

~YEHOWAH (6254)

(Ye-ho'wah) [the causative form, the imperfect state, of the Hebrew verb *ha-wah'*, become, meaning, He Causes to Become]

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- The personal name of God.
 - I am **Yehowah**. That is my name, and to no one else shall I give my own glory, neither my praise to graven images. (**Isaiah 42:8**)
 - For your Grand Maker is your husbandly owner, **Yehowah** of armies being his name, and the Holy One of Israel is your Repurchaser. The God of the whole earth he will be called. (**Isaiah 54:5**)

- Though Scripturally designated by such descriptive titles as, God, Sovereign Lord, Creator, Father, the Almighty, and the Most High, his personality and attributes who and what he is are fully summed up and expressed only in this personal name.
- That people may know that you, whose name is **Yehowah**, you alone are the Most High over all the earth. (**Psalms 83:18**)

•• Correct Pronunciation Of The Divine Name

- **Yehowah** is the best known English pronunciation of the divine name, although **Yahweh** is favored by most Hebrew scholars.
- The oldest **Hebrew** manuscripts present the name in the form of four consonants, commonly called the Tetragrammaton, from **Greek** *te-tra-*, meaning, **four**, and *gram'ma*, **letter**.
- These four letters, written from right to left, may be transliterated into English as **YHWH**, or the Latinized form of **JHVH**.
- The Hebrew consonants of the name are therefore known. The question is, Which vowels are to be combined with those consonants? Vowel points did not come into use in Hebrew until the second half of the **First Millennium C.E.**
- Furthermore, because of a religious superstition that had begun centuries earlier, the vowel pointing found in Hebrew manuscripts does not provide the key for determining which vowels should appear in the divine name.

See Also HEBREW, II (Hebrew Alphabet and Script)

•• Superstition Hides The Name

- At some point a superstitious idea arose among the Jews that it was wrong even to pronounce the divine name, represented by the Tetragrammaton.
- Just what basis was originally assigned for discontinuing the use of the name is not definitely known. Some hold that the name was viewed as being too sacred for imperfect lips to speak.

- **Yet the Hebrew Scriptures themselves give no evidence that any of God's true servants ever felt any hesitancy about pronouncing his name.**
- **Non-Biblical Hebrew documents, such as the so-called Lachish Letters, show the name was used in regular correspondence in Palestine during the latter part of the Seventh Century B.C.E.**
- **Another view is that the intent was to keep non-Jewish peoples from knowing the name and possibly misusing it. However, Yehowah himself said that he would have his name declared in all the earth.**
- **But, in fact, for this cause I have kept you in existence, for the sake of showing you my power and in order to have my name declared in all the earth. (Exodus 9:16)**
- **Sing to Yehowah, all you of the earth! Announce from day to day the salvation he gives! (1 Chronicles 16:23)**
- **Relate among the nations his glory, among all the peoples his wonderful acts. (1 Chronicles 16:24)**
- **From the rising of the sun until its setting Yehowah's name is to be praised. (Psalms 113:3)**
- **For from the suns rising even to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place sacrificial smoke will be made, a presentation will be made to my name, even a clean gift, because my name will be great among the nations, Yehowah of armies has said. (Malachi 1:11)**
- **And cursed is the one acting cunningly when there exists in his drove a male animal, and he is making a vow and sacrificing a ruined one to Yehowah. For I am a great King, Yehowah of armies has said, and my name will be fear-inspiring among the nations. (Malachi 1:14)**
- **To be known even by his adversaries.**
- **As when a fire ignites the brushwood, and the fire makes the very water boil up, in order to make your name known to your adversaries, that on account of you the nations might be agitated! (Isaiah 64:2)**

- The name was in fact known and used by pagan nations both in pre-Common Era times and in the early centuries of the Common Era. [The Jewish Encyclopedia, 1976, Vol. XII, p. 119]
- Another claim is that the purpose was to protect the name from use in magical rites. If so, this was poor reasoning, as it is obvious that the more mysterious the name became through disuse the more it would suit the purposes of practitioners of magic.

•• When Did The Superstition Take Hold

- Just as the reason or reasons originally advanced for discontinuing the use of the divine name are uncertain, so, too, there is much uncertainty as to when this superstitious view really took hold. Some claim that it began following the Babylonian exile, **607-537 B.C.E.**
- This theory, however, is based on a supposed reduction in the use of the name by the later writers of the Hebrew Scriptures, a view that does not hold up under examination. Malachi, for example, was evidently one of the last books of the Hebrew Scriptures written, in the latter half of the **Fifth Century B.C.E.**, and it gives great prominence to the divine name.
- Many reference works have suggested that the name ceased to be used by about **300 B.C.E.** Evidence for this date supposedly was found in the absence of the Tetragrammaton, or a transliteration of it, in the **Greek Septuagint** translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, begun about **280 B.C.E.**
- It is true that the most complete manuscript copies of the **Septuagint** now known do consistently follow the practice of substituting the **Greek** words *Ky'ri-os*, **Lord** or *The-os*, **God**, for the Tetragrammaton.
- But these major manuscripts date back only as far as the **Fourth and Fifth Centuries C.E.** More ancient copies, though in fragmentary form, have been discovered that prove that the **earliest** copies of the **Septuagint did contain the divine name.**
- One of these is the fragmentary remains of a papyrus roll of a portion of Deuteronomy, listed as [**P. Fouad Inventory No. 266**]. It regularly presents the Tetragrammaton, written in square Hebrew characters, in each case of its appearance in the Hebrew text being translated.

- This papyrus is dated by scholars as being from the **First Century B.C.E.**, and thus it was written four or five centuries earlier than the manuscripts mentioned previously. [See NW appendix, pp. 1562-1564]

· When Did The Jews Actually Stop Pronouncing Divine Name

- So, at least in written form, there is no sound evidence of any disappearance or disuse of the divine name in the **B.C.E.** period. In the **First Century C.E.**, there first appears some evidence of a superstitious attitude toward the name.

- Josephus, a Jewish historian from a priestly family, when recounting God's revelation to Moses at the site of the burning bush, says; **Then God revealed to him His name, which ere then had not come to mens ears, and of which I am forbidden to speak.** [Jewish Antiquities, II, 276, xii, 4]

- Josephus statement, however, besides being inaccurate as to knowledge of the divine name prior to Moses, is vague and does not clearly reveal just what the general attitude current in the **First Century** was as to pronouncing or using the divine name.

- The **Jewish Mishnah**, a collection of rabbinic teachings and traditions, is somewhat more explicit. Its compilation is credited to a rabbi known as Judah the Prince, who lived in the **Second and Third Centuries C.E.**

- Some of the **Mishnaic** material clearly relates to circumstances prior to the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple in **70 C.E.** Of the Mishnah, however, one scholar says: **It is a matter of extreme difficulty to decide what historical value we should attach to any tradition recorded in the Mishnah.**

- The lapse of time which may have served to obscure or distort memories of times so different, the political upheavals, changes, and confusions brought about by two rebellions and two Roman conquests, the standards esteemed by the Pharisean party, whose opinions the Mishnah records, which were not those of the Sadducean party these are factors which need to be given due weight in estimating the character of the Mishnahs statements.

- Moreover there is much in the contents of the Mishnah that moves in an atmosphere of academic discussion pursued for its own

sake, with, so it would appear, little pretence at recording historical usage. [The Mishnah, translated by H. Danby, London, 1954, pp. xiv, xv]

- Some of the **Mishnaic** traditions concerning the pronouncing of the divine name are as follows:

- In connection with the annual Day of Atonement, Danbys translation of the Mishnah states; And when the priests and the people which stood in the Temple Court heard the Expressed Name come forth from the mouth of the High Priest, they used to kneel and bow themselves and fall down on their faces and say; Blessed be the name of the glory of his kingdom for ever and ever! [Yoma 6:2]

- Of the daily priestly blessings, [Sotah 7:6] says: In the Temple they pronounced the Name as it was written, but in the provinces by a substituted word. [Sanhedrin 7:5] states that a blasphemer was not guilty unless he pronounced the Name, and that in a trial involving a charge of blasphemy a substitute name was used until all the evidence had been heard, then the chief witness was asked privately to say expressly what he had heard, presumably employing the divine name. [Sanhedrin 10:1,] in listing those that have no share in the world to come, states: Abba Saul says: Also he that pronounces the Name with its proper letters.

- Yet, despite these negative views, one also finds in the first section of the Mishnah the positive injunction that a man should salute his fellow with the use of the Name of God, the example of Boaz.

- And, look! Boaz came from Bethlehem and proceeded to say to the harvesters; Yehowah be with you. In turn they would say to him; Yehowah bless you. (Ruth 2:4)

- Then being cited. [Berakhot 9:5]

- Taken for what they are worth, these traditional views may reveal a superstitious tendency to avoid using the divine name sometime before Jerusalem's temple was destroyed in 70 C.E.

- Even then, it is primarily the priests who are explicitly said to have used a substitute name in place of the divine name, and that only in the provinces. Additionally the historical value of the Mishnaic traditions is questionable, as we have seen.

- There is, therefore, no genuine basis for assigning any time earlier than the **First and Second Centuries C.E.** for the development of the superstitious view calling for discontinuance of the use of the divine name.
- The time did come, however, when in reading the Hebrew Scriptures in the original language, the Jewish reader substituted either *'Adho-nai'*, Sovereign Lord or *'Elo-him'*, God, rather than pronounce the divine name represented by the Tetragrammaton.
- This is seen from the fact that when vowel pointing came into use in the second half of the **First Millennium C.E.**, the Jewish copyists inserted the vowel points for either *'Adho-nai'* or *'Elo-him'* into the Tetragrammaton, evidently to warn the reader to say those words in place of pronouncing the divine name.
- If using the **Greek Septuagint** translation of the Hebrew Scriptures in **later** copies, the reader, of course, found the Tetragrammaton completely replaced by *Ky'ri-os* and *The-os'*.

See Also LORD

- Translations into other languages, such as the **Latin Vulgate**, followed the example of these later copies of the **Greek Septuagint**. The **Catholic Douay Version [of 1609-1610]** in English, based on the **Latin Vulgate**, therefore does not contain the divine name, while the **King James Version 1611** uses **LORD** or **GOD**, in capital and small capitals, to represent the Tetragrammaton in the Hebrew Scriptures, except in four cases.

•• What Is The Proper Pronunciation Of God's Name

- In the second half of the **First millennium C.E.**, Jewish scholars introduced a system of points to represent the missing vowels in the consonantal Hebrew text.
- When it came to God's name, instead of inserting the proper vowel signs for it, they put other vowel signs to remind the reader that he should say *'Adho-nai'*, meaning, **Sovereign Lord** or *'Elo-him'*, meaning, **God**.
- The **Codex Leningrad B 19 A**, of the **11th Century C.E.**, vowel points the Tetragrammaton to read *Yehwah'*, *Yehwih'*, and *Yeho-wah'*.

- **Ginsburg's** edition of the **Masoretic** text vowel points the divine name to read *Yeho-wah'*.
- **And Yehowah God proceeded to say to the serpent: Because you have done this thing, you are the cursed one out of all the domestic animals and out of all the wild beasts of the field. Upon your belly you will go and dust is what you will eat all the days of your life. (Genesis 3:14)** ^{Footnote;} Hebrew *Yeho-wah'* The first of quite a few occurrences in BHK and BHS where the divine name is vowel-pointed with the additional vowel o See (Genesis 2:4) Footnote Yehowah, Appendix 1A
- Hebrew scholars generally favor *Yahweh* as the most likely pronunciation. They point out that the abbreviated form of the name is *Yah, or Jah* in the Latinized form, as at;
- **O Yehowah** God of armies, who is vigorous like you, O Yah? And your faithfulness is all around you. (**Psalms 89:8**)
- **And in the expression *Ha-lelu-yah'*, meaning, Praise Yah, you people!**
- **The sinners will be finished off from the earth, and as for the wicked, they will be no longer. Bless Yehowah, O my soul. Praise Yah, you people!**
- **The sinners will be finished off from the earth, and as for the wicked, they will be no longer. Bless Yehowah, O my soul. Praise Yah, you people! (Psalms 104:35)**
- **Praise Yah, you people! Praise God in his holy place. Praise him in the expanse of his strength. (Psalms 150:1)**
- **Every breathing thing, let it praise Yah. Praise Yah, you people! (Psalms 150:6)**
- **Also, the forms *Yehoh', Yoh, Yah, and Ya'hu*, found in the Hebrew spelling of the names Jehoshaphat, Joshaphat, Shephatiah, and others, can all be derived from *Yahweh*.**
- **Greek transliterations of the name by early Christian writers point in a somewhat similar direction with spellings such as *I-a-be'* and *I-a-ou-e'*, which, as pronounced in Greek, resemble *Yahweh*.**

- Still, there is by no means unanimity among scholars on the subject, some favoring yet other pronunciations, such as *Yahuwa*, *Yahuah*, or *Yehuah*.
- Since certainty of pronunciation is not now attainable, there seems to be no reason for abandoning in English the well-known form **Yehowah** in favor of some other suggested pronunciation.
- If such a change were made, then, to be consistent, changes should be made in the spelling and pronunciation of a host of other names found in the Scriptures; In fact all Hebrew names beginning with (J) would be changed to (Y). Jeremiah would be changed to *Yir-meyah*', Isaiah would become *Yesha`-ya'hu*, and Jesus would be either *Yehoh-shu'a`*, as in **Hebrew**, or *I-e-sous*', as in **Greek**.
- The purpose of words is to transmit thoughts, in English the name *Yehowah* identifies the true God, transmitting this thought more satisfactorily today than any of the suggested substitutes, and it uses the correct **Hebrew** letters so that it is in harmony with truth, for the (J) and (V) are not letters in Hebrew language.

•• Importance Of The Name

- Many modern scholars and Bible translators advocate following the tradition of eliminating the distinctive name of God. They not only claim that its uncertain pronunciation justifies such a course but also hold that the supremacy and uniqueness of the true God make unnecessary his having a particular name.
- Such a view receives no support from the inspired Scriptures, either those of pre-Christian times or those of the **Christian Greek Scriptures**.
- The **Tetragrammaton** occurs **6,828 times** in the Hebrew text printed in **Biblia Hebraica** and **Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia**. In the Hebrew Scriptures the **New World Translation** contains the divine name 6,973 times, because the translators took into account, among other things, the fact that in some places the scribes had replaced the divine name with '*Adho-nai*' or '*Elo-him*'. [See NW appendix, pp. 1561,1562]
- The very frequency of the appearance of the name attests to its importance to the Bible's Author, whose name it is. Its use throughout the Scriptures far outnumbers that of any of the titles, such as **Sovereign Lord** or **God**, applied to him.

- Noteworthy, also, is the importance given to names themselves in the Hebrew Scriptures and among Semitic peoples. Professor **G. T Manley** points out: **A study of the word name in the Old Testament reveals how much it means in Hebrew.**

- The name is no mere label, but is significant of the real personality of him to whom it belongs. When a person puts his name upon a thing or another person the latter comes under his influence and protection. [New Bible Dictionary, edited by J. D. Douglas, 1985, p. 430][Everyman's Talmud, by A. Cohen, 1949, p. 24]

- At this he said; Is that not why his name is called Jacob, in that he should supplant me these two times? My birthright he has already taken, and here at this time he has taken my blessing! Then he added; Have you not reserved a blessing for me? (**Genesis 27:36**)

- Please, do not let my lord set his heart upon this good-for-nothing man Nabal, for, as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and senselessness is with him. As for me your slave girl, I did not see my lords young men that you had sent. (**1 Samuel 25:25**)

- May **Yehowah** answer you in the day of distress. May the name of the God of Jacob protect you. (**Psalms 20:1**)

- A name is to be chosen rather than abundant riches. Favor is better than even silver and gold. (**Proverbs 22:1**)

See Also NAME

•• God And Father Not Distinctive

- The title, **God**, is neither personal nor distinctive, for one can even make a god of his belly.

- And their finish is destruction, and **their god is their belly**, and their glory consists in their shame, and they have their minds upon things on the earth. (**Philippians 3:19**)

- In the Hebrew Scriptures the same word, '*Elo-him*', is applied to **Yehowah**, the **true God**, and also to false gods, such as the **Philistine god Dagon**.

- As for the Philistine axis lords, they gathered together to sacrifice a great sacrifice **to Dagon their god** and for rejoicing, and they kept saying; Our god has given into our hand Samson our enemy! (**Judges 16:23**)
- When the people got to see him, they at once gave way to praising their god, because, said they, our god has given into our hand our enemy and the devastator of our land and the one who multiplied our slain. (**Judges 16:24**)
- And the men of Ashdod came to see that it was so, and they said; Do not let the ark of the God of Israel dwell with us, because his hand has been hard against us and against Dagon our god. (**1 Samuel 5:7**)
- **And the Assyrian god Nisroch.**
- And it came about that as he was bowing down at the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, themselves struck him down with the sword, and they themselves escaped to the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son began to reign in place of him. (**2 Kings 19:37**)
- For a Hebrew to tell a Philistine or an Assyrian that he worshiped **God**, '*Elo-him*', would obviously not have sufficed to identify the Person to whom his worship went.
- In its articles on **Yehowah**, *The Imperial Bible-Dictionary* nicely illustrates the difference between '*Elo-him*', **God**, and Yehowah.
- Of the name **Yehowah**, it says: It is everywhere a **proper name**, denoting the personal God and him only, whereas Elohim partakes more of the character of a **common noun**, denoting usually, indeed, but not necessarily nor uniformly, the Supreme.
- The Hebrew may say **the Elohim**, **the true God**, in opposition to all false gods, but **he never says the Yehowah**, for *Yehowah* is the name of the true God only.
- He says again and again **my God**, **but never my Yehowah**, for when he says **my God**, he means *Yehowah*. He speaks of the God of Israel, but never of the Yehowah of Israel, for there is no other *Yehowah*.

- **He speaks of the living God, but never of the living *Yehowah*, for he cannot conceive of *Yehowah* as other than living. [Edited by P. Fairbairn, London, 1874, Vol. I, p. 856]**

- **The same is true of the Greek term for God, *The-os'*. It was applied alike to the true God and to such pagan gods as Zeus and Hermes, Roman Jupiter and Mercury.**

- **And the crowds, seeing what Paul had done, raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian tongue; The gods have become like human's and have come down to us! (Acts of Apostles 14:11)**

- **And they went calling Barnabas Zeus, but Paul Hermes, since he was the one taking the lead in speaking. (Acts of Apostles 14:12)**

- **And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was before the city, brought bulls and garlands to the gates and was desiring to offer sacrifices with the crowds. (Acts of Apostles 14:13)**

- **However, when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they ripped their outer garments and leaped out into the crowd, crying out. (Acts of Apostles 14:14)**

- **And saying; Men, why are you doing these things? We also are human's having the same infirmities as you do, and are declaring the Good News to you, for you to turn from these vain things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them. (Acts of Apostles 14:15)**

- **Presenting the true situation are Paul's words at;**

- **Now concerning the eating of foods offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no God but one. (1 Corinthians 8:4)**

- **For even though there are those who are called, **gods**, whether in heaven or on earth, just as there are many **gods** and many **lords**. (1 Corinthians 8:5)**

- **There is actually to us one God the Father, out of whom all things are, and we for him. There is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things are, and we through him. (1 Corinthians 8:6)**

- For even though there are those who are called **gods**, whether in heaven or on earth, just as there are many **gods** and many **lords**, there is actually to us one God the Father, out of whom all things are, and we for him.
- The belief in numerous gods, which makes essential that the true God be distinguished from such, has continued even into this 20th century.
- Paul's reference to God the Father does not mean that the true God's name is Father, for the designation father applies as well to every human male parent and describes men in other relationships.
- And he received a sign, namely, circumcision, as a seal of the righteousness by the faith he had while in his uncircumcised state, that he might be the father of all those having faith while in uncircumcision, in order for righteousness to be counted to them. (**Romans 4:11**)
- On this account it was as a result of faith, that it might be according to undeserved kindness, in order for the promise to be sure to all his seed, not only to that which adheres to the Law, but also to that which adheres to the faith of Abraham. (**He is the father of us all. Romans 4:16**)
- For though you may have ten thousand tutors in Christ, you certainly do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I have become your father through the Good News. (**1 Corinthians 4:15**)
- The **Messiah** is given the **title Eternal Father**.
- For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us, and the princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **Eternal Father**, Prince of Peace. (**Isaiah 9:6**)
- Jesus called Satan the **father** of certain murderous opposers.
- You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie. (**John 8:44**)

- The term was also applied to gods of the nations, the Greek god Zeus being represented as the great father god in Homeric poetry. That **God the Father** has a name, one that is distinct from his Sons name, is shown in numerous texts.
- Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (**Matthew 28:19**)
- The one that conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will by no means go out from it anymore, and I will write upon him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem which descends out of heaven from my God, and that new name of mine. (**Revelation 3:12**)
- And I saw, and, look! The Lamb standing upon the Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. (**Revelation 14:1**)
- Paul knew the personal name of God, **Yehowah**, as found in the creation account in Genesis, from which Paul quoted in his writings. That name, Yehowah, distinguishes, **God the Father**.
- And now, O **Yehowah**, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are our Potter, and all of us are the work of your hand. (**Isaiah 64:8**)
- Thereby blocking any attempt at merging or blending his identity and person with that of any other to whom the title **god** or **father** may be applied.

