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...THIS IS MY NAME
FOREVER—and this is
MY MEMORIAL: the
Name by which I am
to be remembered
by, from generation
to generation, for all
generations

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Yahweh’s Last Days’ Anointed Witness, Yisrayl Hawkins, developed a love and passion for the Sacred Scriptures at an early age, which led him on his life-long path of studying and teaching the Laws and prophecies found within those Scriptures.

As a dedicated teacher and long-time promoter of world peace, he witnessed to dozens of leaders in the United States and abroad concerning the direction the world was heading and the imminent dangers ahead.

He was an accomplished author, having written over 50 books and booklets relating to the Scriptures and world events, along with a monthly magazine, The Prophetic Word, and The House of Yahweh Newsletter. He also gave sermons and taped a program called The Prophetic Word Program, weekly.

Yisrayl Hawkins, the beloved Pastor and Overseer of The House of Yahweh, completed His work here on earth on Mosheh 01, 2021 (10/08/2021) and is presently sleeping, awaiting the resurrection shown in Revelation 20. His work of serving The House of Yahweh congregations and community, the world at large, and the work that He lived for—bringing True Peace, Joy, and Abundant Living to all of mankind—is continuing throughout the world by his seed, the sons and daughters of the House of Yahweh as prophesied in Revelation 11:8-9.



All of his publications and broadcasts are available through The House of Yahweh.

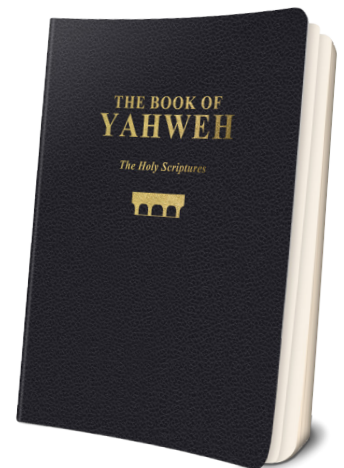
BOOKS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

As Written in The Book of Yahweh

The following information is given to assist you with the true names of the Apostles and Prophets with The Holy Scriptures...

PART ONE "OLD TESTAMENT"						PART TWO "NEW TESTAMENT"					
Genesis	<i>Genesis</i>	II Chronicles	<i>II Chronicles</i>	Daniyl	<i>Daniel</i>	Mattithyah	<i>Matthew</i>	Ephesians	<i>Ephesians</i>	Hebrews	<i>Hebrews</i>
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Leviticus	<i>Leviticus</i>	Nehemyah	<i>Nehemiah</i>	Yahyl	<i>Joel</i>	Luke	<i>Luke</i>	Colossians	<i>Colossians</i>	I Kepha	<i>I Peter</i>
Numbers	<i>Numbers</i>	Hadassah	<i>Megilla Esther</i>	Amosyah	<i>Amos</i>	Yahchanan	<i>John</i>	I Thessalonians	<i>I Thessalonians</i>	II Kepha	<i>II Peter</i>
Deuteronomy	<i>Deuteronomy</i>	Yahshub/lyyob	<i>Job</i>	Obadyah	<i>Obadiah</i>	Acts	<i>Acts</i>	II Thessalonians	<i>II Thessalonians</i>	I Yahchanan	<i>I John</i>
Yahshua	<i>Joshua</i>	Psalms	<i>Psalms</i>	Yahnah	<i>Jonah</i>	Romans	<i>Romans</i>	I Timayah	<i>I Timothy</i>	II Yahchanan	<i>II John</i>
Judges	<i>Judges</i>	Proverbs	<i>Proverbs</i>	Micahyah	<i>Micah</i>	I Corinthians	<i>I Corinthians</i>	II Timayah	<i>II Timothy</i>	III Yahchanan	<i>III John</i>
Riyyah	<i>Ruth</i>	Ecclesiastes	<i>Ecclesiastes</i>	Nachumyah	<i>Nahum</i>	II Corinthians	<i>II Corinthians</i>	Titus	<i>Titus</i>	Yahdah	<i>Jude</i>
I Samuyl	<i>I Samuel</i>	Song of Songs	<i>Song of Solomon</i>	Habakkuk	<i>Habakkuk</i>	Galatians	<i>Galatians</i>	Philemon	<i>Philemon</i>	Revelation	<i>Revelation</i>
II Samuyl	<i>II Samuel</i>	Isayah	<i>Isaiah</i>	Zephanyah	<i>Zephaniah</i>						
I Kings	<i>I Kings</i>	Yeremyah	<i>Jeremiah</i>	Chagyah	<i>Haggai</i>						
II Kings	<i>II Kings</i>	Lamentations	<i>Lamentations</i>	Zecharyah	<i>Zechariah</i>						
I Chronicles	<i>I Chronicles</i>	Yechezqyah	<i>Ezekiel</i>	Malakyah	<i>Malachi</i>						

The Book of Yahweh, The Holy Scriptures is used exclusively throughout this article unless otherwise indicated.



ISAYAH 34:16

Search out The Book of Yahweh, and read. Not one of these will be neglected.

For it is written: Yahweh is their shepherd; for His mouth has commanded it, and His Spirit has gathered them.

The Book of Yahweh is the complete writings of the inspired Prophets of Yahweh and the Apostles of Yahshua Messiah, all in one Book. However, many are unfamiliar with *The Book of Yahweh* because it was taken to Rome during the removal of The House of Yahweh (Temple) in Jerusalem, and hidden in Rome for over 1,500 years. Later, the Catholic Church was forced to let a rendition (King James version) of it out to the public but only with the true Names of the Creator, Yahweh and the Savior, Yahshua replaced with the titles Lord and God.

Many hours of research went into restoring *The Book of Yahweh*, which was made available in 1987 by The House of Yahweh in Abilene, Texas. For more information about the history behind the conspiracy of the Catholic Church to take away the pure word of Yahweh, call, write or email The House of Yahweh.

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The Creator Has A Name — You Need to Know What It Means

The Creator has a Name, few know it; yet, they wonder why their prayers are not answered today.

The Creator's Name was hidden; some say because of superstition, others say because those who caused His Name to be forgotten hated Yahweh and His righteousness. The rejection of Yahweh and His righteousness is what the Scriptures show. The Scriptures also show the many benefits they cast aside with this evil action.

Yahweh's Prophet Micahyah shows these evil men hated righteousness.

MICAHYAH 3:1-2

1 Then I said; Hear now, O heads of Yaaqob, you rulers of the house of Israyl! *Is it not for you to know justice?—*

2 You who hate righteousness and love evil; who strip off the skin from *My* people, and the meat from their bones;

Yahweh's Prophet Samuyl shows the same evil connected to the God worship of Egypt.

I SAMUYL 8:4-8

4 Then all the elders of Israyl gathered together and approached Samuyl when he was at Ramah,

5 Saying to him; You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Appoint us a king to judge us; just like all the *other* nations.

6 But these things displeased Samuyl, *especially* when they said; Give us a king to judge us. Then Samuyl prayed to Yahweh.

7 Yahweh answered Samuyl, and said: Listen to all the words the people speak to you, for they have not rejected you; they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.

8 Just as they have done to Me from the day I brought them out of Egypt, to this very day, they are now doing to you—they are forsaking Me in order to serve God(s); Elohim!

Those elders of Israyl were the children of the twelve tribes whom Yahweh brought out of Egypt just 379 years earlier. They never repented of their God worship.

They called themselves Coptic Catholics. **Coptic** means *Egyptian*. **Catholic** means *universal worship of all Gods*.

Read the history of the children of those God worshippers in your Bible, or even better in *The Book of Yahweh*.

ACTS 7:34-43

34 I have most assuredly seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and have come down to deliver them. So now come, I will send you into Egypt.

35 This Mosheh whom they rejected, saying: Who made you a ruler and a judge? is the one Yahweh sent *to be* a ruler and a deliverer, by the hand of the malak who appeared to him in the bush.

36 He brought them out, after he had showed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

37 This is that Mosheh, who said to the children of Israyl: Yahweh your Father will raise up for you a Prophet like me, from your brothers. Him you will hear.

38 This is he, who was among the called out ones in the wilderness with the malak who spoke to him on Mount Sinai; and *with* our fathers, who received the Doctrine of Life to give to us,

39 Whom our fathers would not obey, but *they* rejected *him*. So in their hearts they turned back to Egypt,

40 Saying to Aaron: Make us Gods (elohim) to go before us. As for this Mosheh who brought us up out of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.

41 And they made an image of a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice to the God (El), and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42 Then Yahweh turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, *just* as it is written in The Book of Yahweh: Was it to Me you brought sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israyl!

43 No! *But* you have lifted up the *idolatrous* temple of Molech; *your God* (El), and Chiun your star-God (el); *Saturn*, the star of your God (el) which you made for yourselves. And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

Verse 40 shows they asked to be made Gods.

The Roman Catholic Church and the Coptic Catholic Church deify certain ones who die as Gods. Then, they keep memorials to those dead Gods, as if they had power to answer prayers. They do not. They are dead. They have no power at all.

ISAYAH 65:2-5

2 I have spread out My hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way *which is* not right, after their own thoughts;

3 A people who continually act defiantly against Me to My face; who offer sacrifices to the dead, and offer their children to deadly sexually transmitted diseases;

4 Who assemble and spend the night keeping memorials for the dead, who eat swine's flesh, and the broth of abominable things is *in* their vessels,

5 Who say; Stand by yourself! Do not come near me, for I am holier than you! These *are* a stench in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

They are dead (**verse 4**) so they have no power to save or destroy, but the people are deceived into thinking that Gods or Lords can answer prayer.

Some of those Gods were the evil ones who persecuted Yahweh's prophets and refused to keep Yahweh's Laws. Read it for yourself and believe what you read.

ACTS 7:52-53

52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain those who foretold the coming of the Just One; of Whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers—

53 *You*, who have received the Laws as they were ordained and delivered by Malakim, have not kept *them*!

Verse 52 shows they called themselves Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, and Herodians during the time of the disciples of Yahshua.

With their Roman army, they murdered the Savior, Yahshua. This is shown in:

ACTS 7:52

Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain those who foretold the coming of the Just One; of Whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers—

The Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, and Herodians were the betrayers and murderers of Yahshua, as shown in Mattithyah, Yahchanan Mark, Luke, and Yahchanan.

Compare:

YAHCHANAN 18:2-3

2 Now Yahdah, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for

Yahshua had often gone there with His disciples.

3 Then Yahdah, guiding a band of *soldiers* and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

YAHCHANAN 3:20

For every one who practices evil hates the Light, *and* neither comes to the Light for fear his deeds would be exposed.

Evil?

Genesis 3:5: evil as the Gods they worship.

I SAMUYL 8:8

Just as they have done to Me from the day I brought them out of Egypt, to this very day, they are now doing to you—they are forsaking Me in order to serve God(s); Elohim!

The Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, and Herodians were the Coptic Catholics. They are in Rome today and are known as Roman Catholics. They are the same religion shown by Yahweh's Prophet Micahyah.

MICAHYAH 3:1-3

1 Then I said; Hear now, O heads of Yaaqob, you rulers of the house of Israyl! *Is it* not for you to know justice?—

2 You who hate righteousness and love evil; (as the Gods, Gen. 3:5) who strip off the skin from *My* people, and the meat from their bones;

3 Who also eat the meat of *My* people, who strip off their skin, break their bones, and chop *them* into pieces, as *meat* for the pot, as flesh within the caldron.

Verse 7 shows they are diviners.

MICAHYAH 3:7

So the seers will be ashamed, and the diviners confounded; yes, they will all shut their mouths, for *there is* no answer from Yahweh.

Their priests are diviners?

MICAHYAH 3:11

Her heads judge for reward and her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean upon Yahweh, and say; Is not Yahweh among us? No evil can come upon us!

The word **Vatican**, the city that houses the Roman Catholic Church, means just that. From a Google search under "*Vatican meaning divining serpent*", we found the word "**Vatican**" literally means "Divining Serpent," and is derived from Vatis = Diviner and Can = Serpent. Vatican City and St. Peter's Basilica

were built on the ancient pagan site called in Latin *vaticanus mons* or *vaticanus collis*, which means hill or mountain of prophecy.

Compare:

REVELATION 12:9

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world. She was cast out into the earth, and her angels were cast out with her.

In 70 A.Y. (After Yahshua), they made their move to Rome and had their Roman army destroy Yerusalem and murder those who came to Yerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Yahweh.

Read this history.

The Fall of Jerusalem In 70 A.D. (A.Y.)

“And [Yahshua] went out, and departed from the Temple: and His disciples came to Him for to shew Him the buildings of the Temple. And [Yahshua] said unto them, “See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” (Matthew 24:1-2)

About 40 years later, (32 A.D. [A.Y.]-70 A.D. [A.Y.]) and exactly as prophesied by [Yahshua Messiah], the magnificent “...Temple” was completely removed, leaving not one stone upon another. It was an event that marked the beginning of the long and arduous Jewish Diaspora. Yet, it was definitely an event foreseen in Bible prophecy. [Yahshua] not only prophesied about the destruction of Jerusalem ... but added the following statement: (Luke 21:24; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.)

In 70 A.D. (A.Y.), after a 143-day siege which began at Passover, a Roman military force consisting of about 30,000 troops under the command of Titus battered the walls and entered the city. They destroyed everything... (and took down every stone of The House of Yahweh) ...exactly as spoken by [Yahshua Messiah] 40 years earlier. The population and the great number of Passover visitors who had been trapped there were brutally slaughtered, with an estimated 600,000 to 1,000,000 people killed. Roman General Titus took the precious booty and treasury of the Jerusalem Temple back to Rome, where many suspect it remains to this day. (arch of Titus)

By 70 A.D. (A.Y.), Jerusalem and Judea were left desolate, most of the people either killed or being held in captivity, or had become refugees fleeing to remote lands (even the lands now called America). All that remained in Israel was the defiant little garrison atop the mount at Masada, a fortress complex south of the

Dead Sea, which was built by Herod the Great. Thus when the (House of Yahweh) was (removed–taken down as Yahshua said) in A.D. (A.Y.) 70 the period of the second exile began.

focusonjerusalem.com

What is the Arch of Titus?

The Victory Arch of Titus commemorates Titus' victorious conquest of Judaea, leading the sacking of Jerusalem and ending the Jewish wars. The arch was constructed after Titus's death in 81 C.E. (A.Y.) after his becoming a god.

Where is the Arch of Titus?

The Arch of Titus is located on the highest point of the Via Sacra, a road leading to the Roman Forum. This is a single arch, 15.4m high, 13.5m wide, and 4.75m deep. The marble reliefs stand nearly 2.5m in height. On the Arch of Titus is a relief depicting the Romans' triumphal procession, returning with spoils from the (House of Yahweh) in Jerusalem. Especially prominent is the sacred Menorah, but we can also see the Table of the Shewbread, and the silver trumpets which called Jews to Rosh Hashanah.

about.com

Now read the prophecy of this evil that was done by the Roman Catholic Church in 70 A.Y. when they called themselves Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, and Herodians. This prophecy was made in 710 B.Y. (Before Yahshua) by Yahweh's Prophet Micahyah when the Roman Catholics called themselves the heads of Yaaqob.

MICAHYAH 3:1-2, 9-12

1 Then I said; Hear now, O heads of Yaaqob, you rulers of the house of Israyl! *Is it not for you to know justice?*—

2 You who hate righteousness and love evil; who strip off the skin from *My* people, and the meat from their bones;

9 Hear now, O heads of the house of Yaaqob, you rulers of the house of Israyl, who abhor justice and pervert all equity,
10 Who build up Zion with blood, and Yerusalem with iniquity:

11 Her heads judge for reward and her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean upon Yahweh, and say; Is not Yahweh among us? No evil can come upon us!

