

## Are the True Names of YHWH and Yahshua Important?

I am often asked why is it important to use the set apart (kodesh) names of the Father and His Son instead of the generic names many call them today. Why can't we just call them anything we want to and hope they understand? Suppose that everyone decided that we would start calling our savior Herbie. Would you feel comfortable praying to The Father in Herbie's name? Or what if they decided to call the Father, the great Kahuna?

Isn't this essentially what has happened many years ago when the Greek, Latin and English translators of the Hebrew Scriptures wrote in false names for the Father and His Son? They didn't use the title "great Kahuna" which is actually a corruption of the words "great priest (Cohen). But they did decide to call them "The Lord and Jesus" respectively. I wonder who was behind this. Who would benefit from hiding the name one would call upon for salvation? Do I smell sulfur?

The translators took it upon themselves to substitute a title (the Lord) almost 7,000 times in Scripture for the Tetragrammaton (YHWH) which represents the Father's self declared name. Any good concordance will show this to be true. Look at the underlying Hebrew text and you will see the letters YHWH, pronounced Yahweh wherever you see the substituted words "the Lord". Consider the following scriptures:

**Jer 23:26** How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

**Jer 23:27** Which think to cause my people to **forget my name** by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as **their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.**

And in Hosea:

**Hos 2:16** And in that day, says Yahweh, you will say to me, Ishi; (*husband*) and you will never again give me the name of **Baali; (My Lord)**

**Hos 2:17** For I will take away the names of the **Baals** out of her mouth, and never again will she say their names. (*This is at Yahshua's return*)

Look it up in your Strong's concordance. One of the definitions of the word "**Ba'al**" is "**Lord**".

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

And in the BDB Hebrew Dictionary:

**BDB Definition:**

## **Baal = “lord”**

- 1) *supreme male divinity of the Phoenicians or Canaanites (noun proper masculine)*

Now do you still feel comfortable calling YHWH Baal? Remember the prophets of Baal in 1 Kgs 18?

*1Ki 18:21 And EliYah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? **if YHWH be Elohim, follow him: but if the Baal, then follow him.** And the people answered him not a word.*

Which one do you follow? YHWH or Baal (the lord)?

The consort of Baal was Ashtaroth, Ishtar, Oestre, Astarte, Isis, Venus, Diana, the Queen of Heaven and a whole host of other names. You may recognize Oestre and Ishtar which is where we get the word “Easter”. She was also known as the Queen of Heaven, the wife of Ba’al. (*The Virgin Mary is also referred to as the Queen of Heaven*). Remember all the Asheroth that the Hebrews were always erecting on the high places? Probably not, as many translations cloak the meaning by calling them “groves”. YHWH sent Israel and Judah into captivity for continuing to construct the Asheroth poles to the fertility goddess (Astarte) on the high places and worshipping Baal. So who are we really honoring now when we call YHWH “the Lord”? My money would be on Satan.

There are many scriptures that show us that YHWH is the name of our Elohim (erroneously called God). God is also the name of a pagan deity and we find its name in Isa 65:11.

*Isa 65:11 But ye are they that forsake YHWH, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.*

Don’t see god mentioned anywhere here? Well, it’s because it is hidden by the translators. Let’s examine it with Strong’s numbers:

*Isa 65:11 But ye<sup>859</sup> are they that forsake<sup>5800</sup> the LORD,<sup>3068</sup> that forget<sup>7913 (853)</sup> my holy<sup>6944</sup> mountain,<sup>2022</sup> that prepare<sup>6186</sup> a table<sup>7979</sup> for that troop,<sup>1408</sup> and that furnish<sup>4390</sup> the drink offering<sup>4469</sup> unto that number.<sup>4507</sup> (KJV)*

Let’s peel away the deception here. First of all, where you see “the LORD” written above, note the Strong’s # 3068 beside it. Let’s look at Strong’s # 3068 and see what our concordances tell us is the Hebrew meaning of that word:

## **H3068**

**יהוה**

*yehôvâh*

### **BDB Definition:**

*Jehovah = “the existing One”*

- 1) *the proper name of the one true God*

The proper pronunciation is Yahweh as the word “hovah” means ruin and destruction. And there is no “J” in the Hebrew alef-bet. The “hovah” part was the result of the

Masoretic vowel pointing of the Tetragrammaton YHWH with the vowel points for “Adonai”. This was to cue the Jews to not pronounce the sacred name, but to say Adonai instead. The translators didn’t understand that, hence they translated it “Jehovah”.

