

Power in His Name

Yehovah

# More about the name - Jesus

- “I’ve seen demons cast out in the name of Jesus.”
- “I’ve seen people healed in the name of Jesus”
- It is funny how we can get answers to complex questions from children and their behavior.

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**5** Your name will no longer be Avram [exalted father], but your name will be Avraham [father of many], because I have made you the father of many nations. **6** I will cause you to be very fruitful. I will make nations of you, kings will descend from you.

Genesis 17 CJB

# A few names to note:

Yěhōshúa – Joshua – YHVH saves (Jesus)

- Yeshua – Shortened form of the name with no apparent disrespect
- Yeshu – even shorter form with flagrant disrespect

Sha'ul (Paul)

Yochanan (John)

Ya'akov (James or Jacob)

Kefa (Peter)

Ruach HaKodesh (The Holy Spirit)

# Overwhelmed yet? More names?

- Jews – the secular people trying to adhere to a mix of Yehovah's law and rabbinic tradition
  - Exception – Karite Jews (only use contemporary name)
- Christians – followers of the Chirst?
  - Who is the Christ?
  - Did the Greeks call other gods Christos?
  - Anointed One

The Messiah – HaMashiach

Yehudim – Israelites that lived in Yehuda, or followed the practices (Torah) of Yehuda.

Yehuda – (Judah) one of the 12 tribes of Israel  
[Yisra'el]



# Genesis 32

- **(27)** The man asked, “What is your name?” and he answered, “Ya‘akov.” **29 (28)** Then the man said, “From now on, you will no longer be called Ya‘akov, but Isra‘el [Yisra‘el]; because you have shown your strength to both God and men and have prevailed.” **30 (29)** Ya‘akov asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he answered, “Why are you asking about my name?” and blessed him there. CJB

# The 10 Commandments



# Let us review the 10 Commandments...

- I am Yehovah your God; you shall have no other gods besides me.
- Do not make idols, images, engravings, or monuments; do not bow down or worship them.
- Thy shall not take the name of Yehovah in vain.
- Keep holy my Sabbaths; observe the Sabbath on day 7.

Honor thy father and thy mother, and you have a long life.

Thy shall not murder.

Thy shall not commit adultery.

Thy shall not steal.

Thy shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thy shall not covet thy neighbor's house, goods, wife, or lifestyle.

# Yehovah

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# Yehovah's Commandment 1

- **2** “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.
- **3** “You shall have no other gods before me.

• Exodus 20:2-3 NIV

LORD = YHVH appears over 6000 times in the oldest available Hebrew manuscripts

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# Tetragrammaton YHVH (YHWH)

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# Yehovah's Commandment 2

•4 “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord [Yehovah] your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

NIV Exodus 20:4-6



# Yehovah's Commandment 3

**7** “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord [Yehovah] your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.  
NIV Exodus 20:4-6

**7** Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.  
KJV

**7** “You are not to use lightly the name of *Adonai* your God, because *Adonai* will not leave unpunished someone who uses his name lightly.  
CJB

**7** “Never use the name of ***Yahweh*** your ***Elohim*** carelessly.

***Yahweh*** will make sure that anyone who carelessly uses his name will be punished.  
NOG

# Vain

1. excessively proud of or concerned about one's own appearance, qualities, achievements, etc.; conceited: *a vain dandy*.
2. proceeding from or showing pride in or concern about one's appearance, qualities, etc.; resulting from or displaying vanity: *He made some vain remarks about his accomplishments*.
3. ineffectual or unsuccessful; futile: *vain hopes*;
  - *a vain effort; a vain war*.

## **Vain (continued) -**

4.without real significance, value, or importance;  
baseless or worthless: *vain pageantry*;  
*vain display*.

**5.Archaic.** senseless or foolish.

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Exodus 20:7

7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. NRSVCE

# Are there different degrees of sin?

- Is one sin worse than another sin?
- Are the commandments in any particular order?
- Can the same sin be worse in certain situations?



# What would Yeshua Say?

## Sermon on the Mount

- **21** “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ **22** But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

**27** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ **28** But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5 NIV

# Different Degrees of Vain/Careless

- The worst – Use his name as a curse word.
- The second – Say his name for no reason, inappropriately, or not in fellowship.
- The 3rd (And, this is the way we break the 3rd commandment all the time) – not using his name at all!