12 Therefore, because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Yerusalem will become heaps of rubble, and the mountain of The House of Yahweh like the high places of a forest.

Verse 12: Zion plowed.

In his book *The Land and the Book*, Dr. William Thomson wrote:

“Mount Zion is now [in the eighteenth century], for the most part, a rough field. From the tomb of David I passed on through the fields of ripe grain. It is the only part of Jerusalem that is now or ever has been plowed.” When Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in A.D. 1542, the architect omitted Mount Zion, the City of David, from the area he enclosed, and strangely enough it was only partly built up again. How, except by divine inspiration, could Micah have foretold that this particular part of Jerusalem would be “plowed like a field”?

MICAHYAH 3:12

Therefore, because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Yerusalem will become heaps of rubble, and the mountain of The House of Yahweh like the high places of a forest.

Compare Yahshua Messiah’s prophecy in:

MATTITHYAH 24:1-2

1 Yahshua went out and was leaving the Temple, when His Disciples came to show *Him* the buildings of the Temple.
2 But Yahshua said to them: Do you see all these things? Truly I say to you: There will not be one stone left sitting on top of another, which will not be thrown down.

The Temple was dismantled and moved to Rome. It’s now called the Sistine Chapel, and the pope has taken his seat in that temple.

The Secret Jewish Roots of the Vatican’s Sistine Chapel

By Yehezkel Laing August 15, 2017

The Vatican’s Sistine Chapel, perhaps the most famous Catholic prayer sanctuary in the world, has a deep, hidden connection to the Jewish faith: it shares features and measurements with King Solomon’s Temple in Jerusalem as described in the Bible.

Hosting millions of visitors every year, it seems incredible that this very Christian edifice could be modeled after the Jewish Temple. The astounding similarities are revealed in *The Sistine Secrets*, a fascinating book by Vatican tour guide Roy Doliner and Rabbi Benjamin Blech.

“The Chapel’s connection to the Jewish Temple is well known by scholars,” Rabbi Blech told Breaking Israel News. “But tourists do not know it and most Vatican guides do not know it or tell about it. The Vatican has a fixed way of telling the story of the Chapel and that is what is given over.”

Located in the Apostolic Palace, the official residence of the Pope, in Vatican City, the Sistine Chapel is named for Pope Sixtus IV, who had it built between 1477 and 1480. The Chapel is renowned

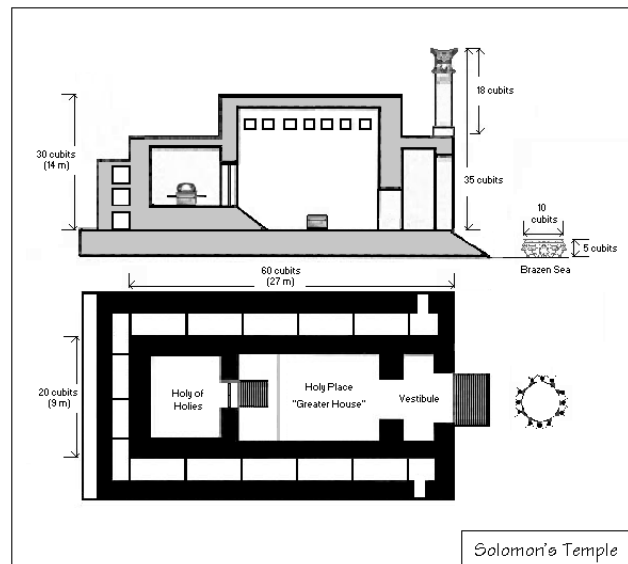
for the incredible frescos that decorate its interior, including Michelangelo’s *The Last Judgment*.

Pope Sixtus IV spent vast amounts of the Vatican’s money on reviving the splendors of Rome, rebuilding churches, and founding the Vatican library. But his most famous project of all was the reconstruction of the Palatine Chapel, which he renamed the Sistine Chapel after himself.

The new plan of the Sistine Chapel was more than just a renovation, however; the pope took the opportunity to incorporate Jewish elements of Temple worship as he rebuilt. Several aspects of the Chapel’s new measurements and design matched those of the first Holy Temple completed by King Solomon – exactly.

As detailed in the Book of Kings, the measurements of the Heichal, the inner sanctuary of the Temple, are 40.9 meters (134 ft) long, by 13.4 meters (44 ft) wide and 20.7 meters (68 ft) high. These are the exact dimensions of the Sistine Chapel.

Another feature matching that of the Jewish Temple is the double level construction. The Western half of the Sistine Chapel, containing the altar and the private area for the Pope and his court, is some six inches higher than the Eastern half. This elevated section corresponds to the Jewish Temple’s Kodesh HaKodashim, the Holy of the Holies, where only the High Priest could enter, only once a year, on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.



Measurements of Solomon’s Temple (Wikimedia Commons)

In the Jewish Temple, the Paroket was the curtain separating the rest of the Temple from the Holy of Holies. Correspondingly, the Sistine Chapel features a huge white marble partition grill in a parallel location with seven marble flames on top, mirroring to the seven-branched menorah (which ancient legend suggests is hidden in the Vatican today), or candelabra, that glorified the Jewish sanctuary in Biblical times.

According to Rabbi Blech, the changes were motivated by a desire to co-opt Jewish concepts.

“The motive for basing elements of the Sistine Chapel on Solomon’s Temple is the Replacement Theory.

“They believe they are the true descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and that after Jesus, God rejected the Jews and chose them.

“As part of this theory, they wanted to replace Jerusalem with Rome and so they ‘sanctified’ Rome by appropriating elements from Jerusalem.”

breakingisraelnews.com

Now read Shaul’s words in:

II THESSALONIANS 2:1-10

1 Now we plead with you, brothers, concerning the coming of our King, Yahshua Messiah, and our gathering together to Him,

2 That you not be soon shaken in mind, nor be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as *if* from us, as that the day of Yahweh is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means; for *that day will not come*, unless there comes a falling away first, and that servant of sin is revealed: the son of perdition,

4 Who is an adversary, and exalts himself above all, declaring himself a God (el), and he is to be worshiped; so that he, as a God (el), sits in the temple of God (beth-el), showing himself to be a God (el).

5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things?

6 And now you know what is restraining him, so that he may be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity is already working, but the One restraining him will continue to restrain him, until he is made to appear in the midst.

8 And then that lawless one will be revealed, whom Yahshua will remove with the breath of His Mouth, and make powerless with the appearance of His coming—

9 Whose coming is according to the energy of Satan, *who works* with all power, and signs, and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of sin in those who are perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Verse 1 shows this prophecy written to show the Last Days, the coming of Yahshua Messiah, and the gathering together to Him. That Work is in progress now, as shown in the following prophecies:

MATTITHYAH 16:18

And I also say to you who are Kepha: That upon this Rock, YAHWEH UNITY; I will build this House; *Family: The House of Yahweh*, and the gates of sheol (hell) will not prevail against it.

Remember, Yahshua is speaking of building The

House of Yahweh in the Last Days, or nuclear generation, when mankind’s bombs can darken the sun.

MATTITHYAH 24:29

Immediately, *but* after the *Great Tribulation* of those days will the sun be darkened, and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

THE GATHERING OF THE HOUSE OF YAHWEH

Here Yahshua is speaking of the Seventh Work of Yahweh shown with the Seven Lamp Lampstand.

MATTITHYAH 24:31

And He will send His malakim with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of earth to the other.

REVELATION 10:7

But in the days of the voice of the Seventh Malak, when he will begin to sound, the great secret of Yahweh would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

REVELATION 22:12-16

12 And behold, I come quickly, and My Reward *is* with Me, to give every man according as his work will be.

13 I am the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

14 Blessed *are those who keep His Laws*, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the City.

15 For outside *are dogs*, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and worshipers of Gods (elohim) and everyone *who professes* to love, yet practices breaking the Laws.

16 I, Yahshua, have sent My Messenger to testify to you these things in the congregations of The House of Yahweh. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, *and* the Bright and Morning Star.

HOUSE OF YAHWEH?

Read again:

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And I also say to you who are Kepha: That upon this Rock, YAHWEH UNITY; I will build this House; *Family: The House of Yahweh*, and the gates of sheol (hell) will not prevail against it.

MICAHYAH 4:1-3

1 But in the Last Days it will come to pass *that* the mountain; *promotion*, of The House of Yahweh will be established in the chief of the nations. It will be raised above all congregations; and all peoples will *eventually* flow to it.

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2 And many nations will come and say; Come, and let us go up to the mountain; *uplifting*, of Yahweh, and to the House of the Father of Yaaqob, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths. Because the Laws will depart from Zion, and the Word of Yahweh from Yerusalem.

3 And He will judge between many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they learn war anymore.

REVELATION 22:16

I, Yahshua, have sent My Messenger to testify to you these things in the congregations of The House of Yahweh. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, *and* the Bright and Morning Star.

If you can absorb three more Scriptures, you will understand that one of Yahweh's Two Witnesses is writing you this letter.

ISAYAH 44:1-8

1 Yet now hear, O Yaaqob My Servant, and Yisrayl whom I have chosen,

2 This is what Yahweh says, Who made you and formed you from the womb, Who will help you: Do not be afraid, Yaaqob My servant and Yeshurun; *Beloved Yisrayl*, whom I have appointed.

3 For I will pour water upon him who is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit upon your seed, and My blessing upon your offspring.

4 They will spring up among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

5 One will say; I belong to Yahweh, and the same will call himself with the name of Yaaqob. The other will subscribe with his hand, and write; I belong to Yahweh, and surname himself with the name of Yisrayl.

6 This is what Yahweh, the King of Israyl, and Redeemer, Yahweh our Father, says: I *am* the First, and I *am* the Last, and except for Me *there is* no source of power!

7 And Who, as I, will foretell, and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people? And the things which are coming, and will come, let them foretell them.

8 Do not fear, nor be afraid. Have I not told you from that time, and have declared; You *are* My Witnesses! Is there a source of power except Me? Truly, *there is* no *other* Rock; I know not *one*.

Notice, two brothers called Yahweh's Witnesses.

REVELATION 11:1-4

1 And there was given me a reed like a measuring rod. And the Malak stood, saying: Rise, and measure the Temple of Yahweh, and the altar, and its confines;

2 But the court which is outside the Temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given to the nations. And the holy city they will tread under foot three and one-half years.

3 And I will give to My Two Witnesses to perform their Prophetic offices, and they will foretell events about the one thousand two hundred and sixty days, those cast about with darkness.

4 These are the two Olive Trees, and the Two Lamps of the Seven Lamp Lampstand, ministering for the Father in the earth.

Notice, Two Witnesses called two Olive Trees and two Lamps of the Seven Lamp Lampstand.

Compare and study:

ZECHARYAH 4:2-3

2 And said to me: What do you see? So I said: I see, and behold, a Lampstand all of gold, with its *bowl for oil* on the top of it, with its seven lamps on it, and *there are* seven pipes to the seven lamps.

3 And *there are* two Olive Trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* of it.

ZECHARYAH 4:12

Then I spoke *to him* again, and said to him; What *are these* two Olive Branches which, through the two golden pipes, empty the golden oil through them?

Notice the Two Witnesses, two Lamps (**Rev. 11:3**), two Olive Trees called Branches.

Yahweh's Two Witnesses are also called Branches.

Keep that in mind as you read:

ZECHARYAH 5:9-11

9 Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold: Two women; *The Last Two Eras of The House of Yahweh*, sent with commandment. The Spirit of Yahweh came to overspread them; and they were covered with the covering of saints. And they exalted, magnified, and extolled the ephah; *The Standard of Perfection, which is sent by Yahweh's Laws, separating the way of the world from The Way of Yahweh*.

10 Then I said to the malak who was speaking with me: Where are they; *The Two Witnesses*, going with the ephah?

11 And he said to me: To build The House of Yahweh according to The Standard of Perfection sent by Yahweh's Laws, in a Babylonish land which does not yet exist. And it will be established at that time; *when The Two Witnesses are called out to their work*; as the Established Place; the Habitation of Yahweh; THE HOUSE OF YAHWEH.

That prophecy was written in 519 B.Y. (Before Yahshua).

The only land not established (**verse 11**) or discovered

at that time was America. History states it was discovered in 1492; that was 2011 years after the prophecy in **Zecharyah** was written. So Yahweh's warning was prophesied to be sent to all the world from a land that would be called the United States of America.

Wow! What a prophecy!

By who? By one of the Branches (House of Yahweh) prophesied to be established, with a High Priest named Yahshua, in the chief nation—the United States of America.

ZECHARYAH 6:11-13

11 Take the silver and gold and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Yahshua son of Yahweh, the High Priest.
12 Speak to him, and say; This is what Yahweh our Father says: Behold, the Man Whose Name is the BRANCH! For He will branch out from His place, and He will build The House of Yahweh!
13 Yes, He will build The House of Yahweh. He will bear glory, and will sit and rule on His throne. He will be a Priest upon His throne; and the counsel of peace will be between them both.

Verse 11: the word **Yahzadak**, translated *Josedech* in the *King James Version*, is actually the Creator **Yahweh**.

Yahzadak is word #3087 from #3068 in the Hebrew dictionary of *Strongest Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*.

3087 יהוֹזָדָק *y'hōsādāq*, n.pr.m. GK: 3392 [→ 3068+6663; cf. 3136]. Jehozadak, "Yahweh is just":—Josedech [6], Jehozadak [2]

3068 יהוה *yhwh* or יהויה *yehwih*, n.pr.m. GK: 3378 [→ 3050, 3069 (also used with compound proper names)]. LORD (Yahweh), the proper name of the one true God; knowledge and use of the name implies personal or covenant relationship; the name pictures God as the one who exists and/or causes existence:—the LORD* [6044], LORD* [364], GOD* [309], the LORD'S* [79], the LORD'S* (+3807.1) [28], Jehovah [4], LORD'S* [1], he^s [1]

Prophecy shows that one of the jobs of the Two Witnesses is this:

ISAYAH 44:7-8

7 And Who, as I, will foretell, and set it in order for Me,

since I appointed the ancient people? And the things which are coming, and will come, let them foretell them.

8 Do not fear, nor be afraid. Have I not told you from that time, and have declared; You are My Witnesses! Is there a source of power except Me? Truly, *there is no other* Rock; I know not *one*.

Compare:

ISAYAH 45:3-6, 18-19, 21-22

3 I will give to you the treasures of darkness and the riches of secret places, so you may know that I, Yahweh, Who calls *you* by name, *am* the Father of Yisrayl.

4 For Yaaqob My servant's sake, and Yisrayl My chosen; and I call you by your name (Yaaqob); and I surname you (Yisrayl), though you did not recognize that it was Me.

5 I *am* Yahweh, and there is no other apart from Me. There is no God (Elohim). I will strengthen you *with this knowledge*, though you did not recognize that it was Me—

6 So that they may know from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting that *there is none* besides Me. I *am* Yahweh, and there is no other!

18 For this is what Yahweh, Who created the heavens, Who is *the* Father, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited, says: I *am* Yahweh, and *there is no other* source of power!

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I did not say to the seed of Yahaqob: Seek Me in vain. I, Yahweh, speak righteousness! I openly speak things that are Right!

21 Speak out, bring *your proofs* near; yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? *Who* has foretold it from that time? *Have* not I, Yahweh? And *there is no source of power* except Me, a just Father and a Savior; *there is none* but Me.

22 Look to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I *am* Yahweh, and *there is no other source of power*.

Now get this: Yahweh is the Only Being Who can give life. Yahweh does not force eternal life on anyone. The Scriptural fact is, mankind must choose.

In the beginning, mankind cut themselves off from Yahweh and life.

Read it and believe it.

Mankind chose to obey Satan, be evil as the Gods, and to practice sin.