Let’s look at the word translated “that troop”. It is Strong’s # 1408.

### **H1408**

גד

*gad*

#### **BDB Definition:**

*Gad = “god of fortune”*

1) a Babylonian deity

The above (Gad) is pronounced “god” and is the pagan deity of fortune or luck. I suppose this is where we get the expression “good luck”. So here it is, we find that the word “god” is the name of a pagan deity. It is also the name of a pagan German deity (Gott) used as a surname for Odin, which is probably how it came to us in English.

So looking at the rest of the verse, what does “that number” (Strong’s # 4507) mean?

### **H4507**

מני

*menîy*

#### **BDB Definition:**

*Meni = “fate” or “fortune”*

1) god of fate who the Jews worshipped in Babylonia

The cover up just continues on and on.

Let’s look at a few more scriptures that indicate YHWH’s name is important.

*Jer 16:19* O YHWH, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, **Surely our fathers have inherited lies**, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

*Jer 16:20* **Shall a man make elohim unto himself, and they are no elohim?**

*Jer 16:21* Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and **they shall know that my name is YHWH.**

And this one...

*Jer 23:26* How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy **lies**? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

*Jer 23:27* Which think to **cause my people to forget my name** by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as **their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.**

Can you see how this relates to Jer 16:21 above that our fathers have inherited lies and in Jer 23:26 it reminds them that the prophets (preachers, Pastors) have preached lies and made their flock forget the name of YHWH and instead call Him Baal (the Lord)?

*Eze 39:6* And I will send a fire **on Magog**, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am YHWH.

*Eze 39:7* So will **I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am YHWH**, the Holy One in Israel.

Note, this is during the day of YHWH when He sends a fire upon Magog. People are now, and still will be polluting His kadosh name until that day. So if people are polluting His kodosh name now, what are they calling Him?

*Isa 42:8* **I am YHWH: that is my name:** and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Wonder why He didn't say His name is "the Lord"? Of course, that is exactly what it says in most translations which is the reason why most people still use the false names.

*Exo 3:15* And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **YHWH** Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.**

His name still hasn't changed and never will.

*Isa 47:4* As for our redeemer, **YHWH of hosts is his name**, the Holy One of Israel.

Again, it does not say His name is "The Lord" (or Baal) except in your corrupted translation.

*Hos 2:16* And it shall be at that day, saith YHWH, that thou shalt call me *Ishi*; and shalt call me no more Baali.

*Hos 2:17* For I will take away the names of **Baalim** out of her mouth, and **they shall no more be remembered by their name.**

Baalim just means "Lords". Yahweh will take those names out of Israel's mouth. By the way, the Book of Hosea is written exclusively to the House of Israel.

*Mic 4:5* For **all people will walk every one in the name of his elohim, and we will walk in the name of YHWH our Elohim for ever and ever.**

For ever and ever means throughout all eternity. Now read carefully the next verse.

*Joe 2:32* And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of YHWH shall be delivered:** for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as YHWH hath said, and in **the remnant whom YHWH shall call.**

But that is "Old Testament". Okay, let's see if it is in the New Testament.

*Act 2:21* And it shall come to pass, **that whosoever shall call on the name of YHWH shall be saved.**

And again....

*Rom 10:13* For whosoever **shall call upon the name of YHWH shall be saved.**

How can one call upon the NAME of YHWH if he doesn't know it?

*Act 4:12* Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

Do you think calling upon the name of "Herbie" or any other false name will get it? Actually, Herbie would be derived from the Teutonic deity "Her or Er" . Her-gott was the great thunder deity. So Scripture is pretty clear here that the name YHWH/YAHshua are the names called upon for salvation, not Herbie, Lord, Jesus or god (as there are many of these). You may say "well, he knows who I mean" – really? What do your actions say? Do you observe Easter, Xmas, Valentines Day, Halloween, or hallow Sunday as your Sabbath? All of these are Satan's pagan counterfeits and are the equivalent of mixing the kadosh (holy) with the profane.

The scripture above in Acts 4:12 speaks of the savior, Yahshua, whose name means the "Salvation of Yahweh". Yahshua's name has also been horribly corrupted over the past 2,000 years. There was never anyone called "Jesus" before the 1500's when the letter "J" was invented. Prior to that, he was called Iesous by the Greeks. Iesous is a Greek corruption of the Hebrew name Yahshua. Names are normally transliterated, not transmogrified. For example, George Bush would be called George Bush in any country in which he traveled. He would not be called Jorge Arbusto in Spain or Mexico, but by the English pronunciation of his name. The same should have been done for our savior's name.

