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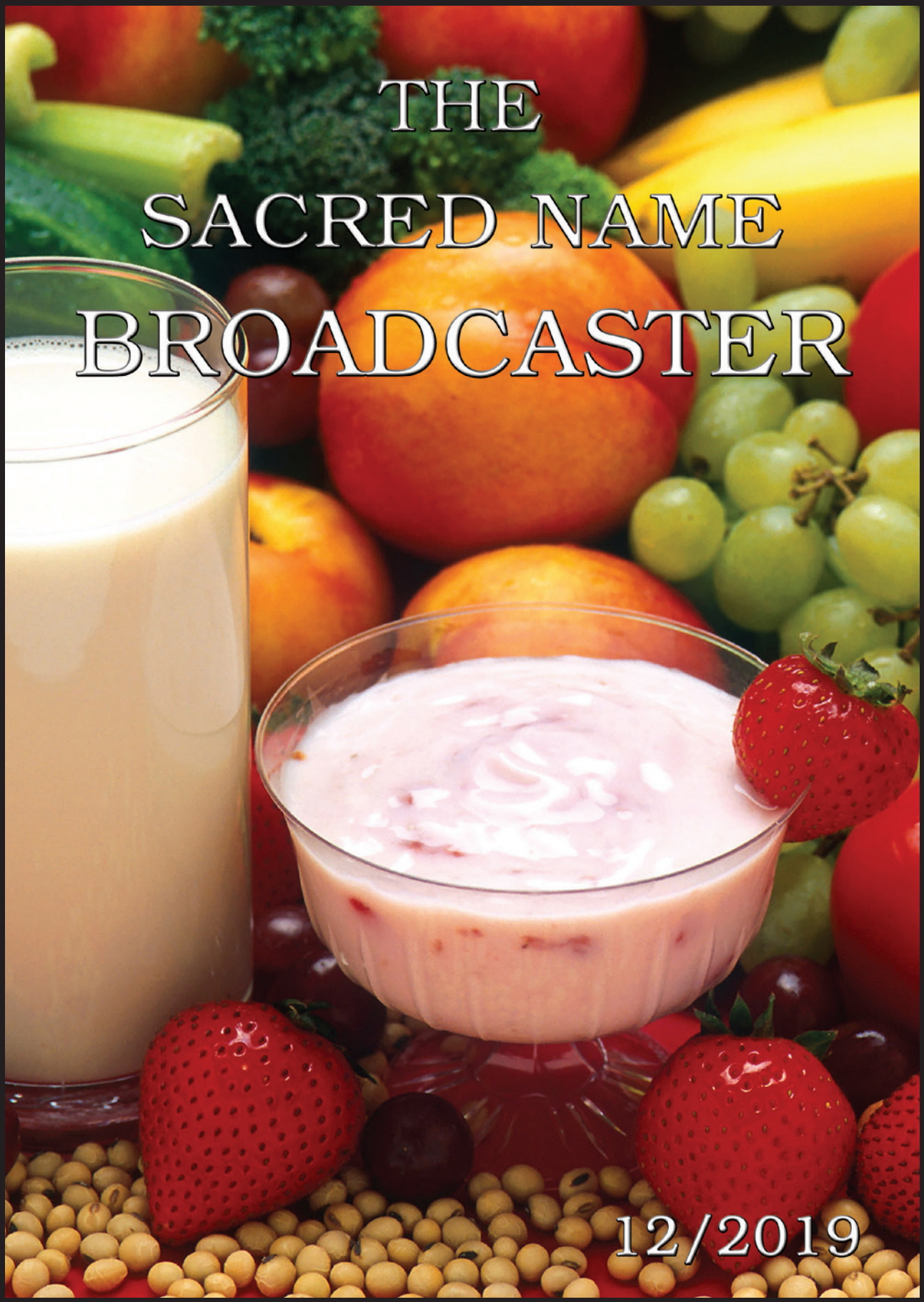

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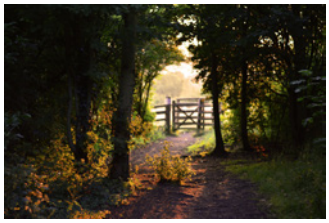

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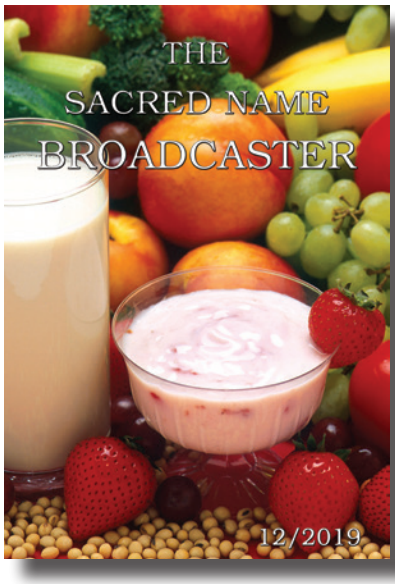

When Yahweh spoke to Moses at Horeb from out of the burning bush, He described the Promised Land as a "land flowing with milk and honey."

The productivity of the Promised Land will be realized in the coming Kingdom of Yahweh when the earth will return to its former "Garden of Eden" state. ***"Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that sows seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine of it; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, says Yahweh your Elohim."*** *(Amos 9:13-15).*

Will you endure faithfully to the end so that you may have a place in Yahweh's glorious Kingdom? ***"Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...."*** *(Matthew 25:34b).*

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THE MEMORIAL NAME YAHWEH

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

When reading through the Inspired Scriptures, we occasionally encounter some rather enigmatic scriptural passages. We may have overlooked them in the past while reading through the Scriptures, but suddenly we find ourselves confronted with a puzzling passage. One such passage of Scripture appears in Proverbs 30:4. ***"Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if you know?"***

One would certainly assume that a constant Bible reader and student of the Sacred Scriptures should know the Name of the Almighty and the Name of His Son, wouldn't you think? However, the writer of Proverbs certainly has asked a legitimate question. What he asks appears in the Word for a definite reason, as we shall learn.

When we view the broad spectrum of various religions scattered around the world purporting to use the Bible as their foundation, we discover that a multitude of different translations of the Inspired Scriptures is employed in every language. Strangely, however, each of these different translations into the vernacular utilizes a totally different name for the Mighty One (Who inspired the Bible to be written) and additionally a different pronunciation for the Name of His Son. "Why should this discrepancy exist?" we must inquire. Certainly this question in Proverbs 30:4 deserves a logical and reasonable answer and we who are Bible students must diligently seek the answer.

The author of this book some years ago was squarely confronted with the question regarding why the Almighty should have many different names. The question was asked of him, *"Do you know the true, revealed Name of the Heavenly Father as it is inspired to be written in the Hebrew Scriptures?"* Having previously

begun a sincere, in-depth study of the Bible, I was already well aware that the name of the Almighty inspired into the Hebrew Scriptures is YAHWEH. My reply was phrased accordingly.

Then yet another question followed on the heels of the first. *"If you know it, why don't you use it?"*

Like a bombshell exploding, the facts of the case burst upon me. Why indeed were we substituting a different name for the Almighty than what appears in the Hebrew Text? Scholars, educators, historians, and almost every scholarly book commenting on the Inspired Scriptures include mention of this Name of the Almighty.

There is **no logical reason for substituting** another name for the Heavenly Father, when all one needs to do to prove the veracity of the Sacred Name is to turn to the Hebrew text. There he will encounter the Tetragrammaton (a Greek word meaning a four-lettered word) which is the Name of the Almighty that was inspired by the prophets to be incorporated into the Hebrew Scriptures.

It shall also be our purpose in this study to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the doctrine of the Sacred Name is of vital importance to our salvation, because this is exactly what the Bible declares.