GENESIS 3:1-6

1 Now the serpent was more subtle *and* crafty than any beast of the field which Yahweh had made. And she said to the woman; Has Yahweh indeed said: You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said to the serpent; We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, Yahweh has said: You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, or you will die.

4 And the serpent said to the woman; You will not surely die.

5 For He knows that in the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be as Gods (elohim), knowing righteousness and evil.

6 So when the woman saw that the tree *was* desirable for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Did you see **verse 5** – as Gods, evil?

GENESIS 3:22

Then Yahweh said: Behold, the man has become like one *who has* begun to know righteousness and evil. And now, he must not be allowed to put out his hand and also take of the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever.

Mankind made the choice.

We are shown this in:

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-19

15 See, I have set before you this day life by righteousness, and death by evil; destruction—

16 In that I command you this day to love Yahweh your Father, by walking in *all* His ways, by keeping His Laws, His Statutes, and His Judgments, so that you may live and multiply, and so Yahweh your Father may bless you in the land which you go in to possess.

17 But if your heart turns away, and you are not obedient, and you are drawn away to submit to Gods (elohim), to worship them by serving them—

18 I declare to you this day that you will surely perish; you will not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Yordan to possess.

19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you this day, *that I* have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Therefore choose life, so both you and your children may live.

Again, the leaders chose death by sin.

I SAMUYL 8:4-8

4 Then all the elders of Israyl gathered together and approached Samuyl when he was at Ramah,

5 Saying to him; You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Appoint us a king to judge us; just like all the *other* nations.

6 But these things displeased Samuyl, *especially* when they said; Give us a king to judge us. Then Samuyl prayed to Yahweh.

7 Yahweh answered Samuyl, and said: Listen to all the words the people speak to you, for they have not rejected

you; they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.

8 Just as they have done to Me from the day I brought them out of Egypt, to this very day, they are now doing to you—they are forsaking Me in order to serve God(s); Elohim!

Verse 8: in order to be as God – evil.

Again:

MICAHYAH 3:1-2

1 Then I said; Hear now, O heads of Yaaqob, you rulers of the house of Israyl! *Is it* not for you to know justice?—

2 You who hate righteousness and love evil; who strip off the skin from *My* people, and the meat from their bones;

Again:

YAHCHANAN 3:19-21

19 Now this is the condemnation: Light has come into the world, but men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil.

20 For every one who practices evil hates the light, *and* neither comes to the light for fear his deeds would be exposed.

21 But he who practices truth comes to the light, so that it may be plainly seen that his deeds have been done through Yahweh.

Did you notice in **verse 20**, those who practice evil?

Evil? Like the Gods?

In this generation there are 4,199 religions, and they all reject the Ten Commandments of Yahweh. They pray to Gods and Lords. They practice sin; yet, they claim they will receive life eternal. But the only authority – the Bible or *The Book of Yahweh*, from which all versions come – says there is no Salvation in the practices of those 4,199 God worshipping religions. In Scriptural fact, they belong to Satan.

Genesis 3:5: evil as the Gods.

THEY BELONG TO SATAN

I YAHCHANAN 3:4, 7-8, 10

4 Whoever commits sin, transgresses also the Laws; for sin is the transgression of the Laws.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you; he who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is Righteous.

8 He who practices sin is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of

Yahweh was manifested; that He might destroy the works of the devil.

10 In this the children of Yahweh and the children of the devil are manifest. Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of Yahweh, and he does not love his neighbor!

ROMANS 6:16

Do you not know that to whom you yield yourselves as servants to obey, his servants you are whom you obey—whether of sin, *which leads to death*, or of obedience, *which leads to righteousness*?

Remember: cut off from Yahweh because they practice evil as the Gods.

GENESIS 3:22

Then Yahweh said: Behold, the man has become like one *who has begun to know righteousness and evil*. And now, he must not be allowed to put out his hand and also take of the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever.

MICAHYAH 3:1-2

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2 You who hate righteousness and love evil; who strip off the skin from *My people*, and the meat from their bones;

When you pray to Lord, you pray to dead rabbis.

The religious leaders cause the people to forget the Name Yahweh for Lord, even though they are well aware of the Creator's Name; yet, purposely misspell it. The following article is from *Sky News*.

Pope Francis Orders Vatican Archives to Reveal God's Name Ending Centuries of Secrecy

by R. HOBBUS J.D.

VATICAN CITY – Speaking before a delegation of Jewish leaders at the Vatican on Thursday, Pope Francis revealed he has instructed the Vatican Secret Archives to unseal a set of ancient scrolls that have been kept hidden from public knowledge for centuries by the Church. The scrolls, which were encased in marble and buried in 463 A.D., are said to contain the true name of God as communicated to Moses in the Book of Exodus.

The Pope told an audience during an event celebrating a new version of the Torah that his decision to upend over fifteen hundred years of secrecy was driven in part by a need for “greater transparency” within the Catholic Church. “It is a scandal to say one thing and do another,” declared Pope Francis before adding that the Church is “leading a double life” by continuing to keep God's name secret.

A source inside the Vatican Secret Archives told *Sky News* that the Church first became aware of the scrolls' existence in the fifth century. “The scrolls were uncovered by the Romans during siege of Jerusalem and the subsequent destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D. Nearly four centuries came to pass before Rome would hand over control of the scrolls to the Church in 463 A.D.,” the source explained. “Upon inspection, Pope St. Hilarius issued a decree striking any mention of God's name from official Church literature.”

According to Exodus 3:14, when the Lord appeared to Moses as a burning bush, He referred to Himself in the Hebrew tongue as “Yaweh,” meaning, “I am who I am.” However, the Holy See now says that was only part of God's message to Moses. “God said, ‘I am who I am,’ the Vatican source told *Sky News*. “He then followed up with, ‘And I am [this name].’ That final word is what the Holy See plans to make known to the world.”

As to why the Catholic Church has gone to such great lengths to keep [the Creator's] true name a secret remains unknown. What is clear is that the Papacy has maintained an unbroken chain of communication in regards to the matter dating back to 468 A.D. “In keeping with tradition, each successive Pope since Hilarius has been made aware of the Lord's name,” Vatican spokesman Greg Burke confirmed on Friday.

The Vatican Press Office has received more than two million inquiries regarding God's (the Creator's) name since the Pope's announcement on Thursday. “Our phones have been ringing off the hook,” said one Vatican insider who spoke to BBC News on condition of anonymity. “Understandably, everyone wants to know [His] name,” the insider said.

The word Lord was invented by the rabbis for their teachers.

The bible dictionaries say that the word Lord should not have been used to replace the Name of the Creator, Yahweh, in the versions such as the *King James Version*.

Unger's Bible Dictionary page 665 gives us the following information:

LORD. The rendering of several Heb. and Gk. words, which have different meanings:

1. Jehovah (yahweh: Heb. YHWH, “self-existent”) This is used as a proper name of [the Creator] and should have been retained in that form by the translators. See (The) Lord; Yahweh.

2. Lord (Heb. Adon), an early word denoting ownership; hence, absolute control. It is not properly a divine title, being used of the owner of slaves (Gen. 24:14, 27; 39:2, 7, rendered “master”), of kings as the lords of their subjects (Isa. 26:13, “master”).

RABBI (Heb. *rabbi*, Gk. *hrabbi*, “my teacher”). A respectful term applied by the Jews to their teachers and spiritual instructors (Matt. 23:7-8; John 1:38; 3:26; 6:25). The terms *rabbi* and *rabboni* both mean simply “master” (John 1:38; 20:16). The use of the title *rabbi* cannot be substantiated before the time of Christ. Later Jewish schools had three grades of honor: *rab*, “master”, the lowest; *rabbi*, “my master”, the second; and *rabboni*, “my lord, my master”, the most elevated.

There are presently 4,199 religions teaching the world to worship Gods.

Genesis 3:5: evil as the Gods.

I Yahchanan 3:4-11: not practicing Yahweh’s Laws of righteousness is evil as the Gods.

Remember: the love for evil is what condemns the 4,199 religions today, and from the beginning.

YAHCHANAN 3:19-20

19 Now this is the condemnation: Light has come into the world, but men love darkness rather than Light, because their deeds are evil.

20 For every one who practices evil hates the Light, and neither comes to the Light for fear his deeds would be exposed.

I CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh? Do not deceive yourselves. Neither fornicators, nor Godworshippers (worshippers of *elohim*), nor adulterers, nor men who commit sexual perversions with boys, nor men who commit sexual perversions with other men,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, will inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh.

11 And such were some of you. But now you are washed, now you are sanctified, now you are justified in the Name of Yahshua Messiah, and by the Spirit of our Father.

II CORINTHIANS 6:14-18

14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what fellowship does light have with darkness?

15 And what harmony can there be between Messiah and Belial; *Worthlessness: Satan*? Or what share does a believer have with an infidel; *untrustworthy, not faithful, not true nor loyal*?

16 And what agreement does The House of Yahweh have with Gods (*elohim*)? For we are the House of the living Father. As Yahweh has said: I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their Father, and they will be My people.

17 Therefore: Come out from among them and be separate, says Yahweh. Do not touch the unclean *thing*, and I will receive you.

18 I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters, says Yahweh Almighty.

The last book in your Bible says the whole world is deceived.

REVELATION 12:9

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world. She was cast out into the earth, and her angels were cast out with her.

They’re cut off from Yahweh, the Creator, and Life that only Yahweh offers.

Genesis 3:22: love for evil condemned them.

Revelation 12:9: whole world deceived.

They speak evil as the Gods (**Gen. 3:5**); all have gone the way of Cain (**Yahdah 1:11**).

BUT IN THE LAST DAYS

MICAHYAH 4:1-3

1 But in the Last Days it will come to pass *that* the mountain; *promotion*, of The House of Yahweh will be established in the chief of the nations. It will be raised above all congregations; and all peoples will *eventually* flow to it.

2 And many nations will come and say; Come, and let us go up to the mountain; *uplifting*, of Yahweh, and to the House of the Father of Yaaqob, and He will teach us of His Ways, and we will walk in His Paths. Because the Laws will depart from Zion, and the Word of Yahweh from Yerusalem.

3 And He will judge between many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they learn war anymore.

That House is The House of Yahweh spoken of by Yahshua Messiah in:

MATTITHYAH 16:18

And I also say to you who are Kepha: That upon this Rock, YAHWEH UNITY; I will build this House; *Family: The House of Yahweh*, and the gates of sheol (hell) will not prevail against it.

That House of Yahweh has Yahshua Messiah as High Priest.

HEBREWS 10:21

And *having* a High Priest over The House of Yahweh:

That House of Yahweh was established in the Last Days by:

ZECHARYAH 6:11-13

11 Take the silver and gold and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Yahshua son of Yahweh, the High Priest.

12 Speak to him, and say; This is what Yahweh our Father says: Behold, the Man Whose Name is the BRANCH! For He will branch out from His place, and He will build The House of Yahweh!

13 Yes, He will build The House of Yahweh. He will bear glory, and will sit and rule on His throne. He will be a Priest upon His throne; and the counsel of peace will be between them both.

ZECHARYAH 9:8

Then I will encamp around My House like a guard, against those who march in and out. No more will an oppressor overrun them, for now My eyes are watching *over* them.

**TO ALL PEOPLE AND ALL NATIONS
WHEN YOU SEE DAMASCUS BECOME
A RUINOUS HEAP, YOU WILL KNOW
THAT YAHWEH IS PROTECTING HIS
HOUSE**

Then you will gather here at The House of Yahweh.

YEREMYAH 23:3-8

3 But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where they have been driven, and bring them back to their folds, and they will be fruitful and increase.

4 And I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they will fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither will they be lacking, says Yahweh.

5 Behold, the days come, says Yahweh: that I will raise to David a Righteous Branch, and a King will reign and succeed, and will execute Judgment and Justice in the earth.

6 In His days, those who reverence Yahweh will be saved, and the Called Out Ones will dwell safely; and this is the Name that He will proclaim to them at Abel–Yahweh Tsidqenu: Yahweh our righteousness.

7 Therefore behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that they will no longer say; As surely as Yahweh lives Who brought up the children of Israyl out of the land of Egypt;

8 But they will say; As surely as Yahweh lives Who brought up and led the seed of the house of Yisrayl into the Protected Place at Abel, and from all countries where they had been driven; and they will dwell in their own land.

MALAKYAH 4:1-4

1 For the Word of Yahweh was given to me, saying: Behold, the day comes that will burn like an oven; and all the proud, yes, and all who do wickedly, will be stubble—the day that comes will burn them up, and it will leave them neither root nor branch.

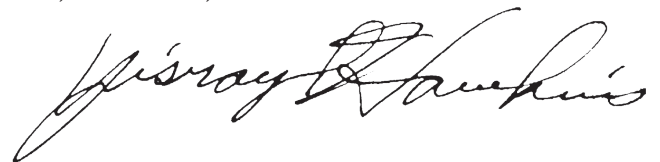
2 But for you who reverence My Name, the Light of righteousness will arise with healing in its wings; and you will go out, leaping like calves *released* from the stall.

3 And the Word of Yahweh was given to me saying: the wicked will be trodden down; for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that *this* will be done.

4 Remember the Laws of Mosheh My servant, which I commanded through him in Horeb for all Israyl, *with* the Statutes and Judgments.

Yahweh bless your understanding.

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YAHWEH

The Name Above All Names

When Yahweh gave His 613 Laws to Mosheh to teach to the Children of Israyl, He vowed an oath saying that those who would truly obey His voice and walk in all His ways would be a “special treasure” to Him. He also promised that He would establish these Law-abiding people as His holy people.

EXODUS 19:5-6

5 Now therefore, if you will truly obey My Voice, by keeping My Covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

6 And you shall be to Me a Kingdom of Priests, and a holy Nation...

DEUTERONOMY 28:9-10

9 Yahweh will establish you as His holy people unto Himself, as He promised you on oath, if you will keep the Laws of Yahweh your Father, and walk in all His Ways.

10 Then all the people on the earth will see that you are called by the Name of Yahweh, and they will fear you.

I KEPHA 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a Royal Priesthood, a holy Nation, a peculiar people; that you would show forth the praises of Him Who has called you out of darkness into His Marvelous Light.

These Scriptures show that all the people of the earth will see that Yahweh’s holy people (those who walk in all of Yahweh’s ways) are known by the Name of Yahweh. There has never been an inspired scripture written in the Torah or by the prophets telling us that Yahweh’s holy people would ever be called (known) by any other name. In fact, the Prophet Yahyl was inspired to write a wonderful prophecy concerning everyone who calls with the Name of Yahweh.

YAHYL 2:32

And whoever will call with the Name of Yahweh will be delivered; for in Mount Zion in Yerusalem there will be deliver-

ance, as Yahweh has said, among the remnant who has escaped of those whom Yahweh calls.

ACTS 2:21

And it will come to pass that whoever calls on the Name of Yahweh will be delivered.

ROMANS 10:13

For Whoever calls with the Name of Yahweh will be saved.

Why is it that we do not call with the Name Yahweh? Do we not desire blessings? Do we not desire acceptance from our Father? Holiness? Salvation? Could it be that we’ve accepted traditions that our teachers have inherited from their teachers, and then taught to us as doctrine—doctrine that cannot be supported by the inspired scriptures?

THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES: THE NAME OUR TEACHERS HAVE TAUGHT US TO FORGET

We are not called by the Name of Yahweh, in fact Yahweh’s Name is not even uttered, because we have been taught that it is not acceptable to do so. We are taught that we must not pronounce the holy Name of our Creator and Father, Yahweh, the Name the chosen of Yahweh will be known by, the Name those who are delivered will call upon! We are instructed by our teachers that Yahweh’s Name is too holy to pronounce; therefore, we are to call Him “Adonai” and “Elohim”.

