Yahweh's name, following Him in faith, many mighty works of deliverance were accomplished. But when they disbelieved and turned to other deities they became blinded, and deceived. They suffered loss of revelation and deliverance.

Thydale also says, "But though the name does not confer 'power' in any magical sense (cf. Acts 19:13ff), the knowledge of the name brings people into a wholly new relationship with God. They are his intimates for THIS IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF KNOWING BY NAME," (p. 812, emphasis mine).

Isn't that so true with people also? We can know of a person even to the point of having spoken to them or having some conversation at length with them, but the relationship becomes much more intimate and meaningful when names become known. It is then that the person becomes known as to who they really are and a search into each other's background, sharing NAMES of other acquaintances establishes an even more intimate relationship when one finds that that person is known by others of his own acquaintance.

Therefore, Yahweh Himself, established a more personal relationship with Moses and Israel for He said, "Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, Yahweh Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, hath sent me unto you," Ex. 3:15. Yahweh establishes His own intimate relationship with Israel by revealing His own personal name and the names of their own relatives, their own forefathers, whose names they also knew.

## **NOT USING THE NAME**

What does it mean, then, to NOT use a person's or even Elohim's name? The ISBE says, "Because a person's name IS SO CLOSELY RELATED TO WHAT HE IS, *sem* (name) also comes to mean 'fame, renown, reputation'. For one's reputation, the name one makes for oneself,

is but an extension of what that person is. The Nephilim, for example, were mighty men of old, whose deeds were told far and wide. Thus they gained the title of 'the men of renown' (lit. 'the men of the name,' Gen. 6:4). So also the people of Shinar attempted to build a tower with its top in the heavens to make a name for themselves, to gain a reputation, and thus to establish themselves in the earth (Gen. 11:3f; see also 1 S. 18:30; 2 S. 8:13). Hence, *sem* by itself, without any modifiers, can mean 'a good name' and is so translated in Prov. 22:1 and Eccl. 7:1, while senseless disreputable people are literally people "WITHOUT A NAME" (Job 30:8 NASB).

In one sense name and existence come extraordinarily close together in Hebrew thought. Perhaps it is going too far to say that the Hebrews believed that nothing existed unless it had a name (cf. Eccl. 6:10a). But certainly they believed that one's name lived on in one's descendants (Gen. 48:16), and that without male heirs one would be left with 'neither name nor remnant upon the face of the earth' (2 S. 14:7; cf. Dt. 25:5-10). Thus on the one hand, expressions like 'to blot out their name from under heaven' mean in essence 'to destroy, to put to an end to, to put out of existence' (Dt. 7:24; 9:14; Josh. 7:9; 1 S. 24:21; 2 K. 14:27; Ps. 109:13; etc.) whereas, on the other hand, God's promise to give His people 'an everlasting name which shall not be cut off' (Isa. 56:5) is a promise that they will exist forever (article "NAME", Vol. three, p. 481).

Do we begin to pick up the sense of what it means to take away one's name? If Yahweh blots out one's name it means to destroy that person, to put him out of existence. Let's let the *Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary* by Merrill C. Tenney add further, "In the scripture there is the closest possible relationship between a person and his name, the two being practically equivalent, so that to remove the name is to EXTINGUISH THE PERSON (Num. 27:4; Dt. 7:24). To forget God's name is to DEPART FROM HIM (Jer. 23:27)." (Article, Name).

There we have it! Man, himself, through his own wirtings and reasonings in accordance with the scriptures admits that to take away a name, man's or Elohim's is to blot that person or Elohim out of existence! To take Yahweh's name out of His own word, which He has personally inspired to be recorded nearly 7,000 times in the Old Testament alone, is to remove Him and His own authority from His very own word.

Man, by removing Yahweh name, is seeking to blot Him out of existence, as well as, to depart from him. Furthermore, the introduction of incorrect and untrue names is attempting to give the character, glory and honor to another false, pagan deity. Ridiculous, you say, or says any minister or organization who justify themselves for not using Yahweh's name? Is this my own judgment which is too harsh and critical? I have only used words that other men, like themselves, men looked up to and respected for their scholastic capabilities in regard to the Scriptures, to deduct these things.

## **WARNING!**

But I will now take the opportunity to warn you men who take the name Yahweh lightly. Who say, "The name means nothing," or "We worship God as God, that's all that is needed or required," or those of you who are afraid to call on the name of Yahweh, who shrink from fear of what others will think or say; those who respect men and what man thinks above Yahweh, Himself. You had better reconsider and study these things carefully. If you are found in league with those who seek to cut off the name of Yahweh, then you stand in jeopardy of having your name cut off. If you are ashamed of Yahweh's name then He will be ashamed of you. But don't believe me. Let's let Yahweh's own word say it.