·· Not A Tribal God

- **Yehowah** is called, **the God of Israel** and **the God of their forefathers**.
- And let your name prove faithful and become great to time indefinite, saying; **Yehowah** of armies, **the God of Israel**, is God to Israel, and let the house of David your servant be one lasting before you. (**1 Chronicles 17:24**)
- You go, and you must gather the older men of Israel, and you

must say to them, **Yehowah** the **God of your forefathers** has appeared to me, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying; I will without fail to you and to what is being done to you in Egypt. (**Exodus 3:16**)

- Yet this intimate association with the Hebrews and with the Israelite nation gives no reason for limiting the name to that of a tribal god, as some have done.
- The Christian apostle Paul wrote,
- Or is he the God of the Jews only? Is he not also of people of the nations? Yes, of people of the nations also. (**Romans 3:29**)
- **Yehowah** is not only the God of the whole earth.
- For your Grand Maker is your husbandly owner, **Yehowah** of armies being his name, and the Holy One of Israel is your Repurchaser. The **God of the whole earth** he will be called. (**Isaiah 54:5**)
- But also the God of the universe, **the Maker of heaven and earth**.
- Our help is in the name of **Yehowah**, the Maker of heaven and earth. (**Psalms 124:8**)
- **Yehowah's** covenant with Abraham, nearly 2,000 years earlier than Paul's day, had promised blessings **for people of all nations**, showing God's interest in all mankind.
- And **Yehowah** proceeded to say to Abram; Go your way out of your country and from your relatives and from the house of your father to the country that I shall show you. (**Genesis 12:1**)
- And I shall make a great nation out of you and I shall bless you and I will make your name great, and prove yourself a blessing. (**Genesis 12:2**)
- And I will bless those who bless you, and him that calls down evil upon you I shall curse, and all the families of the ground will certainly bless themselves by means of you. (**Genesis 12:3**)
- At this Peter opened his mouth and said; For a certainty I perceive that God is not partial. (**Acts of Apostles 10:34**)

- But in every nation the man that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:35**)
- Now when they heard these things, they acquiesced, and they glorified God, saying; Well, then, God has granted repentance for the purpose of life to people of the nations also. (**Acts of Apostles 11:18**)
- **Yehowah** God eventually rejected the unfaithful nation of fleshly Israel. But his name was to continue among the new nation of Spiritual Israel, the Christian congregation, even when that new nation began to embrace non-Jewish persons in its membership.
- Presiding at a Christian assembly in Jerusalem, the disciple James therefore spoke of God as having turned his attention to the non-Jewish nations to take out of them **a people for his name**.
- As proof that this had been foretold, James then quoted a prophecy in the book of Amos in which **Yehowah's** name appears twice.
- But when there had occurred no little dissension and disputing by Paul and Barnabas with them, they arranged for Paul and Barnabas and some others of them to go up to the apostles and older men in Jerusalem regarding this dispute. (**Acts of Apostles 15:2**)
- At that the entire multitude became silent, and they began to listen to Barnabas and Paul relate the many signs and portents that God did through them among the nations. (**Acts of Apostles 15:12**)
- After they quit speaking, James answered, saying; Men, brothers, hear me. (**Acts of Apostles 15:13**)
- Symeon has related thoroughly how God for the first time turned his attention to the nations to take out of them a people for his name. (**Acts of Apostles 15:14**)
- In that day I shall raise up the booth of David that is fallen, and I shall certainly repair their breaches. And its ruins I shall raise up, and I shall certainly build it up as in the days of long ago. (**Amos 9:11**)

- To the end that they may take possession of what is left remaining of Edom, and all the nations upon whom my name has been called, is the utterance of **Yehowah**, who is doing this. **(Amos 9:12)**
- In the **Christian Greek Scriptures**. In view of this evidence it seems most unusual to find that the extant manuscript copies of the original text of the **Christian Greek Scriptures** do not contain the divine name in its full form.
- The name therefore is also absent from most translations of the so-called New Testament. Yet the name does appear in these sources in its abbreviated form at,
- After these things I heard what was as a loud voice of a great crowd in heaven. They said; Praise **Yah**, you people! The salvation and the glory and the power belong to our God. **(Revelation 19:1)**
- And right away for the second time they said; Praise **Yah**, you people! And the smoke from her goes on ascending forever and ever. **(Revelation 19:3)**
- And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God seated upon the throne, and said; Amen! Praise Yah, you people! **(Revelation 19:4)**
- And I heard what was as a voice of a great crowd and as a sound of many waters and as a sound of heavy thunders. They said; Praise Yah, you people, because Yehowah our God, the Almighty, has begun to rule as king. **(Revelation 19:6)**
- In the expression, **Alleluia** or **Hallelujah**, **KJ, DY, JB, AS, RS**. The call there recorded as spoken by spirit sons of God to, Praise **Yah**, you people! **NW** Makes clear that the divine name was not obsolete, it was as vital and pertinent as it had been in the pre-Christian period. Why, then, the absence of its full form from the **Christian Greek Scriptures**?

· Why Is The Divine Name In Its Full Form Not Available Today

- The argument long presented was that the inspired writers of the **Christian Greek Scriptures** made their quotations from the Hebrew Scriptures on the basis of the **Septuagint**, and that, since this version

substituted *Ky'ri-os* or *The-os'* for the Tetragrammaton, these writers did not use the name **Yehowah**.

- As has been shown, this argument is no longer valid. Commenting on the fact that the oldest fragments of the **Greek Septuagint** do contain the divine name in its Hebrew form, **Dr. P. Kahle** says: **We now know that the Greek Bible text the Septuagint as far as it was written by Jews for Jews did not translate the Divine name by *kyrios*, but the Tetragrammaton written with Hebrew or Greek letters was retained in such manuscripts.**
- **It was the Christians who replaced the Tetragrammaton by *kyrios*, when the divine name written in Hebrew letters was not understood any more. [The Cairo Geniza, Oxford, 1959, p. 222]**
- **When did this change in the Greek translations of the Hebrew Scriptures take place?**
- **It evidently took place in the centuries following the death of Jesus and his apostles. In Aquilas Greek version, dating from the **Second Century C.E**, the **Tetragrammaton** still appeared in Hebrew characters.**
- **Around **245 C.E**, the noted scholar Origen produced his **Hexapla**, a six-column reproduction of the inspired Hebrew Scriptures:**
 - **(1) in their original Hebrew and Aramaic, accompanied by**
 - **(2) a transliteration into Greek, and by the Greek versions of**
 - **(3) Aquila**
 - **(4) Symmachus**
 - **(5) the **Septuagint****
 - **(6) Theodotion**
- **On the evidence of the fragmentary copies now known, **Professor W. G. Waddell** says: **In Origen's *Hexapla* the Greek versions of Aquila, Symmachus, and LXX Septuagint all represented **YHWH** by, in the second column of the Hexapla the Tetragrammaton was written in Hebrew characters. [The Journal of Theological Studies, Oxford, Vol. XLV, 1944, pp. 158,159]****

- Others believe the original text of **Origen's Hexapla** used Hebrew characters for the **Tetragrammaton** in all its columns. Origen himself stated that in the most accurate manuscripts **THE NAME** occurs in Hebrew characters, yet not in today's Hebrew characters, but in the most ancient ones.
- As late as the **Fourth Century C.E.**, Jerome, the translator of the **Latin Vulgate**, says in his prologue to the books of Samuel and Kings: **And we find the name of God, the Tetragrammaton, i.e., in certain Greek volumes even to this day expressed in ancient letters.**
- In a letter written at Rome, **384 C.E.**, Jerome states: **The ninth [name of God] is the Tetragrammaton, which they considered *a-nek-pho'ne-ton*, that is, unspeakable, and it is written with these letters, *Iod, He, Vau, He.***
- Certain ignorant ones, because of the similarity of the characters, when they would find it in Greek books, were accustomed to read **YHWH** [Greek letters corresponding to the Roman letters **PIPI**] [Papyrus Grecs Bibliques, by F. Dunand, Cairo, 1966, p. 47] **Footnote 4]**
- The so-called Christians, then, who replaced the **Tetragrammaton** by *kyrios* in the **Septuagint** copies, were not the early disciples of Jesus. They were persons of later centuries, when the foretold apostasy was well developed and had corrupted the purity of Christian teachings.
- Let no one seduce you in any manner, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness gets revealed, the son of destruction. (**2 Thessalonians 2:3**)
- However, the inspired utterance says definitely that in later periods of time some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to misleading inspired utterances and teachings of demons. (**1 Timothy 4:1**)

•• **Used By Jesus And His Disciples**

• Thus, in the days of Jesus and his disciples the divine name very definitely appeared in copies of the Scriptures, both in Hebrew manuscripts and in Greek manuscripts. Did Jesus and his disciples use the divine name in speech and in writing? In view of Jesus' condemnation of Pharisaic traditions.

• Then there came to Jesus from Jerusalem Pharisees and scribes,

- saying; (**Matthew 15:1**)
- Why is it your disciples overstep the tradition of the men of former times? For example, they do not wash their hands when about to eat a meal. (**Matthew 15:2**)
 - In reply he said to them; Why is it you also overstep the commandment of God because of your tradition? (**Matthew 15:3**)
 - For example, God said; Honor your father and your mother. And; Let him that reviles father or mother end up in death. (**Matthew 15:4**)
 - But you say; Whoever says to his father or mother; Whatever I have by which you might get benefit from me is a gift dedicated to God. (**Matthew 15:5**)
 - He must not honor his father at all. And so you have made the word of God invalid because of your tradition. (**Matthew 15:6**)
 - You hypocrites, Isaiah aptly prophesied about you, when he said; (**Matthew 15:7**)
 - This people honors me with their lips, yet their heart is far removed from me. (**Matthew 15:8**)
 - It is in vain that they keep worshiping me, because they teach commands of men as doctrines. (**Matthew 15:9**)
 - It would be highly unreasonable to conclude that Jesus and his disciples let Pharisaic ideas, such as are recorded in the **Mishnah**, govern them in this matter. Jesus own name means, **Yehowah Is Salvation**. He stated; I have come in the **name** of my Father.
 - I have come **in the name of my Father**, but you do not receive me, if someone else arrived in his own name, you would receive that one. (**John 5:43**)
 - He taught his followers to pray; Our Father in the heavens, let your **name be sanctified**.
 - You must pray, then, this way; Our Father in the heavens, let your name be sanctified. (**Matthew 6:9**)

- **His works, he said, were done in the name of my Father.**
- **Jesus answered them; I told you, and yet you do not believe. The works that I am doing in the name of my Father, these bear witness about me. (John 10:25)**
- **And, in prayer on the night of his death, he said he had made his Father's name manifest to his disciples and asked, Holy Father, watch over them on account of your own name.**
- **I have made your name manifest to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have observed your word. (John 17:6)**
- **Also, I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world and I am coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them on account of your own name which you have given me, in order, that they may be one just as we are. (John 17:11)**
- **When I was with them I used to watch over them on account of your own name which you have given me, and I have kept them, and not one of them is destroyed except the son of destruction, in order, that the scripture might be fulfilled. (John 17:12)**
- **And I have made your name known to them and will make it known, in order, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in union with them. (John 17:26)**
- **In view of all of this, when Jesus quoted the Hebrew Scriptures or read from them he certainly used the divine name, Yehowah.**
- **And I have made your name known to them and will make it known, in order, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in union with them. (John 17:26)**
- **So he humbled you and let you go hungry and fed you with the manna, which neither you had known nor your fathers had known, in order to make you know that not by bread alone does man live but by every expression of Yehowah's mouth does man live. (Deuteronomy 8:3)**
- **You must not put Yehowah your God to the test, the way you put him to the test at Massah. (Deuteronomy 6:16)**

- But in reply he said; It is written: Man must live, not on bread alone, but on every utterance coming forth through **Yehowah's** mouth. (**Matthew 4:4**)
- Jesus said to him; Again it is written: You must not put **Yehowah** your God to the test. (**Matthew 4:7**)
- Then Jesus said to him; Go away, Satan! For it is written: It is **Yehowah** your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service. (**Matthew 4:10**)
- **Yehowah** your God you should fear, and him you should serve, and by his name you should swear. (**Deuteronomy 6:13**)
- And you must love **Yehowah** your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your vital force. (**Deuteronomy 6:5**)
- The utterance of **Yehowah** to my Lord is; Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. (**Psalms 110:1**)
- And he came to Nazareth, where he had been reared, and, according to his custom on the Sabbath day, he entered into the synagogue, and he stood up to read. (**Luke 4:16**)
- So the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, and he opened the scroll and found the place where it was written: (**Luke 4:17**)
- **Yehowah's** spirit is upon me, because he anointed me to declare Good News to the poor, he sent me forth to preach a release to the captives and a recovery of sight to the blind, to send the crushed ones away with a release. (**Luke 4:18**)
- To preach **Yehowah's** acceptable year. (**Luke 4:19**)
- With that he rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were intently fixed upon him. (**Luke 4:20**)
- Then he started to say to them; Today this scripture that you just heard is fulfilled. (**Luke 4:21**)
- The spirit of the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah** is upon me, for the reason that Yehowah has anointed me to tell Good News to the

meek ones. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to those taken captive and the wide opening of the eyes even to the prisoners. (**Isaiah 61:1**)

- To proclaim the year of goodwill on the part of **Yehowah** and the day of vengeance on the part of our God, to comfort all the mourning ones. (**Isaiah 61:2**)

- Logically, Jesus disciples, including the inspired writers of the **Christian Greek Scriptures**, would follow his example in this.

- Why, then, is the name absent from the extant manuscripts of the **Christian Greek Scriptures** or so-called New Testament? Evidently because by the time those extant copies were made, from the **Third Century C.E.** onward, the original text of the writings of the apostles and disciples had been altered.

- Thus later copyists undoubtedly replaced the divine name in Tetragrammaton form with *Ky'ri-os* and *The-os*'. This is precisely what the facts show was done in later copies of the **Septuagint** translation of the Hebrew Scriptures.

•• **Restoration Of The Divine Name In Translation**

- Recognizing that this must have been the case, some translators have included the name **Yehowah** in their renderings of the **Christian Greek Scriptures**.

- **The Emphatic Diaglott**, a **19th-Century** translation by **Benjamin Wilson**, contains the name **Yehowah** a number of times, particularly where the Christian writers quoted from the Hebrew Scriptures.

- But as far back as the **14th Century C.E.** the **Tetragrammaton** had already begun to be used in translations of the Christian Scriptures into Hebrew, beginning with the translation of Matthew into Hebrew that was incorporated in the work 'E'ven bo'chan by **Shem-Tob ben Isaac Ibn Shaprut**.

- Wherever Matthew quoted from the Hebrew Scriptures, this translation used the **Tetragrammaton** in each case of its occurrence. Many other Hebrew translations have since followed the same practice.

- As to the properness of this course, note the following acknowledgment by **R. B. Girdlestone**, late principal of **Wycliffe Hall**, Oxford.

- The statement was made before manuscript evidence came to light showing that the **Greek Septuagint** originally contained the name **Yehowah**.
- He said, **If that Septuagint version had retained the word [Yehowah], or had even used one Greek word for Yehowah and another for Adonai, such usage would doubtless have been retained in the discourses and arguments of the N.T. Thus our Lord, in quoting the 110th Psalm.**
- The utterance of **Yehowah** to my Lord is; **Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. (Psalms 110:1)**
- **Instead of saying; The Lord said unto my Lord, might have said; Yehowah said unto Adoni.**
- **Proceeding on this same basis, which evidence now shows to have been actual fact, he adds; Supposing a Christian scholar were engaged in translating the Greek Testament into Hebrew, he would have to consider, each time the word occurred, whether there was anything in the context to indicate its true Hebrew representative, and this is the difficulty which would arise in translating the N.T. into all languages if the title Yehowah had been allowed to stand in the Septuagint translation of the O.T.**
- **The Hebrew Scriptures would be a guide in many passages: thus, wherever the expression the angel of the Lord occurs, we know that the word Lord represents Yehowah, a similar conclusion as to the expression the word of the Lord would be arrived at, if the precedent set by the O.T. were followed, so also in the case of the title the Lord of Hosts.**
- **Wherever, on the contrary, the expression My Lord or Our Lord occurs, we should know that the word Yehowah would be inadmissible, and Adonai or Adoni would have to be used. [Synonyms of the Old Testament, 1897, p. 43]**
- **It is on such a basis that translations of the Greek Scriptures, mentioned earlier, containing the name Yehowah have proceeded.**
- **Outstanding, however, in this regard is the New World Translation, used throughout this work, in which the divine name in the form Yehowah appears 237 times in the Christian Greek Scriptures. As has been shown, there is sound basis for this.**

· Early Use Of The Name And Its Meaning

- Nevertheless, Moses said to the true God; Suppose I am now come to the sons of Israel and I do say to them, The God of your forefathers has sent me to you, and they do say to me, What is his name? What shall I say to them? (**Exodus 3:13**)
- At this God said to Moses; **I SHALL PROVE TO BE WHAT I SHALL PROVE TO BE**. And he added; This is what you are to say to the sons of Israel, **I SHALL PROVE TO BE** has sent me to you. (**Exodus 3:14**)
- Then God said once more to Moses; This is what you are to say to the sons of Israel, **Yehowah** the God of your forefathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name to time indefinite, and this is the memorial of me to generation after generation. (**Exodus 3:15**)
- You go, and you must gather the older men of Israel, and you must say to them, **Yehowah** the God of your forefathers has appeared to me, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying; I will without fail to you and to what is being done to you in Egypt. (**Exodus 3:16**)
- And I used to appear to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as God Almighty, but as respects my name **Yehowah** I did not make myself known to them. (**Exodus 6:3**)
- Are often misapplied to mean that **Yehowah's** name was first revealed to Moses sometime prior to the Exodus from Egypt. True, Moses raised the question;
- Suppose I am now come to the sons of Israel and I do say to them, The God of your forefathers has sent me to you, and they do say to me, What is his name? What shall I say to them?
- But this does not mean that he or the Israelites did not know **Yehowah's** name. The very name of Moses mother Jochebed means, possibly, **Yehowah Is Glory**.
- Now Amram took Jochebed his father's sister as his wife. Later she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of Amram's life were a hundred and thirty-seven years. (**Exodus 6:20**)