The Sacred Name— A Controversial Subject in Religion

Although all Bible teachers and professors will confirm the fact that the Tetragrammaton is found in the Inspired Hebrew Scriptures and that it should be pronounced Yahweh, they will almost without exception reject the necessity for its **EXCLUSIVE** use in our worship. Perhaps the reason for this astonishing aberration could be the unpopularity of something that is not commonly known. One occasionally suspects that latent anti-Semitism may lie at the root of this ill-conceived rejection of the revealed, personal Name of the Almighty among the leaders of the religious community. The Sacred Name is indeed a controversial subject in religious circles, because those best able to know the truth of this subject have not submitted themselves to the teachings of the Bible where it is concerned, but rather they have determined to maintain a theological error.

Nevertheless, a strong and most convincing case can be made for the exclusive use of the Sacred Name in our worship. One need only reject the popular theories of the ministers and educators who have commented on the subject and return to the Inspired Scriptures as a foundation to establish what is true.

When the Bible provides our exclusive directive, the subject of the Sacred Name becomes clear. Certainly the Almighty Heavenly Father Yahweh knew the doctrines He wished to transmit to mankind when the Holy Scriptures were inspired to be written through the pens of His chosen prophets. Therefore, if we reject the commentaries that have been produced to support the erroneous doctrine of substitution of an unsanctified term for the Sacred Name, we will discover that the Bible speaks very strongly and plainly on the subject of the importance of the Sacred Name,

If you are a firm believer in the Inspired Scriptures, you will allow the Bible to be the absolute authority in directing your faith and beliefs. You will not approach the Bible with preconceived ideas, but you will allow the Scriptures to speak straightforwardly with authority and you will follow their direction. It shall be our sincere goal in this extensive study to seek the truth that the Almighty Heavenly Father has placed in His Word, the Inspired Scriptures. We shall reject the traditionally popular religious conceptions and allow the Bible to be our exclusive guide where the subject of the Sacred Name is concerned.

Perhaps you have been casually interested in this subject in the past, but have relied upon some erroneous conclusions proposed by others to retain the use of the common names that are generally employed in worship. It shall be our purpose

in this study to demonstrate from the Bible itself that the Heavenly Father wishes His revealed, personal Name to be used **exclusively** in our worship. He has definitely made this directive plain in His Word. It shall also be our purpose in this study to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the doctrine of the Sacred Name is of vital importance to our salvation, because this is exactly what the Bible declares. We shall prove that the correct pronunciation has not been lost as some commentators have asserted, but that Satan himself has perpetrated a plot to hide and distort the Sacred Name in worship. The reason for this should become plain to all. If no one knows or calls upon the only Name under heaven that offers salvation—no one can be saved!

The Sacred Name— The Key to Salvation

We read in Luke 11:52. ***"Woe to you lawyers! For you took away the key of knowledge: you entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in you hindered."***

This passage shows that Yahshua the Messiah was concerned about restoring some item of basic scriptural knowledge that had been rejected by the legalistic Pharisees of His time. That key of knowledge was so vital to salvation that both the rabbinical teachers and commentators and those who accepted their teaching were denied access to eternal salvation because of its rejection.

Already at the outset of this study, we should be getting a hint of what our Savior Yahshua the Messiah meant when He said, **"You have taken away the key of knowledge."** Unless a key is provided for the student of the Scriptures to unlock the true message of the Bible, he will not be able to understand the Word and therefore will not have the knowledge necessary to find salvation. The one major key which the Rabbinic Pharisees and scribes had rejected was the doctrine of the Sacred Name of the Heavenly Father. This fact is amply proven throughout ecclesiastical history and we will produce various sources from scholarly research material to prove this point conclusively.

Is It Important to Know and Use the Sacred Name?

In times past people have rejected the necessity for using the Sacred Name because of various verses of Scripture that have been taken out of context or have been mistranslated. One of those verses is found in Psalm 138:2 in the **King James Version**. ***"I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and give thanks to Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy word; above all Thy name."*** Could it be factual that this verse demonstrates that the Word of the Heavenly Father should be magnified over and above His Name? Let us pause for just a moment and scrutinize the verse in question a little more closely.

As we analyze it, we discover that Psalm 138:2 integrally declares the importance of using the Sacred Name. Notice the phrase, ***"... and praise Thy name ...."*** The Name of the Heavenly Father shall indeed be praised by all His worshipers. They will know it, use it and praise it. The **WORD** is not to be praised, but the Name of the author! Therefore, such praise cannot be attributed to a humanly invented appellative that has been attached to the Almighty. Rather, it means that **THE NAME** which has been supernaturally transmitted to this earth through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, must be employed in our worship. Consequently then, if we believe the full message of the verse we must believe that **THE NAME of the Heavenly Father is of utmost importance. We cannot allow ourselves the luxury of a misinterpretation so we need not change.**

But let us look yet further at this verse. Since this is a poetic passage, we can already note by looking closely at the text in the **King James Version** that a completely different thought can be brought forth by a mere repunctuation. Now let us read the text, after repunctuating it as it should be. ***"I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy Word, above all Thy name."***

Do you comprehend how this slight repunctuation has brought the message contained in this verse into complete harmony with what we find to be taught about the importance of the Sacred Name throughout the Inspired Scriptures? Such repunctuation certainly harmonizes with what is found in the Hebrew text. **The Word is not magnified above the Name of the Almighty, but BOTH His Name and His Word shall be magnified above all!** It could also be argued, however, that the Name of Yahweh is magnified above all.

Several Bible translations confirm this translation. Notice the **Confraternity-Douay** version

which follows: ***"I will prostrate myself before Thy holy temple, and I will praise Thy name, because of Thy goodness and fidelity, because Thou hast magnified above all things, Thy name and Thy promise."*** Other translations also are in harmony with this rendering. Let us notice the **Smith-Goodspeed, An American Translation**: ***"I prostrate myself toward Thy holy temple; and give thanks to Thy name for Thy kindness and Thy faithfulness; for Thou hast magnified Thy name over all."*** This is in exact harmony with the **Septuagint** Greek translation of the Hebrew text which reads, *"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and give thanks to Thy name, on account of Thy mercy and Thy truth; for Thou has magnified Thy holy name above every thing."* Those translations read quite differently to what the **King James Version** has rendered, but **in total harmony** to the one that the Hebrew text dictates. Could it be that the translators purposely left out the comma? One can only wonder.

As a consequence, we can observe that one of the most prominent supports to prop up the misguided traditional doctrine of allowing just any name for the Heavenly Father has crumbled, leaving absolutely no more credibility in using Psalm 138:2 against the Sacred Name. Ministers promulgating the doctrine that the Word is magnified above the Name will have to search elsewhere for a passage to support their theory. We might bring to your attention 2 Corinthians 4:2. ***"But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, NOR HANDLING THE WORD OF YAHWEH DECEITFULLY; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of Yahweh."***

Salvation Promised in the Sacred Name

We have already asserted that the Sacred Name is of utmost and vital importance to the salvation of every individual. This is proven most conclusively true in various passages of Scripture. Let us turn first to Joel 2:32. ***"And it shall come to pass, that whoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape, as Yahweh has said, and among the remnant those whom Yahweh does call."***

Taking the message of this verse seriously, there should be no question that those who call upon the Name of Yahweh will be saved. We must remember that where the King James translators rendered the Tetragrammaton, or the Sacred Name, into the English text, they usually inserted the term "the Lord." If we peruse the Hebrew text to check for the original name that was used, we will discover that the Tetragrammaton (or four-letter word which should be rendered Yahweh), was used here by the Prophet Joel.

Consequently, we must call upon the Name of Yahweh if we wish to find salvation. This is plain enough to see for anyone who reads the Hebrew text. This same passage was later quoted by the Apostle Peter in Acts 2:21. Paul reiterated this promise in Romans 10:12-13 where we read, ***"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek: for the same Master is Sovereign of all, and is rich to all that call on him: for, whoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be saved."***

Obviously, Paul was trying to show that the Almighty who sits at the controls of this universe is the Mighty One of the Jews, the Israelites, and all of the nations of the world. Whoever wishes to be saved must call upon or worship in the Name of Yahweh. This verse isolates the one true Mighty One from the myriad pagan mighty ones worshiped in the world. But, we shall see that the Mighty One named in the Bible is the only true Mighty One, Psalm 96:5.

