

~YOHDH (61)

- The tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It is the smallest of the **Hebrew** letters. The name of the smallest letter of the Greek alphabet, *i-o'ta*, evidently is akin to the **Hebrew** *yohdh*.
- Since the Law of Moses was originally written and subsequently preserved in Hebrew, it is likely that Jesus was referring back to the **Hebrew** *yohdh* when he said that the smallest letter, **Greek**, *i-o'ta*, would not pass away without its due fulfillment.
- For truly I say to you that sooner would heaven and earth pass away than for one smallest letter or one particle of a letter to pass away from the Law by any means and not all things take place. (**Matthew 5:18**)
- This letter occurs as the initial letter in the Tetragrammaton, or sacred name Yehowah, reading from right to left: and as such was carried over into the earliest copies of the **Greek Septuagint**.
- A papyrus fragment of the **Third Century C.E.** [P. Oxyrhynchus vii. 1007] containing a portion of the **Septuagint** translation of Genesis represented the divine name Yehowah by a doubled *yohdh*.
- Further, Yehowah God planted a garden in Eden, toward the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. (**Genesis 2:8**)
Footnote
- Because of the similarity between the letters *yohdh* and *waw* they were sometimes confused by copyists. In the Hebrew, at,
- Your own hands have made me, and they proceeded to fix me solidly. Make me understand, that I may learn your commandments. (**Psalms 119:73**)
- Those fearing you are the ones that see me and rejoice, for I have waited for your own word. (**Psalms 119:74**)
- I well know, O Yehowah, that your judicial decisions are righteousness and that with faithfulness you have afflicted me. (**Psalms 119:75**)

- **May your loving-kindness serve, please, to comfort me, according to your saying to your servant. ([Psalms 119:76](#))**
- **Let your mercies come to me, that I may keep living, for your Law is what I am fond of. ([Psalms 119:77](#))**
- **Let the presumptuous ones be ashamed, for without cause they have misled me. As for me, I concern myself with your orders. ([Psalms 119:78](#))**
- **Let those fearing you turn back to me, those also knowing your reminders. ([Psalms 119:79](#))**
- **Let my heart prove faultless in your regulations, in order, that I may not be ashamed. ([Psalms 119:80](#))**
- **Each verse begins with the letter *yohdh*.**