- **Moses question likely was related to the circumstances in which the sons of Israel found themselves. They had been in hard slavery for many decades with no sign of any relief.**
- **Doubt, discouragement, and weakness of faith in God's power and purpose to deliver them had very likely infiltrated their ranks.**
- **And I went on to say to them, Throw away, each one of you, the disgusting things of his eyes, and with the dungy idols of Egypt do not defile yourselves. I am **Yehowah** your God. (Ezekiel 20:7)**
- **And they began to rebel against me, and they did not consent to listen to me. The disgusting things of their eyes they did not individually throw away, and the dungy idols of Egypt they did not leave, so that I promised to pour out my rage upon them, in order to bring my anger to its finish upon them in the midst of the land of Egypt. (Ezekiel 20:8)**
- **For Moses simply to say he came in the name of, **God**, '*Elo-him*', or the **Sovereign Lord**, '*Adho-nai*', therefore might not have meant much to the suffering Israelites. They knew the Egyptians had their own gods and lords and doubtless heard taunts from the Egyptians that their gods were superior to the God of the Israelites.**
- **Then, too, we must keep in mind that names then had real meaning and were not just labels to identify an individual as today. Moses knew that Abram's name, meaning, **Father Is High or Exalted** was changed to Abraham, meaning, **Father of a Crowd or Multitude**, the change being made because of God's purpose concerning Abraham.**
- **So, too, the name of Sarai was changed to Sarah and that of Jacob to Israel, in each case the change revealed something fundamental and prophetic about God's purpose concerning them.**
- **Moses may well have wondered if **Yehowah** would now reveal himself under some new name to throw light on his purpose toward Israel. Moses going to the Israelites in the **name** of the One who sent him meant being the representative of that One, and the greatness of the authority with which Moses would speak would be determined by or be commensurate with that name and what it represented.**
- **Here I am sending an angel ahead of you to keep you on the road and to bring you into the place that I have prepared. (Exodus 23:20)**

- Watch yourself because of him and obey his voice. Do not behave rebelliously against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, because my name is within him. (**Exodus 23:21**)
- Watch yourself because of him and obey his voice. Do not behave rebelliously against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, because my name is within him. (**Exodus 23:21**)
- So, Moses question was a meaningful one.
- God's reply in Hebrew was, '*Eh-yeh*' '*Asher*' '*Eh-yeh*'. Some translations render this as, **I am THAT I AM**. However, it is to be noted that the Hebrew verb *ha-yah*', from which the word '*Eh-yeh*' is drawn, does **not mean simply, be**.
- Rather, it means, **become, or prove to be**. The reference here is not to God's self-existence, but **to what he has in mind to become toward others**.
- Therefore, the **New World Translation** properly renders the above Hebrew expression as, **I SHALL PROVE TO BE WHAT I SHALL PROVE TO BE**. **Yehowah** thereafter added; This is what you are to say to the sons of Israel, **I SHALL PROVE TO BE** has sent me to you.
- At this God said to Moses; **I SHALL PROVE TO BE WHAT I SHALL PROVE TO BE**. And he added; This is what you are to say to the sons of Israel, **I SHALL PROVE TO BE** has sent me to you. (**Exodus 3:14**)
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- That this meant no change in God's name, but only an additional insight into God's personality, is seen from his further words; This is what you are to say to the sons of Israel, **Yehowah** the God of your forefathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name to time indefinite, and this is the memorial of me to generation after generation.
- Then God said once more to Moses; This is what you are to say to the sons of Israel, **Yehowah** the God of your forefathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name to time indefinite, and this is the memorial of me to generation after generation. (**Exodus 3:15**)
- O **Yehowah**, your name is to time indefinite. O Yehowah, your memorial is to generation after generation. (**Psalms 135:13**)

- And **Yehowah** the God of the armies, Yehowah is his memorial. (**Hosea 12:5**)
- The name **Yehowah** comes from the Hebrew verb *ha-wah'*, become, and actually means, **He Causes to Become**. This reveals Yehowah as the One who, with progressive action, causes himself to become the Fulfiller of promises. Thus he always brings his purposes to realization. Only the true God could rightly and authentically bear such a name.
- This aids one in understanding the sense of **Yehowah's** later statement to Moses; I am **Yehowah**. And I used to appear to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as God Almighty, but as respects my name **Yehowah** I did not make myself known to them.
- And God went on to speak to Moses and to say to him; I am **Yehowah**. (**Exodus 6:2**)
- And I used to appear to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as God Almighty, but as respects my name **Yehowah** I did not make myself known to them. (**Exodus 6:3**)
- Since the name **Yehowah** was used many times by those patriarchal ancestors of Moses, it is evident that God meant that he manifested himself to them in the capacity of Yehowah only in a limited way.
- To illustrate this, those who had known the man Abram could hardly be said to have really **known** him as **Abraham**, meaning, **Father of a Crowd or Multitude** while he had but one son, Ishmael. When Isaac and other sons were born and began producing offspring, the name Abraham took on greater meaning or import. So, too, the name Yehowah would now take on expanded meaning for the Israelites.
- To **know**, therefore, does not necessarily mean merely to be acquainted with or cognizant of something or someone. The foolish Nabal knew David's name but still asked; **Who is David?** In the sense of asking, **What does he amount to?**
- Accordingly David's young men came and spoke to Nabal in accord with all these words in the name of David and then waited. (**1 Samuel 25:9**)

- **At this Nabal answered David's servants and said; Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse? Nowadays the servants that are breaking away, each one from before his master, have become many. (1 Samuel 25)**
- **And do I have to take my bread and my water and my slaughtered meat that I have butchered for my shearers and give it to men of whom I do not even know from where they are? (1 Samuel 25:11)**
- **And afterward Moses and Aaron went in and proceeded to say to Pharaoh; This is what **Yehowah** the God of Israel has said; Send my people away that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness. (Exodus 5:1)**
- **But Pharaoh said; Who is **Yehowah**, so that I should obey his voice to send Israel away? I do not know Yehowah at all and, what is more, I am not going to send Israel away. (Exodus 5:2)**
- **By that, Pharaoh evidently meant that he did not know **Yehowah** as the true God or as having any authority over Egypt's king and his affairs, nor as having any might to enforce His will as announced by Moses and Aaron.**
- **But now Pharaoh and all Egypt, along with the Israelites, would come to know the real meaning of that name, the person it represented.**
- **As Yehowah showed Moses, this would result from God's carrying out His purpose toward Israel, liberating them, giving them the Promised Land, and thereby fulfilling His covenant with their forefathers. In this way, as God said; You will certainly know that I am Yehowah your God.**
- **And I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their alien residences in which they resided as aliens. (Exodus 6:4)**
- **And I, even I, have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I remember my covenant. (Exodus 6:5)**
- **Therefore say to the sons of Israel, I am **Yehowah**, and I shall certainly bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians**

- and deliver you from their slavery, and I shall indeed reclaim you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. (**Exodus 6:6**)
- And I shall certainly take you to me as a people, and I shall indeed prove to be God to you, and you will certainly know that I am **Yehowah** your God who is bringing you out from under the burdens of Egypt. (**Exodus 6:7**)
 - And I shall certainly bring you into the land that I raised my hand in oath to give to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and I shall indeed give it to you as something to possess. I am **Yehowah**. (**Exodus 6:8**)

See Also ALMIGHTY

- **Professor of Hebrew D. H. Weir** therefore rightly says that those who claim
- And God went on to speak to Moses and to say to him; I am **Yehowah**. (**Exodus 6:2**)
- And I used to appear to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as God Almighty, but as respects my name **Yehowah** I did not make myself known to them. (**Exodus 6:3**)
- Marks the first time the name **Yehowah** was revealed, have not studied these verses in the light of other scriptures, otherwise they would have perceived that by **name** must be meant here not the two syllables which make up the word Yehowah, but the idea which it expresses. When we read in;
 - For each one will lay hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying; You have a mantle. A dictator you ought to become to us, and this overthrown mass should be under your hand. (**Isaiah 3:6**)
 - Therefore my people shall know my **name**, or in
 - And King Jehoiakim and all his mighty men and all the princes got to hear his words, and the king began seeking to put him to death. When Urijah got to hear of it he at once became afraid and ran away and came into Egypt. (**Jeremiah 26:21**)

- They shall know that my name is **Yehowah**, or in,
- And those **knowing your name** will trust in you, for you will certainly not leave those looking for you, O **Yehowah**. (**Psalms 9:10**)
- **Yehowah** is known by the judgment that he has executed. By the activity of his own hands the wicked one has been ensnared. (**Psalms 9:16**)
- They that **know thy name** shall put their trust in thee, we see at once that to know **Yehowah's name** is something very different from knowing the four letters of which it is composed. It is to know by experience that **Yehowah** really is what his name declares him to be. [*The Imperial Bible-Dictionary, Vol. I, pp. 856,85*]
- And it must prove to be for a sign and for a witness to **Yehowah** of armies in the land of Egypt, for they will cry out to Yehowah because of the oppressors, and he will send them a savior, even a grand one, who will actually deliver them. (**Isaiah 19:20**)
- And **Yehowah** will certainly become known to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians must know Yehowah in that day, and they must render sacrifice and gift and must make a vow to Yehowah and pay it. (**Isaiah 19:21**)
- And you must say to them; This is what the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah** has said; In the day of my choosing Israel, I also proceeded to lift up my hand in an oath to the seed of the house of Jacob and to make myself known to them in the land of Egypt. Yes, I proceeded to lift up my hand in an oath to them, saying; I am Yehowah your God. (**Ezekiel 20:5**)
- And I went acting for the sake of my own name that it might not be profaned before the eyes of the nations in among whom they were, because I had made myself known to them before their eyes on bringing them forth from the land of Egypt. (**Ezekiel 20:9**)
- And I will send fire upon Magog and upon those who are inhabiting the islands in security, and people will have to know that I am **Yehowah**. (**Ezekiel 39:6**)
- And my holy name I shall make known in the midst of my people

Israel, and I shall no more let my holy name be profaned, and the nations will have to know that I am **Yehowah**, the Holy One in Israel. (**Ezekiel 39:7**)

- Look! The eye of **Yehowah** is toward those fearing him, to those waiting for his loving-kindness. (**Psalms 33:18**)
- In your name they are joyful all day long and in your righteousness they are exalted. (**Psalms 89:16**)
- Then may you yourself listen from the heavens, from your established place of dwelling, and you must do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order, that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and may fear you the same as your people Israel do, and may know that your name has been called upon this house that I have built. (**2 Chronicles 6:33**)

•• **Known By The First Human Pair**

- The name **Yehowah** was not first revealed to Moses, for it was certainly known by the first man. The name initially appears in the divine Record at,
- This is a history of the heavens and the earth in the time of their being created, in the day that **Yehowah** God made earth and heaven. (**Genesis 2:4**)
- After the account of God's creative works, and there it identifies the Creator of the heavens and earth as, **Yehowah God**. It is reasonable to believe that Yehowah God informed Adam of this account of creation.
- The Genesis record does not mention his doing so, but then neither does it explicitly say **Yehowah** revealed Eves origin to the awakened Adam. Yet Adam's words upon receiving Eve show he had been informed of the way God had produced her from Adam's own body.
- Hence **Yehowah** God had a deep sleep fall upon the man and, while he was sleeping, he took one of his ribs and then closed up the flesh over its place. (**Genesis 2:21**)
- And **Yehowah** God proceeded to build the rib that he had taken from the man into a woman and to bring her to the man.

(Genesis 2:22)

- Then the man said; This is at last bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This one will be called Woman, because from man this one was taken. **(Genesis 2:23)**
- Much communication undoubtedly took place between **Yehowah** and his earthly son that is not included in the brief account of Genesis.
- Eve is the first human specifically reported to have used the divine name.
- Now Adam had intercourse with Eve his wife and she became pregnant. In time she gave birth to Cain and said; I have produced a man with the aid of **Yehowah**. **(Genesis 4:1)**
- She obviously learned that name from her husband and head, Adam, from whom she had also learned God's command concerning the tree of the knowledge of good and bad, although, again, the record does not directly relate Adam's passing this information on to her.
- And **Yehowah** God also laid this command upon the man; From every tree of the garden you may eat to satisfaction. **(Genesis 2:16)**
- But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. **(Genesis 2:17)**
- At this the woman said to the serpent; Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat. **(Genesis 3:2)**
- But as for eating of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, God has said; You must not eat from it, no, you must not touch it that you do not die. **(Genesis 3:3)**
- As is shown in the article **ENOSH**, the start that was made of calling on the **name of Yehowah** in the day of Adam's grandson Enosh was evidently not done in faith and in a divinely approved manner. For between Abel and Noah only Jareds son Enoch, not Enosh, is reported to have walked with the true God in faith.
- And to Seth also there was born a son and he proceeded to call his name Enosh. At that time a start was **made of calling on the**

name of Yehowah. (Genesis 4:26)

- **And Jared lived on for a hundred and sixty-two years. Then he became father to Enoch. (Genesis 5:18)**
- **And after his fathering Methuselah Enoch went on walking with the true God three hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:22)**
- **So all the days of Enoch amounted to three hundred and sixty-five years. (Genesis 5:23)**
- **And Enoch kept walking with the true God. Then he was no more, for God took him. (Genesis 5:24)**
- **By faith Abel offered God a sacrifice of greater worth than Cain, through which faith he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, God bearing witness respecting his gifts, and through it he, although he died, yet speaks. (Hebrews 11:4)**
- **By faith Enoch was transferred so as not to see death, and he was nowhere to be found because God had transferred him, for before his transference he had the witness that he had pleased God well. (Hebrews 11:5)**
- **Moreover, without faith it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches God must believe that he is and that he becomes the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him. (Hebrews 11:6)**
- **By faith Noah, after being given divine warning of things not yet beheld, showed godly fear and constructed an ark for the saving of his household, and through this faith he condemned the world, and he became an heir of the righteousness that is according to faith. (Hebrews 11:7)**
- **Through Noah and his family, knowledge of the divine name survived into the post-Flood period, beyond the time of the dispersion of peoples at the Tower of Babel, and was transmitted to the patriarch Abraham and his descendants.**
- **And he added; Blessed be Yehowah, Shem's God, and let Canaan become a slave to him. (Genesis 9:26)**
- **Yehowah now appeared to Abram and said; To your seed I am**

going to give this land. After that he built an altar there to Yehowah, who had appeared to him. ([Genesis 12:7](#))

- Later he moved from there to the mountainous region to the east of Bethel and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. Then he built an altar there to **Yehowah** and began to call on the name of Yehowah. ([Genesis 12:8](#))

See Also ENOSH

•• The Person Identified By The Name

- **Yehowah** is the Creator of all things, the great First Cause, hence he is uncreated, without beginning.
- You are worthy, **Yehowah**, even our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created. ([Revelation 4:11](#))
- **In number his years are beyond searching.**
- Behold! God is more exalted than we can know, in number his years are beyond searching. ([Job 36:26](#))
- **It is impossible to place an age upon him, for there is no starting point from which to measure. Though ageless, he is properly called the Ancient of Days since his existence stretches endlessly into the past.**
- I kept on beholding until there were thrones placed and the Ancient of Days sat down. His clothing was white just like snow, and the hair of his head was like clean wool. His throne was flames of fire, its wheels were a burning fire. ([Daniel 7:9](#))
- I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! With the clouds of the heavens someone like a son of man happened to be coming, and to the Ancient of Days he gained access, and they brought him up close even before that One. ([Daniel 7:13](#))
- **He is also without future end.**
- **And by the One who lives forever and ever, who created the heaven and the things in it and the earth and the things in it and**

- the sea and the things in it, he swore; There will be no delay any longer. (**Revelation 10:6**)
- **Being incorruptible, undying. He is therefore called the King of eternity.**
 - **Now to the King of eternity, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:17)**
 - **To whom a thousand years are but as a night watch of a few hours.**
 - **Before the mountains themselves were born, or you proceeded to bring forth as with labor pains the earth and the productive land, even from time indefinite to time indefinite you are God. (Psalms 90:2)**
 - **For a thousand years are in your eyes but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch during the night. (Psalms 90:4)**
 - **But **Yehowah** is in truth God. He is the living God and the King to time indefinite. Because of his indignation the earth will rock, and no nations will hold up under his denunciation. (Jeremiah 10:10)**
 - **Are you not from long ago, O **Yehowah**? O my God, my Holy One, you do not die. O Yehowah, for a judgment you have set it, and, O Rock, for a reproof you have founded it. (Habakkuk 1:12)**
 - **And they are singing the song of Moses the slave of God and the song of the Lamb, saying; Great and wonderful are your works, **Yehowah** God, the Almighty. Righteous and true are your ways, King of eternity. (Revelation 15:3)**

· **Despite His Timelessness**

- ****Yehowah** is preeminently a historical God, identifying himself with specific times, places, persons, and events. In his dealings with mankind he has acted according to an exact timetable.**
- **However, my covenant I shall establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this appointed time next year. (Genesis 17:21)**
- **And he began to say to Abram; You may know for sure that your**

- seed will become an alien resident in a land not theirs, and they will have to serve them, and these will certainly afflict them for four hundred years. (**Genesis 15:13**)
- But in the fourth generation they will return here, because the error of the Amorites has not yet come to completion. (**Genesis 15:16**)
 - And it must continue under safeguard by you until the fourteenth day of this month, and the whole congregation of the assembly of Israel must slaughter it between the two evenings. (**Exodus 12:6**)
 - And they must take some of the blood and splash it upon the two doorposts and the upper part of the doorway belonging to the houses in which they will eat it. (**Exodus 12:7**)
 - And they must eat the flesh on this night. They should eat it roasted with fire and with unfermented cakes along with bitter greens. (**Exodus 12:8**)
 - Do not eat any of it raw or boiled, cooked in water, but roast with fire, its head together with its shanks and its interior parts. (**Exodus 12:9**)
 - And you must not leave any of it over till morning, but what is left over of it till morning you should burn with fire. (**Exodus 12:10**)
 - And in this way you should eat it, with your hips girded, sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand, and you must eat it in haste. It is **Yehowah's** Passover. (**Exodus 12:11**)
 - And I must pass through the land of Egypt on this night and strike every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from man to beast, and on all the gods of Egypt I shall execute judgments. I am **Yehowah**. (**Exodus 12:12**)
 - But when the full limit of the time arrived, God sent forth his Son, who came to be out of a woman and who came to be under law. (**Galatians 4:4**)
 - Because his eternal existence is undeniable and the most fundamental fact in the universe, he has sworn by it in oaths, saying;

As I am alive, thereby guaranteeing the absolute certainty of his promises and prophecies.

