

YHVH - Ineffible Doctrine?

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YHVH occurs over 6000 times in the Bible.



Exodus 20:7

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God (3068 YHVH) in vain (7723 shav devastation, ruin, destruction), for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain (7723 shav).

Leviticus 19:12 You shall not swear falsely (8267 sheqer sham or deceit) by My name, so as to profane (2490 khawlal wound, stain, pollute) the name of your God; I am the LORD (3068 YHVH).

Deuteronomy 5:11 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God (3068 YHVH) in vain (7723 shav), for the Lord (3068 YHVH) will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain (7723 shav).

Deuteronomy 6:13 You shall fear only the Lord (3068 YHVH) your God; and you shall worship Him and swear (7650 shaba take oaths) by His name.

Isaiah 52:5-6 Again the Lord (3068 YHVH) declares, “Those who rule over them make them wail, and My name (3068 YHVH) is continually blasphemed all day long. For this reason my people will know my name, for this reason they will know at that time that I am the one who says, ‘Here I am.’”

Jeremiah 10:25 Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You and on the families that do not call Your name;

Jeremiah 16:21 “Therefore behold, I am going to make them know-- This time I will make them know My power and My might; And they shall know that My name is the Lord (3068 YHVH).”

Ezekiel 39:7 “My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the Lord (3068 YHVH) the Holy One in Israel.

Romans 2:24 For the name of God (YHVH) is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” just as it is written.

Ezekiel 36:20-21

When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because it was said of them, ‘These are the people of the Lord (3068 YHVH); yet they have come out of His land.’ But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned (2490) among the nations where they went.

Ezekiel 36:23 I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned (2490) among the nations, which you have profaned (2490) in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord (3068 YHVH),” declares the Lord God (3068 YHVH), “when I show my holiness in you before their eyes.

Romans 14:11 For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord (Theos capitalized), every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God (Theos capitalized).”

Isaiah 45:23 "I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.

Rom 15:11 And again, Praise the Lord all you Gentiles, And let all the peoples praise Him.”

Psalm 7:17 I will praise the LORD (3068 YHVH) according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD (3068 YHVH) most high.

Psalm 99:9 Exalt the LORD (3068 YHVH) our God, and worship at his holy hill; for our God (3068 YHVH) is holy.

Ps 105:1 O give thanks unto the LORD (3068 YHVH); call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Isa 12:4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD,(3068 YHVH) call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Philippians 2:10 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him a name above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Encyclopedia Judaica, Volume 7, page 680, 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“”.

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

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 Israel, both small and great, before the death of Simeon the Just.

The Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia, page 690 tells us: The Name par excellence for the Creator of Israel is Yahweh, found 6,823 times in the OT. Through Israel'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.

The Bible: A New Translation, 1935, James Moffatt, states in Section III of his Introduction: "Strictly speaking this (YHVH) 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." He goes on to say "There is a distinct loss in this, I fully admit; to drop the racial, archaic term is to miss something of what is meant for the Hebrew nation." pages xx and xxi of the Introduction. My question is; for whom did you intend your translation... It's interesting that he extensively discusses the Septuagint, but still sticks with the Masoretic text canon, so close yet so far...

So, by Jew, Greek and Anglo witness, Our God's name in Hebrew is YHVH pronounced Yahweh. Forty years prior to the destruction of the 2nd Temple in Jerusalem in AD 70, the name of almighty God ceased to be said by his people. What happened 40 years prior to AD70? It might have had more to do with our master, Yeshua teaching Yahweh's name to the disciples and the disciples promoting its usage.

Consider John 17:6-8:

I have manifested (5319 phanero declared, make known, shown) Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world.

They were Yours, You have given them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

Because I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they

have received them, and they knew truly that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

Sure sounds to me like Yeshua was using our Creator's name Yahweh in his teachings.

Now what are we to do with all this.



We are to keep the name of Yahweh set apart and holy. We are to take binding oaths in the name of Yahweh. A sham oath is punishable by Yahweh! We are to call upon the name of Yahweh. We are to pray to Yahweh in name. We are to praise the name of Yahweh! We are not to use his name flippantly! His name is a name of fear, reverence, awe, righteousness, mercy, love, compassion and anger! Do not provoke him. Worship the name of Yahweh! Sing, shout, gadol teruah (great shout) the name Yahweh.

Do not be ashamed of his name! Do not hid it under a rock! It is to be proclaimed to the nations! His kingdom is at hand and Yeshua is going to be riding the white horse!

Then, what about Yah as a name of God?

Strong's Concordance lists Yah as 3050 Yah: the name of the God of Israel

Original Word: יהי Part of Speech: Proper Name Transliteration: Yah

Phonetic Spelling: (yaw) Definition: the name of the God of Israel

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin contracted from YHVH

Definition the name of the God of Israel

NASB Translation: GOD (1), LORD (49)

Yah occurs 50 times in the bible, most notably in Exodus and Psalms. Psalm 68:4 spells it out pretty clearly:

6440 [e]	5937 [e]	8034 [e]	3050 [e]	6160 [e]	7392 [e]	5549 [e]	8034 [e]	2167 [e]	430 [e]	7891 [e]
לִפְנֵי	וְעִלָּו	שְׁמוֹ	בְיָהּ	בְעַרְבוֹת	לְרִכְבּוֹ	סֵלוֹ	שְׁמוֹ	זִמְרוֹ	לְאֱלֹהִים	שִׁירוֹ
before Him	and rejoice	His name	by YAH	on the clouds	Him who rides	Extol	to His name	sing praises	to God	Sing
Prep-I N-cpc 3ms	Conj-w V-Qal-Imp-mp	N-msc 3ms	Prep-b N-proper-ms	Prep-b, Art N-fp	Prep-I, Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	V-Qal-Imp-mp	N-msc 3ms	V-Piel-Imp-mp	Prep-I N-mp	V-Qal-Imp-mp

This is a Psalm of David as identified in verse 1. Clearly, David was used to using Yah as a name of God. Finding Yah in the Bible surprised me, but obviously Yah reveals things when you need them!

Okay, now we know Yahweh and Yah are names of our creator, father, and king. What about his son's name? Is it Yeshua, Yahshua, Yahushua, Yoshuah, or what!?! Well, honestly, no one knows. But we do have some clues.

Let's review a verse I quoted above in reference to Yahweh:

Philippians 2:9-11

For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue profess that Yeshua the Messiah is Lord — to the glory of God the Father. (Tree of Life)

Now follow Paul's thought process here. What name is above ALL names? Yahweh's! And what is the short version of Yahweh? Yah!

Now, remember that Yeshua is a transliteration based upon Masoretic/Karaite phonetic Hebrew. What if we follow through on Paul's thought here? How would you pronounce it? It would sure seem to be Yah Shua or Yahshua. Now, we have the Name above all Names, Yah, in front of Shua. If you do a quick internet search, you will find that yeshua means salvation in Hebrew.

Every Shabbat, Jewish synagogues around the world say yeshua multiple times in their prayers! Think about it! Jews both saved and unsaved are crying out YESHUA every Shabbat! Now if we put YAH at the forefront of the name combined with Shua, we have Yah is our SALVATION!

Isn't it a bit prophetic that every Jewish knee is bending and bowing and crying out YAHSUAH?

Wait until that lightbulb lights up in Orthodox Synagogues around the world...(Mt 23:39)