# Why do we not use his name?

- The Pharisees put a ban on it. - Too holy, too powerful, do not want regular people using the name.
- Tradition.
- Misunderstanding the 3rd commandment.
- Fear of pronouncing it wrong.
- Not knowing it, not knowing better, or not realizing the importance.
- Cardinal Francis Arinze in a letter [to the head bishops] said not to use it!



# Matthew 6

- **9** “This, then, is how you should pray:
- ““Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
**10** your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. NIV
- Our Father in heaven,  
let your name be kept holy. NOG

# Yeshua also Says:

- **12** Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **13** And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.
- John 14 NIV

# NIV translates The LORD...

- **13** Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”
- **14** God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

**15** God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever,  
the name you shall call me  
from generation to generation. Exodus 3 NIV

# Bringing home the point; hammering it in

- Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” **12** For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, **13** for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10 NIV

And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

Joel 2 NIV

**3** The Lord is a warrior;  
the Lord is his name.

Exodus 15 NIV

Just a few more examples...

Because he has set his love on Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set Him on high because He has known My name. He shall call on Me and I will answer Him; I will be with Him in distress; I will rescue Him and honor Him. I will satisfy him with length of days and will make him see My salvation.

Psalms 91:14-16

- **8** “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.

Isaiah 42:8

**22** Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the Lord’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. **23** Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. **24** Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God.”

1 Kings 18 NIV

...They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’”

Zechariah 13:9 NIV



**21** “Therefore I will teach them— this time I will teach them my power and might. Then they will know that my name is the Lord. Jeremiah 16

26 How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? **27** They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. **28** Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the Lord. **29** “Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? Jeremiah 26

**Just in case it is not clear:**

5 “And now what do I have here?” declares the Lord. “For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock,” declares the Lord. “And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed.

6 Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I.”

Isaiah 52 NIV

- Are we clear on commandment 3?

# Yehovah's Commandment 4

- **8** “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work, **10** but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord [Yehovah] your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. **11** For in six days the Lord [Yehovah] made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord [Yehovah] blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. NIV 20:8-11

# Luke 23

- **50** Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man,**51** who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. **52** Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. **53** Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. **54** It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

**55** The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. **56** Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

# Luke 24

- **24** On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

**5** In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? **6** He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: **7** ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” **8** Then they remembered his words.



# Luke 23 NLT (Again?)

- **55** As his body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw the tomb where his body was placed. **56** Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint his body. But by the time they were finished the Sabbath had begun, so they rested as required by the law.

# Luke 24 NLT

- **24** But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. **2** They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. **3** So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.

# John 14

- **15** “If you love me, keep my commands. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

**19** Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20** On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. **21** Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

NIV John 14:15-21

Just hold on a little bit longer.

Part II of this series deals  
exclusively with the feasts.

Just in case you do not get to  
check it out, here is a preview.

# Spring Feasts of Yehovah

Matzah – the feast of Unleavened bread [Passover]. It is celebrated in the first month Aviv! The feast begins the evening of the 14th day to the evening of day 21. The High Shabbat Passover observances (Sabbaths) are on the first and last day.

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Shavuot – the feast of weeks [Pentecost] is on the sixth day of Sivan. 49 Days after the second day of Passover.

Sukkot – the feast of booths or tabernacles. The celebration begins on the 15th of Ethanim (Tishrei) to the evening of the 21st. (On our pagan calendar this is September 22-28)

The Yehudim would have celebrated on the aforementioned days after citing the new moon.

The contemporary Jews say Sukkot is September 18-25 this year

## **Spring Feasts of Yehovah**

# Fall -

Sukkot, Succot or Sukkos (Hebrew: סוכּוֹת or סֻכּוֹת sukkōt or sukkos, Feast of Booths, Feast of Tabernacles) is a biblical holiday celebrated on the 15th day of the month of Ethanim [Tishrei] (varies from mid-September to mid- October on our Pagan calendar). It is one of the three biblically mandated festivals (Shalosh regalim) on which Hebrews were commanded to make a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. It follows the solemn holiday of Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement.

The holiday lasts seven days (eight in the diaspora). The first day (and second in the diaspora) is a sabbath-like yom tov (holiday) when work is forbidden, followed by the intermediate Chol Hamoed and Shemini Atzeret. The Hebrew word sukkōt is the plural of sukkah, "booth or tabernacle", which is a walled structure covered with schach (plant material such as leafy tree overgrowth or palm leaves).



# Important days last MONTH (Ethananim)!

Yom Teruah	– 01
Yom Kippur	– 10
Sukkot Starts	– 15
Sukkot Ends	– 21
Hashanah Rabbah	– 22