"Keep not thou silence, O Elohim: Hold not Thy peace, and be not still, O El. For lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate Thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel (subtle conspiracy) against Thy people, and consulted (devised, conspired) against Thy hidden ones. They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance," Psa. 83:1-4.

I pause here to interject some thoughts. There are those who flat out deny that there is a conspiracy in this world today to overthrow Israel and Israel's descendants (even though many of those descendants don't know who they are). Yahweh's word proves that there is a conspiracy being worked out against Him and His people.

Furthermore, is it just the name of Israel that these conspirators are conspired against or wouldn't it also be the name that was given to Israel for a possession, that name being YAHWEH itself? Let us read on to find out.

“For they have consulted together, with one consent: they are confederate against thee:...Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: which perished at En-dor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: who said, ‘Let us take to ourselves the houses of Elohim in possession.’ O my Elohim, make them like a wheel: as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; so persecute them with Thy tempest, and make them afraid with Thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek (enquire) Thy name, O Yahweh. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yes, let them be put to shame and perish: that men may know that Thou, Whose name alone is Yahweh, art the Most High over all the earth,” Psa. 83:5, 9-18.

This one Psalm reveals that there is a conspiracy, to wit, against Israel and all Israel stands for. The nations of the earth, the Gentiles or pagans or heathen seek to take the houses of Elohim in their possession (v. 12). They, of course, seek to institute their own brand of worship and the names of their deities rather than Yahweh's commanded way of worship, as well as, His name and the true name of His Son. Review the Psalm again and renew yourself with the fate that awaits these people.

## THE CONSPIRACY

Has there been a conspiracy to cover up the names and the commanded way of worship? You bet there has! Does that conspiracy continue today? You bet it does! How can we tell?

Open your Bible and look for the name Yahweh. The actual name Yahweh should occur well over 6000 times (about 6800) in the Old Testament alone. Does it occur even once? You will find in Psa. 68:4 the shortened form Jah (should be Yah) and you will find the erroneous Jehovah in Ex. 6:3; Psa. 83:18; Isa. 12:2, 26:4. You will also find the erroneous combination of Jehovah-Jireh (Gen. 22:14); Jehovah-nissi (Ex. 17:15) and Jehovah-shalom (Judg. 6:24).

What about the rendering Jehovah? What, if anything, is wrong with it? Let's allow some of man's writings outside of the scriptures say it for us. This article appeared in the *Biblical Archeology Review*: “An editorial note in BAR, November/December 1984, states that the pronunciation YAHWEH for the tetragrammaton is by “scholarly convention.” It should be noted that there are many strong linguistic and epigraphic arguments in favor of YAHWEH as the correct form. There are Greek transcriptions from religious papyri in Egypt; there are personal names in Biblical Hebrew ending in -yahu, which is the typical “short form” (justive, i.e. commands, and past tense) for verb forms of the particular type in which the last two consonants were originally waw (w) and yod (y). The “long form” of those same verbs ends in -eh. The anglicized form, Jehovah, is a “ghost word” based on the four consonants, YHWH, with the vowels of another word, *adonai*, meaning, “my Lord.” The Hebrew scribes of the Middle Ages put those vowels in to remind the reader to say *adonai* rather than pronounce the sacred name. But in the first syllable, they nevertheless put in an e rather than an a so as not to cause anyone to see the syllable Ya- and inadvertently blurt out the sacred name! This is just further proof of the correct first syllable, which in any case is confirmed by Greek spellings and the evidence of Hebrew linguistics. So YAHWEH is not just some sort of “scholarly convention.”

*The New Brown-Driver-Briggs-Gesenius Hebrew-English Lexicon* confirms that the pronunciation “Jehovah” was unknown until 1520, when it was introduced by Galatinus; but it

was contested by Le Mercier, JU. Dursius, and L. Capellus, as against grammatical and historical propriety (p. 2218a).

The Harper's Bible Dictionary adds, "The most common divine name in Israelite personal names was Yahweh Jehovah is an anglicized, hybrid from of this...The incorrect hybrid, "Jehovah," arose from Christian misunderstanding in the late Middle Ages," (article, "Names," pp. 682; 685). (For more information of this subject please request our free tract titled *Is His Name Jehovah or Yahweh?*)

Let's put this in physical terms that we can understand more clearly. We have many hybrid plants and animals today. Generally a hybrid plant will be seedless and therefore sterile when it comes to reproduction of itself, e.g. "seedless grapes." The same rule applies to animals such as the mule which is a cross between a horse and donkey and generally is also sterile.