The critics of the Sacred Name doctrine seem to be manifold, but it is imperative that we realize at the very outset of this study that their position is very precarious; in fact, it is untenable. Many times the critics of the Sacred Name will resort to very dubious, deceitful arguments to prove their case. If one wishes to search

the Scriptures and research the scholarly material on the subject of the Sacred Name, he will soon discover that the veracity of the Sacred Name, Yahweh, is quite factual.

For example, professors of Bible have made the statement, ***"The transliteration of the Tetragrammaton into the English language is best accomplished by the use of the Name Yahweh."*** This statement was made by several professors under which the author has studied. The established facts support this conclusion. Although the minds of the scholarly community are not closed on the subject, nevertheless the facts presently at hand prove this form of the Sacred Name to be correct and we are 99 44/100 percent sure that this is the best transliteration. Until some other form is positively proven we shall use this one. As one professor stated: "There is no additional evidence that has emerged in 20 years worthy of consideration, but the form Yahweh remains conclusively proven."

Oddly, many times the harshest critics of the Assemblies of Yahweh doctrines have published in some of their own literature the confession that this is the best form for rendering the Tetragrammaton into English. Let us look at just a few such candid admissions.

The following is a quote from the New World Bible Translation Committee of the Jehovah's Witnesses. ***"While inclining to view the pronunciation Yahweh as the more correct way, we have retained the form 'Jehovah' because of the people's familiarity with it since the 14th century. Moreover, it preserves equally with other forms the four letters of the Tetragrammaton JHVH."*** Many strange things appear in print. Such a candid admission to the more superior form of the Tetragrammaton transliterated into English as Yahweh by a group using the form Jehovah is certainly puzzling and paradoxical, but nevertheless it is true and can be positively proven.

"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek: for the same Master is Sovereign of all, and is rich, to all that call on him: for, whoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be saved."

ROMANS 10:12-13

But let us look at the writings of yet another antagonist of the Sacred Name doctrine: ***"It has been explained that in Genesis 1:1 the word for 'G-d' in the Hebrew—the language in which it originally was written—is 'Elohim'—meaning more than one Person forming one G-d—THE ONE G-D FAMILY or the KINGDOM—for G-d is a KINGDOM.***

"But now, when the historic account first begins to record the fact of G-d speaking to the man He created, a new and different Hebrew name is used. In Genesis 2:15 (and previous verses beginning in verse 4) in English words 'L-rd G-d (in the A. V.) are translated from the Hebrew Yahweh Elohim. The Hebrew Elohim already has been defined as a uniplural. It is the plural of El, or Eloah, meaning G-d, Strength, Mighty, Deity.

"But Yahweh is a name meaning the Everliving, or the Eternal. There is no one word in the English language that translates it exactly. G-d always names things or people what they are. Actually, Yahweh means the Self-Existent, Everliving, Eternally Living Creating One. Personally, in the English, I prefer the name 'the ETERNAL' as most nearly translating the Hebrew name into modern idiom."

The foregoing quote is taken from the book, **G-d Speaks Out on the New Morality**, written by a collaboration of faculty members of Ambassador College, Pasadena, California.

Surely these two very candid admissions to the use of the Name Yahweh by those who have severely attacked its correct form and its importance should be reason enough for us to pause and reflect upon this Sacred Name subject very carefully. If these two widely-known organizations have made such open admissions about the Name YAHWEH, don't you think it is time to see for yourself what the Scriptures themselves teach on the subject?

Frequent Biblical Use Proves Its Importance

When we peruse the Hebrew text we discover that the Name of the Heavenly Father is used

more frequently than almost any other single word in the Bible. The name Yahweh appears in the Masoretic text 6,823 times. Were we to take an exhaustive concordance and check each one of the occurrences in which the Tetragrammaton appears, our research would uncover the fact that the Scriptures declare it to be very important. It is one of the most frequently used words in the entire Bible, a good indication of its common use in the everyday life of ancient Israel.

Additionally, the abbreviated form Yah that usually appears in poetic passages appears in the Scriptures a total of 49 times. The abbreviated form also is affixed to other words to form proper nouns throughout the Bible. Such familiar names as Isaiah (IsaYAH), Jeremiah (Jere-meYAH), Zephaniah (ZephanYAH), and Zechariah (ZecharYAH), all contain the abbreviated form of the Tetragrammaton. Would you believe that you have unknowingly used the Sacred Name all your life in the names of these prophets?

Furthermore, we discover upon further checking that in 134 passages in the Scriptures the scribes admit to removing the Tetragrammaton and they substituted Adonai.

Consequently, it is apparent that the Tetragrammaton is used in the Hebrew Scriptures over 7,000 times. This fact is important itself, because the frequency of its use in the Hebrew text should be a positive indicator of its importance where the biblical message is concerned.

The Sacred Name in History and Archaeology

In addition to the biblical record there are many ancient artifacts that verify the wide use of the Sacred Name in ancient times. (Please send for our free article "Seven Thousand Witnesses—Seven Ancient Witnesses, Testifying to the Name of Yahweh." It is absolutely free by simply writing to Assemblies of Yahweh, P.O. Box C, Bethel, PA 19507 and requesting it.)

Perhaps the most well known of these ancient artifacts is the Moabite Stone. A translation of this stone appears in many historical works. It was composed by Mesha, king of the Moabites, who is mentioned in 2 Kings 3:4. This stone was written to chronicle his reputed victory over Israel. In the old Semitic alphabet, letters that were in common use in ancient Moab, the Name of Yahweh appears in the text of this chronicle.

Israel worshiped Yahweh, and their contemporary neighbors knew this. Since it is possible to read the remainder of the stone and comprehend what it says, the Name of Yahweh should also obviously be intelligible. The Name of Yahweh can indeed be read and pronounced with accuracy in this document. It appears there just as it does in the same letters found in the biblical Hebrew text today. In the current biblical text it appears in the Aramaic square script rather than in the ancient Paleo-Hebrew alphabet of the Moabite Stone and older biblical manuscripts. Interestingly, the Isaiah Scrolls discovered in the Dead Sea Community of Qumran also were written in this Paleo-Hebrew script. The Name of Yahweh appears there just as it does on the Moabite Stone.

The Moabite Stone

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Was the True Pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton Ever Lost?

Frequently, it is asserted that the true pronunciation of the

Name of the Heavenly Father cannot be recovered because its pronunciation has been lost for many centuries. However, such is not the case. Historical and scholarly records will forever demolish such an erroneous contention.

Let us turn first to the **Encyclopedia Judaica** and offer a quote from this more recent highly respected scholarly source. ***"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"*** (**Encyclopedia Judaica**, Vol. 7, p. 679). This noted work, although Jewish, leaves little doubt as to the pronunciation. This quote should amply convince the truth seeker. It is solid confirmation that we today can indeed recover the true pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton. This quote, you must remember, is a perfectly straightforward, unbiased, affirmation that **THE TRUE PRONUNCIATION OF THE TETRAGRAMMATON WAS NEVER LOST**. Those who continue to contend that it was are indeed ill-informed. Let us yield ourselves to the expanded knowledge available today at the close of the age, just as prophesied in Daniel 12:4, 9, and 10.

The Jewish Encyclopedia contains more material to confirm that the Name of the Almighty can be correctly pronounced today. In volume 9, on p. 161, in the article entitled, "The Names of G-d," written by the Executive Committee of the Editorial Board of this reputable, older scholarly work, we find these writers making some weighty declarations. ***"If the explanation of the form above given be the true one, the original pronunciation must have been Yahweh or Yahaweh. From this the contracted form Jah or Yah is most readily explained...."*** This encyclopedia was first published in 1901 so that the "modern" form Yahweh was known to be correct for more than three quarters of a century!