This teaching has been fully ingrained in the minds of nearly all, to the point that extreme hatred is shown toward anyone who openly speaks or writes the one and only true Name of the Creator. Remember this, because the holy prophets both

spoke and wrote the true Name. As a result, the Name of Yahweh has almost been forgotten (in effect, profaned or brought to nothing), and Baal’s name is remembered and proclaimed worldwide.

A NAME REMEMBERED IN TIMES PAST BUT UNSPOKEN TODAY

As we will read from authoritative sources, there was a time when the Name Yahweh was pronounced by all of Yahweh’s people, in prayers, in blessings, and in greetings. However, by the third century B.C.E., our teachers began teaching that Yahweh, the true Name of our Creator, was too holy to pronounce. This teaching is a practice that was not inspired by our Father, but one that gradually came about due to pagan influence.

At first, the practice was to just pronounce the name Adonai instead of the Name Yahweh, wherever Yahweh’s Name was written in the Holy Scriptures. However, as time went on, changes were made to the original writings. Vowel points (which were not originally part of the text) were added to Yahweh’s Name, causing the reader to pronounce the names Adonai and Elohim instead, and in many places these alternate names were actually written in place of Yahweh’s Name altogether. We’ll show you many sources verifying these facts, but *The Encyclopedia Judaica*, Volume 7, pages 680-682, sums it all up rather well, as you can see for yourself.

YHWH. The personal name of the God of Israel is written in the Hebrew Bible with the four consonants YHWH and is referred to as the “Tetragrammaton”. At least until the destruction of the First Temple in 586 b.c.e., this name was regularly pronounced with its proper vowels, as is clear from the *Lachish Letters, written shortly

before that date. But at least by the third century b.c.e., the pronunciation of the name YHWH was avoided, and Adonai, “the Lord”, was substituted for it, as evidenced by the use of the Greek word Kyrios, “Lord”, for YHWH in the Septuagint, the translation of the Hebrew Scriptures that was begun by Greek-speaking Jews in that century. Where the combined form Adonai YHWH occurs in the Bible, this was read as ‘Adonai ‘Elohim, “Lord God”. In the early Middle Ages, when the consonantal text of the Bible was supplied with vowel points to facilitate its correct traditional reading, the vowel points for ‘Adonai with one variation—a *sheva* with the first *yod* of YHWH instead of the *hataf-patah* under the *aleph* of ‘Adonai—were used for YHWH, thus producing the form YeHoWaH. When Christian scholars of Europe first began to study Hebrew, they did not understand what this really meant, and they introduced the hybrid name “Jehovah”. In order to avoid pronouncing even the sacred name ‘Adonai for YHWH, the custom was later introduced of saying simply in Hebrew ha-Shem (or Aramaic Shemā, “the Name”) even in such an expression as “Blessed be he that cometh in the name of YHWH” (Ps. 118:26).

THE PROHIBITION OF USE OF THE NAMES OF GOD. The prohibition applies both to the pronunciation of the name of God and its committal to writing, apart from its use in sacred writings. The prohibition against the pronunciation of the name of God applies only to the Tetragrammaton, which could be pronounced by the high priest only once a year on the Day of Atonement in the Holy of Holies (cf. Mishnah Yoma 6:2), and in the Temple by the priests when they recited the Priestly Blessings (Sot. 7:6; see also Ch. Albeck (ed.), Seder Nashim (1954), 387). As the Talmud expresses it: “Not as I am written am I pronounced. I am written yod he vav he, and I am pronounced alef dalet” (nun yod, i.e., Adonai; Kid. 71a).

THE PROHIBITION OF YAHWEH’S NAME

Authoritative works and scholars, such as the one shown above, point out that the original, personal name of our Creator, written יהוה in the Hebrew tongue spoken by all the patriarchs and prophets, is correctly written and pronounced Yahweh in English.

In ancient times, the Hebrew words were written without vowels in what is called the unpointed script, so that each word consisted of a group of consonants whose vowel sounds were supplied from memory by the reader. In other words, Hebrew words were pronounced with vowel sounds even though the vowels themselves were not written. The Hebrews knew, from oral teaching and practice, which vowels were associated with the

different words. Yahweh’s Name is written yod-heh-waw-heh יהוה in Hebrew, transliterated YHWH in English, but is written and pronounced with the proper vowels YAHWEH as these sources show. Notice what *The Jewish Encyclopedia of 1901*, Volume 12, page 119, states.

It thus becomes possible to determine with a fair degree of certainty the historical pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton, the results agreeing with the statement of Ex. iii. 14, in which YHWH terms Himself אהיה. “I will be,” a phrase which is immediately preceded by the fuller term “I will be that I will be,” or, as in the English versions, “I am” and “I am that I am.” The name יהוה is accordingly derived from the root היה (= היה), and is regarded as an imperfect. This passage is decisive for the pronunciation “Yahweh”; for the etymology was undoubtedly based on the known word.

The Encyclopedia Judaica, Volume 7, page 680, further states this fact.

The true pronunciation of the name YHWH was never lost. Several early Greek writers of the Christian Church testify that the name was pronounced “Yahweh”. This is confirmed, at least for the vowel of the first syllable of the name, by the shorter form Yah, which is sometimes used in poetry (e.g., Ex. 15:2) and the *-yahu* or *-yah* that serves as the final syllable in very many Hebrew names.

The Encyclopedia Britannica, Volume 23, page 867, confirms this fact.

YAHWEH, the proper name of the God of Israel; it is composed of four consonants (YHWH) in Hebrew and is therefore called the Tetragrammaton...

The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, Volume 9, page 160, confirms this fact.

Of the names of God in the Old Testament, that which occurs most frequently (6,823 times) is the so-called Tetragrammaton, YHWH (יהוה), the distinctive personal name of the God of Israel.

The Jewish Encyclopedia, Volume 12, pages 118-119, confirms this fact also.

TETRAGRAMMATON: The quadrilateral name of God, יהוה). The Tetragrammaton is the ancient Israelitish name for God...

The Jewish Encyclopedia, Volume 9, pages 162-163, also shows us that while the rabbis recognized only one proper name for the Creator, they also considered other names as titles for the Creator. As you read this excerpt, notice and remember the title (Adonai) that was used in place of the Creator’s Name:

...The Rabbis as well as the cabalists steadfastly maintained their belief in monotheism. Hence

they recognized only one proper name for the Deity, considering the other names as appellations or titles signifying divinity, perfection, and power, or as characterizing His acts as observed and appreciated by mankind...The name YHWH is considered as the Name proper; it was known in the earliest rabbinical works simply as the Name; also as Shem ha-Meyuhad (“the Extraordinary Name”; Sifre, Num. 143); as Shem ha-Meforash (“the Distinguished Name”; Yoma vi. 2); as Shem ben The Name. Arba’ Otiyyot (“the Tetragrammaton” or “the Quadrilateral Name”; Kid 71a); and as Yod He Waw He (spelling letters of YHWH).

It is recorded that the pronunciation of the Name Yahweh began to be suppressed in earnest upon the death of a man named Simeon the Just, a High Priest who served in this office in the time span of 310-199 B.C.E., or about 200 years before the nation of Israyl came under the rulership of the Roman Empire. *The Jewish Encyclopedia of 1901*, Volume 11, page 353, points out that this was the turning point, namely the exact time when it became a practice in Israyl to no longer pronounce the Name Yahweh.

SIMEON THE JUST (שמעון הצדיק): High priest. He is identical either with Simeon I. (310-291 or 300-271 b.c.), son of Onias I., and grandson of Jaddua, or with Simeon II. (219-199 b.c.), son of Onias II... After Simeon’s death men ceased to utter the tetragrammaton aloud (Yoma 30b; Tosef Sotah. xiii.).

The Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Yoma, page 39b, also verifies that it was upon the death of Simeon the Righteous, that all Israyl began to no longer pronounce the Name Yahweh.

...When Simeon the Righteous died, with many indications that such glory was no more enjoyed, his brethren no more dared utter the Ineffable Name...

The Jewish Encyclopedia, Volume 9, pages 162-163, not only confirms this fact, but it shows the strict prohibition and warning to all those who do not adhere to it.

The restriction upon communicating the Name proper probably originated in Oriental etiquette; in the East even a teacher was not called by name. For naming his master Elisha, Gehazi was punished with leprosy (II Kings viii. 5; Sanh. 100a). After the death of the high priest Simeon the Righteous, forty years prior to the destruction of the Temple, the priests ceased to pronounce the Name (Yoma 39b). From that time the pronunciation of the Name was prohibited. “Whoever pronounces the Name forfeits his portion in the future world” (Sanh. xi. 1). Hananiah ben Teradion was punished for teaching his disciples the pronunciation of the Name (‘ Ab. Zarah 17b).

The Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Kiddushin, page 71a, openly admits, however, that the Name Yahweh was pronounced by all the children of Israyl, both small and great, before the death of Simeon the Just.

Our Rabbis taught: At first [Yahweh's] Name used to be entrusted to all people. When unruly men increased, it was confided to the pious of the priesthood.

ONLY THE HIGH PRIEST SPOKE THE NAME OF YAHWEH

Many teachers in Israyl came to believe that the Name Yahweh was too holy to be pronounced, so they began teaching the nation that only the High Priest should utter this Name, once a year on the Day of Atonement. *The Century Bible*, by Adenev and Bennett, Volume 1, pages 90-91, shows us this information.

Some time after the return from the Captivity, and before the beginning of the Christian era, the Jews came to believe that the Name YHWH was too sacred to be uttered on ordinary occasions. It was said to be pronounced by the High Priest on the Day of Atonement.

Please note the time period in which the Name of our Heavenly Father was suppressed, some time after the return from the captivity, and before the beginning of the Christian Era (approximately 310-199 B.C.E.). This means that up to this time, the prophets, and in fact all the people of Israyl, used the great Name of Yahweh when they walked through the waters of the Red Sea; when they ate manna which came directly from Yahweh; when they saw their enemies expelled from in front of them; when they took the lands from their enemies; and all the while, they were becoming a healthy nation. It was only in turning from Yahweh to idolatry, as we are doing today, that caused Yahweh to hide His face from Israyl and give their enemies advantage over them.

The Jewish Encyclopedia contains additional information about the pronunciation of Yahweh's Name being confined to the temple and spoken only by the priests. Volume 9, pages 162-163, states:

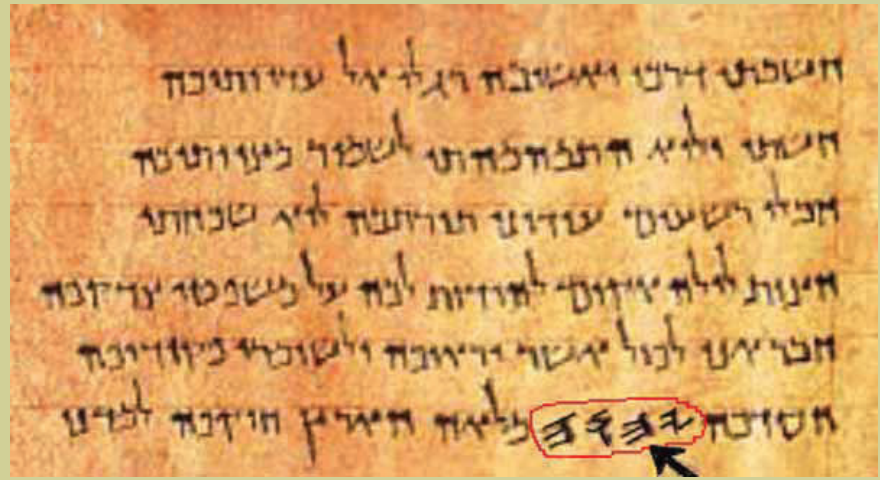
The pronunciation of the written Name was used only by the priests (Num. vi. 22-27); outside the Temple they used the title "Adonai" (Sotah vii. 6; p. 38a)...

Volume 1, pages 201-202, shows us this:

...In the early period of the Second Temple the Name was still in common use, as may be

Yahweh's Name In The Dead Sea Scrolls

The following is a photo of **Psalms 119:59-64** in the Dead Sea Scrolls which are a collection of Hebrew Scriptures that date back over 2000 years. Note Yahweh's Name, indicated by the arrow, in the ancient Hebrew script while the rest of the text is in more modern Hebrew used at that time.



learned from such proper names as Jehohanan, or from liturgical formulas, such as Halelu-Yah. At the beginning of the Hellenistic era, however, the use of the Name was reserved for the Temple. From Sifre to Num. vi. 27, Mishnah Tamid, vii. 2, and Sotah, vii. 6 it appears that the priests were allowed to pronounce the Name at the benediction only in the Temple; elsewhere they were obligated to use the appellative name (kinnuy) "Adonai" ...

...Pronunciation of the Name by the Temple priests... also gradually fell into disuse. Tosef., Sotah, xiii. 8 quoted Menahot, 109b, and Yoma 39b, relates that "from the time Simon the Just died [this is the traditional expression for the beginning of the Hellenistic period], the priests refrained from blessing the people with the Name"—in other words, they pronounced it indistinctly, or they mouthed or mumbled it. Thus says Tosef., Ber. vi. 23: Formerly they used to greet each other with the Ineffable Name; when the time of the decline of the study of the Law came, the elders mumbled the Name. Subsequently also the solemn utterance of the Name by the high priest on the Day of Atonement, that ought to have been heard by the priests and the people according to the Mishnah Yoma, vi. 2, became inaudible or indistinct.

R. Tarfon (or Tryphon) relates (Yer. Yoma, iii. 40d): "I was standing in the row of young priests, and I heard the high priest mumbling the Name, while the rest of the priests were chanting." ...But while even among these the right pronunciation was forgotten in the course of time, and the hope was expressed by Phinehas b. Jair, "the Saint", that the knowledge and the correct use of the Name, so wondrously efficacious in the blessed days long goneby, would again be restored

in the Messianic age (see Pes. 50a, Midr. Teh. to Ps. xxxvi. and to Ps. xci.)...

Volume 11, page 263, shows us more:

...the Mishnah (Sotah vii. 6; Tamid vii. 2) says, in conformity with this interpretation: "In the Sanctuary the name of God [in the three blessings, Num. vi. 24-26] is to be pronounced in the Priestly Benediction as it is written [יהוה]; but outside the Sanctuary it must be given the paraphrastic pronunciation [אדני]." The high priest spoke the name of God on the Day of Atonement in his recitation of Lev. xvi. 30 during the confessions of sins; and when the priests and the people in the great hall heard him utter the "Shem ha-Meforash", they prostrated themselves and glorified God, saying: "Praised by the glorious name of His kingdom for ever and ever" (Yoma vi. 2). When a very young priest, the well-known tanna Tarfon witnessed this ceremony; and he declares that the high priest uttered the holy name of God so that his voice was merged in the song of priests (Yer. Yoma 40d, below; Kid. 71a; Eccl. R. iii. 11), although it was believed that when, at this point in the ritual, the priest pronounced the name of God he was heard as far as Jericho (Tamid iii. 7; comp. Yoma 39b). Tarfon's account, that the voice of the high priest was drowned by the song of other priests, also confirms the synchronous statement (Yer. Yoma 40b) that in former times the high priest uttered the Name with a loud voice, but that subsequently, when immorality had become more and more prevalent, he lowered his voice lest the Name should be heard by those unworthy to hear it...

The Shem ha-Meforash as an object of the esoteric knowledge of scholars appears in the

statement of Johanan (Kid. 71a): “Once each week the sages give their pupils the Four-Lettered Name.” A tannaïtic passage in Yer. Yoma 40d, however, says: “In former times the Name was taught to all; but when immorality increased it was reserved for the pious,” although this statement refers, according to the baraita in Kid. 71a, to teaching the Name to the priests.

Immorality came among the people because Yahweh and His Laws were not being taught or practiced. So without authority from the inspired words of the prophets, our forefathers removed the name of Yahweh from the memory of our people. Instead of teaching Yahweh’s Laws, they turned to the traditions of the Gods of earth and heaven!