To change or hybridize Yahweh's name is to render Him sterile, powerless to reproduce. It removes the power of His name as *Harper's* also says, "Theophoric personal names are also a valuable guide containing the divine name Yahweh depict him as: strong, glorious, noble, righteous, gracious, king, father, brother, light; someone who creates, gives, strengthens, remembers, knows, blesses, protects, saves, judges, restores, and so on," (p. 683).

The very word or name "Jehovah" is a "hybridized, ghost word" conjured up by Jewish scribes to keep the true name "Yahweh" from being known or even accidentally pronounced. Why?

Yahweh tells us in His word, "And Yahweh said unto me, 'A CONSPIRACY if found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear My words; and they went after other Elohim to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers,'" Jer. 11:9-10.

Yahweh also has this to say about Israel, Judah and Jerusalem, "There is a CONSPIRACY of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion (Peter says the devil is as a roaring lion, 1 Pet. 5:8.) ravaging the prey; they have devoured souls, they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. Her priests have violated My law, and have profaned Mine holy things (including His Holy Name): they have put no difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them." Ez. 22:25-26.

Can there be any doubt that a great conspiracy against Yahweh, His Son and His ways has been working throughout the ages; a conspiracy among the men of Judah and Jerusalem and the (false) prophets? Yahweh says so.

These men even went so far as to forbid Jeremiah, Yahweh's true prophet, to prophesy in His Name, "Therefore thus saith Yahweh of the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying 'Prophesy not in the name of Yahweh, that thou die not by our hand,'" Jer. 11:21.

Since the men forbade Yahweh's own prophets to prophesy in His name, He also judges, "Therefore hear ye the word of Yahweh, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; behold I have sworn by My great name, saith Yahweh, THAT MY NAME SHALL NO MORE BE NAMED IN THE MOUTH OF ANY MAN OF JUDAH IN ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT, saying, 'Adonai Yahweh liveth,'" Jer. 44:26.

Israel had turned from the true worship of Yahweh to Baal worship, the religion of the land of Canaan which was an extension of Babylonian Bel worship, which was an extension of the Assyrian religion, which was only their brand of hero or Pharaoh worship of the land of Egypt. The northern kingdom of Israel (Ephraim, the ten tribes) had been removed from the land of Canaan over 100 years before Jeremiah's day.

Judah Israel had remained in the land but they eventually corrupted into Baal and Pharaoh worship just as Israel had. Yahweh warned them from it by His true prophets, which Judah would not listen to, even to the point of forbidding Yahweh's true prophets to prophesy in His name. Many were shamefully treated and killed.

But we live in a new enlightened day and age, right? We would never turn to paganism and heathenism or Egyptian Pharaoh worship as they did, would we? Take a dollar bill out of your pocket and look at the left hand, back side. You will see a pyramid with an eye hovering over it. This type pyramid is likened to the pyramids of Egypt. Their eye is the all-seeing eye of their sun-god Horus. At the bottom is a banner with the words “*Novus Ordo Seclorum*” which is Latin meaning “New Secular Order” or “New Order of the Ages.” Why Latin? America is an English speaking country. Latin was the language of the western half of the Roman Empire. Rome was the fourth world power of Daniel chapters two and seven. Rome was given power over the Mediterranean Sea, which included Egypt.

Over the top of the pyramid are the words “*Annuity Coeptis*.” In his book, *The Great Pyramid Decoded*, Raymond Capt says this means, “He hath prospered our beginnings.” But *Coeptis* is just another way to say *Coptus* or *Coptic*, which means Egypt or Egyptian. Our word annuity would come from *Annuity*, which has to do with prosperity, a payment, or a fixed sum of money paid at regular intervals, especially yearly. *Annuity Coeptis* would mean, “The prosperity of Egypt”, or “payment of Egypt.”

The all-seeing eye is a symbol of Horus of Egypt, Apollo of Greece, Mithras of Persia, etc. whose birthdays were December 25<sup>th</sup> and whose chosen weekly holy day was the first day of the week or Sunday.

