

Why Do We Say Yahweh and Yahshua?

The prefix **YAH** is an abbreviation of **Yahweh**, the name of Elohim. The Bible makes great use of this short form. "**Shua**" means "**salvation**", "**savior**". The whole name signifies "**Yah** is salvation" or the "salvation of Yah". Miryam and Yoceph spoke Hebrew, not English or French. They gave Him a Hebrew name, **Yahshua**, not Jesus. There is no **J** in Hebrew. All English speakers know that there was no **J** even in the English language until recently; which is why they used to say Iesu. **J** is from the letter **I**. In the 1600's they began to replace **I** by **J** at the beginning of a word. They got their **J** from German which borrowed it from Latin. It became a standard replacement for **Y**. We advise you to consult the many different encyclopedias. The word **Jesus** is from the Greek **Iesous** (name of a Greek god). The Latin speakers first rendered it as **Iesus**.

Yahweh did not give His name to Moses as Lord. **Lord** is a title, not a name; just like the word **GOD** is not a name. There are all kinds of GODS, and each one has their own name. This is why Moses said to Him, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The Elohim (**god**) of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?", for the God of Egypt had a name; the God of the Canaanites had a name, too. "Which God sent you, Moshe? Ammon, Anubis, Nimrod, Zeus?" So Elohim spoke to Moses in Hebrew and told him, "You shall tell them **YAHWEH** sent me." (Exod.3:15). For most churchgoers it does not matter what is what. But I'd say that those who do not care to know will die in their error.

Many translators, knowing that you cannot translate nor transliterate that blessed name of Elohim have wisely decided to keep the original name as it was given. No encyclopedia or dictionary will tell you that the Hebrews called Him Jehovah (which is purely a Britannic term; **HOVAH** means mischief, see Strong Concordance #1953), or *Lord*, the English translation for *Baal* and the title of England's monarchical masters. *Yehshua* or *Yeshua* is a misnomer because there is no such thing as *Yehweh*. Many Messianic Jews, however, who are theologically more in line with traditional Christian thoughts, and who have also been taught to attribute Hebrew values to Gentiles and Christian semantics, such as transliterating the Greek Iesous into Iesua or Yesua, remaining as close as possible to the Latin form Iesus of Iesous, vouch for Yeshua. This is understandable, for many Messianic Jewish churches exist, today, as a result of sustained Christian love and desire to bring Christianity to Jews. The Lutherans and the Fundamentalist Christians are reputed for that. Above all, westernization of our thought, and in particular the **germanization** of our tongue has subjected the acculturate Hebrew language into a kind of morphosis that readily accepts the attribution of other sounds as legitimate in Hebrew. This is why in

completion of our phonics we've borrowed the V, the sound of the German W, alongside our Hebrew W, which sounds as **Wa**, as in water. Many less informed people simply assume that V was always there in Hebrew. They do not even know that the Indo-Europeans got their *double V* from the sons of Ham, the Phoenicians.

Yahweh rightly said that, "*They caused the people to forget My name for Baal.*" Some disobedient souls hide behind the excuse of "I speak English"; yet they don't dare translate the name of a Russian president, that of a French dignitary, a German potentate, or any other important personality, and to address them by a foreign name when they come over to visit their country. "*Behold, says Yahshua, I have set before you an open door and no one can shut it; for you ... have kept My word, and have not denied My name.*" (Rev.3:8). Remember, He also says through Isaiah, "**I AM YHWH, this is My memorial forever.** I will not give My glory to another one." (Is. 42: 8) What have your church done to His name? Your creator says not to mess up with **His memorial**. Do you care? We hope you do. Most people are ashamed to call on the Father's name and be saved, because their so-called church doesn't like the name Yahweh. They'd rather use **Baal, Lord**. Judaists have simply replace **It** by **Adonai**, from the word **Adon**, meaning **Master**. They have also taught all other Jews to use the heathen term **LORD**, just like the rest of the Gentiles do.

We cannot discuss the entire history of the names of the Father and the Son in these few pages. We do not want to engage in battle over Yeshua. We do not prevent fellowship based on that difference. We do have a duty to point the all the facts to you, including the following.

It was in the 5th century A.D. that a group of Rabbinical **Massorettes** (from Hebrew **Massorah**) decided to do something most profane with the Father's name.

According to the Oxford Bible, "Christian writers between A.D. 150 and A. D. 450 have Yaouai... in Greek characters, and early magical texts have Yhbyh (Yahveh) in Aramaic characters, all pointing to Yahweh as the original pronunciation. The Massorettes, however, never vocalized the divine name as Yahweh; instead, to the consonants YHWH they added the vowels of adonai, 'my Lord' (replacing a by e as required by Hebrew phonetic law)."

The Revised Standard Version argues that, "...it is almost quite certain that the name was originally pronounced "Yahweh". The question for us is why did the 5th century Rabbis add vowel signs to the four consonants of the name YHWH? The scholars say that the name Yahweh "had come to be regarded as too sacred to be pronounced..." (RSV) Everybody, including Rabbis, testify to the same fact that, "the name was regarded as ineffable, too sacred to be pronounced. The Massorettes, therefore, wrote in the vowel signs to the alter- native words adonai (lord) or elohim (god) to warn

readers to use one of these in its place." The other scheme is to use '*Hashem*' which means 'the name'. Keep in mind that the word god is not etymologically from the word *elohim*.

Very simply, let those who are intelligent ask themselves this, "If the name was too "ineffable" to be pronounced, why did Yahweh say to Moshe, '*Tell them, My name is Yahweh. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations?*'" (Ex. 3:15). In Chapter 6 He further appeared to Moshe and said, "*I am Yahweh. I appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, as **Elohim Shaddai**, but by My name **Yahweh** I was not known to them,*" (or was I not known to them). And why in Numbers 6: 22-27, He told Moshe to tell to Aaron and his sons to always bless the children of Israel in this way, " '**Yahweh** bless you and keep you; **Yahweh** makes His face shines upon you, and be gracious to you; **Yahweh** lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. '*So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.* "Isn't that amazing? Today's priests refuse to put Yahweh's name on Israel. No wonder our people are being overrun by enemies on all sides. "Shema, O Israel Yahweh Eloheinu Yahweh Echad." There is no *god*, but Yahweh. You are the light of the Gentiles.

Those rebellious Rabbis having laid aside Yahweh's Commandments that they may keep their own tradition (Mark 7:8-9), have endeavored to replace the reading of the Torah and the Prophets by the Midrash, the Mishna, and the Talmuds, which they teach to the people instead of Yahweh's word, which everyone could understand, so that the people may perpetually depend on their expertise for complicated, non-sense Yeshiva explanations. They had been trying to do that, way before Yahshua came. This is why the prophet warned them, "Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, who write misfortune, which they have prescribed to rob the needy of justice, and to take what is right from the poor of My people, that widow may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless." The Gentiles have not called their gods by the name of Yahweh the *elohim* of Israel, but Israel has called their *elohim* (god) by the name of all the gods of the nations they have played the harlot with. Those who believe in Messiah must come out (Rev. 18). Yahweh rejected those titles in the past, so must we; "You shall no longer call me **Baali** (**Lord**)," says Yahweh (Hosea 2:16). "***I am Yahweh that is My name. I will not give My glory to another one.***" (Is.42:8) **There is definitely something powerful in His name.**

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