Volume 9, page 163, further states:

It appears that a majority of the priests in the last days of the Temple were unworthy to pronounce the Name, and a combination of the letters or of the equivalents of the letters constituting the Name was employed by the priests in the Temple. Thus the Twelve-Lettered Name was substituted, which, a baraita says, was at first taught to every priest; but with the increase of the number of licentious priests the Name was revealed only to the pious ones, who “swallowed” its pronunciation while the other priests were chanting. Another combination, the Forty-two-Lettered Name, Rab says, was taught only to whomever was known to be of good character and disposition, temperate, and in the prime of life (Kid. 71a; comp. Rashi to `Ab. Zarah 17b). Maimonides, in his “Moreh,” thinks that these names were perhaps composed of several other divine names.

The Incommunicable Name was pronounced “Adonai,” and where Adonai and YHWH occur together the later was pronounced “Elohim.”

Volume 12, page 119, states:

The avoidance of the original name of God both in speech and, to a certain extent, in the Bible was due according to Geiger (“Urschrift,” p. 262), to a reverence which shrank from the utterance of the Sublime Name; and it may well be that such a reluctance first arose in a foreign, and hence in an “unclean” land, very possibly, therefore, in Babylonia. According to Dalman (l.c. pp. 66 et seq.), the Rabbis forbade the utterance of the Tetragrammaton, to guard against desecration of the Sacred Name; but such an ordinance could not have been effectual unless it had met with popular approval.

We have seen, from these well-known and accepted sources, the following facts:

- a. Yahweh is the ancient, original, distinctive, personal, proper Name of the Creator;
- b. The rabbis recognized Yahweh as the proper Name for the Creator;
- c. The rabbis considered names other

than the true Name as names for the Creator;

d. The pronunciation of Yahweh’s Name began to be suppressed in the third century B.C.E.;

e. The Name of Yahweh was considered to be too holy to pronounce;

f. The pronunciation of the written Name was used only by the priests; and that,

g. Those who were not priests, and priests when outside the temple, used the titles Adonai and Elohim when referring to the Creator.

The fact still remains that although the pronunciation of Yahweh’s Name was prohibited from being spoken (beginning around the third century b.c.e.), Yahweh has not allowed the true pronunciation of His Name to be lost. And, the scholars do admit this fact. Notice what *The Jewish Encyclopedia of 1901*, Volume 12, page 119, states:

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PROCESS OF ELIMINATION DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED

In order to implement the avoidance of pronouncing Yahweh’s Name (יהוה), a system of vowel points was developed and added to the Hebrew language. *The Jewish Encyclopedia*, Volume 12, pages 118-119, tells us more about this:

TETRAGRAMMATON: The quadrilateral name of God, (יהוה).

The Tetragrammaton is the ancient Israelitish name for God. According to actual

count, it occurs 5,410 times in the Bible, being divided among the books as follows: Genesis 153 times, Exodus 364, Leviticus 285, Numbers 387, Deuteronomy 230, (total in Torah 1,419); Joshua 170, Judges 158, Samuel 423, Kings 467, Isaiah 367, Jeremiah 555, Ezekiel 211, Minor Prophets 345 (total in Prophets 2,696); Psalms 645, Proverbs 87, Job 31, Ruth 16, Lamentations 32, Daniel 7, Ezra–Nehemiah 31, Chronicles 446 (total in Hagiographa 1,295).

In connections with (אדני) the Tetragrammaton is pointed with the vowels of “Elohim” (which beyond doubt was not pronounced in this combination); it occurs 310 times after (אדני), and five times before it (Dalman, “Der Gottesname,” etc., p.91), 227 of these occurrences being in Ezekiel alone. The designation “YHWH Zebaot,” translated “Lord of hosts,” occurs 260 times, and with the addition of “God” four times more. This designation is met with as follows: Isaiah 65 times, Jeremiah 77 times, Minor Prophets 103 (Zechariah 52; Malachi 24), Samuel 11, Kings 4; but it does not occur, on the other hand, in the Pentateuch, in Joshua, in Judges, or in the Hagiographa. Adding these 264 occurrences and the 315 just noted to the 5,410 instances of the simple Tetragrammaton, the word “YHWH” is found to occur 5,989 times in the Bible. There is no instance of it, however, in Canticles, Ecclesiastes, or Esther; and in Daniel it occurs 7 times (in ch. ix.)—a fact which in itself shows the late date of these books, whose authors lived at a period when the use of the Tetragrammaton was already avoided, its utterance having become restricted both in the reading of the Bible and still more in colloquial speech. For it was substituted adonai; and the fact that this name is found 315 times in combination with “YHWH” and 134 times alone shows that the custom of reading the Tetragrammaton as if written “ADONAI” began at a time when the text of the Biblical books was not yet scrupulously protected from minor additions. This assumption explains most of the occurrences of “ADONAI” before “YHWH”; i.e., the former word indicated the pronunciation of the latter. At the time of the Chronicler this pronunciation was so generally accepted that he never wrote the name “Adonai.” About 300 b.c., therefore, the word “YHWH” was not pronounced in its original form. For several reasons Jacob (“Im Namen Gottes,” p. 167) assigns the “disuse of the word “YHWH” and the substitution of “ADONAI” to the later decades of the Babylonian exile.”

The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible, Supplementary Volume, page 717, tells us more about the devices used to hide Yahweh’s Name:

Qere perpetuum. The earliest instance where a word in the biblical text was not read, but another was pronounced in its stead, is that of the TETRAGRAMMATON (YHWH). The prohibition of pronouncing “The Name,” and the obligation of substituting in perpetuity a term that expresses the divine majesty, are explicitly recognized in the Babylonian Talmud (Pes. 50a): “Said the Holy One, blessed be He: not as I am written, am I read. I am written י” (yodh-he, i.e., the Tetragrammaton), but I am read י”

(aleph-daleth, i.e., Adonai).” The antiquity of this prohibition is evident from the fact that the Hebrew Tetragrammaton was not translated in the most ancient recensions of the lxx, where it appears only in Hebrew script. Later it was rendered into Greek by κυριος (Lord), which conveys the sense of the Hebrew Adonai. In the Greek text, at the beginning, the same procedure was followed as in the Hebrew, namely, the equivalent of the divine name was first abbreviated, through reverence, into the form κς, then, in later texts and under Christian influence, it came to be written out fully. In the same way, the Babylonian Targ. on the Pentateuch (Targ. Onkelos) systematically renders the Tetra-grammaton into Aramaic by the abbreviation יי (the arithmetic equivalent of which –26– is the same as that of the Tetragrammaton fully written in its Hebrew form).

This ancient prohibition of pronouncing the divine name persisted orally until the introduction of the Hebrew vocalic system, where the vowels written under the Tetragrammaton are those of the substitute word Adonai. Its antiquity clearly shows that it originated in the oldest Jewish oral traditions that accompanied the transmission (masora) of the sacred text from the beginning. In contrast to the qere perpetuum, substituted orally for the Tetragrammaton, the Masoretic tradition, as a precautionary measure, indicated in the margin of later mss, in the form of a statistical note (קל=134), the number of times in the text where God is explicitly designated by the title אדני (cf. Gen. 18:3 and passim). In this way, they sought to forestall any change in the form of the sacred text that might be made by an overhasty scribe.

Robert Pfeiffer, in his *Introduction to the Old Testament*, supplies more information:

To avoid the utterance of the name Yahweh, both before and after the adoption of the qere, other devices were employed. In some cases adonay was written in the text (so in Dan. 9:9 where the Babylonians wrote YHWH); in Pss. 42-83 elohim (deity) is substituted for Yahweh; in Am. 5:16 adonay (missing in the lxx) and in Ps. 59:5 (H. 59:6); 80:4, 19 (H. 80:5, 20); 84:8 (H. 84:9) elohim are interlinear substitutes for yhwh, which were mechanically copied into the text (see W.R. Arnold, Ephod and Ark, pp. 31, 38, 145-147). We even find in the text late substitutes for Yahweh: “Heaven” (Dan. 4:26 [H. 4:23]; cf. Is. 14:13, lxx; the Kingdom of “Heaven” in Matthew) and “the Name” (Lev. 24:11, 16). In the Aramaic portions of Daniel 2-7, not only are substitutes for Yahweh regularly employed, but the verbal form YeHeWeH (he is or will be), which occurs regularly in the Elephantine papyri, to avoid confusion with the ineffable name YHWH was changed to Le-HeWeH (similarly the plurals lehewon, lehewyah).

Long after the introduction of the qere “Lord” for YHWH (6,823 times in the Old Testament according to the Masora), but before a.d. 500, vulgar expressions in the text, as we have seen, were removed by substituting a euphemism in the reading (qere). Equally ancient are the instances of “read but not written” and “written but not read” listed above.

Vowel points were placed among the letters of Yahweh’s Name יהוה as a code telling the reader to pronounce another name (or title) in place of the Name Yahweh יהוה. *The Century Bible*, by Adeney and Bennett, Volume 1, page 91, chronicles the establishment of this doctrine.

Hebrew was originally written without vowels, but when the vowel points were added, the vowels of Adonay or Elohim were written with yhwh, as a direction that these words were to be read instead of the word whose consonants were YHWH. Thus we find the combinations YeHoWaH and YeHoWiH.

We have already seen that the two names chosen to take the place of the Name Yahweh are Adonai and Elohim. When the vowel points of Adonai or Elohim were placed among the letters of the Name Yahweh יהוה, Yahweh’s Name was changed to look like the following: יהוה or יהוה. Then, when a reader saw the Name Yahweh with the vowel points, the reader would know to say Adonai when he saw the form יהוה and Elohim when he saw the form יהוה. *The Babylonian Talmud*, Tractate Kiddushin, page 71a, openly confirms that this became the standard practice of all Israyl, as it still is to this day.

...R. Abina opposed [two verses]: It is written, ‘this is my name’; but it is also written, ‘and this is my memorial’?—The Holy One, blessed be He, said: I am not called as I am written: I am written with yod he, but I am read, alef daleth.⁷ 7. The Tetragrammaton is yod he waw he; but it is read adonai = alef daleth nun yod...

OUR FATHER’S NAME: LOST THROUGH TRANSLATIONS TO OTHER LANGUAGES

We have plainly seen that due to the devices of our teachers and leaders, the rabbis, the Name of Yahweh fell into disuse. What started out in speech, also was transferred into writing. The Name of Yahweh was replaced with the name Adonai so that down through the years, especially in the translation from Hebrew to other languages, The Holy Scriptures do not contain the Name of Yahweh at all, but rather the title Lord.

The Encyclopedia Britanica, Volume 23, page 867, confirms the fact that the proper, original Name Yahweh was replaced with common substitutes:

YAHWEH, the proper name of the God of Israel; it is composed of four consonants (YHWH) in Hebrew and is therefore called the tetragrammaton...

The name Yahweh later ceased to be used by the Jews for two somewhat contradictory reasons. As Judaism began to become a universal religion, the proper name Yahweh tended to be replaced by the common noun Elohim, meaning “God,” which could apply to foreign deities and therefore could be used to demonstrate the universal sovereignty of Israel’s God over all others. At the same time, the divine name was increasingly regarded as too sacred to be uttered, for fear of profanation, and in the synagogue ritual it was replaced by Adonai (“my Lord”), which was translated Kyrios (“Lord”) in the Septuagint. The occurrence of the four sacred letters in the text of the Bible itself could not be thus replaced, but the same fear of profanation caused Masoretes (6th-8th centuries a.d.) to change the pronunciation by replacing the vowels (which in Hebrew are marked beneath or above the consonants if not omitted altogether) with the vowels of Adonai (or, more rarely, the vowels of Elohim).

The Jewish Encyclopedia, Volume 1, pages 201, 203, also points out this fact.

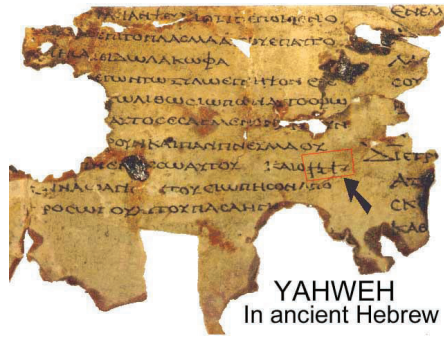
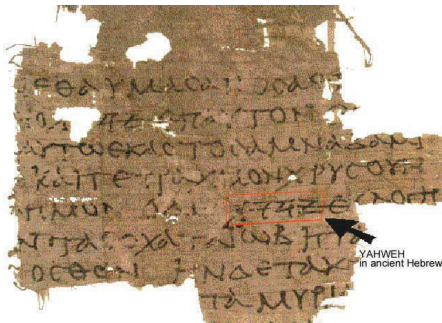
ADONAI (אָדֹנָי, literally “my Lord,” the plural form of Adon, that is, “Lord” or “Lordship”): This word occurs in the Masoretic text 315 times by the side of the Tetragram YHWH (310 times preceding and five times succeeding it) and 134 times without it. Originally an appellation of God, the word became a definite title, and when the Tetragram became too holy for utterance Adonai was substituted for it, so that, as a rule, the name written yhwh receives the points of Adonai and is read Adonai, except in cases where Adonai precedes or succeeds it in the text, when it is read Elohim. The vowel-signs e, o, a, given to the Tetragrammaton in the written text, therefore, indicate this pronunciation. Adonai, while the form Jehovah, introduced by a Christian writer about 1520, rests on a misunderstanding. The translation of YHWH by the word Lord in the King James and in other versions is due to the traditional reading of the Tetragrammaton as Adonai, and this can be traced to the oldest translation of the Bible, the Septuagint...

...No wonder, then, that the Greek translators of the Bible, even though some scribe might now and then write the Tetragrammaton in the archaic Hebrew form on the margin, II I II I, as found by Origen (see facsimile attached to article AQUILA), took great care to render the name II I II I regularly Kupios, Lord, as if they knew of no other reading but Adonai. Translations dependant upon the Septuagint have the same reading of the Name.

You have just read proof after proof that the words Adonai and Elohim have come to be substituted for the Name Yahweh, whether in speech or in writing, throughout The Holy Scriptures so that Yahweh’s Name is forgotten. However, the simple fact remains, in the very earliest writings, known as the J or Yahwist manuscripts, the Name of Yahweh is used exclusively. So then, how did these words come to

Fragments from the Septuagint showing YAHWEH's Name

(The Septuagint is written in Greek, but YAHWEH's Name is written in the ancient Hebrew)



be accepted as suitable substitutes for the Name Yahweh?

THE FOUR MAIN MANUSCRIPTS

The general consensus among scholars is that there are four main sources or manuscripts of The Holy Scriptures named **J**, **E**, **P**, and **D**. *The Encyclopedia Judaica*, Volume 13, page 234, gives us this fact.

Sources. The opinion accepted in contemporary biblical research is that the pentateuchal literature is composed of four major sources: **J**, **E**, **P**, and **D**.

This information concerning the major sources of the Scriptures is also shown to us in *The Encyclopedia Britannica*, Volume 2, page 194:

BIBLICAL SOURCE, any of the original documents that, in compilation, constitute the Bible. Most of the writings in the Old Testament are of anonymous authorship, and in many cases it is not known whether they were compiled by individuals or by groups. Nevertheless, by careful evaluation of internal evidence and with the aid of various schools of biblical criticism (q.v.), scholars have been able to identify certain sources and to arrange them chronologically in order of composition.