Let us note yet another statement that will assist us in drawing a definite conclusion about the form Yahweh. ***"The fact may also be mentioned that in Samaritan poetry*** יהוה ***rimes with words similar in ending to Yahweh."*** Not only do we have Jewish scholarly confirmation of the pronunciation Yahweh, but we are finding it preserved in other cultures also. The Samaritans, neighbors to the Jews, also must have known the Name Yahweh.

Early Messianic writers preserved the pronunciation of the Sacred Name in their records. Continuing the quote from the **Jewish Encyclopedia** we read, **"...and Theodoret ('Quaest. 15 in Exodum') states the Samaritans pronounced the name** Ἰαβέ**, Epiphanius ascribes the some pronunciation to an early [Messianic] sect. Clement of Alexandrea, still more exactly, pronounces** Ἰαουέ **or** Ἰαουαί**, and Origen,** Ἰαή**."** Those readers who know the Greek language will be forced to admit that each one of these forms differs very little in actual pronunciation from the English transliteration Yahweh. These early Messianic writers sought to transliterate the sounds they heard others speak and the facts they knew concerning the Hebrew language, producing a verification that the form Yahweh is most correct.

Incidentally, on the previous page in the **Jewish Encyclopedia** we find the following statement: ***"This name is commonly represented in modern translations by the form 'Jehovah,'*** *which, however,* ***is a philological impossibility."*** Those who use or contend for the form Jehovah are laboring under an extremely tenuous case as they try to support this erroneous form. The thinking person must of necessity reexamine the voluminous evidence that is currently available and then stand upon that which is conclusively proven by the scholars.

Josephus records that he himself heard the Sacred Name being pronounced during his time. Furthermore, he wrote in his history, **Wars of the Jews,** (Book 5, chapter 5, section 7): ***"The high priest did also go up with them; not always indeed, but on the seventh days and new moons, and if any festival belonging to our nation, which we celebrate every year, happened. When he officiated, he had on a pair of breeches that reached beneath his privy parts to his thighs, and had on an inner garment of linen, together with a blue garment, round, without seam, with fringe work and reaching to the feet. There were also golden bells that hung upon the fringes and pomegranates intermixed among them. The bells signified thunder, and the pomegranates lightning. But that girdle that tied the garment to the breast was embroidered with five rows of various colours of gold, and purple, and scarlet, as also of fine linen and blue; with which colours, we told you before, the veils of the temple were embroidered also. The like embroidery***

Our only salvation is in the True Worship, calling upon the Name of the True Almighty Creator, a Name which is derived from the Hebrew verb of existence and inherently bears the meaning of eternal life, and in being obedient to the Word of the Most High.

was upon the ephod: but the quantity of gold therein was greater. Its figure was that of a stomacher for the breast. There were upon it two golden buttons like small shields, which buttoned the ephod to the garment: in these buttons were enclosed two very large and very excellent sardonyxes, having the names of the tribes of that nation engraved upon them: on the other part were hung twelve stones, three in a row one way, and four in the other; a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald; a carbuncle, a jasper, and a sapphire; one of which was again engraved one of the forementioned names of the tribes. A mitre also of fine linen encompassed his head, which was tied by a blue riband, about which there was another golden crown, in which was engraven the sacred name [of G-d:] it consists of four vowels. However, the high priest did not wear these garments at other times, but a more plain habit; he only did it when he went into the most sacred part of the temple, which he did but once a year, on that day when our custom is for all of us to keep a fast to G-d."

The following very remarkable quotation comes from the Talmud, wherein the rabbis confirmed the veracity of the Sacred Name, Yahweh. We find written in the Jerusalem Talmud, Sanhedrin 10:1, ***"It is written by יה (Yahweh) but it is called (spoken) by אד (Adonai)."***

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, in the **Jewish Quarterly Review**, Vol. 59, No. 4, April 1969, said, ***"In the biblical period Yahweh was a proper name, for the G-d of Israel, and ethnic G-d. After the Restoration those who adhered to the view of the universality of G-d maintained that Yahweh is not an ethnic G-d but is G-d of all the universe, the G-d of all peoples. To propagate this view they declared that the word Yahweh in the Pentateuch should be pronounced Adonai to signify that He is the L-rd, Master, of the universe."***

Later, in this same article, Dr. Zeitlin said, ***"To sum up: The injunction that the Name Yahweh should not be pronounced but it should be pronounced Adonai was introduced shortly after the Restoration."*** What a candid admission by a renowned scholar!

Considering these facts in their proper perspective there is little question that in the biblical period during which the Hebrew Scriptures were written the Name Yahweh was used in common worship. The people actually used this Name exclusively in worship from the Exodus to the end of the prophetic era. It was only after Judah went into Babylonian captivity and then returned that the Name Yahweh was suppressed.

Now, can you see that today nominal religion is in effect following the heathen worship of Babylon assimilated by the captive Jews? Yahshua the Messiah directs His little flock in the book of Revelation chapter 18 to exit from the ways of Babylon. Let us remember that the scarlet beast bears the names of blasphemy upon its heads, Revelation 17:3. "G-d" was the name of a pagan Babylonian idol, later imported into Canaan, whose chief beneficence was fortune or good luck (the meaning of his name).

Beloved, can you find salvation by calling upon a name that was once related to a heathen idol or by relying upon "good luck" to save you? Our only salvation is in the True Worship, calling upon the Name of the True Almighty Creator, a Name which is derived from the Hebrew verb of existence and inherently bears the meaning of eternal life, and in being obedient to the Word of the Most High.

How the Sacred Name Was Removed From Common Usage

Just how was the Sacred Name

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The SANCTIFIED NAME

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

In Matthew 13:14-15, our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, quotes a familiar passage from Isaiah 6:9 and 10. ***"And to them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says, By hearing you shall hear, and shall in no wise understand; and seeing you shall see, and shall in no wise perceive: For this people's heart has grown fat, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; ;est they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should turn again. And I should heal them."*** Then He concludes this informative prophecy with these words, ***"But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear."***

We might observe that, in our modern day and age, this prophecy has seen a most accurate fulfillment. People in our day have developed a psychological syndrome of epidemic proportions in which a mental block appears to be blinding their minds to Truth. Perhaps this malady, which has seized the people, is the direct result of an age of unrestrained materialism, so that further Truth is crowded out by mundane activities. Perhaps the lack of interest lies in the conclusion that some things are best left to the experts rather than to become involved personally. Surely the lack of investigative initiative must find a root somewhere, and the root may be in repetition without ever receiving a personal understanding of what is repeated. Initiative to investigate new Truths must be stimulated by a thirst to understand the complexities of our world. Too often this native curiosity in the field of religion has been stifled by resorting to the use of personal opinions and interpretations on the part of those who desire to see conformity. Isaiah the prophet says in chapter 29:13, ***"And Yahweh said, Since this people draws***

near to me, and with their mouth and with their lips honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men which has been taught them....” A better translation would be, a commandment of men in which they have been schooled: i.e., taught by rote or repetition with no understanding, Have you, as an individual, looked into the Bible for yourself and asked the Heavenly Father to teach you His Truths, or have you sat comfortably back in your ch-rch pew each Sunday as your pastor has interpreted the Bible for you and told you what it contains?

The Apostle Paul, in Philippians 2:12, urges the brethren of the Assembly of Yahweh at Phillipi to work out their own salvation in fear and trembling, even though a preacher is proclaiming the sound doctrines of the Bible. This is applicable for every age. Each individual is responsible for his own faith. Paul is calling our attention to Isaiah 66:2, ***“...but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembles at my word.***” Do you check up in your Bible to see if what I am preaching is the Truth? Do you read the Word of Yahweh and then tremble with reverence before it, as you yield obediently to the wishes of our Heavenly Father? Do you take the time to check your Bible and then ask our Heavenly Father Yahweh to teach you the meaning of His Word?