- **As I am alive, is the utterance of **Yehowah**, even if Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, happened to be the seal ring on my right hand, from there I would pull you off! (**Jeremiah 22:24**)**
- **Therefore, as I am alive, is the utterance of **Yehowah** of armies, the God of Israel, Moab herself will become just like Sodom, and the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah, a place possessed by nettles, and a salt pit, and a desolate waste, even to time indefinite. The remaining ones of my people will plunder them, and the remnant of my own nation will take possession of them. (**Zephaniah 2:9**)**
- **And, on the other hand, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of **Yehowah**. (**Numbers 14:21**)**
- **Say to them, As I live, is the utterance of **Yehowah**, if I shall not do to you just that way as you have spoken in my ears! (**Numbers 14:28**)**
- **Raise your eyes all around and see. They have all of them been collected together. They have come to you. As I am living, is the utterance of **Yehowah**, with all of them you will clothe yourself just as with ornaments, and you will bind them on yourself like a bride. (**Isaiah 49:18**)**
- **Men, too, took oaths, swearing by the fact of **Yehowah's** existence.**
- **At that he said; They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As **Yehowah** lives, if you had preserved them alive, I would not have to kill you. (**Judges 8:19**)**
- **Lodge here tonight, and it must occur in the morning that if he will repurchase you, fine! Let him do the repurchasing. But if he does not take delight in repurchasing you, I will then repurchase you, I myself, as sure as **Yehowah** lives. Keep lying down until the morning. (**Ruth 3:13**)**
- **Only senseless ones say; There is no **Yehowah**.**
- **The senseless one has said in his heart; There is no **Yehowah**. They have acted ruinously, they have acted detestably in their**

dealing. There is no one doing good. (**Psalms 14:1**)

- The wicked one according to his superciliousness makes no search, all his ideas are; There is no God. (**Psalms 10:4**)

•• **Descriptions Of His Presence**

- **Since he is a Spirit beyond the power of human's to see**
- **God is a Spirit, and those worshiping him must worship with spirit and truth. (**John 4:24**)**
- **Any description of his appearance in human terms can only approximate his incomparable glory.**
- **But to whom can you people liken me so that I should be made his equal? Says the Holy One. (**Isaiah 40:25**)**
- **Raise your eyes high up and see. Who has created these things? It is the One who is bringing forth the army of them even by number, all of whom he calls even by name. Due to the abundance of dynamic energy, he also being vigorous in power, not one of them is missing. (**Isaiah 40:26**)**
- **While not actually seeing their Creator.**
- **No man has seen God at any time, the only-begotten god who is in the bosom position with the Father is the one that has explained him. (**John 1:18**)**
- **Certain of his servants were given inspired visions of his heavenly courts. Their description of his presence portrays not only great dignity and awesome majesty but also serenity, order, beauty, and pleasantness.**
- **And Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the older men of Israel proceeded to go up. (**Exodus 24:9**)**
- **And they got to see the God of Israel. And under his feet there was what seemed like a work of sapphire flagstones and like the very heavens for purity. (**Exodus 24:10**)**
- **And he did not put out his hand against the distinguished men of the sons of Israel, but they got a vision of the true God and ate**

and drank. (**Exodus 24:11**)

- In the year that King Uzziah died I, however, got to see **Yehowah**, sitting on a throne lofty and lifted up, and his skirts were filling the temple. (**Isaiah 6:1**)
- And above the expanse that was over their head there was something in appearance like sapphire stone, the likeness of a throne. And upon the likeness of the throne there was a likeness of someone in appearance like an earthling man upon it, up above. (**Ezekiel 1:26**)
- And I got to see something like the glow of electrum, like the appearance of fire all around inside thereof, from the appearance of his hips and upward, and from the appearance of his hips and downward I saw something like the appearance of fire, and he had a brightness all around. (**Ezekiel 1:27**)
- There was something like the appearance of the bow that occurs in a cloud mass on the day of a pouring rain. That is how the appearance was of the brightness round about. It was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of **Yehowah**. When I got to see it, then I fell upon my face, and I began to hear the voice of one speaking. (**Ezekiel 1:28**)
- I kept on beholding until there were thrones placed and the Ancient of Days sat down. His clothing was white just like snow, and the hair of his head was like clean wool. His throne was flames of fire, its wheels were a burning fire. (**Daniel 7:9**)
- After these things I saw, and, look! An opened door in heaven, and the first voice that I heard was as of a trumpet, speaking with me, saying; Come on up here, and I shall show you the things that must take place. (**Revelation 4:1**)
- After these things I immediately came to be in the power of the spirit: and, look! A throne was in its position in heaven, and there is one seated upon the throne. (**Revelation 4:2**)
- And the one seated is, in appearance, like a jasper stone and a precious red-colored stone, and round about the throne there is a rainbow like an emerald in appearance. (**Revelation 4:3**)
- For **Yehowah** is great and very much to be praised. He is fear-

- inspiring above all other gods. (**Psalms 96:4**)
- For all the gods of the peoples are valueless gods, but as for **Yehowah**, he has made the very heavens. (**Psalms 96:5**)
 - Dignity and splendor are before him, strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. (**Psalms 96:6**)
 - As can be noted, these descriptions employ metaphors and similes, likening **Yehowah's** appearance to things known to human's jewels, fire, rainbow.
 - He is even described as though he had certain human features. While some scholars make a considerable issue out of what they call the anthropomorphological expressions found in the Bible as references to God's, **eyes, ears, face**.
 - For the eyes of **Yehowah** are upon the righteous ones, and his ears are toward their supplication, but the **face** of Yehowah is against those doing bad things. (**1 Peter 3:12**)
 - Arm**
 - As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah**, it will be with a strong hand and with a stretched-out **arm** and with outpoured rage that I will rule as king over you people. (**Ezekiel 20:33**)
 - Right hand**
 - Your right hand**, O **Yehowah**, is proving itself powerful in ability, **Your right hand**, O **Yehowah**, can shatter an enemy. (**Exodus 15:6**)
 - And so forth it is obvious that such expressions are necessary for the description to be humanly comprehensible. For **Yehowah** God to set down for us a description of himself in spirit terms would be like supplying advanced algebraic equations to persons having only the most elementary knowledge of mathematics, or trying to explain colors to a person born blind.
 - As for the Almighty, we have not found him out, he is exalted in power, and justice and abundance of righteousness he will not belittle. (**Job 37:23**)

- Therefore let men fear him. He does not regard any who are wise in their own heart. (**Job 37:24**)
- The so-called anthropomorphisms, therefore, are never to be taken literally, any more than other metaphoric references to God as a, **sun, shield, or Rock.**
- For **Yehowah** God is a sun and a shield, favor and glory are what he gives. Yehowah himself will not hold back anything good from those walking in faultlessness. (**Psalms 84:11**)
- The **Rock**, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice. Righteous and upright is he. (**Deuteronomy 32:4**)
- For their **rock** is not like our **Rock**, even our enemies being the ones to decide. (**Deuteronomy 32:31**)
- **Yehowah's sight**
- Then she began to call the name of **Yehowah**, who was speaking to her; You are a God of sight, for she said; Have I here actually looked upon him who sees me? (**Genesis 16:13**)
- Unlike that of human's, does not depend on light rays, and deeds done in utter darkness can be seen by him.
- O **Yehowah**, you have searched through me, and you know me. (**Psalms 139:1**)
- Where can I go from your spirit, and where can I run away from your face? (**Psalms 139:7**)
- If I should ascend to heaven, there you would be, and if I should spread out my couch in Sheol, look! You would be there. (**Psalms 139:8**)
- Were I to take the wings of the dawn, that I might reside in the most remote sea. (**Psalms 139:9**)
- There, also, your own hand would lead me and your right hand would lay hold of me. (**Psalms 139:10**)

- **And were I to say; Surely darkness itself will hastily seize me! Then night would be light about me. (Psalms 139:11)**
- **Even the darkness itself would not prove too dark for you, but night itself would shine just as the day does, the darkness might just as well be the light. (Psalms 139:12)**
- **And there is not a creation that is not manifest to his sight, but all things are naked and openly exposed to the eyes of him with whom we have an accounting. (Hebrews 4:13)**
- **His vision can encompass all the earth and each one of its inhabitants.**
- **The eyes of **Yehowah** are in every place, keeping watch upon the bad ones and the good ones. (Proverbs 15:3)**
- **And he needs no special equipment to see the growing embryo within the human womb.**
- **My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret, when I was woven in the lowest parts of the earth. (Psalms 139:15)**
- **Your eyes saw even the embryo of me, and in your book all its parts were down in writing, as regards the days when they were formed and there was not yet one among them. (Psalms 139:16)**
- **Nor does his hearing depend on sound waves in an atmosphere, for he can **hear** expressions though **uttered voicelessly in the heart.****
- **Let the sayings of my mouth and **the meditation of my heart become pleasurable before you, O **Yehowah** my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalms 19:14)****
- **Man cannot successfully measure even the vast physical universe, yet the physical heavens do not embrace or enclose the place of God's residence, and much less does some earthly house or temple.**
- **But will God truly dwell upon the earth? Look! The heavens, yes, the heaven of the heavens, themselves cannot contain you, how much less, then, this house that I have built! (1 Kings 8:27)**
- **Let them praise the name of **Yehowah**, for his name alone is**

unreachably high. His dignity is above earth and heaven.
([Psalms 148:13](#))

- Through Moses, **Yehowah** specifically warned the nation of Israel not to make an image of Him in the form of a male or of any kind of created thing.

- And you must take good care of your souls, because you did not see any form on the day of **Yehowah's** speaking to you in Horeb out of the middle of the fire. ([Deuteronomy 4:15](#))

- That you may not act ruinously and may not really make for yourselves a carved image, the form of any symbol, the representation of male or female. ([Deuteronomy 4:16](#))

- The representation of any beast that is in the earth, the representation of any winged bird that flies in the heavens. ([Deuteronomy 4:17](#))

- The representation of anything moving on the ground, the representation of any fish that is in the waters under the earth. ([Deuteronomy 4:18](#))

- So, whereas Luke's account records Jesus reference to expelling demons by means of God's finger, Matthew's account shows that Jesus thereby referred to God's spirit, or active force.

- But if it is by means of God's finger I expel the demons, the kingdom of God has really overtaken you. ([Luke 11:20](#))

- But if it is by means of God's spirit that I expel the demons, the kingdom of God has really overtaken you. ([Matthew 12:28](#))

- Now the earth proved to be formless and waste and there was darkness upon the surface of the watery deep, and God's active force was moving to and fro over the surface of the waters. ([Genesis 1:2](#))

•• **Personal Qualities Revealed In Creation**

- Certain facets of **Yehowah's** personality are revealed by his creative works even prior to his creation of man.

- For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's

creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship, so that they are inexcusable. (**Romans 1:20**)

- The very act of creation reveals his love. This is because **Yehowah** is self-contained, lacking nothing. Hence, although he created hundreds of millions of spirit sons, not one could add anything to his knowledge or contribute some desirable quality of emotion or personality that He did not already possess in superior degree.
- I kept on beholding until there were thrones placed and the Ancient of Days sat down. His clothing was white just like snow, and the hair of his head was like clean wool. His throne was flames of fire, its wheels were a burning fire. (**Daniel 7:9**)
- There was a stream of fire flowing and going out from before him. There were a thousand thousands that kept ministering to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand that kept standing right before him. The Court took its seat, and there were books that were opened. (**Daniel 7:10**)
- But you have approached a Mount Zion and a city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, and myriads of angels. (**Hebrews 12:22**)
- Who has taken the proportions of the spirit of **Yehowah**, and who as his man of counsel can make him know anything? (**Isaiah 40:13**)
- With whom did he consult together that one might make him understand, or who teaches him in the path of justice, or teaches him knowledge, or makes him know the very way of real understanding? (**Isaiah 40:14**)
- O the depth of God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How unsearchable his judgments are and past tracing out his ways are! (**Romans 11:33**)
- For who has come to know **Yehowah's** mind, or who has become his counselor? (**Romans 11:34**)
- This, of course, does not mean that **Yehowah** does not find pleasure in his creatures. Since man was made **in God's image**.

- And God proceeded to create **the man in his image**, in God's image he created him, male and female he created them. (**Genesis 1:27**)
- It follows that the joy a human father finds in his child, particularly one who shows filial love and acts with wisdom, reflects the joy that **Yehowah** finds in his intelligent creatures who love and wisely serve Him.
- Be wise, my son, and make my heart rejoice, that I may make a reply to him that is taunting me. (**Proverbs 27:11**)
- Look! Also, there was a voice from the heavens that said; This is my Son, **the beloved**, whom I have approved. (**Matthew 3:17**)
- Look! My servant whom I chose, my beloved, whom my soul approved! I will put my spirit upon him, and what justice is he will make clear to the nations. (**Matthew 12:18**)
- This pleasure comes, not from any material or physical gain, but from seeing his creatures willingly hold to his righteous standards and show unselfishness and generosity.
- And yet, who am I and who are my people, that we should retain power to make voluntary offerings like this? For everything is from you, and out of your own hand we have given to you. (**1 Chronicles 29:14**)
- For we are alien residents before you and settlers the same as all our forefathers. Like a shadow our days are upon the earth and there is no hope. (**1 Chronicles 29:15**)
- O **Yehowah** our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build for you a house for your holy name, from your hand it is, and to you it all belongs. (**1 Chronicles 29:16**)
- And I well know, O my God, that you are an examiner of the heart, and that it is in rectitude that you take pleasure. I, for my part, in the uprightness of my heart have voluntarily offered all these things, and now your people who are on hand here I have enjoyed seeing make offerings voluntarily to you. (**1 Chronicles 29:17**)
- Do listen, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will bear

- witness against you. I am God, your God. (**Psalms 50:7**)
- Not concerning your sacrifices do I reprove you, nor concerning your whole burnt offerings that are in front of me constantly. (**Psalms 50:8**)
 - I will not take out of your house a bull, out of your pens he-goats. (**Psalms 50:9**)
 - For to me belongs every wild animal of the forest, the beasts upon a thousand mountains. (**Psalms 50:10**)
 - I well know every winged creature of the mountains, and the animal throngs of the open field are with me. (**Psalms 50:11**)
 - If I were hungry, I would not say it to you, for to me the productive land and its fullness belong. (**Psalms 50:12**)
 - Shall I eat the flesh of powerful bulls, and the blood of he-goats shall I drink? (**Psalms 50:13**)
 - Offer thanksgiving as your sacrifice to God, and pay to the Most High your vows. (**Psalms 50:14**)
 - And call me in the day of distress. I shall rescue you, and you will glorify me. (**Psalms 50:15**)
 - Not in the mightiness of the horse does he take delight, nor in the legs of the man does he find pleasure. (**Psalms 147:10**)
 - **Yehowah** is finding pleasure in those fearing him, in those waiting for his loving-kindness. (**Psalms 147:11**)
 - Moreover, do not forget the doing of good and the sharing of things with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (**Hebrews 13:16**)
 - Contrariwise, those who take a wrong course and show contempt for **Yehowah's** love, who bring reproach on his name and cruel suffering to others, cause Yehowah to feel hurt at his heart.
 - Consequently **Yehowah** saw that the badness of man was abundant in the earth and every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only bad all the time. (**Genesis 6:5**)

- And **Yehowah** felt regrets that he had made men in the earth, and he felt hurt at his heart. (**Genesis 6:6**)
- So **Yehowah** said; I am going to wipe men whom I have created off the surface of the ground, from man to domestic animal, to moving animal and to flying creature of the heavens, because I do regret that I have made them. (**Genesis 6:7**)
- But Noah found favor in the eyes of **Yehowah**. (**Genesis 6:8**)
- And they tried to fool him with their mouth, and with their tongue they tried to lie to him. (**Psalms 78:36**)
- And their heart was not steadfast with him, and they did not prove faithful in his covenant. (**Psalms 78:37**)
- But he was merciful, he would cover the error and not bring ruin. And many times he made his anger turn back, and he would not rouse up all his rage. (**Psalms 78:38**)
- And he kept remembering that they were flesh, that the spirit is going forth and does not come back. (**Psalms 78:39**)
- How often they would rebel against him in the wilderness, they would make him feel hurt in the desert! (**Psalms 78:40**)
- And again and again they would put God to the test, and they pained even the Holy One of Israel. (**Psalms 78:41**)
- But my righteous one will live by reason of faith, and, if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him. (**Hebrews 10:38**)
- **Yehowah** also finds pleasure in the exercise of his powers, whether in creation or otherwise, his works always having a real purpose and a good motive.
- Praise Yah, for **Yehowah** is good. Make melody to his name, for it is pleasant. (**Psalms 135:3**)
- For Yah has chosen even Jacob for himself, Israel for his special property. (**Psalms 135:4**)
- For I myself well know that **Yehowah** is great, and our Lord is

more than all other gods. (**Psalms 135:5**)

- Everything that **Yehowah** delighted to do he has done in the heavens and in the earth, in the seas and all the watery deeps. (**Psalms 135:6**)
- The One telling from the beginning the finale, and from long ago the things that have not been done, the One saying; My own counsel will stand, and everything that is my delight I shall do. (**Isaiah 46:10**)
- The One calling from the sunrising a bird of prey, from a distant land the man to execute my counsel. I have even spoken it. I shall also bring it in. I have formed it, I shall also do it. (**Isaiah 46:11**)
- For just as the pouring rain descends, and the snow, from the heavens and does not return to that place, unless it actually saturates the earth and makes it produce and sprout, and seed is actually given to the sower and bread to the eater. (**Isaiah 55:10**)
- So my word that goes forth from my mouth will prove to be. It will not return to me without results, but it will certainly do that in which I have delighted, and it will have certain success in that for which I have sent it. (**Isaiah 55:11**)
- **As the Generous Giver of every good gift and every perfect present, he takes delight in rewarding his faithful sons and daughters with blessings.**
- So, if any one of you is lacking in wisdom, let him keep on asking God, for he gives generously to all and without reproaching, and it will be given him. (**James 1:5**)
- Every good gift and every perfect present is from above, for it comes down from the Father of the celestial lights, and with him there is not a variation of the turning of the shadow. (**James 1:17**)
- Let those cry out joyfully and rejoice who are delighting in my righteousness, and let them say constantly; Let **Yehowah** be magnified, who takes delight in the peace of his servant. (**Psalms 35:27**)

- For **Yehowah** God is a sun and a shield, favor and glory are what he gives. Yehowah himself will not hold back anything good from those walking in faultlessness. (**Psalms 84:11**)
- O **Yehowah** of armies, happy is the man that is trusting in you. (**Psalms 84:12**)
- For **Yehowah** is taking pleasure in his people. He beautifies the meek ones with salvation. (**Psalms 149:4**)
- Yet, though he is a God of warmth and feeling, his happiness is clearly not dependent upon his creatures, nor does he sacrifice righteous principles for sentimentality.
- **Yehowah** also showed love in granting his first-created spirit Son the privilege of sharing with him in all further works of creation, both spirit and material, generously causing this fact to be made known with resultant honor to his Son.
- And God went on to say; Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:26**)
- He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (**Colossians 1:15**)
- Because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All other things have been created through him and for him. (**Colossians 1:16**)
- Also, he is before all other things and by means of him all other things were made to exist. (**Colossians 1:17**)
- He thus did not weakly fear the possibility of competition but, rather, displayed complete confidence in his own rightful Sovereignty.
- Who among the gods is like you, O **Yehowah** Who is like you, proving yourself mighty in holiness. The One to be feared with songs of praise, the One doing marvels. (**Exodus 15:11**)

- As well as in his Sons loyalty and devotion. He allows his spirit sons relative freedom in the discharge of their duties, on occasion even permitting them to offer their views on how they might carry out particular assignments.
- And he went on to say; Therefore hear the word of **Yehowah**; I certainly see Yehowah sitting upon his throne and all the army of the heavens standing by him, to his right and to his left. (**1 Kings 22:19**)
- And **Yehowah** proceeded to say; Who will fool Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And this one began to say something like this, while that one was saying something like that. (**1 Kings 22:20**)
- Finally a spirit came out and stood before **Yehowah** and said; I myself shall fool him. At that Yehowah said to him, By what means? (**1 Kings 22:21**)
- To this he said; I shall go forth, and I shall certainly become a deceptive spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. So he said; You will fool him, and, what is more, you will come off the winner. Go out and do that way. (**1 Kings 22:22**)
- As the apostle Paul pointed out, **Yehowah's** invisible qualities are also revealed in his material creation.
- Because what may be known about God is manifest among them, for God made it manifest to them. (**Romans 1:19**)
- For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship, so that they are inexcusable. (**Romans 1:20**)
- His vast power is staggering to the imagination, huge galaxies of billions of stars being but the work of his fingers.
- O **Yehowah** our Lord, how majestic your name is in all the earth, you whose dignity is recounted above the heavens! (**Psalms 8:1**)
- When I see your heavens, the works of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have prepared. (**Psalms 8:3**)