The means by which the basic sources of the Pentateuch (first five books of the Bible) were distinguished and their chronology established provided the first clear picture of Israel's literary and religious development. The names by which these sources are now known, in chronological order, are: the Yahwist, or **J**, source, so called because it employed as the Lord's name a Hebrew word transliterated into English as **YHWH** (called **J** from the German: **JHVH**) and spoken as Yahweh; the Elohist, or **E**, source, distinguished by its reference to the Lord as **Elohim**; the Deuteronomist, or **D**, source, marked by distinctive vocabulary and style; and the Priestly code, or **P**, source, which contains detailed ritual instructions.

Our main concern will focus on the **J** and **E** sources. It is very important to note that the oldest source, the **J** (Yahwist source,

used the Name of Yahweh exclusively. Yes, in the oldest manuscript of the Scriptures, Yahweh is never referred to by the titles **El**, **Elohim**, or **Adonai**—but only by His Name, Yahweh! *The Encyclopedia Judaica*, Volume 13, page 234, gives us these facts:

...The distinction between **J** and **E** is based primarily on the different usage of the divine name in these sources: **YHWH** in **J** and **Elohim** ("God") in **E**. **P** is the Priestly Source and **D** the Deuteronomist. The different usage of the divine name is not only a matter of form but relates to the type of attitude taken to the history of the religion of Israel. According to **J**, **YHWH**, the Lord of Israel, was worshipped as early as the time of **Enosh** (Gen. 4:26), while according to **E**, **YHWH**, i.e., the true name of the God of Israel, was first revealed to **Moses** at the burning bush (Ex. 3:6ff.).

...**J** notes a religious continuity beginning with the time of **Enosh** and continuing through the period of the Patriarchs to **Moses**. In contrast, **E** and **P**, while admitting that the God who was revealed to the Patriarchs is the God who was revealed to **Moses**, maintain that the Patriarchs did not know Him by His true name, and there is doubtless theological significances to this lack of knowledge. Furthermore, **P**, which places great emphasis on the religious chasm between the period of the Patriarchs and that of **Moses**, does not consider the possibility of legitimate worship of God (sacrifices) before the revelation in the time of **Moses**. **J** and **E** Sources. This difference between **J** and **E** is most evident in **Genesis**, where it is based on an explicit criterion: **YHWH** in **J** as opposed to **Elohim** in **E**...

THE J (YAHWIST) SOURCE

The Jewish Encyclopedia, Volume 7, pages 64-65, tells us also that the **J** manuscript preferred the Name of Yahweh over **Elohim**:

...(usually symbolized as **J**): The name given in modern Bible criticism to the supposed author of those portions of the Pentateuch (or of the Hexateuch) in which the name **yhwh** is used for God in preference to the name "Elohim," which latter is employed by the Elohist writers. ...it is natural to suppose that **J** was written as

its counterpart, and as an expression of the view that **YHWH** ruled all things from the beginning, and that the faith and worship cherished in Jerusalem were also those of the Fathers.

The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, Volume 2, page 777, tells us this about the oldest source of The Holy Scriptures, the Yahwist source:

J. One of principal narrative sources or strata of the Pentateuch. The symbol is derived from the personal name of God, **Jehovah** (or more accurately **Yahweh**, from יהוה, the use of which is characteristic of this source. It is commonly regarded as Judahite in origin, and somewhat earlier than **E** (tenth-ninth centuries b.c.).

The Anchor Bible, Genesis, Volume 1, pages 37-38, confirms that the **J** source is the oldest (and therefore the first and inspired) source of the Scriptures:

...I traced back the name **Yahweh** to the dim past, while **E** and **P** attributed the usage to **Moses**, both views may be justified depending on the point vantage. The worship of **Yahweh** was in all likelihood confined at first to a small body of searchers under the aegis of the patriarchs; it was this movement that found a worthy recorder in **J**. When **Moses** set out to fashion a nation out of an amorphous conglomerate of sundry ethnic and tribal elements, he had to concentrate on three major features of nationhood: a territorial base, a body of laws, and a distinctive religion. The last was normative in more ways than one; it was necessarily the faith of the same forefathers who had already tied it to the Promised Land, with **Yahweh** as its fountainhead. To that extent, therefore, **Yahweh** revealed himself to **Moses**: and it is this personal revelation that both **E** and **P** celebrate. To **J**, however, who chronicled the progress within the inner circle of the patriarchal pioneers, the personal participation of **Yahweh** had been the dominant fact from the start.

The Encyclopedia Judaica, Volume 7, pages 680-681, concerning this "**J**" writer, says:

According to the documentary hypothesis, the literary sources in the Pentateuch known as the Elohist and the Priestly Document never use the name **Yahweh** for God until it is revealed to **Moses** (Ex. 3:13; 6:2-3); but the Yahwist source uses it from **Genesis 2:4** on, thus implying that it was at least as old as **Abraham**. If the name is really so old, then **Exodus 6:2-3** must be understood as meaning that from the time of **Moses** on, **Yahweh** was to be the personal name of the God who brought the people of Israel into existence by bringing them out of **Egypt** and established them as a nation by His covenant with them at **Sinai**.

One must wonder, if **Abraham** and **Mosheh** had followed the same teaching we have known from birth, the Name of our Heavenly Father would have never been known to us today. It is my opinion

that we should praise Yahweh for giving Abraham and Mosheh the great wisdom to call upon, and write for us, His Name.

The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible, Volume 2, page 409, confirms the fact that the earliest manuscripts used only the Name Yahweh.

...The Yahwist narrative (see Pentateuch) traces the worship of Yahweh far back beyond the period of Moses and affirms that in the time of Enosh, the grandson of Adam, men first began to invoke the name of Yahweh (Gen. 4:26). This narrator's consistent use of the name from the story of Creation onward represents a theological attempt to view the whole of human history in the light of the covenant faith and to demonstrate that Yahweh is not just the God of Israel but of all mankind (Enosh means "man")...

...Although the name was given new currency in Mosaic circles, the J account (Gen. 4:26) may preserve a dim recollection that it was known in the pre-Mosaic period...

...However, the latest Pentateuchal tradition, the priestly writing (P), gives a completely different view in Exod. This conjecture is confirmed by a third Pentateuchal tradition, E, which avoids using Yahweh in the book of Genesis...

...In the earliest Hebrew the sacred name appeared as a four-letter word or tetragrammaton: YHWH - יהוה without any vowel signs...

Knowing the time in which the blinded scribes began to replace Yahweh's Name with titles of gods and Lords, and then reading the rebuke given to them by the Prophet Yeremyah (Chapter 23) for making Yahweh's people forget His great Name, we see the pieces of an historical puzzle start falling into place. After rejecting and hiding Yahweh's Name, it's obvious that the next step was to reject and deny Yahweh's Great Laws.

The translation of the Holy Scriptures from Hebrew to Aramaic, the Targums, are known for their literal adherence to the original Hebrew Scriptures which used the Name Yahweh. *The Chumash with Targum Onkelos and Rashi's Commentary*, shows us that in **Genesis 1:1**, where Elohim is used in the Masoretic text, the Targum Onkelos uses the Aramaic abbreviation for Yahweh.

Masoretic Text:
The word ELOHIM is circled
בראשית א
יְבִרָאשִׁית בְּרֵאשִׁית הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

Targum Onkelos:
The Name YAHWEH is circled
אנקלס
א בקרשין בראשית ית אשכח ויה ארנא : ב ו

THE E (ELOHIST) SOURCE

The E or Elohist source is derived from the word Elohim, God, the use of which is characteristic of this source. Please remember, the J (Yahwist) source is the oldest source, meaning the Elohist source came after the Yahwist source. *The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 2, page 1, tells us:

E (ELOHIST) *el'ohist, ilo'* — One of the principal narrative sources or strata of the Pentateuch. The term is derived from a Hebrew word for "God" (אלהים, Elohim; see GOD, NAMES of, § 3c), the use of which is characteristic of this source.

The Jewish Encyclopedia, Volume 5, page 142, confirms that the E source used Elohim in place of Yahweh's Name.

...The use of "Elohim" for "God" is the most notable characteristic of E. ...the symbol J (=Yahwist) applying to passages in which the name "YHWH" is predominant. "Adonai" and "El" occur occasionally (Gen. xx. 4, xxx. 20, xxxv. 7, xliii. 14).

The Interpreter's Dictionary, Volume 2, page 94, also shows that this source is commonly associated with the Northern Kingdom of Israyl, and dates approximately 100 years later than the Yahwist source.

ELOHIST, *el'ohist, ilohist*. The author or compiler of the E source of the Pentateuch (see E), which is commonly associated with the N kingdom and dated to the eighth century b.c.

The Anchor Bible, Proverbs-Ecclesiastes, Volume 18, page xxxi, tells us that the Elohist (E) source shows its origin to be in the northern kingdom of Israyl, when the kingdom split in two after the death of Solomon:

The fact that the E document in the Pentateuch shows evidences of origin in North Israel after the division of the kingdom at Solomon's death, but follows the outline of the Judean J document which it later was used to supplement, indicates that both stem from a common source before the kingdom split in two.

Do you grasp the significance of this? This says that both the Yahwist and the Elohist sources stem from a common source before the kingdom split in two. This actually means they used the same work, however, while one retained Yahweh's Name in the Holy Scriptures, the other replaced Yahweh's Name with the title Elohim.

The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, Volume 9, page 160, gives us more proof that Yahweh's Name appeared in the original

writings, and Adonai and Elohim were added later.

Of the names of God in the Old Testament, that which occurs most frequently (6,823 times) is the so-called Tetragrammaton, YHWH (יהוה), the distinctive personal name of the God of Israel. This name is commonly represented in modern translations by the form "Jehovah," which, however, is a philological impossibility (see Jehovah). This form has arisen through attempting to pronounce the consonants of the name with the vowels of Adonai (אדני = "Lord"), which the Masorites have inserted in the text, indicating thereby that Adonai was to be read (as a "keri perpetuum") instead of YHWH. When the name Adonai itself precedes, to avoid repetition of this name, YHWH is written by the Masorites with the vowels of Elohim, in which case Elohim is read instead of YHWH. In consequence of this Masoretic reading the authorized and revised English versions (though not the American edition of the revised version) render YHWH by the word "Lord" in the great majority of cases.

This name, according to the narrative in Ex. iii. (E), was made known to Moses in a vision at Horeb. In another, parallel narrative (Ex. vi. 2, 3, P) it is stated that the name was not known to the Patriarchs. It is used by one of the documentary sources of Genesis (J), but scarcely if at all by the others. Its use is avoided by some later writers also. It does not occur in Ecclesiastes, and in Daniel is found only in ch. ix. The writer of Chronicles shows a preference for the form Elohim, and in Ps. xliii.-lxxxiii. Elohim occurs much more frequently than YHWH, probably having been substituted in some places for the latter name, as in Ps. liii. (comp. Ps. xiv.).

THE ANCIENT AND HONORED NAME OF YAHWEH

The very oldest Scriptural text ever found, dating back almost 2,600 years, was found in a tiny silver amulet which contains a Seventh Century b.c.e. extract from the **Book of Numbers** (6:24-26), the priestly blessing. The rolled up amulet was part of a treasure hoard found by a Tel Aviv University archeologist in a First Temple Period family tomb in Yerusalem, Israyl. When this amulet was written, the Temple of Solomon still stood, the heirs of King David still ruled on the throne, and the Dead Sea Scrolls would not be written for another 400 years.



It was three years after its discovery before this fragile amulet could be unrolled

by technical experts at the Israeli Museum. On this amulet the Name of Yahweh could be clearly read. Complete details of this magnificent find can be read in the 6-28-86 and 8-9-86 issues of *The Jerusalem Post* and the 6-87 issue of *The Readers Digest*.

The following excerpt was taken from an article in the November/December 1997 issue of *Biblical Archaeology Review*, pages 28-32. We see here that the Creator's work during the time of Solomon was known by the same Name as it is today—The House of Yahweh. It was Solomon who built the Temple where this title was given. You can read of this in **I Kings 6**.

THREE SHEKELS For The Lord

Ancient Inscription Records Gift To Solomon's Temple

Two extremely important Hebrew inscriptions have recently surfaced on the antiquities market. One appears to be a receipt for a donation of three silver shekels to the House of Yahweh, pursuant to an order of the Israelite king. This is the oldest extra-Biblical mention of King Solomon's Temple ever discovered. The other inscription records the petition of a widow for some portion of her late husband's property. Both inscriptions, apparently by the same scribe, are written in Old Hebrew, or paleo-Hebrew, the script used before the Babylonian Exile. Both are on pieces of pottery, called ostraca because they bear an inscription.

Only one other extra-Biblical source mentions Solomon's Temple, destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.E... The text on the first ostracon, which measures about 4 inches wide by 3.5 inches tall (10.9 by 8.6 cm), is only 5 lines and 13 words long. All the words are complete and readable. See the box for the text and translation.

A TEMPLE RECEIPT

Text:

1. K'SR SWK. 'SY
2. HW.HMLK.LTT.BYD
3. [Z]KRYHW.KSP TR
4. SS.LBYT YHWH [.]
5. S3

Translation:

1. Pursuant to the order to you of Ashya-
2. hu the king to give by the hand
3. of [Z]echaryahu silver of Tar-
4. shish to the House of Yahweh
5. Three shekels.

*Brackets indicate that the letter or word has been reconstructed. Half-brackets indicate that part of the letter or word has been reconstructed.

Most of the words are separated from one another by dots acting as word dividers. However, sometimes the word dividers are omitted, such as between LBYT and YHWH, which together are pronounced Beit Yahweh and mean "House of Yahweh."

The Temple is designated by the Hebrew term BYT YHWH, many times in the Bible. (Temple only refers to the building, Beit—House refers also to the people of Yahweh). But BYT YHWH had been found complete in only one extra-Biblical inscription, a faded ostracon from Arad with an obscure context, until this newly published ostracon was revealed.

BYT YHWH has been reconstructed on the inscribed ivory pomegranate that served as the head of a priestly scepter in Solomon's Temple...

Unger's Bible Dictionary, Merrill F. Unger, 1957, page 1177, says:

Yahweh (ya'we). The Hebrew tetragrammaton (YHWH) traditionally pronounced Jehovah (*q. v.*) is now known to be correctly vocalized *yahwe*. New inscriptional evidence from the second and first millennia B. C. point toward this fact. The old view of Le Clerc, modernly propounded by Paul Haupt and developed by W. F. Albright, has commended itself in the light of the phonetic development and grammatical evidence of increased knowledge of Northwest Semitic and kindred tongues. This thesis holds *Yahwe* to be originally a finite causative verb from the Northwest Semitic root *hwy* "to be, to come into being," so that the divine name would mean "he causes to be, or exist," i. e., "he creates." Amorite personal names after 2,000 B. C. lend support to the Haupt-Albright view, demonstrating that the employment of the causative stem *yahwe* "he creates" was in vogue in the linguistic background of early Hebrew.

The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, Volume 4 page 923 says:

YAHWEH—The vocalization of the four consonants of the Israylite name for the Creator, which scholars believe to approximate the original pronunciation.

The Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia, page 690 tells us:

The Name par excellence for the Creator of Israyl is *Yahweh*, found 6,823 times in the OT. Through Israyl's deliverance from bondage in Egypt, adoption as a nation, and guidance to the Promised Land, the Redeemer-Creator is especially known by THIS NAME. (Emphasis ours). James Moffatt, in his translation, *The Bible: A New Translation*, 1935, Harper and Brothers, informs us in his introduction:

Strictly speaking this ought to be rendered Yahweh which is familiar to modern readers in the erroneous form of Jehovah. Were this version intended for students of the original, there would be no hesitation whatever in printing Yahweh.

Although Moffatt substitutes the title, The Eternal in the place of the Name of Yahweh, he fully admits a distinct loss of meaning in this. *The Encyclopedia Judaica*, Volume 7, page 680 states emphatically:

The true pronunciation of the Name YHWH was never lost. Several early Greek writers of the Christian Church testify that the Name was pronounced Yahweh.