Perhaps one of the most paramount of examples of hearing something, repeating it hundreds of times, and not at all understanding it is the Savior’s model prayer. You will find it recorded in Matthew chapter 6 and Luke 11. This prayer is to be a model for all of our prayers, but those who do not wish to take the time to compose their own individual prayers have been breaking the Savior’s commandment for centuries. He tells His disciples to pray a secret, personal prayer to our Heavenly Father, and this will be heard. We are not to pray on the street corners, or in public, to obtain the praise of men. The disciples of Yahshua, today, will not use meaningless repetitions such as this model prayer has become to so many people.

“So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is Yahweh who works in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

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You may not have known this, but the Savior’s model prayer is not something entirely unique. The Jewish people have a similar form prayer which is used in variation on many different occasions. It is prayed especially at the time of a death and for a year following by the survivors. In many respects, it is similar to the Savior’s model prayer. Our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, would have known this prayer, and it would have occupied His thoughts as He was teaching the Disciples how to pray. The prayer is called the Kaddish.

I would like to speak just a few minutes on the importance of the first part of the Savior’s model prayer, commonly called the Lord’s Prayer. ***“Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be your name.”*** First, we are told to address our personal petitions to our Heavenly Father. Do you really look to the Creator and Sustainer of this universe as your Spiritual Father? Occasionally, I find people calling a human being a spiritual father. It is to our Heavenly Father that we should look for our spiritual necessities. He has promised to watch over us in every aspect of our lives from day to day. Just as we have depended upon our physical fa-

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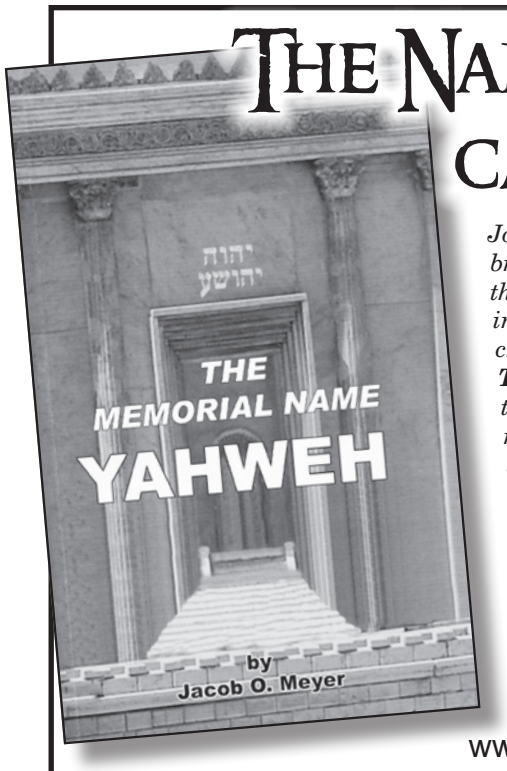

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thers to supply our every need in our childhood years, we may depend on our spiritual Father Yahweh to supply our needs in our daily lives. No man is self sufficient. It has been said that, during a shipwreck at sea, there are no atheists. This change of attitude is common also in times of trouble, or when a person reaches death's door. But why wait until disaster strikes to recognize the need for a Heavenly Father?

The next portion of the Savior's model prayer has been overlooked as being important by most people repeating it. ***"Hallowed be your name."*** *Sanctified* is a better translation than *hallowed*. It means set apart, or reverenced, should be the Great Name of our Heavenly Father. Do you know the name of your human father? Certainly you would do nothing to bring reproach upon it. In fact, you, yourself, bear this name. Most people are very proud of their family name, especially if someone from their family has made some notable accomplishments in their lives. Far greater importance and respect should be accorded the Name of our Heavenly Father! In the words of the Jewish Kaddish, *"Blessed, and praised and glorified and exalted and extolled and honored and magnified and lauded be the Holy One's Name, blessed be He, though He be far above all the blessings and hymns, all the praises and the consolations that are uttered throughout the world."* It is ironic, then, that this Name is never spoken or taught.

The Name of Yahweh is the Covenant Name. This is entirely obvious when you read the book of Genesis. The promise of blessings was given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in this Covenant Name. In order for you to share in this blessing with the patriarchs, you must accept the same Covenant of obedience into which Abraham entered with the Heavenly Father. Paul, in Galatians chapter 3, brings this forth most dramatically, as he says in verse 29, ***"And if you are the Messiah's, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise."*** In the previous verses, Paul indicates that, when we have become baptized into the Messiah, we should then be actually clothed with the Messiah's own personality. It was through Him that the promises are to come to Israel. There is no difference between Jew or Greek, male or female, servant or slave, but we are all one in Him. Now notice one of the most notable attitudes which the Messiah exhibited. He had respect for the Name of our Heavenly Father Yahweh and for His wishes. He implores Yahweh to glorify His Name, in John 12:28, to which the voice of our Heavenly Father's messenger replies, ***"I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."*** In John 17:6, He tells the Heavenly Father that He has manifested, or revealed, the Name of Yahweh to His disciples, keeping them in His Word. He implores that they be kept from evil in the Name of the Heavenly Father in verses 11 and 12.

Sanctification is one of the titles which is associated with and attached closely to the Name of our Heavenly Father Yahweh in His Word. In all, there are a total of 10 different titles which our Heavenly Father has taken for Himself to compliment His Great Name. At five places in the Old Testament Scriptures, we find that our Heavenly Father says that He is *Yahweh Mekaddishkem*, or *Yahweh that will sanctify us*. Here we have a religious term with which few people are familiar, although

they may use it frequently. *Sanctify* means *to set apart for a special or sacred purpose*. This is explained in Leviticus 20:24, ***"I am Yahweh your Elohim, who has separated you from the peoples."*** Also in verse 26 we read, *"And you shall be holy to me: for I Yahweh am holy, and have set you apart from the peoples, that you should be mine."* Have you ever considered the implications here? When you join the family of Yahweh, you join a select group of people, and, in order for our Heavenly Father to teach you His Truths, He has made a separation between you as an individual chosen by Him and the other people with whom you are in daily contact in order to keep you close to Him. The Apostle Jacob says that friendship with the world is enmity with Yahweh. If we are to be friends with the world, we become enemies of Yahweh.

The first sermon our Savior preached to His hometown audience of Nazareth brought a strong decided reaction. In leading the congregational worship, it was His turn to read from the book of Isaiah. Since the Jews had tried to delete the True Name of our Heavenly Father from their worship through a misguided devotion for it, can you imagine the stunned silence as Yahshua read, ***"The Spirit of Yahweh is upon me, because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor: He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of Yahweh."*** Luke 4:18-19. Those Jews sitting there that day may have been just as stunned as you may be upon hearing that I preach in the revealed, personal Name of our Heavenly Father and our Savior. You have been taught that a different name is perfectly acceptable to use for worship, just as those Jews had been taught perhaps having never before heard His True Name. Will you reject this revealed Truth of the Sacred Name just as they did, or will you begin to check and see if what I am preaching is the Truth and is vital to your salvation? You may begin to understand the deep things of the Bible today! SNB

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The End of Grace

A very revealing parable is found in Matthew 13:24-30. Yahshua explains the parable for His disciples in verses 36-43. Let us read this passage from **The New English Bible** (a recent, modern translation) and refresh our minds with this potent message. "***He then dismissed the people and went into the house, where his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the darnel in the field' And this was his answer: The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed stands for the children of the Kingdom, the darnel for the children of the evil one. The enemy who sowed the darnel is the devil. The harvest is the end of time. The reapers are angels. As the darnel, then, is gathered up and burnt, so at the end of time the Son of Man will send out his angels, who will gather out of his kingdom whatever makes men stumble, and all whose deeds are evil and these will be thrown into the blazing furnace, the place of wailing and grinding of teeth. And then the righteous will shine as brightly as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. If you have ears, then hear."*** N.E.B.