- What is mortal man that you keep him in mind, and the son of earthling man that you take care of him? (**Psalms 8:4**)
- The heavens are declaring the glory of God, and of the work of his hands the expanse is telling. (**Psalms 19:1**)
- **And the richness of his wisdom displayed is such that, even after thousands of years of research and study, the understanding that men have of the physical creation is but a whisper compared with mighty thunder.**
- Look! These are the fringes of his ways, and what a whisper of a matter has been heard of him! But of his mighty thunder who can show an understanding? (**Job 26:14**)
- How great your works are, O **Yehowah!** Very deep your thoughts are. (**Psalms 92:5**)
- Everything he has made pretty in its time. Even time indefinite he has put in their heart, that mankind may never find out the work that the true God has made from the start to the finish. (**Ecclesiastes 3:11**)
- **Yehowah's** creative activity toward the planet Earth was marked by logical orderliness, following a definite program.
- Now the earth proved to be formless and waste and there was darkness upon the surface of the watery deep, and God's active force was moving to and fro over the surface of the waters. (**Genesis 1:2**)
- And God proceeded to say; Let light come to be. Then there came to be light. (**Genesis 1:3**)
- After that God saw that the light was good, and God brought about a division between the light and the darkness. (**Genesis 1:4**)
- And God began calling the light Day, but the darkness he called Night. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a first day. (**Genesis 1:5**)
- And God went on to say; Let an expanse come to be in between the waters and let a dividing occur between the waters and the

waters. (**Genesis 1:6**)

- Then God proceeded to make the expanse and to make a division between the waters that should be beneath the expanse and the waters that should be above the expanse. And it came to be so. (**Genesis 1:7**)
- And God began to call the expanse Heaven. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a second day. (**Genesis 1:8**)
- And God went on to say; Let the waters under the heavens be brought together into one place and let the dry land appear. And it came to be so. (**Genesis 1:9**)
- And God began calling the dry land Earth, but the bringing together of the waters he called Seas. Further, God saw that it was good. (**Genesis 1:10**)
- And God went on to say; Let the earth cause grass to shoot forth, vegetation bearing seed, fruit trees yielding fruit according to their kinds, the seed of which is in it, upon the earth. And it came to be so. (**Genesis 1:11**)
- And the earth began to put forth grass, vegetation bearing seed according to its kind and trees yielding fruit, the seed of which is in it according to its kind. Then God saw that it was good. (**Genesis 1:12**)
- And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a third day. (**Genesis 1:13**)
- And God went on to say; Let luminaries come to be in the expanse of the heavens to make a division between the day and the night, and they must serve as signs and for seasons and for days and years. (**Genesis 1:14**)
- And they must serve as luminaries in the expanse of the heavens to shine upon the earth. And it came to be so. (**Genesis 1:15**)
- And God proceeded to make the two great luminaries, the greater luminary for dominating the day and the lesser luminary for dominating the night, and also the stars. (**Genesis 1:16**)

- **Thus God put them in the expanse of the heavens to shine upon the earth. (Genesis 1:17)**
- **And to dominate by day and by night and to make a division between the light and the darkness. Then God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:18)**
- **And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a fourth day. (Genesis 1:19)**
- **And God went on to say; Let the waters swarm forth a swarm of living souls and let flying creatures fly over the earth upon the face of the expanse of the heavens. (Genesis 1:20)**
- **And God proceeded to create the great sea monsters and every living soul that moves about, which the waters swarmed forth according to their kinds, and every winged flying creature according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good. (Genesis 1:21)**
- **With that God blessed them, saying; Be fruitful and become many and fill the waters in the sea basins, and let the flying creatures become many in the earth. (Genesis 1:22)**
- **And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a fifth day. (Genesis 1:23)**
- **And God went on to say; Let the earth put forth living souls according to their kinds, domestic animal and moving animal and wild beast of the earth according to its kind. And it came to be so. (Genesis 1:24)**
- **And God proceeded to make the wild beast of the earth according to its kind and the domestic animal according to its kind and every moving animal of the ground according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good. (Genesis 1:25)**
- **And God went on to say; Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. (Genesis 1:26)**
- **And God proceeded to create the man in his image, in God's**

image he created him, male and female he created them.
([Genesis 1:27](#))

- Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth.
([Genesis 1:28](#))
- And God went on to say; Here I have given to you all vegetation bearing seed which is on the surface of the whole earth and every tree on which there is the fruit of a tree bearing seed. To you let it serve as food. ([Genesis 1:29](#))
- And to every wild beast of the earth and to every flying creature of the heavens and to everything moving upon the earth in which there is life as a soul I have given all green vegetation for food. And it came to be so. ([Genesis 1:30](#))
- After that God saw everything he had made and, look! It was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a sixth day. ([Genesis 1:31](#))
- Making the earth as astronauts in our 20th Century have called it a jewel in space.

•• As Revealed To Man In Eden

- As what kind of person did **Yehowah** reveal himself to his first human children? Certainly Adam in his perfection would have had to concur with the later words of the psalmist;
- I shall laud you because in a fear-inspiring way I am wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, as my soul is very well aware.
([Psalms 139:14](#))
- From his own body outstandingly versatile among earthly creatures on outward to the things he found around him, the man had every reason to feel awesome respect for his Creator.
- Each new bird, animal, and fish, each different plant, flower, and tree, and every field, forest, hill, valley, and stream that the man saw would impress upon him the depth and breadth of his Father's wisdom

and the colorfulness of **Yehowah's** personality as reflected in the grand variety of his creative works.

- And **Yehowah** God proceeded to form the man out of dust from the ground and to blow into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man came to be a living soul. (**Genesis 2:7**)
- Further, **Yehowah** God planted a garden in Eden, toward the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. (**Genesis 2:8**)
- Thus **Yehowah** God made to grow out of the ground every tree desirable to ones sight and good for food and also the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and bad. (**Genesis 2:9**)
- Mountains proceeded to ascend, valley plains proceeded to descend, to the place that you have founded for them. (**Psalms 104:8**)
- A boundary you set, beyond which they should not pass, that they should not again cover the earth. (**Psalms 104:9**)
- He is sending springs into the torrent valleys, between the mountains they keep going on. (**Psalms 104:10**)
- They continually give drink to all the wild beasts of the open field, the zebras regularly quench their thirst. (**Psalms 104:11**)
- Above them roost the flying creatures of the heavens, from among the thick foliage they keep giving forth sound. (**Psalms 104:12**)
- He is watering the mountains from his upper chambers. With the fruitage of your works the earth is satisfied. (**Psalms 104:13**)
- He is making green grass sprout for the beasts, and vegetation for the service of mankind, to cause food to go forth from the earth. (**Psalms 104:14**)
- And wine that makes the heart of mortal man rejoice, to make the face shine with oil, and bread that sustains the very heart of mortal man. (**Psalms 104:15**)
- The trees of **Yehowah** are satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon that

he planted. (**Psalms 104:16**)

- **Where the birds themselves make nests. As for the stork, the juniper trees are its house. (**Psalms 104:17**)**
- **The high mountains are for the mountain goats, the crags are a refuge for the rock badgers. (**Psalms 104:18**)**
- **He has made the moon for appointed times, the sun itself knows well where it sets. (**Psalms 104:19**)**
- **You cause darkness, that it may become night, in it all the wild animals of the forest move forth. (**Psalms 104:20**)**
- **The maned young lions are roaring for the prey and for seeking their food from God himself. (**Psalms 104:21**)**
- **The sun begins to shine, they withdraw and they lie down in their own hiding places. (**Psalms 104:22**)**
- **Man goes forth to his activity and to his service until evening. (**Psalms 104:23**)**
- **How many your works are, O **Yehowah**! all of them in wisdom you have made. The earth is full of your productions. (**Psalms 104:24**)**
- **All of man's senses sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch would communicate to his receptive mind the evidence of a most generous and thoughtful Creator.**
- **Nor were Adam's intellectual needs, his need for conversation and companionship, forgotten, as his Father provided him with an intelligent feminine counterpart.**
- **And **Yehowah** God went on to say; It is not good for the man to continue by himself. I am going to make a helper for him, as a complement of him. (**Genesis 2:18**)**
- **Now **Yehowah** God was forming from the ground every wild beast of the field and every flying creature of the heavens, and he began bringing them to the man to see what he would call each one, and whatever the man would call it, each living soul, that was its name. (**Genesis 2:19**)**

- So the man was calling the names of all the domestic animals and of the flying creatures of the heavens and of every wild beast of the field, but for man there was found no helper as a complement of him. ([Genesis 2:20](#))
- Hence **Yehowah** God had a deep sleep fall upon the man and, while he was sleeping, he took one of his ribs and then closed up the flesh over its place. ([Genesis 2:21](#))
- And **Yehowah** God proceeded to build the rib that he had taken from the man into a woman and to bring her to the man. ([Genesis 2:22](#))
- Then the man said; This is at last bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This one will be called Woman, because from man this one was taken. ([Genesis 2:23](#))
- They both could well have sung to **Yehowah**, as did the psalmist; Rejoicing to satisfaction is with your face, there is pleasantness at your right hand forever.
- I have placed **Yehowah** in front of me constantly. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be made to totter. ([Psalms 16:8](#))
- You will cause me to know the path of life. Rejoicing to satisfaction is with your face, there is pleasantness at your right hand forever. ([Psalms 16:11](#))
- Having been the object of so much love, Adam and Eve should certainly have known that God is love, the source and supreme example of love.
- And we ourselves have come to know and have believed the love that God has in our case. God is love, and he that remains in love remains in union with God and God remains in union with him. ([1 John 4:16](#))
- As for us, we love, because he first loved us. ([1 John 4:19](#))
- Most important, **Yehowah** God supplied man's spiritual needs. Adam's Father revealed himself to his human son, communicating with him, giving him divine assignments of service, the obedient performance of which would constitute a major part of man's worship.

- **And God proceeded to create the man in his image, in God's image he created him, male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)**
- **Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (Genesis 1:28)**
- **And God went on to say; Here I have given to you all vegetation bearing seed which is on the surface of the whole earth and every tree on which there is the fruit of a tree bearing seed. To you let it serve as food. (Genesis 1:29)**
- **And to every wild beast of the earth and to every flying creature of the heavens and to everything moving upon the earth in which there is life as a soul I have given all green vegetation for food. And it came to be so. (Genesis 1:30)**
- **And **Yehowah** God proceeded to take the man and settle him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to take care of it. (Genesis 2:15)**
- **And **Yehowah** God also laid this command upon the man; From every tree of the garden you may eat to satisfaction. (Genesis 2:16)**
- **But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. (Genesis 2:17)**
- **For, look! The Former of the mountains and the Creator of the wind, and the One telling to earthling man what his mental concern is, the One making dawn into obscurity, and the One treading on earth's high places, **Yehowah** the God of armies is his name. (Amos 4:13)**

·· **A God Of Moral Standards**

- **Man early came to know **Yehowah** not merely as a wise and bountiful Provider but also as a God of morals, one holding to definite**

standards as to what is right and what is wrong in conduct and practice.

- **If, as indicated, Adam knew the account of creation, then he also knew Yehowah had divine standards, for the account says of his creative works that Yehowah saw that it was very good, hence meeting his perfect standard.**

- **And God proceeded to say; Let light come to be. Then there came to be light. ([Genesis 1:3](#))**

- **After that God saw that the light was good, and God brought about a division between the light and the darkness. ([Genesis 1:4](#))**

- **And the earth began to put forth grass, vegetation bearing seed according to its kind and trees yielding fruit, the seed of which is in it according to its kind. Then God saw that it was good. ([Genesis 1:12](#))**

- **And God proceeded to make the wild beast of the earth according to its kind and the domestic animal according to its kind and every moving animal of the ground according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good. ([Genesis 1:25](#))**

- **After that God saw everything he had made and, look! It was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a sixth day. ([Genesis 1:31](#))**

- **For I shall declare the name of **Yehowah**. Do you attribute greatness to our God! ([Deuteronomy 32:3](#))**

- **The Rock, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice. Righteous and upright is he. ([Deuteronomy 32:4](#))**

- **Without standards there could be no means for determining or judging good and bad or for measuring and recognizing degrees of accuracy and excellence. In this regard, the following observations from the [[Encyclopaedia Britannica 199, Vol. 21, pp. 306,307](#)] are enlightening:**

- **Mans accomplishments in establishing standards pale into insignificance when compared with standards in nature. The constellations, the orbits of the planets, the changeless normal**

properties of conductivity, ductility, elasticity, hardness, permeability, refractivity, strength, or viscosity in the materials of nature, or the structure of cells, are a few examples of the astounding standardization in nature.

- **Showing the importance of such standardization in the material creation, the same work says: Only through the standardization found in nature is it possible to recognize and classify the many kinds of plants, fishes, birds or animals. Within these kinds, individuals resemble each other in minutest detail of structure, function and habits peculiar to each.**

- **And God went on to say; Let the earth cause grass to shoot forth, vegetation bearing seed, fruit trees yielding fruit according to their kinds, the seed of which is in it, upon the earth. And it came to be so. (Genesis 1:11)**

- **And the earth began to put forth grass, vegetation bearing seed according to its kind and trees yielding fruit, the seed of which is in it according to its kind. Then God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:12)**

- **And God proceeded to create the great sea monsters and every living soul that moves about, which the waters swarmed forth according to their kinds, and every winged flying creature according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good. (Genesis 1:21)**

- **And God went on to say; Let the earth put forth living souls according to their kinds, domestic animal and moving animal and wild beast of the earth according to its kind. And it came to be so. (Genesis 1:24)**

- **And God proceeded to make the wild beast of the earth according to its kind and the domestic animal according to its kind and every moving animal of the ground according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good. (Genesis 1:25)**

- **If it were not for such standardization in the human body, physicians would not know whether an individual possessed certain organs, where to look for them. In fact, without nature's standards there could be no organized society, no education and no physicians, each depends upon underlying, comparable similarities.**

- Adam saw much stability in **Yehowah's** creative works, the regular cycle of day and night, the steady downward course of the water in Eden's river in response to the force of gravity, and countless other things that gave proof that Earth's Creator is not a God of confusion, **but of order.**
- And God proceeded to make the two great luminaries, the greater luminary for dominating the day and the lesser luminary for dominating the night, and also the stars. (**Genesis 1:16**)
- Thus God put them in the expanse of the heavens to shine upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:17**)
- And to dominate by day and by night and to make a division between the light and the darkness. Then God saw that it was good. (**Genesis 1:18**)
- Now there was a river issuing out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it began to be parted and it became, as it were, four heads. (**Genesis 2:10**)
- And the sun also has flashed forth, and the sun has set, and it is coming panting to its place where it is going to flash forth. (**Ecclesiastes 1:5**)
- The wind is going to the south, and it is circling around to the north. Round and round it is continually circling, and right back to its circlings the wind is returning. (**Ecclesiastes 1:6**)
- All the winter torrents are going forth to the sea, yet the sea itself is not full. To the place where the winter torrents are going forth, there they are returning so as to go forth. (**Ecclesiastes 1:7**)
- This is what **Yehowah**, the Giver of the sun for light by day, the statutes of the moon and the stars for light by night, the One stirring up the sea that its waves may become boisterous, the One whose name is Yehowah of armies, has said. (**Jeremiah 31:35**)
- If these regulations could be removed from before me, is the utterance of **Yehowah**, those who are the seed of Israel could likewise cease from proving to be a nation before me always. (**Jeremiah 31:36**)

- For God is a God, not of disorder, but of peace. As in all the congregations of the holy ones. (**1 Corinthians 14:33**)
- **Man surely found this helpful in carrying out his assigned work and activities**
- Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:28**)
- And **Yehowah** God proceeded to take the man and settle him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to take care of it. (**Genesis 2:15**)
- **Being able to plan and work with confidence, free from anxious uncertainty.**
- **In view of all of this, it should not have seemed strange to intelligent man that **Yehowah** should set standards governing man's conduct and his relations with his Creator. Yehowah's own splendid workmanship set the example for Adam in his cultivating and caring for Eden.**
- And **Yehowah** God proceeded to take the man and settle him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to take care of it. (**Genesis 2:15**)
- **After that God saw everything he had made and, look! It was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a sixth day. (**Genesis 1:31**)**
- **Adam also learned God's standard for marriage, that of monogamy, and of family relationship.**
- **That is why a man will leave his father and his mother and he must stick to his wife and they must become one flesh. (**Genesis 2:24**)**
- **Especially stressed as essential for life itself was the standard of **obedience** to God's instructions. Since Adam was humanly perfect, perfect obedience was the standard **Yehowah** set for him.**

- **Yehowah** gave his earthly son the opportunity to demonstrate love and devotion by obedience to His command to abstain from eating of one of the many fruit trees in Eden.
- And **Yehowah** God also laid this command upon the man; From every tree of the garden you may eat to satisfaction. (**Genesis 2:16**)
- But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. (**Genesis 2:17**)
- It was a simple thing. But Adam's circumstances then were simple, free from the complexities and confusion that have since developed.
- **Yehowah's** wisdom in this simple test was emphasized by the words of Jesus Christ some 4,000 years later:
 - The person faithful in what is least is faithful also in much, and the person unrighteous in what is least is unrighteous also in much. (**Luke 16:10**)
 - This orderliness and the standards set would not detract from man's enjoyment of life but would contribute to it. As the encyclopedia article on standards, mentioned earlier, observes regarding the material creation.
 - Yet with this overwhelming evidence of standards none charges nature with monotony. Although a narrow band of spectral wave lengths forms the foundation, the available variations and combinations of colour to delight the eye of the observer are virtually without limit.
 - Similarly, all of the artistry of music comes to the ear through another small group of frequencies. [**Vol. 21, p. 307**]
 - Likewise, God's requirements for the human pair allowed them all the freedom that a righteous heart could desire. There was no need to hem them in with a multitude of laws and regulations.

- **The loving example set for them by their Creator and their respect and love for him would protect them from exceeding the proper bounds of their freedom.**
- **In the knowledge of this fact, that Law is promulgated, not for a righteous man, but for persons lawless and unruly, ungodly and sinners, lacking loving-kindness, and profane, murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, manslayers. (1 Timothy 1:9)**
- **Fornicators, men who lie with males, kidnappers, liars, false swearers, and whatever other thing is in opposition to the healthful teaching. (1 Timothy 1:10)**
- **What follows? Shall we commit a sin because we are not under Law but under undeserved kindness? Never may that happen! (Romans 6:15)**
- **Do you not know that if you keep presenting yourselves to anyone as slaves to obey him, you are slaves of him because you obey him, either of sin with death in view or of obedience with righteousness in view? (Romans 6:16)**
- **But thanks to God that you were the slaves of sin but you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were handed over. (Romans 6:17)**
- **Yes, since you were set free from sin, you became slaves to righteousness. (Romans 6:18)**
- **Do not you people be owing anybody a single thing, except to love one another, for he that loves his fellowman has fulfilled the Law. (Romans 13:8)**
- **For the Law code, You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet, and whatever other commandment there is, is summed up in this word, namely, You must love your neighbor as yourself. (Romans 13:9)**
- **Love does not work evil to ones neighbor, therefore love is the Laws fulfillment. (Romans 13:10)**
- **Now **Yehowah** is the Spirit, and where the spirit of Yehowah is, there is freedom. (2 Corinthians 3:17)**

- **Yehowah** God, therefore, by his very Person, his ways, and his words, was and is the Supreme Standard for all the universe, the definition and the sum of all goodness. For that reason his Son when on earth could say to a man; Why do you call me good? Nobody is good, except one, God.
- And as he was going out on his way, a certain man ran up and fell upon his knees before him and put the question to him: Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life? (**Mark 10:17**)
- Jesus said to him; Why do you call me good? Nobody is good, except one, God. (**Mark 10:18**)
- He said to him; Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is that is good. If, though, you want to enter into life, observe the commandments continually. (**Matthew 19:17**)
- You must accordingly be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (**Matthew 5:48**)

·· Name To Be Sanctified And Vindicated

- All things relating to God's person are holy, his personal name, **Yehowah**, is holy and hence is to be sanctified.
- And you must not profane my holy name, and I must be sanctified in the midst of the sons of Israel. I am **Yehowah** who is sanctifying you. (**Leviticus 22:32**)
- To sanctify means, to make holy, set apart or hold as sacred, and therefore not to use as something common, or ordinary.
- In the year that King Uzziah died I, however, got to see **Yehowah**, sitting on a throne lofty and lifted up, and his skirts were filling the temple. (**Isaiah 6:1**)
- Seraphs were standing above him. Each one had six wings. With two he kept his face covered, and with two he kept his feet covered, and with two he would fly about. (**Isaiah 6:2**)
- And this one called to that one and said; Holy, holy, holy is **Yehowah** of armies. The fullness of all the earth is his glory. (**Isaiah 6:3**)

- Because the powerful One has done great deeds for me, and holy is his name. ([Luke 1:49](#))
- And as for the four living creatures, each one of them respectively has six wings, round about and underneath they are full of eyes. And they have no rest day and night as they say; Holy, holy, holy is **Yehowah** God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is coming. ([Revelation 4:8](#))
- Because of the Person it represents, **Yehowah's** name is great and fear-inspiring.
- Let them laud your name. Great and fear-inspiring, holy it is. ([Psalms 99:3](#))
- Exalt **Yehowah** our God and bow down yourselves at his footstool, he is holy. ([Psalms 99:5](#))
- Majestic, and unreachably high.
- O **Yehowah** our Lord, how majestic your name is in all the earth, you whose dignity is recounted above the heavens! ([Psalms 8:1](#))
- Let them praise the name of **Yehowah**, for his name alone is unreachably high. His dignity is above earth and heaven. ([Psalms 148:13](#))
- Worthy of being regarded with awe
- For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they will sanctify my name, and they will certainly sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and the God of Israel they will regard with awe. ([Isaiah 29:23](#))

See Also SANCTIFICATION

· Profanation Of The Name

- The evidence is that the divine name was so regarded until events in the garden of Eden brought about its profanation. Satan's rebellion brought God's name and reputation into question.
- To Eve, he claimed to speak for God in telling her what God knows, while at the same time he cast doubt on God's command,

expressed to Adam, concerning the tree of the knowledge of good and bad.