Question: What does America have to do with the pyramids of Egypt or the all-seeing eye of the pagan gods, or *Annuity Coeptis*, the prosperity of Egypt, or *Novus Ordo Seclorum*, the new order of the ages? Why should we celebrate December 25<sup>th</sup> as the birthday of the Messiah when we know and can easily prove that the true Messiah Yahshua was born at an entirely different time?

Why should we maintain Sunday, the first day of the week as a holy day, the day of worship when it is NOWHERE commanded in all of scripture but rather the seventh day Sabbath is Yahweh’s chosen day, which Yahshua the Messiah dutifully observed, as well as His disciples?

We have been deceived by our leaders and priesthood (religious ministries)! Our hearts have been turned away from Yahweh our Elohim, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We have been returned to Egypt and Rome! Thus, His name has not only been taken out of the mouth of Judah, but also out of the mouth of the remnant of the northern kingdom of Israel who have all been scattered into all nations of the earth.

Yahweh will not allow His name to be names upon us until we repent of our abominable ways. We must put away our false pagan deities and their ways, repent of idolatry, repent of our sins, turning our hearts to the righteous Yahweh with fasting, weeping and mourning and He will heal us and forgive us and name His name upon and the name of His Son (Acts 2:38; 3:19-26; 5:30-32; Mal. 3:16-18).

## **SHOULD WE USE HIS NAME?**

As we have found, the Jewish scribes began to withhold Yahweh’s name for they became fearful of blasphemy and they didn’t want the unclean pagans to take it for a common or unclean use. But Yahshua, Himself, chastised the Scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees of His day proclaiming that they were making Yahweh’s commandments of none effect by their traditions (Mt. 15:1-9; Mk. 7:1-13).

The Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees withstood His ministry, which He performed faithfully in His Father’s Name, so violently that He called them children of the devil (Jn. 8:42-45).

I have also heard of a group sometime ago which has decided to withdraw Yahweh’s name because of some of the atrocious feedback they have been receiving from the public in regard to the name. Should we do likewise?

Let’s let the scholars say something about that, “The third commandment strictly forbade any attempt to use the power of God’s name for magical or selfish ends (Ex. 20:7), precisely because the name was considered so powerful. To attempt to manipulate God’s power to one’s own ends

is to abuse the person and sovereignty of God Himself and is therefore similar to idolatry. The third commandment is thus a logical development from the first two,” (*ISBE*, article, “God, Names of,” Vol. two, p. 504).

“The name of God is described as his ‘holy name’ more often than all other adjectival qualifications taken together. It was this sense of the sacredness of the name that finally led to the obtuse refusal to use ‘Yahweh,’ **leading as it has done to a deep loss of the sense of the divine name** in EVV (with the notable exception of JB). **The ‘holiness’ of the name, however, does not remove it from use but from abuse:** this is the reason why the revelation of the divine name must never be confused with any thought of magical ‘power with the divine.’ Far from being able to use the name to control God, it is the name which controls man, both in worship Godward (e.g. Lv. 18:21) and in service manward (e.g. Rom. 1:5). The name is thus the motive (e.g. Acts 9:15) and means of power (e.g. Acts 3:16; 4:12),” (*New Bible Dictionary* by Tyndale, article “Name” p. 813).

Man certainly can make a lot of common sense when he wants to can’t he? It all boils down to the fact that Yahweh’s name must never be used for a vain, empty, useless, selfish or magical purpose. It must rather be used in service to Yahweh according to His commanded way of worship and obedience and in selfless service to our fellowman, to wit, love toward Elohim and love toward man.

## WHAT DOES USING THE NAME MEAN?

What does it mean to know Yahweh’s name, and to use it in the proper submission? Tyndale’s *New Bible Dictionary* says, “But though the name does not confer ‘power’ in any magical sense (cf. Acts 19:13ff), **the knowledge of the name brings people into a wholly new relationship with God. They are His intimates, for this is the significance of ‘knowing by name’** (cf. Ex. 33:12, 18-19; Jn. 17:6). The initiation of the relationship thus described lies on the divine side: collectively and individually the people of God are ‘called by his name’ (cf. 2 Ch. 7:14; Is. 43:7; Jer. 14:9, 15:16; Am. 9:12). (Article “Name” p. 812)

The *ISBE* continues, “Those who know God’s grace through knowing His name, are thereby led into a relationship of trust and confidence in Him (e.g. Ps. 9:10 [Mt. 11]; 91:14). When the priest invoked God’s blessing of grace and peace he ‘put [God’s] name upon the people’ (Nu. 6:23-27); the revealed character of God guaranteed the blessing,” (article, “Names of God” pp. 504-505).