In the passage of Scripture we have just read appears a description of a great judgment that the Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, tells us will come upon the world at the end of the age. Many people today will tell you that they do not want to hear about the imminent time of punishment for sins prophesied by the Bible to come upon this Earth. They will tell you, *"Preacher, we have had enough of this so-called slaughterhouse religion, of judgment and punish-*

ment. That will never take place. The World has become enlightened, and everything is getting better. The age of superstition has ended. Those prophecies were only for the Israelites of old. Don't be a pessimist, be an optimist! Look on the bright side of things. Think good thoughts and by so doing you will help to establish the Kingdom of Heaven into your heart." Many of the so-called fundamental churches are shocked by this permissive kind of thinking or preaching. And, yet, it is a very prevalent theology in much of nominal religion today. But be not deceived by modern-day philosophy. Just as obedience to the Law will produce a harvest of happy, fruitful lives, conversely, disobedience to Yahweh's great Covenant Laws will produce a harvest of disease, rebellion, disorder, heartbreak, and trouble—all of which will finally end in both physical and, eventually, everlasting death for the disobedient person. Without a doubt, the world is indeed becoming more violent and evil, with a corresponding disregard for human life and the rights of others.

Because this era is the age of grace, in which Yahweh's unmerited kindness, or mercy, is being dispensed for only a brief period of about 2,000 years, people have undoubtedly forgotten what great power and glory, righteousness and supreme authority is contained in the Majesty on High, Yahweh the Almighty. Yahweh has sent His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, to this world to be our Savior. He has provided the ultimate sacrifice so that all who believe on His Name, which means Yahweh is Salvation, will not have to suffer the second death, the curse of the Law. But in this age all may receive unmerited kindness, grace, or mercy to obey and keep Yahweh's Law. Because Yahweh has annulled the immediate penalty for sin (which is defined in the Bible as transgression of the Law), His True people may have the opportunity to work out their own salvation in fear and trembling, Philippians 2:12. Should they at any time stumble in their pathway toward this higher life, they will receive merciful forgiveness for sin if they repent and if they do not premeditate disobedience, Hebrews 10:26-31.

While Yahweh's own people strive to enter in at the strait or narrow gate to life everlasting, others make a mockery of grace by living a riotous life, greedily seeking pleasure, material possessions, and all of the allurements that this present world has to offer.

Tragically, many people today have taken advantage of this blessing from the Most High. Since Yahweh has given man every opportunity and every incentive to seek Him with a whole heart, some people imagine that these days of grace will continue forever. While Yahweh's own people strive to enter in at the strait or narrow gate to life everlasting, others make a mockery of grace by living a riotous life, greedily seeking pleasure, material possessions, and all of the allurements that this present world has to offer. They seemingly never give a second thought to where such conduct will eventually lead.

But Almighty Yahweh, in His inspired Word, tells us that there will be a time when grace will be annulled and when He will punish the wicked people for their lawlessness. These days of grace are now drawing close

to an end. In the coming years just ahead, man will once more experience the awesome power, the terrible might, the vengeance that Almighty Yahweh, in righteousness, will unleash upon a then terrified world.

Nevertheless, even in this terrible punishment that Yahweh will bring about, mortal men will apparently still not turn to Him. The Scripture in Revelation 9:20-21 states: ***"And the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk: and they repented not of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."*** For this obstinate defiance, Yahweh warns in various passages throughout His Word that He will have to destroy two-thirds of the rebellious human race in order to bring the remainder of the people to true repentance. The only thing that will bring this worldwide rebellion under control is severe judgment.

The Word of Yahweh, recorded by the prophet Zechariah in chapter 13 and verses 8-9, is only one instance which clearly gives this figure. ***"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, says Yahweh, two parts in it shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left in it. And I will bring the third part into the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, Yahweh is my Elohim."*** What a wonderful day WHEN YAHWEH WILL AGAIN BE KING OVER ALL THE EARTH, AND ALL PEOPLE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE HIS RULE. The prophecy of Zechariah is filled with many of the truly deep things of Yahweh. Many times in Bible Study, great things are made known from His Word. Such is the prophecy that was mentioned at the start of this broadcast concerning how the end of grace will occur with Yahweh's judgment.

We may also find a clear prophecy of the end of grace, in the prophecy of Zechariah. ***"In this manner said Yahweh my Elohim: Feed the flock of slaughter; whose possessors kill them, and hold themselves not guilty; and they that sell them say, Blessed be Yahweh, for I am rich; and their own shepherds pity them not. For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, says Yahweh; but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of his king; and they shall strike the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them. So I fed the flock of slaughter, truly the poor of the flock. And I took to me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock. And I cut off the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was weary of them, and their soul also loathed me. Then I said, I will not feed you: that which dies, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let them that are left eat every one the flesh of another. And I took my staff Beauty, and cut it apart, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples. And it was broken in that day; and thus the poor of the flock that gave heed to me knew that it was the word of Yahweh."*** (Zechariah 11:4-11).

Notice that the people of Yahweh are held in bondage and are in serious circumstances. Yahweh tells Zechariah to take to himself two staffs, shepherds' crooks or clubs, and feed his flock that is appointed for slaughter, because the shepherds that were previously so appointed were not doing their job. This fact is found in verse 7. So Zechariah takes up the symbolical staffs which he calls "Beauty" and "Bands" in the **King James Version**. The Hebrew reads *Grace* for the Beauty, and Bands is actually *ropes*, meaning *to be tied together as in a union (unity)*. This unity should represent the one Body (1 Corinthians 12:13) and also unity with Yahweh as found in the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4).

Yahweh tells Zechariah, in verse 6, that He will no more have pity on the inhabitants of the land. They are delivered into their neighbor's hand, and Yahweh will not anymore deliver them. Verses 10 and 11 states, ***"And I took my staff Beauty, and cut it apart, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples. And it was broken in that day; and thus the poor of the flock that gave heed to me knew that it was the word of Yahweh."***

We are living today almost at the very moment of time when this prophecy will be fulfilled. This message of repentance for sins which we preach is not popular. People do not want to admit that they have been wrong. They do not want to acknowledge their sins. These sins in which they are engaged please the sensual

cravings of the human body of the carnal person. And, yet, there is a time of reckoning coming when we must all stand in the judgment, face to face before our Maker, and give an accounting of the actions we have done in the flesh (Psalm 1:5-6, 2 Corinthians 5:10-11, Romans 14:10).

Today, I am happy to announce the preaching of a message of forgiveness for sins. Yahweh is still anxious for all who will, to come to the fountain of Yahshua's blood that flows from Calvary, even down to this present day, for the complete remission of our sins. All we have to do is acknowledge the Sovereignty of Almighty Yahweh, turn from the wicked ways that we have previously followed, and believe on the Name of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, which means Yahweh is Salvation. We must REPENT OF OUR FORMER LAWLESSNESS, and live for Him, acknowledging His authority by KEEPING HIS COVENANT LAW, HIS COMMANDMENTS. We do not have to pay any penalty if we believe His Word and obey it faithfully. Obedience to Yahweh's Torah will free us from future sin after we have accepted Yahshua's sacrifice.

Today, there is still time remaining to embrace the promise in Deuteronomy 7:9. ***"Therefore know that Yahweh your Elohim, he is Elohim, the faithful El, who keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations...."*** Today, He continues to call out to His people—***"Repent and be baptized that your sins may be blotted out."*** What will your answer be? Let all of Yahweh's True sheep proclaim to the world as did Yahshua of old, ***"As for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh."*** Yahshua 24:15.

Today, He continues to call out to His people—"Repent and be baptized that your sins may be blotted out."

What will YOUR answer be?