Here is how the false name "Jesus" was derived from the Hebrew "Yahshua". There is no "Y" sound in the Greek, so they used the closest sound to that which was iota-eta pronounced "ee -eh". Next, there is no "sh" sound in the Greek, so they used "sigma" to give an "s" sound. Finally, there was a problem using the "ua" ending of Yahshua's name. It is feminine and all Greek masculine names end in "us". So the name became "Iesous" (Jesus in Latin). Then in the 1500's a little hook was added to the "I" and it became a "J". So now we have Jesus.

However, in English all the Hebrew letters in Yahshua's name CAN be pronounced. So one has to ask, why was the Greek rendering used instead of the Hebrew sound of his name?

*Joh 5:43* I am come in **my Father's name**, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

Yahshua came in His Father's name (YAH shua). Yah is the short poetic form of Yahweh. Whose name is in Jesus? The "us" endings of masculine Greek names is in honor of Zeus. So is he coming in the name of Zeus? You decide.

When Yahshua rode into Jerusalem, the people took palm branches and laid them in his path.

*Joh 12:13* Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna:  
Blessed is the King of Israel that **cometh in the name of YHWH**.

The King of Israel came in the NAME of YHWH, not Zeus. Another thing about the name “Jesus”; in Spanish it is pronounced “Hey soos”. Those are two Hebrew words, “hey” means “the” and “Soos” means “Horse”. So he is hearing them call him “the horse”. Is this very honoring to our savior to be called names sounding like Zeus or the horse?

Once a person knows the true name of an individual, it is an act of gross disrespect to call him anything other than his true name. There is a more compelling reason to use the proper names that were revealed to us in Scripture. It is part of the Ten Commandments.

*Exo 20:7* Thou shalt not take **the name of YHWH** thy Elohim **in vain**; for YHWH will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Most people think this means swearing in His name, but it is much more than that. Besides, most people don't really swear in His name at all, but use some substitute like “god”. Let's break down the word meanings above into their Hebrew components as the Ten Commandments were originally written in Hebrew.

*Lo tisa et-shem-YAHUWAH Elohim lashav ki lo yenakeh YAHUWAH et asher-yisa et-shmo lashav*

A literal translation of the above would be as follows:

“Thou shalt not lift up the name of Yahweh your Elohim **falsely**, for Yahweh will not make him clean who lifts up His name falsely.” The word translated “vain” in Hebrew is “sh'va”. It is Strong's # 7723.

### **H7723**

שָׁוָא / שָׁוָה

shâv' / shav

#### **BDB Definition:**

- 1) emptiness, vanity, falsehood
  - 1a) emptiness, nothingness, vanity
  - 1b) emptiness of speech, lying
  - 1c) worthlessness (of conduct)

**Part of Speech:** noun masculine

**A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number:** from the same as H7722 in the sense of **desolating or ruin**.

So when one refers to him as “god” or “Lord”, they are using His name falsely and are bringing it to ruin and emptiness. To use these pagan names is a violation of this 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment. His name represents His character and we are not to diminish it in any way through misuse or as a lie. He will not share His Kavod (glory) with any.

Here is another reason we should use the true name of the Father and hence, the Son.

*Mal 3:16* Then they that feared YHWH spake often one to another: and YHWH hearkened, and heard it, and **a book of remembrance** was written before him for them that feared YHWH, and that **thought upon his name**.

*Mal 3:17* And they shall be mine, saith YHWH of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him

Whose name do you think upon?

Whose name do you want written on your forehead? Hint - it sure won't be Jesus, God or the Lord.

*Rev 3:12* Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my Elohim, and he shall go no more out: and **I will write upon him the name of my Elohim**, and the name of the city of my Elohim, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my Elohim: and **I will write upon him my new name**.

*Rev 14:1* And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, **having his Father's name written in their foreheads**.

*Rev 22:3* And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of YHWH and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

*Rev 22:4* And they shall see his face; and **his name shall be in their foreheads**.

Yahshua is not going to marry a bride that doesn't even know his name. The bride of Messiah will be keeping all the commandments of YHWH including the Sabbath, using the true names, observing the Feasts of YHWH and keeping the clean food laws. They will obey Him and they will make up the bride the Father chooses for His Son. He will not choose a pork eating, Sabbath violating, Commandment breaking, Pagan feast (Easter) observing, disrespectful, and unclean harlot bride for His dearly beloved son.

The choice is yours.... Herbie or Yahweh?