The Hebrew-Aramaic-English Dictionary, by Marcus Jastrow, Volume 1, page 576, proves that the abbreviation in the Targum Onkelos is that of Yahweh's Name.

7m. (abbrev. of the Tetragrammaton) Targ. Ps. 1, 2 (ed. Lag. יהוה); a. fr.—Y. Snh. X, 28^a top; a. fr.

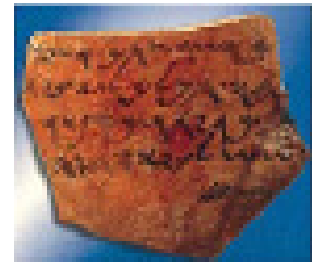
Three-shekel receipt provides evidence of King Solomon's Temple

November 3, 1997

NEW YORK (AP) - Talk about holding on to a receipt.

A recently discovered piece of pottery recording a donation to the "House of Yahweh" may contain the oldest mention outside the Bible of King Solomon's Temple.

The 3-1/2 by 4-inch artifact is nearly 3,000 years old, dating to a time when kings sent messages inscribed on pottery.

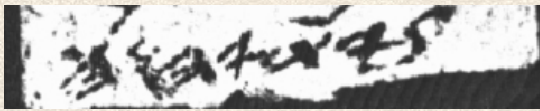


The piece of pottery may contain the oldest mention outside the Bible of King Solomon's Temple (AP Photo)

THE NAME OF THE CREATOR UNEARTHED

One of the first archeological finds was discovered during excavations in Arad, Israel that took place during the 1960s and 1970s. Fragments of pottery were found at an Israelite sanctuary which dated back to the days of King Solomon. Inscribed in Hebrew on one of these is a reference to “the House of Yahweh”. This was reported in *The Jerusalem Post* in an article entitled “Unearthing the Land” which appeared June 29, 1973. Here is an excerpt from that article and a fragment of the pottery.

Mostly used for business transactions, these humble documents are a mine of historic information. At Arad, excavated by Yohanan Aharoni, reference is made to a “House of YHWH”.



(interch. in eds. with 'ה).

The book, *The Meaning of the Qumran Scrolls for the Bible* page 164 tells us that in these original writings the Name Yahweh stood alone.

Actually this practice was much earlier, for one of the frequent discrepancies between the Masoretic text and the presumed Hebrew Vorlage of the Septuagint is whether to read in a given passage Yahweh alone, or Yahweh Adonai. This inconsistency was occasioned by the fact that originally Yahweh did stand alone, but that Adonai tended to be introduced alongside the Tetragrammaton by way of making explicit the surrogate. This was not understood by the Masorettes, however, who felt compelled to vocalize both words. Neither was it understood by the scribes of the Qumran Scrolls, nor even by still earlier translators of the LXX. That Yahweh originally stood alone in most passages is supported by the fact that, in Hebrew poetry, the double designation of the Deity usually adds excessive length to the poetic stich.

So not only do we have proof that the Name Yahweh was written in the original Holy Scriptures, we have proof that it was spoken by all of Yahweh's people as well.

Yahweh's Name is written yod-heh-waw-heh יהוה in Hebrew, transliterated YHWH in English, but was written and properly pronounced, YAHWEH as these sources show. Notice what *The Jewish Encyclopedia*, Volume 12, page 119 states:

It thus becomes possible to determine with a fair degree of certainty the historical pro-

nunciation of the tetragrammaton, the results agreeing with the statement of Ex. iii. 14, in which YHWH terms Himself אהיה. “I will be,” a phrase which is immediately preceded by the fuller term “I will be that I will be,” or, as in the English versions, “I am” and “I am that I am.” The name יהוה is accordingly derived from the root הוה = (היה) and is regarded as an imperfect. This passage is decisive for the pronunciation “Yahweh”; for the etymology was undoubtedly based on the known word.

The personal Name of the Father of Israyl is written in the Hebrew Scriptures with the four consonants YHWH, and is referred to as the Tetragrammaton. At least until the destruction of the First Temple 586 B.C.E., Yahweh's Name was pronounced regularly with its proper vowels, as is clear from the Lachish Letters, written shortly before that day. However, at least by the third century before our Messiah was born, the pronunciation of the Name Yahweh was avoided, and Adonai, the Lord, was substituted for it. *The Century Bible*, Volume 1, pages 90-91 tells us:

Some time after the return from the Captivity, and before the beginning of the Christian Era, the Yahdaim (Jews) came to believe that the Holy Name YAHWEH was too sacred to be uttered on ordinary occasions. It was said to be pronounced by the High Priest on the Day of Atonement. At other times, when any one read or quoted aloud from what is called the Old Testament, the word Adonay, Lord, was usually substituted for Yahweh, and similarly the LXX (Septuagint Version) has Kurios, the Vulgate dominus, and the E.V. Lord, where the Hebrew has Yahweh. Hebrew was originally written without vowels, but when the

vowel points were added, the vowels of Adonay or Elohim were written with Yahweh, as a direction that these words were to be read instead of the word whose consonants were Yahweh; thus we find the combinations YeHoWah and YeHoWiH. At the Reformation, the former being the more usual, was sometimes used as the Name of the (Mighty One) Of Israyl, and owing to ignorance of its history was misread as Jehovah, a form which has established itself in English, but does not give the pronunciation of the Holy Name it represents.

THE HIDING OF YAHWEH'S NAME

In the Hebrew manuscripts, the religious scholars conclude there are three major texts of Scripture; the oldest and the original being the Yahwistic works, which use the Name of Yahweh exclusively. These works are referred to as the J writings because they contain ‘only the Name of Yahweh without the pagan titles of El, Elohim or Adonai. In these first manuscripts, everyone knew instantly the Name of the Creator of all things, because the minds of those who read it were not confused by reading titles of pagan Gods (Elohim).

The next text of the Scriptures, coming about 100 years later, incorporated the use of pagan titles, which were adopted from the Canaanites after the children of Israyl entered the promised land, even though Yahweh had strictly warned them to stay away from the Godworship of the people they would come in contact with (**Deuteronomy 7:1-5**). In direct violation of Yahweh's commandment not to worship hinder Gods (Elohim) only 100 years later the Holy Scriptures became polluted with the pagan titles of Elohim, Adonai, God and Lord.

The pagan word **God** comes from the word *el* (singular—God) or *elohim* (plural—Gods). From *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 1, page 817, we find the information that El or Elohim simply means demon.

A. IN THE OT. 1. Daimonism. a. *Daimon*. The Hebrew equivalent of “demon” (*daimon*) in the original sense is simply אלילים or אלהים ('*elohim*), commonly rendered “god.”

The words El-Elohim, like the words Baal-Adonai came from the Canaanite vocabulary and worship. These Canaanite words were accepted into the Hebrew language many years after the Yahwist

writings of the Holy Scriptures. *The Encyclopedia Judaica*, Volume 7, page 674 tells us:

Most of these terms were employed also by the Canaanites to designate their pagan gods. This is not surprising; since on settling in the Promised Land the Patriarchs and early Israelites made “the language of Canaan” their own (Is. 19:18), the Hebrew language would naturally use the Canaanite vocabulary for terms designating their own Deity.

The names of the Canaanites’ Gods (Elohim) were accepted before and during the time of Yermayah the prophet began his prophesying.

YEREMYAH 23:25-27

25 I have heard what the prophets say, who prophesy lies in My Name, saying: I have dreamed! I have dreamed!

26 How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own minds:

27 Who devise; plan and scheme, to cause My People to forget My Name through their dreams, which they tell every man to his neighbor, just as their fathers have forgotten My Name for Baal; Lord.

The word **Baal** simply means *Lord*, as is shown in *Unger’s Bible Dictionary*, page 665.

Lord (Hebrew ‘*Adón*), an early word denoting ownership; hence, absolute control. It is not properly a divine title...master; of kings, as the lords of their subjects.

(4.) Lord. Master, (Greek Kurios) Supreme...

(5.) Baal (Master) (As noted above, it means Lord)—applied only to heathen deities (gods), or to man as husband, etc...

The Jews out of a superstitious reverence for the Name of Yahweh, always, in reading, pronounced Adonai where Yahweh is written. On page 413 of *Unger’s Bible Dictionary*, we find:

Baal—common Canaanite word for master, lord, was one of the chief male deities of the Canaanite Pantheon, now well known from the religious epic literature discovered at Ras Shamra (an Ugarit of the Amarna Letters), from 1921-1937.

Smith’s Bible Dictionary on pages 195-196 states:

The substitution of the word Lord is most (sad); for, while it in no way represents the meaning of the Sacred Name, the mind has constantly to guard against a confusion with its lower uses, and, above all, the direct personal hearing of the Name on the revelation of Yahweh...is injuriously out of sight.

At the time, the use of these pagan terms was accepted, and used by the copyists to replace Yahweh’s Name, or to identify Him in their writings. However, these pagan words cannot identify Yahweh our Creator, because they are titles of Satan and her angels.

Unger’s Bible Dictionary page 412 states that the word **El** is a Canaanite word meaning *God or devil*.

The Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible, Volume 1, page 817, under **Demonology**, says the word **Elohim** (plural form of El) means *demons or Gods*.

Scholars and historians find it quite remarkable that the people of Yahweh ever accepted appellations such as Adonai or Elohim in place of the Name Yahweh. *Harper’s Bible Dictionary* by Paul Achtemeier, page 253 states:

The accomodation of El worship by Yahwism was a remarkable occurrence for Israel was as a rule hostile to the cults of Canaanite gods and goddesses.

The Encyclopedia Judaica, Volume 7 page 680, tells us a very important fact about Yahweh’s Name.

YHWH. The personal name... written in the Hebrew Bible with the four consonants YHWH and is referred to as the “Tetragrammaton.” At least until the destruction of the First Temple in 586 B.C.E. this name was regularly pronounced with its proper vowels, as is clear from the Lachish Letters, written shortly before that date. But at least by the third century B.C.E. the pronunciation of the name YHWH was avoided and Adonai, the Lord, was substituted for it.

Notice what they have written concerning the Name Yahweh from *The Torah: A Modern Commentary*, by Gunther Plaut, page 31 and page 426.

יהוה is the unique, personal name of the Creator and the name most frequently used in the Bible. The Torah gives the meaning יהוה in Exod. 3:14. The original pronunciation was most likely Yahweh (יהוה), but since Jewish tradition permitted the name to be voiced only by the High Priest it became customary, after the destruction of the Second Temple, to substitute the word Adonai (meaning “my Lord”) when reading יהוה.

¹ The Masoretes who vocalized the Hebrew text therefore took the vowels from the word Adonai (אדני) and put them with יהוה to remind the reader not to read Yahweh but Adonai. Hence, all vocalized text of the Bible now read יהוה.² A Christian writer of the sixteenth century who was unaware of this substitution transcribed יהוה, as he saw it, namely, as Jehovah, and this has since entered many Christian Bible translations.

Overwhelming scholarly opinion holds that יהוה was in Moses’ time pronounced יהוה (Yahweh). There is also a shorter form of the Name, Yah (יה), which may represent the original form from which Yahweh was expanded or may, contrariwise, be a contraction of the longer ascription. Yahweh occurs sometimes alone (as in 15:2, 17:16), but more likely in conjunction with proper names like Elijah (Eliyah in Hebrew) and in the doxology, HalleluYahweh.

The Name Yahweh means Self-Existent, which this source shows. But it also means perfect righteousness, which is contrary to the meaning of the word God, which means a mixture of righteousness and evil. Notice the following Scriptures, which show the character of Yahweh:

EXODUS 33:18-19

18 Then Mosheh said: Show me now Your Glory.

19 And Yahweh said: I will make all My Righteousness pass in front of you; and I will proclaim My Name, YAHWEH, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

EXODUS 34:5-7

5 Then Yahweh descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the Name of YAHWEH.

6 Yahweh passed in front of him, and proclaimed: YAHWEH, YAHWEH Almighty, Merciful and Compassionate, Longsuffering, and abounding in Righteousness and Truth.

7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin; but by no means acquitting those who are guilty; Who will make it known that the diseases caused by the sexual sins of the fathers will be upon their children and their children’s children, to the third and fourth generation.

They have substituted (among many other names and titles) Baal, the Babylonian God (El) and Adonay, the Canaanite God (El) of the Phoenicians for the holy Name of our Creator Yahweh. The substitution of Yahweh’s Name with the names of pagan Gods (Elohim) has brought immeasurable harm. Such names as Lord, God, Jesus and Christ in no way represent the meaning of the name revealed by Yahweh our Heavenly Father to Mosheh, and to the ancient Hebrews. By employing these names, the people unknowingly turn the worship of Yahweh into that of God (Elohim) and actually ascribe the loving and merciful characteristics of the Father of Israyl, to the pagan Gods (Elohim).

The New International Version Interlinear Hebrew-English Old Testament, elects to use Yahweh's Name where it is written in the Hebrew text. In Volume 1, page 26 of the Introduction is found this statement:

Yahweh, the personal Name of (the Creator) is always translated Yahweh, against the practice in the NIV in rendering it as Lord. On the one hand, this prevents confusion of the Name with the title (Adonai) my Lord, for the idea of lord is not an integral element of the Name. On the other hand, it may be the use of Yahweh in this work will encourage the reader to use the personal Name of (Yahweh) in prayer and praise, as is intended by the most common imperative in the Scriptures: (HalleluYahweh!) Psalm 104:35: Praise Yahweh!

IMPORTANCE PLACED ON YAHWEH'S NAME!

The holy Name of our Father and Creator, Yahweh is the one and only Name by which the Creator is known throughout the Holy Scriptures.

PSALM 23:6

Surely Righteousness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives; an we will dwell in The House of Yahweh forever!

PSALM 9:10

They that know your Name will put their trust in You! Those who seek You, You will not forsake!

PSALM 83:18

Let men know that You, whose Name alone is Yahweh, are the Supreme Head over all the earth!

ISAYAH 43:3

For I am Yahweh your Father, the Holy One of Israyl, your Savior...

Following is a list of only a few of the Scriptures which show the glorification of Yahweh's Name in His Book: **Psalm 68:4, Exodus 17:8-15, Exodus 15:26, Judges 6:24, Genesis 22:13-14, Acts 2:21, Yereymyah 23:6, Proverbs 30:4, Isayah 42:8, Hosheyah 2:17, Hebrews 2:12, Psalm 22:22, I Kings 18:21, Yahchanan 12:13, Yahchanan 14:13-14, Acts 4:12.**

Throughout the Holy Scriptures, you can read of the importance placed on the Name of Yahweh. Knowing and using our Creator's Name in worship and study has been important for each generation, for Yahweh is the only Being Who can give life.

I TIMOTHY 6:16

Who Alone has immortality, dwelling in

the light which no man can approach unto; Whom no man has seen, nor can see; to whom belongs honor and power everlasting. HalleluYahweh! Praise Yahweh!

This Scripture alone shows the great importance that is attached to knowing our Heavenly Father's Name. But as this age grows closer to an end and all hope of life slowly vanishes, it becomes extremely important for people to know our Creator's Name. It is only those who call with the Name of Yahweh who will be delivered at this end time.

YAHYL 2:31-32

31 The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the Great and the Wonderful Day of Yahweh comes. 32 And whoever will call with the Name of Yahweh will be delivered; for in Mount Zion in Yerusalem there will be deliverance, as Yahweh has said, among the remnant who has escaped of those whom Yahweh calls.

How will Yahweh, our Creator, hear us if we continue to call upon Him with the titles of pagan Gods (Elohim)?

THERE IS NO DENYING THE GREATNESS OF YAHWEH'S NAME

There is simply no denying the importance of the Name of Yahweh to Yahweh's people. The simple fact is that if we are not, or will not become, willing to invoke and be called with Yahweh's Name, we have no hope at all for any Salvation. The holy men of old, we supposedly look to as our teachers and examples, called with the Name of Yahweh. Why then are we still so stubborn? We must obey Yahweh's every Word and heed the examples of the holy people of old, to call with Yahweh's Name.