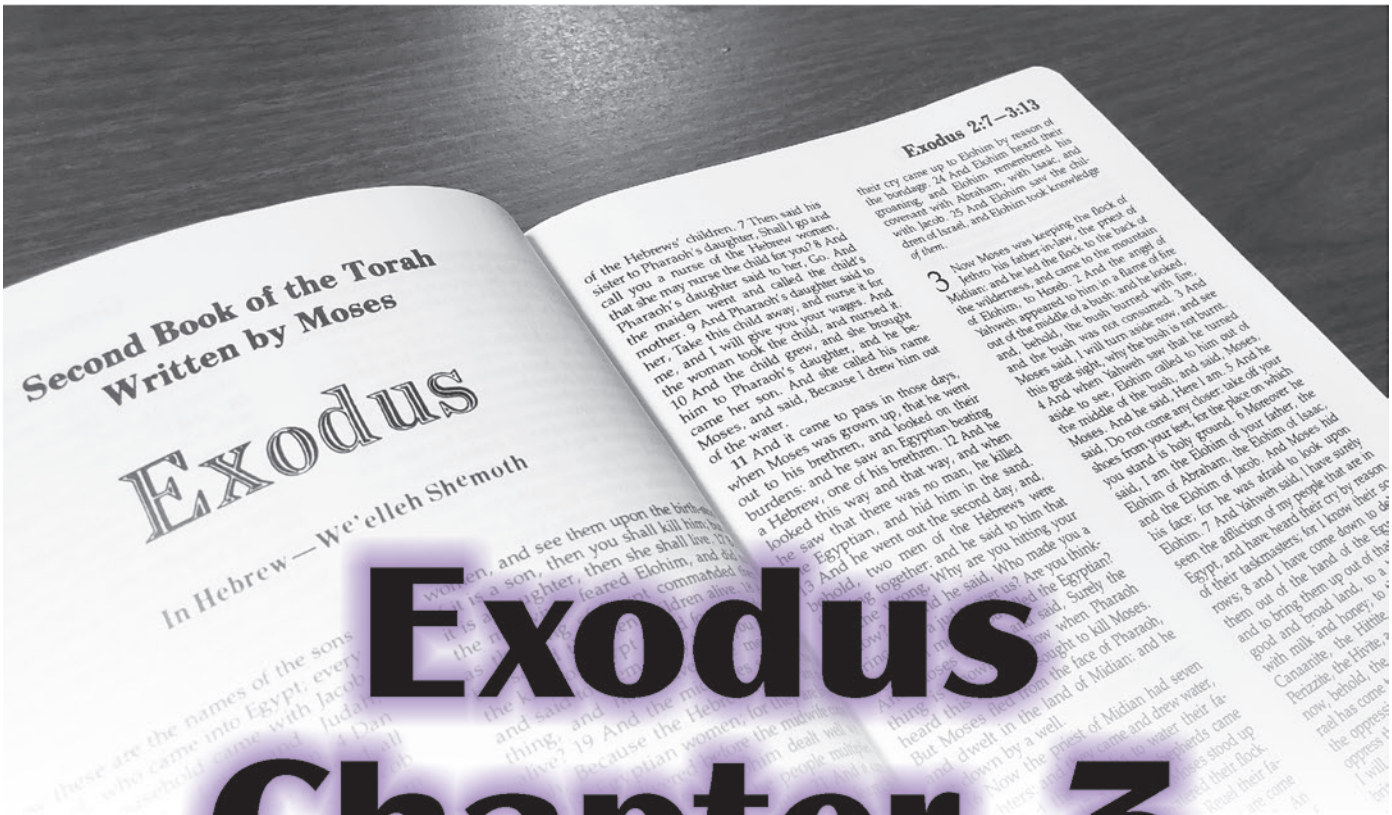
I would like to leave this parting thought with you. It is found in the prophecy of Isaiah 55:6-7. ***"Seek Yahweh while he may be found; call upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to Yahweh, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our Elohim, for he will abundantly pardon."***

Let us pay attention to the conviction of the Holy Spirit as this wicked age draws to a close, for Yahweh has warned us in His Word of the punishment to come.

"Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, Yahweh will roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he will mightily roar against his fold; he will give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the end of the earth; for Yahweh has a controversy with the nations; he will enter into judgment with all flesh: as for the wicked, he will give them to the sword, says Yahweh.

"In this manner says Yahweh of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be raised up from the utmost parts of the earth. And the killed of Yahweh shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the ground. Wail, you shepherds, and cry; and wallow in ashes, you principal of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions have fully come, and you shall fall like a good vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and the wailing of the principal of the flock! For Yahweh lays waste their pasture. And the peaceable folds are brought to silence because of the fierce anger of Yahweh. He has left his covert, as the lion; for their land has become an astonishment because of the fierceness of the oppressing sword, and because of his fierce anger." Jeremiah 25:30-38.

Today, if you will hear the Words of Yahweh speaking to your heart—do not reject them! SNB



Exodus Chapter 3

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

One of the unusual features about the inspired Scriptures is that many of the episodes which have been recorded—having been acted out by the biblical characters—are often allegories. These allegorical incidents with double meanings have a vital significance in the plan of salvation if we come to understand their messages properly. The allegories of which I speak are not necessarily the parables which were told by our Savior, but they are the actual life stories of many of the central actors in the scriptural drama. For instance, please turn back to the book of Genesis, chapter 35. The patriarch Jacob had endured many hardships and trials in his life until he was brought to the place which is pictured in this chapter. If you are alert, you will be able to detect the allegories as I read the first four verses. ***"And Elohim said to Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto El, who appeared unto you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother. Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the foreign elohim that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments: and let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto El, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. And they gave unto Jacob all the foreign elohim which were in their hand, and all the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem."***

In this passage, we have the Almighty speaking to Jacob and telling him to make a drastic change in his life and in the life of his family. Jacob is told to build an altar—meaning a worship—to the Mighty One who appeared to him when he fled from his brother Esau. Jacob realizes that a change is necessary when a man is to approach the Almighty, and, so, he tells his family to get rid of the strange deities, meaning to

repent of their sins and turn to the Heavenly Father. Then Jacob informs them that they are to be clean, pointing toward baptism and being washed of their sins, so that they can be pure in the sight of their Maker. Finally, Jacob instructs them to put on a change of clothing, and this can have the allegorical meaning of putting on robes of righteousness which comes from keeping Yahweh's commandments. Then the entire family sets out for *Bethel*, and the meaning of this name means *the house of El, or the Almighty*. It is significant, in these end days, that you are hearing this last warning message to come from Almighty Yahweh, our Heavenly Father, before the prophesied judgment which is to be poured out upon sinful man, coming from Bethel. Bethel, in the Old Testament, was one of the cities in which King Jereboam placed the calves with which he held the 10 tribes in idolatry, so that they would not return to worship in Jerusalem. As a consequence, the priests of Yahweh would have no influence to draw them back to the Davidic dynasty. The name of the other city designated by Jereboam for idolatrous worship was *Dan,* which means *judgment*. In these last days, the True message of salvation is now being preached to Israel from Bethel after a lapse of many thousands of years and after a Bethel had figured prominently in turning Israel into idolatry.

Now I would like to consider another allegory in the Scriptures. Have you ever read the book of Exodus and found that it is actually an allegory of our personal exodus or coming out of sin? The events of this scriptural episode involving the Israelites can be a description of your own personal exodus from sin. In this book, we find Israel in bondage—slaves to an Egyptian king who had an acquaintance with Joseph, the Israelite who had once served as the prime minister of Egypt during and after the years of the famine. While in this Egyptian bondage, the workload of Israel had been increased constantly, until, finally, they began to cry aloud for Heavenly Father Yahweh to save them and release them from their slavery. A merciful Heavenly Father had been listening to their cries and had called Moses into the wilderness for an instructional period. It was this man, Moses, who was born into a Hebrew family but was adopted into the royal family of Egypt, a man who had become the commanding general of all the armies of Egypt. The man destined to become the next Pharoah was now standing before a burning bush in the desert while shepherding his father-in-law's sheep.

If you think that just any Almighty which is worshiped in the world today is good enough to worship, you should check your Bible and see that the one to whom we owe allegiance is the Mighty One of the Hebrews, the True Creator and sustainer of the universe.