In another article titled “Name” p. 481 it adds, “Yahweh lays claim to Israel, the temple, the ark and Jerusalem, not by naming them but by calling His name over them (2 Ch. 7:14; Jer. 7:10f; 2 S. 6:2; Dnl. 9:18).....It becomes clear, therefore, that ‘to call [qara] one’s name over’ a people or a place is an idiom that does not mean that these will henceforth bear the name of the person whose name was ‘called over’ them. Rather it declares that they now belong to him. They are now under his authority and protection (2 S. 12:28; Ps. 49:11 [Mt. 12]; Isa. 4:1). This idiom is especially significant when used to describe the relationship of Yahweh to the people of Israel. They are His peculiar possession, subject to His rule and under His protection and care (2 Ch. 7:14; Isa. 63:19; Jer. 14:9; 15:16; Dnl. 9:19).

Let’s review what has been said here. Firstly, it was stated that the **knowledge of the name established a new, intimate relationship with Yahweh**. The people are collectively and individually called by His name.

Secondly, to know His name opens one’s knowledge of His grace establishing trust and confidence in Him guaranteeing His blessing.

Thirdly, to have His name “called over” you, places you under His authority, protection and care. You become His peculiar possession.

Is the importance of Yahweh’s name beginning to sink in? Shouldn’t we begin to question those who have suppressed and oppressed the importance of the knowledge of Yahweh’s name?

Ministers who appear beautiful and photogenic with smooth talking silver tongues can certainly entertain you and sound so good and right. But if they deny Yahweh's name and the importance of it then they are shutting you off from progressive revealed knowledge. They are keeping you from a real intimate relationship with the true Mighty One, Yahweh. They are keeping you from coming under His grace, authority, protection, and care. You are not yet His peculiar possession. Remember that these are the words, writings and reasonings of men who are considered to be scholars in the field of Scriptural research and study. Our own words judge us, don't they?

## **JESUS OR YAHSHUA?**

Just as there has been a conspiracy to take away the name of Yahweh, and the knowledge which comes by it, there has been a like effort to withhold true knowledge of the Savior's name.

The New Testament was originally written in Hebrew, not Greek. The Messiah was a Jew, a Hebrew, bearing a Hebrew name. His name was Yahshua, not Jesus. His language was also Hebrew.

He didn't change His language after His resurrection and ascent into heaven either, for Paul witnesses to Agrippa that when the Messiah appeared to him on the road to Damascus that He spoke to him in the Hebrew tongue (Acts 26:14).

When Paul asked Him "Who art thou Master?" Our English Bibles answer, "I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest." (v. 15) But if He is speaking in the Hebrew tongue, then the name would not be the Anglicized Greek version "Jesus" but rather "Yahshua."

We find in the book of Hebrews, speaking of the Patriarch Yahshua son of Nun (Joshua in English), "For if "Jesus" had given them rest, then would He not afterwards have spoken of another day," Heb. 4:8. Also in Acts 7:45 we read, "Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David." (KJV) **But other more updated translations have changed the name Jesus to Joshua in both of these verses** (see New American Standard Bible, Holy Bible [Lamsa], The Jerusalem Bible, The NIV Study Bible, The Living Bible Paraphrased, The Scofield Bible, The Moffatt Bible, Archeological Study Bible, International Standard Version, Modern King James Version, Murdock New Testament, Literal Translation of the Holy Bible, etc., etc.) This is quite interesting because the Greek names of the Savior and Joshua are spelled exactly in all Greek versions of both Old and New Testaments. Yet, in the Old Testament the name is rendered Joshua and in the New Testament, the name of the Savior is rendered Jesus while the name of the Son of Nun is Joshua. Is it possible that the Savior's name has been deliberately changed?!

Jesus is an Anglicized corruption of the Greek "Iesous" and Latin "Yesus." The Savior's true Hebrew name was "Yahshua." The Anglicized version would be "Joshua."

The fact of the matter is that when the Jewish scholars translated the Hebrew Scriptures into the Greek language (called the Septuagint), they did the best that they could to transliterate the name Yahshua/Joshua into the Greek text. There was no "sh" sound in the Greek language, but they selected the Greek letters that would render the vocalization closest to the Hebrew. They chose to utilize the letters Ἰησοῦς and Ἰησοῖ to represent His name, which is always translated as Joshua in the English. Thus, we can deduct that the name should have been spoken as closely to the Hebrew Yahshua as was possible.

Here is the crux of the matter.