- **Now the serpent proved to be the most cautious of all the wild beasts of the field that **Yehowah** God had made. So it began to say to the woman; Is it really so that God said you must not eat from every tree of the garden? (**Genesis 3:1**)**
- **At this the woman said to the serpent; Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat. (**Genesis 3:2**)**
- **But as for eating of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, God has said; You must not eat from it, no, you must not touch it that you do not die. (**Genesis 3:3**)**
- **At this the serpent said to the woman; You positively will not die. (**Genesis 3:4**)**
- **For God knows that in the very day of your eating from it your eyes are bound to be opened and you are bound to be like God, knowing good and bad. (**Genesis 3:5**)**
- **Being divinely commissioned and being the earthly head through whom God communicated instructions to the human family, Adam was **Yehowah's** representative on earth.**
- **And God went on to say; Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:26**)**
- **Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:28**)**
- **And **Yehowah** God proceeded to take the man and settle him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to take care of it. (**Genesis 2:15**)**
- **And **Yehowah** God also laid this command upon the man; From every tree of the garden you may eat to satisfaction. (**Genesis****

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- But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. (**Genesis 2:17**)
- But I want you to know that the head of every man is the Christ. In turn the head of a woman is the man. In turn the head of the Christ is God. (**1 Corinthians 11:3**)
- Those serving in such capacity are said to minister in **Yehowah's** name and speak in his name.
- For he is the one whom **Yehowah** your God has chosen out of all your tribes to stand to minister in the name of Yehowah, he and his sons, always. (**Deuteronomy 18:5**)
- A prophet I shall raise up for them from the midst of their brothers, like you, and I shall indeed put my words in his mouth, and he will certainly speak to them all that I shall command him. (**Deuteronomy 18:18**)
- And it must occur that the man who will not listen to my words that he will speak in my name, I shall myself require an account from him. (**Deuteronomy 18:19**)
- Brothers, take as a pattern of the suffering of evil and the exercising of patience the prophets, who spoke in the name of **Yehowah**. (**James 5:10**)
- Thus, while his wife Eve had already profaned **Yehowah's** name by her disobedience, Adam's doing so was an especially reprehensible act of disrespect for the name he represented.
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·· **The Supreme Issue A Moral One**

- It is evident that the spirit son who became Satan knew **Yehowah** as a God of moral standards, not as a capricious, erratic person.
- Had he known Yehowah as a God given to uncontrolled, violent outbursts, he could only have expected immediate, on-the-spot extermination for the course he took.
- The issue Satan raised in Eden, therefore, was not simply a test of **Yehowah's** mightiness or power to destroy. Rather, it was a moral issue: that of God's moral right to exercise universal sovereignty and require implicit obedience and devotion of all of his creatures in all places. Satan's approach to Eve reveals this.
- Now the serpent proved to be the most cautious of all the wild beasts of the field that **Yehowah** God had made. So it began to say to the woman; Is it really so that God said you must not eat from every tree of the garden? (**Genesis 3:1**)
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- At this the serpent said to the woman; You positively will not die. (**Genesis 3:4**)
- For God knows that in the very day of your eating from it your eyes are bound to be opened and you are bound to be like God, knowing good and bad. (**Genesis 3:5**)
- Consequently the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was something to be longed for to the eyes, yes, the tree was desirable to look upon. So she began taking of its fruit and eating it. Afterward she gave some also to her husband when with her and he began eating it. (**Genesis 3:6**)
- Likewise, the book of Job relates how **Yehowah** brings out into the open before all his assembled angelic sons the extent of the position taken by his Adversary.

- Satan made the claim that the loyalty of Job, and, by implication, of any of God's intelligent creatures, toward **Yehowah** was not wholehearted, not based on true devotion and genuine love.
- Now it came to be the day when the sons of the true God entered to take their station before **Yehowah**, and even Satan proceeded to enter right among them. (**Job 1:6**)
- Then **Yehowah** said to Satan; Where do you come from? At that Satan answered Yehowah and said; From roving about in the earth and from walking about in it. (**Job 1:7**)
- And **Yehowah** went on to say to Satan; Have you set your heart upon my servant Job, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man blameless and upright, fearing God and turning aside from bad? (**Job 1:8**)
- At that Satan answered **Yehowah** and said; Is it for nothing that Job has feared God? (**Job 1:9**)
- Have not you yourself put up a hedge about him and about his house and about everything that he has all around? The work of his hands you have blessed, and his livestock itself has spread abroad in the earth. (**Job 1:10**)
- But, for a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch everything he has and see whether he will not curse you to your very face. (**Job 1:11**)
- Accordingly **Yehowah** said to Satan; Look! Everything that he has is in your hand. Only against him himself do not thrust out your hand! So Satan went out away from the person of Yehowah. (**Job 1:12**)
- Now it came to be the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother the firstborn. (**Job 1:13**)
- And there came a messenger to Job, and he proceeded to say; The cattle themselves happened to be plowing and the she-asses were grazing at the side of them (**Job 1:14**)
- When the Sabeans came making a raid and taking them, and the attendants they struck down with the edge of the sword, and I

got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (**Job 1:15**)

- While this one was yet speaking that one came and proceeded to say; The very fire of God fell from the heavens and went blazing among the sheep and the attendants and eating them up, and I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (**Job 1:16**)
- While that one was yet speaking another one came and proceeded to say; The Chaldeans made up three bands and went dashing against the camels and taking them, and the attendants they struck down with the edge of the sword, and I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (**Job 1:17**)
- While this other one was yet speaking, still another one came and proceeded to say; Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother the firstborn. (**Job 1:18**)
- And, look! There came a great wind from the region of the wilderness, and it went striking the four corners of the house, so that it fell upon the young people and they died. And I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (**Job 1:19**)
- And Job proceeded to get up and rip his sleeveless coat apart and cut the hair off his head and fall to the earth and bow down. (**Job 1:20**)
- And say; Naked I came out of my mothers belly, And naked shall I return there. **Yehowah** himself has given, and Yehowah himself has taken away. Let the name of Yehowah continue to be blessed. (**Job 1:21**)
- In all this Job did not sin or ascribe anything improper to God. (**Job 1:22**)
- Afterward it came to be the day when the sons of the true God entered to take their station before **Yehowah**, and Satan also proceeded to enter right among them to take his station before Yehowah. (**Job 2:1**)
- Then **Yehowah** said to Satan; Just where do you come from? At that Satan answered Yehowah and said; From roving about in the earth and from walking about in it. (**Job 2:2**)

- **And **Yehowah** went on to say to Satan; Have you set your heart upon my servant Job, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man blameless and upright, fearing God and turning aside from bad? Even yet he is holding fast his integrity, although you incite me against him to swallow him up without cause. (**Job 2:3**)**
- **But Satan answered **Yehowah** and said; Skin in behalf of skin, and everything that a man has he will give in behalf of his soul. (**Job 2:4**)**
- **For a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch as far as his bone and his flesh and see whether he will not curse you to your very face. (**Job 2:5**)**
- **Accordingly **Yehowah** said to Satan; There he is in your hand! Only watch out for his soul itself! (**Job 2:6**)**
- **So Satan went out away from the person of **Yehowah** and struck Job with a malignant boil from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. (**Job 2:7**)**
- **And he proceeded to take for himself a fragment of earthenware with which to scrape himself, and he was sitting in among the ashes. (**Job 2:8**)**
- **Thus, the question of integrity on the part of God's intelligent creatures was a secondary, or subsidiary, issue arising out of the primary issue of God's right to universal sovereignty.**
- **These questions would require time in order for the veracity or falsity of the charges to be demonstrated, for the heart attitude of God's creatures to be proved, and thus for the issue to be settled beyond any doubt.**
- **For he well knows the way I take. After he has tested me out, I shall come forth as gold itself. (**Job 23:10**)**
- **If I have walked with men of untruth, and my foot hastens to deception. (**Job 31:5**)**
- **He will weigh me in accurate scales and God will get to know my integrity. (**Job 31:6**)**
- **Because sentence against a bad work has not been executed**

- speedily, that is why the heart of the sons of men has become fully set in them to do bad. ([Ecclesiastes 8:11](#))
- Although a sinner may be doing bad a hundred times and continuing a long time as he pleases, yet I am also aware that it will turn out well with those fearing the true God, because they were in fear of him. ([Ecclesiastes 8:12](#))
 - But it will not turn out well at all with the wicked one, neither will he prolong his days that are like a shadow, because he is not in fear of God. ([Ecclesiastes 8:13](#))
 - In the days of his flesh Christ offered up supplications and also petitions to the One who was able to save him out of death, with strong outcries and tears, and he was favorably heard for his godly fear. ([Hebrews 5:7](#))
 - Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ([Hebrews 5:8](#))
 - And after he had been made perfect he became responsible for everlasting salvation to all those obeying him. ([Hebrews 5:9](#))
 - **Yehowah** thus did not immediately execute the rebellious human pair nor the spirit son who raised the issue, and so the two foretold seeds, representing opposite sides of the issue, would come into existence.
 - And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. ([Genesis 3:15](#))

See Also INTEGRITY
See Also WICKEDNESS

- That this issue still remained alive when Jesus Christ was on earth is seen from his confrontation with Satan in the wilderness after Jesus 40-day fast.
- The serpentlike tactics employed by **Yehowah's** Adversary in his temptation efforts toward God's Son followed the pattern seen in Eden some 4,000 years earlier, and Satan's offer of rulership over earthly kingdoms made clear that the issue of universal sovereignty had not changed.

- Then Jesus was led by the spirit up into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. (**Matthew 4:1**)
- After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, then he felt hungry. (**Matthew 4:2**)
- Also, the Tempter came and said to him; If you are a son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread. (**Matthew 4:3**)
- But in reply he said; It is written: Man must live, not on bread alone, but on every utterance coming forth through **Yehowah's** mouth. (**Matthew 4:4**)
- Then the Devil took him along into the holy city, and he stationed him upon the battlement of the temple. (**Matthew 4:5**)
- And said to him; If you are a son of God, hurl yourself down, for it is written: He will give his angels a charge concerning you, and they will carry you on their hands, that you may at no time strike your foot against a stone. (**Matthew 4:6**)
- Jesus said to him; Again it is written: You must not put **Yehowah** your God to the test. (**Matthew 4:7**)
- Again the Devil took him along to an unusually high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. (**Matthew 4:8**)
- And he said to him; All these things I will give you if you fall down and do an act of worship to me. (**Matthew 4:9**)
- Then Jesus said to him; Go away, Satan! For it is written: It is **Yehowah** your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service. (**Matthew 4:10**)
- The book of Revelation reveals the continuance of the issue down until the time when **Yehowah** God declares the case closed
- How long, O God, will the adversary keep reproaching? Will the enemy keep treating your name with disrespect forever? (**Psalms 74:10**)
- Do arise, O God, do conduct your own case at Law. Remember

- your reproach from the senseless one all day long. (**Psalms 74:22**)
- Do not forget the voice of those showing hostility to you. The noise of those rising up against you is ascending constantly. (**Psalms 74:23**)
 - **And executes righteous judgment upon all opposers, by his righteous Kingdom rule bringing complete vindication and sanctification to his holy name.**
 - Saying; We thank you, **Yehowah** God, the Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and begun ruling as king. (**Revelation 11:17**)
 - But the nations became wrathful, and your own wrath came, and the appointed time for the dead to be judged, and to give their reward to your slaves the prophets and to the holy ones and to those fearing your name, the small and the great, and to bring to ruin those ruining the earth. (**Revelation 11:18**)
 - And the dragon grew wrathful at the woman, and went off to wage war with the remaining ones of her seed, who observe the commandments of God and have the work of bearing witness to Jesus. (**Revelation 12:17**)
 - And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, and he had everlasting Good News to declare as glad tidings to those who dwell on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people. (**Revelation 14:6**)
 - Saying in a loud voice; Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of the judgment by him has arrived, and so worship the One who made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters. (**Revelation 14:7**)
 - And they are singing the song of Moses the slave of God and the song of the Lamb, saying; Great and wonderful are your works, **Yehowah** God, the Almighty. Righteous and true are your ways, King of eternity. (**Revelation 15:3**)
 - Who will not really fear you, **Yehowah**, and glorify your name, because you alone are loyal? For all the nations will come and worship before you, because your righteous decrees have been

made manifest. (**Revelation 15:4**)

- **After these things I heard what was as a loud voice of a great crowd in heaven. They said; Praise Yah, you people! The salvation and the glory and the power belong to our God. (**Revelation 19:1**)**
- **Because his judgments are true and righteous. For he has executed judgment upon the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he has avenged the blood of his slaves at her hand. (**Revelation 19:2**)**
- **And right away for the second time they said; Praise Yah, you people! And the smoke from her goes on ascending forever and ever. (**Revelation 19:3**)**
- **And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (**Revelation 19:11**)**
- **His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. (**Revelation 19:12**)**
- **And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is, **The Word of God**. (**Revelation 19:13**)**
- **Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (**Revelation 19:14**)**
- **And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. (**Revelation 19:15**)**
- **And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (**Revelation 19:16**)**
- **I saw also an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice and said to all the birds that fly in midheaven; Come here, be gathered together to the great evening meal of God. (**Revelation 19:17**)**

- **That you may eat the fleshy parts of kings and the fleshy parts of military commanders and the fleshy parts of strong men and the fleshy parts of horses and of those seated upon them, and the fleshy parts of all, of freemen as well as of slaves and of small ones and great. ([Revelation 19:18](#))**
- **And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. ([Revelation 19:19](#))**
- **And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. ([Revelation 19:20](#))**
- **But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. ([Revelation 19:21](#))**
- **And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven with the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ([Revelation 20:1](#))**
- **And he seized the dragon, the original serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ([Revelation 20:2](#))**
- **And he hurled him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, that he might not mislead the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After these things he must be let loose for a little while. ([Revelation 20:3](#))**
- **And I saw thrones, and there were those who sat down on them, and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of those executed with the ax for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its image and who had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to life and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. ([Revelation 20:4](#))**
- **The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years**

were ended. This is the first resurrection. (**Revelation 20:5**)

- Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)
- Now as soon as the thousand years have been ended, Satan will be let loose out of his prison. (**Revelation 20:7**)
- And he will go out to mislead those nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war. The number of these is as the sand of the sea. (**Revelation 20:8**)
- And they advanced over the breadth of the earth and encircled the camp of the holy ones and the beloved city. But fire came down out of heaven and devoured them. (**Revelation 20:9**)
- And the Devil who was misleading them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where both the wild beast and the false prophet already were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (**Revelation 20:10**)
- And death and Hades were hurled into the lake of fire. This means the second death, the lake of fire. (**Revelation 20:14**)

•• The Sanctification Of God's Name Of Primary Importance

- The entire Bible account revolves around this issue and its settlement, and makes manifest **Yehowah God's primary purpose: the sanctification of his own name**. Such **sanctification** would require a cleansing of God's name of all reproach and false charges, that is, a vindicating of it.
- But, much more than that, it would require the honoring of that name as sacred by all intelligent creatures in heaven and earth. This, in turn, would mean their recognizing and respecting Yehowah's sovereign position, doing so willingly, wanting to serve him, delighting to do his divine will, because of love for him. David's prayer to Yehowah at;
- Many things you yourself have done, O **Yehowah** my God, even your wonderful works and your thoughts toward us, there is none to be compared to you. Were I inclined to tell and speak of

- them, they have become more numerous than I can recount. **(Psalms 40:5)**
- **Sacrifice and offering you did not delight in, these ears of mine you opened up. Burnt offering and sin offering you did not ask for. (Psalms 40:6)**
 - **In view of that, I said; Here I have come, in the roll of the book it being written about me. (Psalms 40:7)**
 - **To do your will, O my God, I have delighted, and your Law is within my inward parts. (Psalms 40:8)**
 - **Your righteousness I have not covered over within my heart. Your faithfulness and your salvation I have declared. I have not hidden your loving-kindness and your trueness in the big congregation. (Psalms 40:10)**
 - **You yourself, O **Yehowah**, do not restrain your pity from me. Let your loving-kindness and your trueness themselves constantly safeguard me. (Psalms 40:11)**
 - **Well expresses such attitude and true sanctification of **Yehowah's** name. Note the apostles application of portions of this Psalms to Christ Jesus at;**
 - **Hence when he comes into the world he says; Sacrifice and offering you did not want, but you prepared a body for me. (Hebrews 10:5)**
 - **You did not approve of whole burnt offerings and sin offering. (Hebrews 10:6)**
 - **Then I said; Look! I am come, in the roll of the book it is written about me, to do your will, O God. (Hebrews 10:7)**
 - **After first saying; You did not want nor did you approve of sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sin offering, sacrifices that are offered according to the Law. (Hebrews 10:8)**
 - **Then he actually says; Look! I am come to do your will. He does away with what is first that he may establish what is second. (Hebrews 10:9)**

- By the said, **will** we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time. (**Hebrews 10:10**)
- Upon the sanctification of **Yehowah's** name, therefore, depend the good order, peace, and well-being of all the universe and its inhabitants.
- God's Son showed this, at the same time pointing out Yehowah's means for accomplishing his purpose, when he taught his disciples to pray to God:
- You must pray, then, this way; Our Father in the heavens, **let your name be sanctified**. (**Matthew 6:9**)
- Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth. (**Matthew 6:10**)
- This primary purpose of **Yehowah** provides the key for understanding the reason behind God's actions and his dealings with his creatures as set forth in the entire Bible.
- Thus, we find that the nation of Israel, whose history forms a large part of the Bible record, was selected to be a name people for **Yehowah**.
- **Yehowah** will establish you as a holy people to himself, just as he swore to you, because you continue to keep the commandments of Yehowah your God, and you have walked in his ways. (**Deuteronomy 28:9**)
- And all the peoples of the earth will have to see that **Yehowah's** name has been called upon you, and they will indeed be afraid of you. (**Deuteronomy 28:10**)
- And my people upon whom my name has been called humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn back from their bad ways, then I myself shall hear from the heavens and forgive their sin, and I shall heal their land. (**2 Chronicles 7:14**)
- And now this is what **Yehowah** has said; your Creator, O Jacob, and your Former, O Israel; Do not be afraid, for I have repurchased you. I have called you by your name. You are mine. (**Isaiah 43:1**)