This was a truly startling phenomenon to see—a desert bush begin to burn and not be consumed by the flames. Moses, in his wonder, approaches the burning bush and is surprised to hear a voice speak to him from the flames telling him that the ground on which he was standing was holy.

The voice speaks to him and informs him that the cries of Israel had reached to the heavens and that the Almighty was about to release Israel from their slavery. The voice informs Moses that the One who was speaking was the Mighty One of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. At this revelation, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look upon Elohim. If you, as a nominal ch-rch-goer, have never heard of the Mighty One of the Hebrews, you should sit down right now and begin to read your Bible and learn about this Mighty One. This Mighty One spoke to the Patriarchs—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This Almighty Being entered into a Covenant agreement with these men and promised them enormous blessings for fulfilling their side of the bargain. This Almighty Being displayed such awesome power and worked such magnificent miracles that the people of this world could not help but have heard about it. If you think that just any Almighty which is worshiped in the world today is good enough to worship, you should check your Bible and see that the one to whom we owe allegiance is the Mighty One of

the Hebrews, the True Creator and sustainer of the universe. Psalm 147:19 and 20 says, ***"He shows his word to Jacob, His statutes and his ordinances to Israel. He has not dealt so with any nation: and as for his ordinances, they have not known them. HalleluYah!"*** In Exodus 2:24 and 25 we read, ***"And Elohim heard their groaning, and Elohim remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And Elohim saw the children of Israel, and Elohim took knowledge of them."*** This is the Mighty One which I serve today, and this all powerful Mighty One is the One who appeared to Moses, a Mighty One who had a renowned reputation for faithfulness.

After Moses has received his commission from the Heavenly Father to lead Israel from their bondage, the first question which he asks is one which any person might ask of an unknown voice. His question is found in verse 13 of Exodus 3. ***"And Moses said to Elohim, Behold, when I come to the children of Israel, and shall say to them, The Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say to them?"*** This certainly is an appropriate question when you meet someone for the first time and deserves an honest answer. Possibly Moses knew the Name of the Almighty and merely wished to reaffirm this Sacred Name after having heard it from his ancestors. We know that Moses was a mighty man in word and deed and had been schooled in all the wisdom of the Egyptians (Acts 7: 22), so possibly he had learned the Sacred Name of the Heavenly Father in his studies. In answer to this question of the Name of the Heavenly Father, we find the reply of the Almighty in verses 14 and 15. We read there, ***"And Elohim said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, In this manner shall you say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you. And Elohim said moreover to Moses, In this manner shall you say to the children of Israel, Yahweh, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me to you: this is my name forever, and this is my memorial to all generations."***

First, I would like to explain the meaning of the term "I AM, THAT I AM." In the Hebrew, this is translated from the words *Eyeh asher eyeh.* It means *I will be what I will be, or I will become what I will become; I am the self existent one*. It means that nothing which has any bearing or influence upon the existence of the human family such as time, natural environment, food, etc., has any effect upon the Almighty. He has found the secret to eternal life, and now He offers it to the human family. This is how the translators derived the definition *The Eternal* for the Sacred Name Yahweh. The term *Eyeh-Asher-Eyeh* means *The Eternal, Eternity*, etc.

Now please notice the time elements which are involved in the context of verse 15, ***"...this is my name forever...."*** The Hebrew word is *olahm.* The **Gesinius Hebrew Lexicon** says of the word *olahm,* that when speaking of the Almighty, means *eternity and endlessness*. As a consequence, we would have to say that this phrase *This is My Name forever* means *This is My Name unto everlasting or eternity.* Several Lexicons translate this as *to time out of mind,* or until such a time that you, as a human being, cannot think so far into the distance. The phrase *this is my memorial unto all generations* means that the Name of Yahweh is how our Heavenly Father wishes to be remembered or invoked, not just for the Israelites, but to all people in every age. Occasionally, our Heavenly Father employs the descriptive term *to a thousand generations.* I once figured that standing between myself and Adam are 100 men or generations. This would lead us to say that the Name of our Heavenly Father, which He revealed to us, will endure for 10 times as long as there have been people on this earth.

Now for the allegory taught by this passage from the book of Exodus, when man finds himself in bondage to sin and, perhaps, in physical bondage from its effects, he cries to the Heavenly Father. Those who are diligent in seeking the Heavenly Father soon learn that He does care for them and hears their prayers. He reveals His Name as the one single force which will release us. As we call upon this one everlasting Name—the Name which was utilized in the Covenant Name to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the One who bears this Name hears and answers, because He has obligated Himself to the descendants of the patriarchs. How about you? Are you suffering from a life of sin and anxious to make a new life, for yourself to be converted and changed from the life you lived in the past? Then begin now to trust in the only Name which has everlasting power in this universe. Just as it did for the Israelites, it can release you! SNB

THE MEMORIAL NAME YAHWEH

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originally removed from public use? We find the following explanation in the **Encyclopedia Americana:**

"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 "G-d," which could apply to foreign deities and therefore could be used to demonstrate the universal sovereignty of Israel's G-d 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 the Masoretes (6-8 centuries C.E.) 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). This accounts for the form Jehovah, an artificial name with the consonants of Yahweh and the vowels of Adonai (the initial "J" representing the Hebrew consonantal 'I' which is also transliterated as "Y"; the "E" representing the indeterminate Hebrew vowel which appears as "A" in the initial letter of Adonai; and the "V" being the alternative to the "W"). After 1518, when the Franciscan Petrus Galatinus agreed in favor of the form Jehovah, it appeared in translations of the Old Testament, but English versions in most cases preferred to follow the Septuagint in translating the Hebrew Yahweh by the periphrasis "the L-rd" instead of transliterating it as Jehovah. With the new critical scholarship of the 19th and 20th centuries, THE MORE CORRECT YAHWEH has gradually gained ground."

In the above quote we have a very succinct summary of how the Sacred Name of the Heavenly Father was first substituted and then erroneously transliterated. The candid admission that the more correct form Yahweh is gaining ground must certainly be viewed with respect. Modern scholars unreservedly confirm the more correct transliteration of the Tetragrammaton as Yahweh. They will freely admit this in their work, but strangely they balk at elevating it to exclusive use in worship because of the traditional rejection of its necessity for being used.

Consequently, as True Worshipers, we who seek to serve our Heavenly Father in absolute truth, are called upon to recognize that the knowledge of Bible truth is being increased in these last days just as was prophesied by Daniel in Daniel 12:4. As we look into the Bible and see that the instruction book from heaven directs that we use the Name of its author exclusive to all others, we must be obedient to what we are told to do.

What is His Name?

The Name of the Almighty Heavenly Father has been clearly set forth for us in Isaiah 42:8. ***"I am Yahweh: that is My Name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to carved images."*** Now let us consider another translation of this verse. Let us turn to the **Jerusalem Bible** where we read, ***"My name is Yahweh, I will not yield my glory to another, nor my honor to idols."***

Isn't that remarkable! Our Heavenly Father has revealed His Name to His people. He has straightforwardly declared that His Name is Yahweh. Shall we, mortal men, superimpose our personal, favored traditions and ideas over His Word? It is plain that we will jeopardize our opportunity for salvation if we do. Were we to substitute another name for the one that appears in the inspired text we would in actuality be worshiping an idol.

Let us turn then to Psalm 68:4. ***"Sing unto G-d, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name* YAH*, and rejoice before him."*** Here in your very own **King James Version** of the Bible appears the abbreviated form of the Heavenly Father's Name. He has commanded us to extol or praise Him by His Name Yah. Let us quickly point out that the word for name here in the Hebrew text is singular and not plural. **The Almighty has only one Name. That Name has been revealed to the True Worshipers in His Word. It is Yahweh. No other name that mankind might devise for any reason as an appellative for the Heavenly Father would be satisfactory.** He has already chosen His Name. It is up to us to submit to His Mighty Will. SNB

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