A true "devout" Israylite will not mention the names of pagan gods, but will only call on Yahweh. Notice what is written in *The Jewish Encyclopedia*, Volume 9, page 160.

The devout Israelite will not take the name of a false god upon his lips (Ex. xxiii. 13; Josh. xxiii. 7; Hosea ii. 16-17; Ps. xvi. 4). To make mention of YHWH's name is to asse. confidence in His strength and present and efficient aid. The name excites emotions of love, joy, and praise. (Ps. v. 11; vii. 17; ix. 2; xx. 1, 7). That name is, therefore, especially connected with the altar or sanctuary, the place where Yahweh records His name (Ex. xx. 24), or "the place where Yahweh shall

choose out of all your tribes to put His name there." (Deut. xii. 5; comp. I Kings viii. 16, 29; ix.. 3; Jer. vii. 12). The Temple is "the place of the name of Yahweh of hosts, the mount Zion." (Isa. xviii. 7).

The Encyclopedia Britannica, Volume 23, page 867, also tells us about the meaning of Yahweh's Name to Israylites.

This presence and power of Yahweh is stressed in the frequent biblical phrase "Yahweh Sabaoth," "Yahweh of hosts," those hosts both earthly and heavenly which Yahweh uses to establish his sovereignty over Israel, and through Israel over the whole world. The name Yahweh was thus for the faithful Israelite a never-failing source of confidence, power and joy.

Yahweh is, most certainly, our Father and the source of our salvation. He will give salvation to those who follow Him completely, refusing to bow to or serve God (any Gods) at all. There is overwhelming proof that the words El and Elohim were the very words the pagan Canaanites used for worshipping their own Gods. It is obvious from the study of the etymology of the Hebrew language, that the Children of Israyl made the language of Canaan their own because of the snares of the Canaanites and their own disobedience to Yahweh. As we have seen, the word El has been translated as God in many scriptures, but it is of vital importance to know that this word has also been translated power in three different Scriptures.

GENESIS 31:29

It is in my power to do you harm, but Yahweh, the Father of your father, spoke to me last night, saying: Be careful that you speak to Yaaqob neither blessings nor curses.

PROVERBS 3:27

Do not refuse help to one who has need of it when it is in the power of your hand to give it.

MICAHYAH 2:1

Woe to those who devise iniquity, who plot evil upon their beds! When the morning dawns they carry out their plans, because it is in their power to do so.

In each of these three verses, the word **El** has been translated *power*, which is power of man, not Yahweh. **El**, word #410 in the Hebrew Dictionary of *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* comes from another Hebrew word #352, which is the same as #193. The root of these words means *powerful, mighty or strength*.

The Encyclopedia Judaica, Volume 7, page 674, gives us the following information.

'El. The oldest Semitic term for God is 'el (corresponding to Akkadian *ilu* (m), Canaanite 'el or 'il, and Arabic 'el as an element in personal names). The etymology of the word is obscure. It is commonly thought that the term derived from a root 'yl or 'wl meaning "to be powerful."

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance Hebrew Dictionary confirms this statement. **El**, comes from word #352, **ayil**, which means:

410. אֵל 'el, *ale*; short. from 352; strength; as adj. mighty; espec. the Almighty (but used also of any deity):—God, (god), x goodly, x great, idol, might (-y one), power, strong. Cop. names in "-el."

352. אַיִל **ayil**, *ah'yil*; from the same as 193; prop. strength; hence anything *strong*; spec. a *chief* (politically); also a ram (from his strength); a *pilaster* (as a strong support); an oak or other strong tree:—mighty (man), lintel, oak, post, ram, tree.

Ayil is from the same unused root as **uwl**, **ool**, meaning:

193. אוּל **ool**, *ool*; from an unused root mean. to twist. i.e. (by impl.) *be strong*; the *body* (as being rolled together); also *powerful*:—mighty, strength.

We see that King David, a man after Yahweh's own heart, acknowledged that Yahweh was his strength, but certainly not a God.

PSALM 22:19

But You, O Yahweh, be not far from Me!
O My Strength, make haste to help Me!

Strength in this verse is word #360 in the Hebrew Dictionary of *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, and means *power, by implication, protection, strength*.

360. עֵיָלוּת **'eyaluwth**; *eh-yah-looth*'; fem. of 353; power; by imp. protection:—strength.

Eyaluwth comes from the word **eyal**, which comes from **ayil**, which comes from the same unused root **uwl**, which means:

353. אַיִל **eyal**, *eh-yawl*'; a var. of 352; strength; strength.

Psalms 22:1, "My Yl" and **Psalms 22:19**, "My Strength," have the same root word, and the same meaning: *My Strength*.

We have already read that El and Elohim were Canaanite words relating to Canaanite gods that Yahweh condemns. Notice the definitions of El and Elohim.

410. אֵל 'el, *ale*; short. from 352; strength; as adj. mighty; espec. the Almighty (but used also of any deity):—God, (god), x goodly, x great, idol, might (-y one), power, strong. Cop. names in "-el."

430. אֱלֹהִים 'elohiyim, *el-o-heem*'; plur., of 433. *gods* in the ordinary sense; but spec. used (in the plur. thus, esp. with the art.) of the *supreme God*; occasionally applied by way of deference to *magistrates*; and sometimes as a superlative:—angels, x exceeding, God (gods) (-dess, -ly), x (very) great, judges, x mighty.

The direct work of the Elohist writer has been to place the names of the Gods of Canaan, into the Holy Scriptures. The Canaanites took the idols of strength and power, contained in the primitive roots **yl** and **wl**, and made Gods out of these concepts. Israylites have fallen for this deception and now worship Elohim instead of Yahweh, Who is truly the only source of power (**Isayah 44:6, 8**).

Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon, page 45, shows us more about the word **El**.

אל, m.—(1) prop. part. of the verb אוּל **ool** No. 2, strong, mighty, a mighty one, a hero (comp. note). (2) might, strength prop. that which is strong. Lamed in this phrase marks state or condition. The nature of this phrase has been but little understood by those who would here render אל by God...

Notice the note by the author of this Lexicon which says:

Note. Following most etymologists, I have above derived אל from the root אוּל **ool** but to give my opinion more exactly, it appears rather to be a primitive word, the etymology being however adapted to the root אוּל **ool**; so that to Hebrews this word would present the notion of strength and power.

From man's own writings, we see this אל (el) from the root אוּל (ool) indicates strength, not God, as Satan has deceived this world into believing. *Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon*, page 20, also gives us this information on **ayil** (אֵיל) and **auwl** (אוּל):

אוּל or אֵיל a root not used as a verb, but of wide extent in the derivatives. (2) to strength and power (comp. אֵיל & אוּל), whence אל strong, God; אֵיל terebinth (as if "robust tree"); אֵיל oak; also אֵיל strength, aid. The notion of strength and power is applied.

According to *Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon To The Old Testament*, page 695, this word **El** originally came from the root words **wl** and **yl**. Man's own writings say these words mean *strength, power, strong*. These writings also say that the words El-God and Elohim-Gods, were the work of a later and deceived writer.

Yahweh is the only source of power we can turn to in time of need, and there has never been a time we needed Yahweh more than this present age with the dangers we are facing.

WHAT DOES YAHWEH TELL US TO DO?

YAHSHUA 23:5-8

5 Yahweh your Father Himself will drive them out of your way. He will push them out from in front of you, and you will take possession of their land, just as Yahweh your Father has promised you.

6 Therefore, be very strong to carefully obey and do all that is written in the Book of the Laws given through Mosheh, without turning aside either to the right or to the left;

7 By not mingling with these nations that are left with you: by not pronouncing the names of their gods (elohim), nor causing anyone to administer a vow in their names. You must not serve them, and you must not bow down to them.

8 You are to hold fast to Yahweh your Father, just as you have until now.

Yahweh has told us in no uncertain terms not to even say the names of their Gods to worship them. How much plainer could this be? Yahweh has also shown us the words El and Elohim, God and Lord are the names of the very Canaanite Gods He told us not to mention.

At the time Yahshua ben Nun was leading the children of Israyl, they had not worshipped Gods, they had not bowed themselves to, nor had they served the Lord—they had not forsaken Yahweh. Yahweh was their (and our) Strength, Head and Father. Yahweh was not then, nor has He ever been, a mere God. That is why we must return the prefixes and suffixes El-God to Yl-strength-Father, to give honor to Yahweh by not making mention of the names of their Gods out of our mouths. Yahweh only allows those who submit to Him to carry His Name.

ISAYAH 52:6

Therefore My people will know My Name; Therefore they will know in that day that I am He Who speaks. Behold, it is I!

Are we not Yahweh's people? Then, when will we begin to behave like Yahweh's people and stop denying His Name?



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...today's news fulfilling bible prophecy

CATON: Welcome to another edition of YPN News, bringing you news as it relates to bible prophecy and foretold by Yisrayl Hawkins. We're going to talk about increases that we're seeing here in the United States in childhood illnesses and we'll talk about some of the causes of that. Widespread flooding has been in the news. Horrible torrential rains affecting certain parts of the United States. There's been a BRICS summit in Brazil. Nations there are calling for a new world order while some of the other nations are actually increasing in fighting and wars. That's just a few of the things we're going to talk about in this broadcast, but first...

CATON: A new study in JAMA (*Journal of the American Medical Association*) has found that the health of the nation's children has deteriorated significantly over the last 18 years. A CBS News Medical Contributor, Dr. Celine Gounder, in an interview gave details about the findings and said, that in a study from 2007-2023 infants born in the US are nearly twice as likely to die as those in other high-income countries from complications like prematurity or sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)...

JEFF: Risk factors for younger children include diabetes, high blood pressure and other chronic medical conditions in the mother, as well as socioeconomical disparities. For older children and teens, risk factors include firearm injuries and motor vehicle crashes as the top causes of death. The study found that American youth are fifteen times more likely to die from gun violence than children their own age abroad.

CATON: The author of the study said that we (society) are failing our children. This problem appears to be unique to the US as we are seeing much higher rates of infant death, obesity (1 in 5 children in this country suffers from it), anxiety, depression and even early puberty are plaguing children in the US compared to other similarly high-income countries.

JEFF: Measles, a disease that we thought we had eradicated, not quite so. The age-old disease is making a comeback and 2025 is the worst year for the disease in 30 years. And we're only a little over halfway through the year. Take a look at this next video for more on its growth in comparison to thirty years ago.

VIDEO LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dBV-J4Wqmlo>

CATON: Wow, so we're actually seeing a lot more cases now than what we were seeing in the 90's. And they were nearing that ending phase of the measles. Well here's a surge now. Even people who are unvaccinated and some who are.

JEFF: Right! And New Mexico and West Texas are really driving those numbers high.

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CATON: The next series of videos give you a pretty sad picture of the devastating effects of recent flash floods as they swept through parts of Texas, New Mexico and North Carolina. Many lives were lost and many people were taken completely by surprise at the sudden rise of flood waters as a result of heavy rains. Let's take a look.

VIDEO LINKS:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1bwMS1jfgM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIKOsILaMPg&t=5s>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAdFrk5IhRA&t=8s>

JEFF: Really a sad situation there, Caton. Texas, the second worst flood that they've ever experienced. Now 283 people are either dead or missing and that number could go even higher as we heard the Governor of Texas mention. Now the flood waters coming up some places 30', rising 30 feet in less than an hour and at the early morning of 4-6am, whose going to know to do anything? As they said who would have expected something like that to take place?

CATON: Even the meteorologists, they gave a forecast showing about a 3-4" range and gave hints of potential flash flooding because of the particular area they're in, but when a storm drops five times that, it leaves people completely unprepared.

JEFF: Nobody saw that coming.

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JEFF: At the recent BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, leaders of countries who make up over half the world's global population and contribute to 40% of the world's GDP showed solidarity for one another, standing together to demand a "new world order". The Brazilian President, said at the summit, "BRICS is convinced that we don't want anymore tutelage, we don't want anymore cold war, we don't want anymore disrespect to sovereignty, nor anymore wars. We need structural changes to live in the 21st century and not in 1945.

CATON: He continued, "...look what's happening in Gaza, it defies the imagination of any mortal." The two-day summit focused on several topics including how to revive global cooperation, less shaped and controlled by western dominance. Members also weighed in on global conflicts, condemning the war in Israel on Gaza and the bombing of Iran by the US...

JEFF: The Iranian foreign minister was satisfied with BRICS response to the middle east violence telling Aljazeera that the level of support they received from different countries of the region was great. Besides demands for a new world order, where multi-lateralism and cooperation are found, the BRICS members addressed the current global conflicts and talked about alternatives to the SWIFT banking system, which is the global electronic transferring of money.

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CATON: On that note, US President Donald Trump has threatened to put a 10% tariff on any country that would align itself with the "anti-American policies of BRICS". However, BRICS does not see itself as anti-American. The President of Brazil, the host of the conference, did use some stern words towards the US President, saying "I think it's irresponsible for a head of state of a country the size of the US to threaten the world via the internet. It's wrong. He should know that the world has changed. We don't want an emperor." The question now is, will all BRICS members stand together or crumble under the pressure of President of the United States, Donald Trump, and his threats.

JEFF: So far, they seem to be doing just fine, standing up to it. But the United States could put a lot of pressure on that group of nations.

CATON: They're a pretty big conglomerate of nations, not just the five that they started out with.

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JEFF: Military drills in Taiwan will be the largest ever. Take a look at how the Taiwanese government is ramping up for a big show of force, thanks to their American allies.
VIDEO LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLi-DJOWcONc&t=3s>

CATON: We're definitely seeing more tensions in the region there, because as Taiwan starts to flex its muscles, I would suspect that there would be some counter response by China, wanting to flex its muscles, because they still express dominance over Taiwan in that area.

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CATON: Well, President Donald Trump has also announced the US will be sending more help to Ukraine in the form of US weapons. The US President told the Prime Minister of Israel, "We're going to send some more weapons. We have to. They have to be able to defend themselves. They're getting hit very hard now...we're going to have to send defensive weapons, primarily. But they're getting hit very, very hard."

JEFF: Now this comes after only a week ago the United States had paused aid shipments to the country of Ukraine, as they were examining the aid the US has been sending on a global scale. There have been a growing number of Russian missile and drone attacks on Ukrainian targets which have caused a lot of casualties. The Pentagon made an announcement about an hour later saying that they would resume sending weapons to Ukraine based on the President's directive.

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CATON: Will Prime Minister Netanyahu actually follow through with a cease-fire? While talks are going on, Israel is still authorizing airstrikes on Hamas in Gaza. For more details, please take a look at this video. VIDEO LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyfl4HrPgb>

JEFF: Caton, you can see that President Donald Trump is pretty confident that we're going to reach a settlement or some type of agreement within a week or two, but you see Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu strongly saying, "Look, we're going to finish the job. All the hostages need to be released. We need to stop the Hamas government and military and get a control on Gaza. So it's hard to think they are actually going to get any type of agreement in that short of a time, especially when the Prime Minister is so determined to finish what he started.

CATON: Yeah, and he seems like he kind of has, you know, an ax to grind, or a point to prove. Israel seems to have a history through their military policy of strike first, ask questions later. So I think that's got a lot of people up in arms, wondering if this cease-fire is going to hold because Israel has always been the one to preemptively strike against what they call their enemies.

JEFF: Right. And as you mentioned, a point to prove; that seems exactly what he's trying to do, prove the point; 'Don't mess with Israel.' Well, if you'd like to find out more about these stories. Please contact The House of Yahweh and when you do, don't forget to request your free copy of the monthly newsletter and *The Prophetic Word* magazine. Here's how.

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