- For I am **Yehowah** your God, the Holy One of Israel your Savior. I have given Egypt as a ransom for you, Ethiopia and Seba in place of you. (**Isaiah 43:3**)
- I shall say to the north; Give up! And to the south; Do not keep back. Bring my sons from far off, and my daughters from the extremity of the earth. (**Isaiah 43:6**)
- Everyone that is called by my name and that I have created for my own glory, that I have formed, yes, that I have made. (**Isaiah 43:7**)
- **Yehowah's** Law covenant with them laid prime importance on their giving exclusive devotion to Yehowah as God and not taking up his name in a worthless way, **for Yehowah will not leave the one unpunished who takes up his name in a worthless way.**
- And God proceeded to speak all these words, saying; (**Exodus 20:1**)
- I am **Yehowah** your God, who have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves. (**Exodus 20:2**)
- You must not have any other gods against my face. (**Exodus 20:3**)
- You must not make for yourself a carved image or a form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the waters under the earth. (**Exodus 20:4**)
- You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I **Yehowah** your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (**Exodus 20:5**)
- But exercising loving-kindness toward the thousandth generation in the case of those who love me and keep my commandments. (**Exodus 20:6**)
- You must not take up the name of **Yehowah** your God in a worthless way, for Yehowah will not leave the one unpunished

- who takes up his name in a worthless way. (**Exodus 20:7**)
- **And you must not swear in my name to a lie, so that you do profane the name of your God. I am **Yehowah**. (**Leviticus 19:12**)**
 - **Now a son of an Israelite woman, who, however, was the son of an Egyptian man, went out into the midst of the sons of Israel, and the son of the Israelite woman and an Israelite man began to struggle with each other in the camp. (**Leviticus 24:10**)**
 - **And the son of the Israelite woman began to abuse the Name and to call down evil upon it. So they brought him to Moses. Incidentally, his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri of the tribe of Dan. (**Leviticus 24:11**)**
 - **Then they committed him into custody till there should be a distinct declaration to them according to the saying of **Yehowah**. (**Leviticus 24:12**)**
 - **And **Yehowah** proceeded to speak to Moses, saying; (**Leviticus 24:13**)**
 - **Bring forth the one who called down evil to the outside of the camp, and all those who heard him must lay their hands upon his head, and the entire assembly must pelt him with stones. (**Leviticus 24:14**)**
 - **And you should speak to the sons of Israel, saying; In case any man calls down evil upon his God, he must then answer for his sin. (**Leviticus 24:15**)**
 - **So the abuser of **Yehowah's** name should be put to death without fail. The entire assembly should without fail pelt him with stones. The alien resident the same as the native should be put to death for his abusing the Name. (**Leviticus 24:16**)**
 - **And in case a man strikes any soul of mankind fatally, he should be put to death without fail. (**Leviticus 24:17**)**
 - **And the fatal striker of the soul of a domestic animal should make compensation for it, soul for soul. (**Leviticus 24:18**)**
 - **And in case a man should cause a defect in his associate, then just as he has done, so it should be done to him. (**Leviticus****

24:19)

- **Fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, the same sort of defect he may cause in the man, that is what should be caused in him. (Leviticus 24:20)**
- **And the fatal striker of a beast should make compensation for it, but the fatal striker of a man should be put to death. (Leviticus 24:21)**
- **One judicial decision should hold good for you. The alien resident should prove to be the same as the native, because I am **Yehowah** your God. (Leviticus 24:22)**
- **After that Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and they brought forth the one who had called down evil to the outside of the camp, and they pelted him with stones. Thus the sons of Israel did just as **Yehowah** had commanded Moses. (Leviticus 24:23)**
- **By his display of his power to save and power to destroy when liberating Israel from Egypt, **Yehowah's** name was declared in all the earth, its fame preceding Israel in their march to the Promised Land.**
- **For by now I could have thrust my hand out that I might strike you and your people with pestilence and that you might be effaced from the earth. (Exodus 9:15)**
- **But, in fact, for this cause I have kept you in existence, for the sake of showing you my power and in order to have my name declared in all the earth. (Exodus 9:16)**
- **At that time Moses and the sons of Israel proceeded to sing this song to Yehowah and to say the following; Let me sing to Yehowah, for he has become highly exalted the horse and its rider he has pitched into the sea. (Exodus 15:1)**
- **My strength and my might is Yah, since he serves for my salvation. This is my God, and I shall laud him, my fathers God, and I shall raise him on high. (Exodus 15:2)**
- **Yehowah is a manly person of war. Yehowah is his name. (Exodus 15:3)**
- **Who among the gods is like you, O Yehowah Who is like you,**

proving yourself mighty in holiness. The One to be feared with songs of praise, the One doing marvels. (**Exodus 15:11**)

- You stretched out your right hand, the earth proceeded to swallow them up. (**Exodus 15:12**)
- You in your loving-kindness have led the people whom you have recovered; You in your strength will certainly conduct them to your holy abiding place. (**Exodus 15:13**)
- Peoples must hear, they will be agitated. Birth pangs must take hold on the inhabitants of Philistia. (**Exodus 15:14**)
- At that time the sheiks of Edom will indeed be disturbed. As for the despots of Moab, trembling will take hold on them. All the inhabitants of Canaan will indeed be disheartened. (**Exodus 15:15**)
- Fright and dread will fall upon them. Because of the greatness of your arm they will be motionless like a stone; Until your people pass by, O Yehowah, until the people whom you have produced pass by. (**Exodus 15:16**)
- You will bring them and plant them in the mountain of your inheritance; An established place that you have made ready for you to inhabit, O Yehowah, a sanctuary, O Yehowah, that your hands have established. (**Exodus 15:17**)
- And what one nation in the earth is like your people Israel, whom God went to redeem to himself as a people and to assign himself a name and to do for them great and fear-inspiring things, to drive out because of your people, whom you have redeemed to yourself from Egypt, the nations and their gods? (**2 Samuel 7:23**)
- You who set signs and miracles in the land of Egypt down to this day and in Israel and among men, that you might make a name for your own self, just as at this day. (**Jeremiah 32:20**)
- And you proceeded to bring forth your people Israel out of the land of Egypt, with signs and with miracles and with a strong hand and with a stretched-out arm and with great fearsomeness. (**Jeremiah 32:21**)

- **As the prophet Isaiah expressed it; Thus you led your people in order to make a beautiful name for your own self.**
- **And one began to remember the days of long ago, Moses his servant; Where is the One that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is the One that put within him His own Holy Spirit? (Isaiah 63:11)**
- **The One making His beautiful arm go at the right hand of Moses, the One splitting the waters from before them in order to make an indefinitely lasting name for his own self. (Isaiah 63:12)**
- **The One making them walk through the surging waters so that, like a horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble? (Isaiah 63:13)**
- **Just as when a beast itself goes down into the valley plain, the very spirit of **Yehowah** proceeded to make them rest. Thus you led your people in order to make a beautiful name for your own self. (Isaiah 63:14)**
- **When Israel showed a rebellious attitude in the wilderness, **Yehowah** dealt mercifully with them and did not abandon them. However, he revealed his primary reason in saying; I went acting for the sake of my own name that it might not be profaned before the eyes of the nations.**
- **And they began to rebel against me, and they did not consent to listen to me. The disgusting things of their eyes they did not individually throw away, and the dungy idols of Egypt they did not leave, so that I promised to pour out my rage upon them, in order to bring my anger to its finish upon them in the midst of the land of Egypt. (Ezekiel 20:8)**
- **And I went acting for the sake of my own name that it might not be profaned before the eyes of the nations in among whom they were, because I had made myself known to them before their eyes on bringing them forth from the land of Egypt. (Ezekiel 20:9)**
- **So I brought them forth from the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. (Ezekiel 20:10)**

- Throughout the history of that nation, **Yehowah** kept the importance of his sacred name before them. The capital city, Jerusalem, with its Mount Zion was the place Yehowah chose to place his name there, to have it reside.
- But to the place that **Yehowah** your God will choose out of all your tribes to place his name there, to have it reside, you will seek, and there you must come. (**Deuteronomy 12:5**)
- And it must occur that the place that **Yehowah** your God will choose to have his name reside there is where you will bring all about which I am commanding you, your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tenth parts and the contribution of your hand and every choice of your vow offerings that you will vow to Yehowah. (**Deuteronomy 12:11**)
- Now in case the journey should be too long for you, because you will not be able to carry it, since the place that **Yehowah** your God will choose to place his name there will be too far away for you, because Yehowah your God will bless you. (**Deuteronomy 14:24**)
- You must then turn it into money, and you must wrap the money up in your hand and travel to the place that **Yehowah** your God will choose. (**Deuteronomy 14:25**)
- In that time a gift will be brought to **Yehowah** of armies, from a people drawn out and scoured, even from a people fear-inspiring everywhere, a nation of tensile strength and of treading down, whose land the rivers have washed away, to the place of the name of Yehowah of armies, Mount Zion. (**Isaiah 18:7**)
- In that time they will call Jerusalem the throne of **Yehowah**, and to her all the nations must be brought together to the name of Yehowah at Jerusalem, and they will no more walk after the stubbornness of their bad heart. (**Jeremiah 3:17**)
- The temple built in that city was the house for **Yehowah's** name.
- And now, O our God, we are thanking you and praising your beautiful name. (**1 Chronicles 29:13**)
- And yet, who am I and who are my people, that we should retain power to make voluntary offerings like this? For everything is

- from you, and out of your own hand we have given to you. (**1 Chronicles 29:14**)
- For we are alien residents before you and settlers the same as all our forefathers. Like a shadow our days are upon the earth and there is no hope. (**1 Chronicles 29:15**)
 - O **Yehowah** our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build for you a house for your holy name, from your hand it is, and to you it all belongs. (**1 Chronicles 29:16**)
 - And he went on to say; Blessed is **Yehowah** the God of Israel, who spoke by his own mouth with David my father, and by his own hand has given fulfillment, saying; (**1 Kings 8:15**)
 - From the day that I brought my people Israel out from Egypt I have not chosen a city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house for my name to continue there, but I shall choose David to come to be over my people Israel. (**1 Kings 8:16**)
 - And it came to be close to the heart of David my father to build a house to the name of **Yehowah** the God of Israel. (**1 Kings 8:17**)
 - But **Yehowah** said to David my father; For the reason that it proved to be close to your heart to build a house to my name, you did well, because it proved to be close to your heart. (**1 Kings 8:18**)
 - Only you yourself will not build the house, but your son who is coming forth from your loins is the one that will build the house to my name. (**1 Kings 8:19**)
 - And **Yehowah** proceeded to carry out his word that he had spoken, that I might rise up in the place of David my father and sit upon the throne of Israel, just as Yehowah had spoken, and that I might build the house to the name of Yehowah the God of Israel. (**1 Kings 8:20**)
 - And that I might locate a place there for the Ark where the covenant of **Yehowah** is that he concluded with our forefathers when he was bringing them out from the land of Egypt. (**1 Kings 8:21**)
 - And also to the foreigner, who is no part of your people Israel

and who actually comes from a distant land by reason of your name (**1 Kings 8:41**)

- For they shall hear of your great name and of your strong hand and of your stretched-out arm, and he actually comes and prays toward this house. (**1 Kings 8:42**)
- May you yourself listen from the heavens, your established place of dwelling, and you must do according to all that for which the foreigner calls to you, in order, that all the peoples of the earth may get to know your name so as to fear you the same as your people Israel do, and so as to know that your name itself has been called upon this house that I have built. (**1 Kings 8:43**)
- What was done at that temple or in that city, for good or for bad, inevitably affected **Yehowah's** name and would be given attention by him.
- That your eyes may prove to be opened toward this house night and day, toward the place of which you said; My name will prove to be there, to listen to the prayer with which your servant prays toward this place. (**1 Kings 8:29**)
- And **Yehowah** went on to say to him; I have heard your prayer and your request for favor with which you requested favor before me. I have sanctified this house that you have built by putting my name there to time indefinite, and my eyes and my heart will certainly prove to be there always. (**1 Kings 9:3**)
- And he built altars in the house of **Yehowah**, respecting which **Yehowah** had said; In Jerusalem I shall put my name. (**2 Kings 21:4**)
- And he went on to build altars to all the army of the heavens in two courtyards of the house of **Yehowah**. (**2 Kings 21:5**)
- And he made his own son pass through the fire, and he practiced magic and looked for omens and made spirit mediums and professional foretellers of events. He did on a large scale what was bad in **Yehowah's** eyes, to offend him. (**2 Kings 21:6**)
- Further, he put the carved image of the sacred pole that he had made in the house of which **Yehowah** had said to David and to Solomon his son; In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have

chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I shall put my name to time indefinite. (2 Kings 21:7)

- The profaning of **Yehowah's** name there would bring certain destruction upon the city and lead to the casting away of the temple itself.
- If you yourselves and your sons should definitely turn back from following me and not keep my commandments and my statutes that I have put before you men, and you actually go and serve other gods and bow down to them. (1 Kings 9:6)
- I will also cut Israel off from upon the surface of the ground that I have given to them, and the house that I have sanctified to my name I shall throw away from before me, and Israel will indeed become a proverbial saying and a taunt among all the peoples. (1 Kings 9:7)
- And this house itself will become heaps of ruins. Everyone passing by it will stare in amazement and will certainly whistle and say; For what reason did **Yehowah** do like that to this land and this house? (1 Kings 9:8)
- For, look! It is upon the city upon which my name is called that I am starting off in bringing calamity, and should you yourselves in any way go free of punishment? you will not go free of punishment, for there is a sword that I am calling against all the inhabitants of the earth, is the utterance of **Yehowah** of armies. (Jeremiah 25:29)
- Here you are putting your trust in fallacious words, it will certainly be of no benefit at all. (Jeremiah 7:8)
- Can there be stealing, murdering and committing adultery and swearing falsely and making sacrificial smoke to Baal and walking after other gods whom you had not known. (Jeremiah 7:9)
- And must you come and stand before me in this house upon which my name has been called, and must you say; We shall certainly be delivered, in the face of doing all these detestable things? (Jeremiah 7:10)
- Has this house upon which my name has been called become a

- mere cave of robbers in your eyes? Here I myself also have seen it, is the utterance of **Yehowah**. (**Jeremiah 7:11**)
- **However, go, now, to my place that was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to reside at first, and see what I did to it because of the badness of my people Israel. (**Jeremiah 7:12**)**
 - **And now for the reason that you kept doing all these works, is the utterance of **Yehowah**, and I kept speaking to you, getting up early and speaking, but you did not listen, and I kept calling you, but you did not answer. (**Jeremiah 7:13**)**
 - **I will do also to the house upon which my name has been called, in which you are trusting, and to the place that I gave to you and to your forefathers, just as I did to Shiloh. (**Jeremiah 7:14**)**
 - **And I will throw you out from before my face, just as I threw out all your brothers, the whole offspring of Ephraim. (**Jeremiah 7:15**)**
 - **Jesus actions and words at;**
 - **And Jesus entered into the temple and threw out all those selling and buying in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. (**Matthew 21:12**)**
 - **And he said to them; It is written: My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a cave of robbers. (**Matthew 21:13**)**
 - **Look! Your house is abandoned to you. (**Matthew 23:38**)**
 - **Because of these facts, the plaintive petitions of Jeremiah and Daniel on behalf of their people and city urged that **Yehowah** grant mercy and help for his own names sake.**
 - **Why do you become like a man astounded, like a mighty man that is unable to do any saving? Yet you yourself are in the midst of us, O **Yehowah**, and upon us it is that your own name has been called. Do not let us down. (**Jeremiah 14:9**)**
 - **And now, O **Yehowah** our God, you who brought your people out from the land of Egypt by a strong hand and proceeded to make a**

name for yourself as at this day, we have sinned, we have acted wickedly. (Daniel 9:15)

- **O Yehowah**, according to all your acts of righteousness, please, may your anger and your rage turn back from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain, for, because of our sins and because of the errors of our forefathers, Jerusalem and your people are an object of reproach to all those round about us. (Daniel 9:16)
- And now listen, O our God, to the prayer of your servant and to his entreaties, and cause your face to shine upon your sanctuary that is desolated, for the sake of **Yehowah**. (Daniel 9:17)
- Incline your ear, O my God, and hear. Do open your eyes and see our desolated conditions and the city that has been called by your name, for not according to our righteous acts are we letting our entreaties fall before you, but according to your many mercies. (Daniel 9:18)
- **O Yehowah**, do hear. O Yehowah, do forgive. O Yehowah, do pay attention and act. Do not delay, for your own sake, O my God, for your own name has been called upon your city and upon your people. (Daniel 9:19)
- In foretelling his restoration of his name people to Judah and their cleansing, **Yehowah** again made clear to them his main concern, saying; And I shall have compassion on my holy name. Not for your sakes am I doing it, O house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have come in.
- And I shall certainly sanctify my great name, which was being profaned and the nations will have to know that I am **Yehowah**, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah**, when I am sanctified among you before their eyes.
- So they came in to the nations where they came in, and people proceeded to profane my holy name in saying with reference to them; These are the people of **Yehowah**, and from his land they have gone out. (Ezekiel 36:20)
- And I shall have compassion on my holy name, which the house of Israel have profaned among the nations where they have come in. (Ezekiel 36:21)

- **Therefore say to the house of Israel; This is what the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah** has said; Not for your sakes am I doing it, O house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have come in. (Ezekiel 36:22)**
- **And I shall certainly sanctify my great name, which was being profaned among the nations, which you profaned in the midst of them, and the nations will have to know that I am **Yehowah**, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, when I am sanctified among you before their eyes. (Ezekiel 36:23)**
- **And I will take you out of the nations and collect you together out of all the lands and bring you in upon your soil. (Ezekiel 36:24)**
- **And I will sprinkle upon you clean water, and you will become clean, from all your impurities and from all your dungy idols I shall cleanse you. (Ezekiel 36:25)**
- **And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I shall put inside you, and I will take away the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)**
- **And my spirit I shall put inside you, and I will act so that in my regulations you will walk, and my judicial decisions you will keep and actually carry out. (Ezekiel 36:27)**
- **Not for your sakes am I doing this, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah**, let it be known to you. Be ashamed and feel humiliation because of your ways, O house of Israel. (Ezekiel 36:32)**
- **These and other scriptures show that **Yehowah** does not exaggerate mankind's importance. All men being sinners, they are justly worthy of death, and it is only by God's undeserved kindness and mercy that any will gain life.**
- **That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned. (Romans 5:12)**
- **To what end? That, just as sin ruled as king with death, likewise also undeserved kindness might rule as king through**

righteousness with everlasting life in view through Jesus Christ our Lord. (**Romans 5:21**)

- **By this the love of God was made manifest in our case, because God sent forth his only-begotten Son into the world that we might gain life through him. (1 John 4:9)**
- **The love is in this respect, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent forth his Son as a propitiatory sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10)**
- **Yehowah owes nothing to mankind, and life everlasting for those who attain it will be a gift, not wages earned.**
- **But it is not with the gift as it was with the trespass. For if by one man's trespass many died, the undeserved kindness of God and his free gift with the undeserved kindness by the one man Jesus Christ abounded much more to many. (Romans 5:15)**
- **For the wages sin pays is death, but the gift God gives is everlasting life by Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)**
- **However, when the kindness and the love for man on the part of our Savior, God, was manifested. (Titus 3:4)**
- **Owing to no works in righteousness that we had performed, but according to his mercy he saved us through the bath that brought us to life and through the making of us new by Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5)**
- **True, he has demonstrated unparalleled love toward mankind.**
- **For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order, that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)**
- **For hardly will anyone die for a righteous man, indeed, for the good man, perhaps, someone even dares to die. (Romans 5:7)**
- **But God recommends his own love to us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)**
- **But it is contrary to Scriptural fact and a putting of matters in wrong perspective to view human salvation as if it were the all-**

important issue or the criterion by which God's justice, righteousness, and holiness can be measured.

- The psalmist expressed the true perspective of matters when he humbly and wonderingly exclaimed; O **Yehowah** our Lord, how majestic your name is in all the earth, you whose dignity is recounted above the heavens!

- When I see your heavens, the works of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have prepared, what is mortal man that you keep him in mind, and the son of earthling man that you take care of him?

- O **Yehowah** our Lord, how majestic your name is in all the earth, you whose dignity is recounted above the heavens! (**Psalms 8:1**)

- When I see your heavens, the works of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have prepared. (**Psalms 8:3**)

- What is mortal man that you keep him in mind, and the son of earthling man that you take care of him? (**Psalms 8:4**)

- O **Yehowah**, what is man that you should notice him, the son of mortal man that you should take account of him? (**Psalms 144:3**)

- Woe to the one that has contended with his Former, as an earthenware fragment with the other earthenware fragments of the ground! Should the clay say to its former; What do you make? And your achievement say; He has no hands? (**Isaiah 45:9**)

- And now, O **Yehowah**, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are our Potter, and all of us are the work of your hand. (**Isaiah 64:8**)

- The sanctification of **Yehowah** God's name rightly means more than the life of all mankind. Thus, as God's Son showed, man should love his human neighbor as he loves himself, but he must love God with his whole heart, mind, soul, and strength.

- Jesus answered; The first is, Hear, O Israel, **Yehowah** our God is one Yehowah. (**Mark 12:29**)

- And you must love **Yehowah** your God with your whole heart and

- with your whole soul and with your whole mind and with your whole strength. (**Mark 12:30**)
- The second is this, You must love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. (**Mark 12:31**)
 - This means loving **Yehowah** God more than relatives, friends, or life itself. The attitude of the three Hebrews at;
 - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego answered, and they were saying to the king; O Nebuchadnezzar, we are under no necessity in this regard to say back a word to you. (**Daniel 3:16**)
 - If it is to be, our God whom we are serving is able to rescue us. Out of the burning fiery furnace and out of your hand, O king, he will rescue us. (**Daniel 3:17**)
 - But if not, let it become known to you, O king, that your gods are not the ones we are serving, and the image of gold that you have set up we will not worship. (**Daniel 3:18**)
 - In case your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or your cherished wife or your companion who is like your own soul, should try to allure you in secrecy, saying; Let us go and serve other gods, whom you have not known, neither you nor your forefathers. (**Deuteronomy 13:6**)
 - Some of the gods of the peoples who are all around you, the ones near you or those far away from you, from one end of the land to the other end of the land. (**Deuteronomy 13:7**)
 - You must not accede to his wish or listen to him, nor should your eye feel sorry for him, nor must you feel compassion, nor cover him protectively. (**Deuteronomy 13:8**)
 - But you should kill him without fail. Your hand first of all should come upon him to put him to death, and the hand of all the people afterward. (**Deuteronomy 13:9**)
 - And you must stone him with stones, and he must die, because he has sought to turn you away from **Yehowah** your God, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves. (**Deuteronomy 13:10**)

- And they conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their witnessing, and they did not love their souls even in the face of death. ([Revelation 12:11](#))

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- This Scriptural view of matters should not repel persons but, rather, should cause them to appreciate the true God all the more. Since **Yehowah** could, in full justice, put an end to all sinful mankind, this exalts all the more the greatness of his mercy and undeserved kindness in saving some of mankind for life.
- He that exercises faith in the Son has everlasting life, he that disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him. ([John 3:36](#))
- He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.
- Do I take any delight at all in the death of someone wicked, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah**, and not in that he should turn back from his ways and actually keep living? ([Ezekiel 18:23](#))
- For I do not take any delight in the death of someone dying, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah**. So cause a turning back and keep living, O you people. ([Ezekiel 18:32](#))
- Say to them, As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah**, I take delight, not in the death of the wicked one, but in that someone wicked turns back from his way and actually keeps living. Turn back, turn back from your bad ways, for why is it that you should die, O house of Israel? ([Ezekiel 33:11](#))
- Yet neither will he allow the wicked to escape the execution of his judgment.
- If they dig down into Sheol, from there my own hand will take them, and if they go up to the heavens, from there I shall bring them down. ([Amos 9:2](#))
- And if they hide themselves on the top of Carmel, from there I shall carefully search and be certain to take them. And if they conceal themselves from in front of my eyes on the floor of the

- sea, down there I shall command the serpent, and it must bite them. (**Amos 9:3**)
- **And if they go into captivity before their enemies, from there I shall command the sword, and it must kill them, and I will set my eyes upon them for bad, and not for good. (Amos 9:4)**
 - **Now we know that the judgment of God is, in accord with truth, against those who practice such things. (Romans 2:2)**
 - **But do you have this idea, O man, while you judge those who practice such things and yet you do them, that you will escape the judgment of God? (Romans 2:3)**
 - **Or do you despise the riches of his kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, because you do not know that the kindly quality of God is trying to lead you to repentance? (Romans 2:4)**
 - **But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and of the revealing of God's righteous judgment. (Romans 2:5)**
 - **And he will render to each one according to his works. (Romans 2:6)**
 - **Everlasting life to those who are seeking glory and honor and incorruptibleness by endurance in work that is good. (Romans 2:7)**
 - **However, for those who are contentious and who disobey the truth but obey unrighteousness there will be wrath and anger. (Romans 2:8)**
 - **Tribulation and distress, upon the soul of every man who works what is injurious, of the Jew first and also of the Greek. (Romans 2:9)**
 - **He is patient and long-suffering, with salvation in view for obedient ones.**
 - **However, let this one fact not be escaping your notice, beloved ones, that one day is with **Yehowah** as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. (2 Peter 3:8)**

- **Yehowah** is not slow respecting his promise, as some people consider slowness, but he is patient with you because he does not desire any to be destroyed but desires all to attain to repentance. (**2 Peter 3:9**)
- Yet **Yehowah's** day will come as a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a hissing noise, but the elements being intensely hot will be dissolved, and earth and the works in it will be discovered. (**2 Peter 3:10**)
- Yet he will not tolerate forever a situation that brings reproach upon his lofty name.
- How long, O God, will the adversary keep reproaching? Will the enemy keep treating your name with disrespect forever? (**Psalms 74:10**)
- Do arise, O God, do conduct your own case at Law. Remember your reproach from the senseless one all day long. (**Psalms 74:22**)
- Do not forget the voice of those showing hostility to you. The noise of those rising up against you is ascending constantly. (**Psalms 74:23**)
- Look! It is written before me. I shall not keep still, but I will render a reward, I will even render the reward into their own bosom. (**Isaiah 65:6**)
- For their own errors and for the errors of their forefathers at the same time, **Yehowah** has said. Because they have made sacrificial smoke upon the mountains, and upon the hills they have reproached me, I will also measure out their wages first of all into their own bosom. (**Isaiah 65:7**)
- Also, with covetousness they will exploit you with counterfeit words. But as for them, the judgment from of old is not moving slowly, and the destruction of them is not slumbering. (**2 Peter 2:3**)
- He shows compassion and is understanding regarding human frailties, forgiving repentant ones in a large way.
- He has not done to us even according to our sins, nor according

to our errors has he brought upon us what we deserve. (**Psalms 103:10**)

- For as the heavens are higher than the earth, this loving-kindness is superior toward those fearing him. (**Psalms 103:11**)
- As far off as the sunrise is from the sunset, so far off from us he has put our transgressions. (**Psalms 103:12**)
- As a father shows mercy to his sons, **Yehowah** has shown mercy to those fearing him. (**Psalms 103:13**)
- For he himself well knows the formation of us, remembering that we are dust. (**Psalms 103:14**)
- If errors were what you watch, O Yah, O **Yehowah**, who could stand? (**Psalms 130:3**)
- For there is the true forgiveness with you, in order, that you may be feared. (**Psalms 130:4**)
- Search for **Yehowah**, you people, while he may be found. Call to him while he proves to be near. (**Isaiah 55:6**)
- Let the wicked man leave his way, and the harmful man his thoughts, and let him return to **Yehowah**, who will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will forgive in a large way. (**Isaiah 55:7**)
- Yet he does not excuse persons from the responsibilities they rightly bear for their own actions and the effects these have on themselves and their families. They reap what they have sown.
- I do take the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you today, that I have put life and death before you, the blessing and the malediction, and you must choose life in order, that you may keep alive, you and your offspring. (**Deuteronomy 30:19**)
- By loving **Yehowah** your God, by listening to his voice and by sticking to him, for he is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell upon the ground that Yehowah swore to your forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give to them. (**Deuteronomy 30:20**)

- For each one will carry his own load. ([Galatians 6:5](#))
- Do not be misled! God is not one to be mocked. For whatever a man is sowing, this he will also reap. ([Galatians 6:7](#))
- Because he who is sowing with a view to his flesh will reap corruption from his flesh, but he who is sowing with a view to the spirit will reap everlasting life from the spirit. ([Galatians 6:8](#))
- Thus, **Yehowah** shows a beautiful and perfect balance of justice and mercy. Those having the proper perspective of matters as revealed in his Word.
- For the thoughts of you people are not my thoughts, nor are my ways your ways, is the utterance of **Yehowah**. ([Isaiah 55:8](#))
- For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. ([Isaiah 55:9](#))
- And you people will certainly say; The way of **Yehowah** is not adjusted right. Hear, please, O house of Israel. Is not my own way adjusted right? Are not the ways of you people not adjusted right? ([Ezekiel 18:25](#))
- And the house of Israel will certainly say; The way of **Yehowah** is not adjusted right. As for my ways, are they not adjusted right, O house of Israel? Are not the ways of you people the ones that are not adjusted right? ([Ezekiel 18:29](#))
- Therefore each one according to his ways is how I shall judge you, O house of Israel, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah**. Turn back, yes, cause a turning back from all your transgressions, and let nothing prove to be for you people a stumbling block causing error. ([Ezekiel 18:30](#))
- Throw off from yourselves all your transgressions in which you have transgressed and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit, for why should you die, O house of Israel? ([Ezekiel 18:31](#))
- Will not commit the grave error of trifling with his undeserved kindness or missing its purpose.

- Working together with him, we also entreat you not to accept the undeserved kindness of God and miss its purpose. (**2 Corinthians 6:1**)
- For if we practice sin willfully after having received the accurate knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice for sins left. (**Hebrews 10:26**)
- But there is a certain fearful expectation of judgment and there is a fiery jealousy that is going to consume those in opposition. (**Hebrews 10:27**)
- Any man that has disregarded the Law of Moses dies without compassion, upon the testimony of two or three. (**Hebrews 10:28**)
- Of how much more severe a punishment, do you think, will the man be counted worthy who has trampled upon the Son of God and who has esteemed as of ordinary value the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and who has outraged the spirit of undeserved kindness with contempt? (**Hebrews 10:29**)
- For we know him that said; Vengeance is mine; I will recompense. And again; **Yehowah** will judge his people. (**Hebrews 10:30**)
- It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (**Hebrews 10:31**)
- For our God is also a consuming fire. (**Hebrews 12:29**)

·· **Unchanging In Qualities And Standards**

- As **Yehowah** told the people of Israel; I am Yehowah. I have not changed.
- For I am **Yehowah**. I have not changed. And you are sons of Jacob; You have not come to your finish. (**Malachi 3:6**)
- This was some 3,500 years after God's creation of mankind and some 1,500 years from the time of God's making the Abrahamic covenant.

- While some claim that the God revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures differs from the God revealed by Jesus Christ and by the writers of the **Christian Greek Scriptures**, examination shows this claim to be without any foundation. Of God, the disciple James rightly said; With him there is not a variation of the turning of the shadow.
- Every good gift and every perfect present is from above, for it comes down from the Father of the celestial lights, and with him there is not a variation of the turning of the shadow. (**James 1:17**)
- There was no mellowing of **Yehowah** God's personality during the centuries, for no mellowing was needed. His severity as revealed in the **Christian Greek Scriptures** is no less nor his love any greater than it was at the beginning of his dealings with mankind in Eden.
- The seeming differences in personality are in reality merely different aspects of the same unchanging personality. These result from the differing circumstances and persons dealt with, calling for different attitudes or relationships.
- Look! The hand of **Yehowah** has not become too short that it cannot save, nor has his ear become too heavy that it cannot hear. (**Isaiah 59:1**)
- No, but the very errors of you people have become the things causing division between you and your God, and your own sins have caused the concealing of his face from you to keep from hearing. (**Isaiah 59:2**)
- For your own palms have become polluted with blood, and your fingers with error. Your own lips have spoken falsehood. Your own tongue kept muttering sheer unrighteousness. (**Isaiah 59:3**)
- There is no one calling out in righteousness, and no one at all has gone to court in faithfulness. There has been a trusting in unreality, and a speaking of worthlessness. There has been a conceiving of trouble, and a bringing of what is hurtful to birth. (**Isaiah 59:4**)
- It was not **Yehowah**, but Adam and Eve, who changed, they put themselves in a position where Yehowah's unchangeable righteous standards allowed no further dealings with them as members of his

beloved universal family. Being perfect, they were fully responsible for their deliberate wrongdoing

- **Nevertheless, death ruled as king from Adam down to Moses, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of the transgression by Adam, who bears a resemblance to him that was to come. (Romans 5:14)**
- **And hence beyond the limits of divine mercy, although Yehowah showed them undeserved kindness in starting them out with clothing and allowing them to live for centuries outside the sanctuary of Eden and bring forth offspring before they finally died from the effects of their own sinful course.**
- **Later they heard the voice of Yehowah God walking in the garden about the breezy part of the day, and the man and his wife went into hiding from the face of Yehowah God in between the trees of the garden. (Genesis 3:8)**
- **And Yehowah God kept calling to the man and saying to him; Where are you? (Genesis 3:9)**
- **Finally he said; Your voice I heard in the garden, but I was afraid because I was naked and so I hid myself. (Genesis 3:10)**
- **At that he said; Who told you that you were naked? From the tree from which I commanded you not to eat have you eaten? (Genesis 3:11)**
- **And the man went on to say; The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree and so I ate. (Genesis 3:12)**
- **With that Yehowah God said to the woman; What is this you have done? To this the woman replied; The serpent, it deceived me and so I ate. (Genesis 3:13)**
- **And Yehowah God proceeded to say to the serpent; Because you have done this thing, you are the cursed one out of all the domestic animals and out of all the wild beasts of the field. Upon your belly you will go and dust is what you will eat all the days of your life. (Genesis 3:14)**
- **And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between**

- your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)
- To the woman he said; I shall greatly increase the pain of your pregnancy, in birth pangs you will bring forth children, and your craving will be for your husband, and he will dominate you. (**Genesis 3:16**)
 - And to Adam he said; Because you listened to your wifes voice and took to eating from the tree concerning which I gave you this command, You must not eat from it, cursed is the ground on your account. In pain you will eat its produce all the days of your life. (**Genesis 3:17**)
 - And thorns and thistles it will grow for you, and you must eat the vegetation of the field. (**Genesis 3:18**)
 - In the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return. (**Genesis 3:19**)
 - After this Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she had to become the mother of everyone living. (**Genesis 3:20**)
 - And **Yehowah** God proceeded to make long garments of skin for Adam and for his wife and to clothe them. (**Genesis 3:21**)
 - And **Yehowah** God went on to say; Here the man has become like one of us in knowing good and bad, and now in order, that he may not put his hand out and actually take fruit also from the tree of life and eat and live to time indefinite. (**Genesis 3:22**)
 - With that **Yehowah** God put him out of the garden of Eden to cultivate the ground from which he had been taken. (**Genesis 3:23**)
 - And so he drove the man out and posted at the east of the garden of Eden the cherubs and the flaming blade of a sword that was turning itself continually to guard the way to the tree of life. (**Genesis 3:24**)
 - After their eviction from Eden all divine communication with Adam and his wife apparently ceased.

· Why He Can Deal With Imperfect Human's

- **Yehowah's** just standards allowed for his dealing differently with Adam and Eves offspring than with their parents. Why? For the reason that Adam's offspring **inherited** sin, hence involuntarily started life as imperfect creatures with a built-in inclination toward wrongdoing.

- Look! With error I was brought forth with birth pains, and in sin my mother conceived me. (**Psalms 51:5**)

- That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned. (**Romans 5:12**)

- Thus, there was basis for mercy toward them. **Yehowah's** first prophecy

- And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)

- Spoken at the time of pronouncing judgment in Eden, showed that the rebellion of his first human children, as well as that of one of his spirit sons, had not embittered **Yehowah** nor dried up the flow of his love.

- That prophecy pointed in symbolic terms toward a righting of the situation produced by the rebellion and a restoration of conditions to their original perfection, the full significance being revealed millenniums later, the symbolisms of the **serpent**, the **woman**, and the **seed** at;

- So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (**Revelation 12:9**)

- And the dragon grew wrathful at the woman, and went off to wage war with the remaining ones of her seed, who observe the commandments of God and have the work of bearing witness to Jesus. (**Revelation 12:17**)

- Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It says, not. And to seeds, as in the case of many such, but as in

- the case of one; And to your seed, who is Christ. (**Galatians 3:16**)
- Moreover, if you belong to Christ, you are really Abraham's seed, heirs with reference to a promise. (**Galatians 3:29**)
 - But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. (**Galatians 4:26**)
 - For it is written: Be glad, you barren woman who does not give birth, break out and cry aloud, you woman who does not have childbirth pains, for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than those of her who has the husband. (**Galatians 4:27**)
 - Adam's descendants have been permitted to continue on earth for thousands of years, though imperfect and in a dying condition, never able to free themselves from sins deadly grip.
 - The Christian apostle Paul explained **Yehowah's** reason for allowing this, saying; For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but through him that subjected it that is, Yehowah God, on the basis of hope that the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God.
 - For we know that all creation keeps on groaning together and being in pain together until now.
 - For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but through him that subjected it, on the basis of hope. (**Romans 8:20**)
 - That the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God. (**Romans 8:21**)
 - For we know that all creation keeps on groaning together and being in pain together until now. (**Romans 8:22**)
 - As shown in the article **FOREKNOWLEDGE - FOREORDINATION**, there is nothing to indicate that **Yehowah** chose to use his powers of discernment to foresee the original pairs deflection. However, once it took place, Yehowah foreordained the means for correcting the wrong situation.

- In that he made known to us the sacred secret of his will. It is according to his good pleasure which he purposed in himself (**Ephesians 1:9**)
- For an administration at the full limit of the appointed times, namely, to gather all things together again in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth. Yes, in him. (**Ephesians 1:10**)
- In union with whom we were also assigned as heirs, in that we were foreordained according to the purpose of him who operates all things according to the way his will counsels. (**Ephesians 1:11**)
- This sacred secret, originally locked up in the symbolic prophecy in Eden, was finally fully revealed in **Yehowah's** only-begotten Son, sent to earth that he might bear witness to the truth and by God's undeserved kindness might taste death for every man.
- Therefore Pilate said to him; Well, then, are you a king? Jesus answered; You yourself are saying that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone that is on the side of the truth listens to my voice. (**John 18:37**)
- But we behold Jesus, who has been made a little lower than angels, crowned with glory and honor for having suffered death, that he by God's undeserved kindness might taste death for every man. (**Hebrews 2:9**)

See Also RANSOM

See Also FOREKNOWLEDGE, FOREORDINATION

- God's dealing with and blessing certain descendants of the sinner Adam, therefore, marked no change in **Yehowah's** standards of perfect righteousness.
- He was not thereby approving their sinful state. Because his purposes are absolutely certain of fulfillment, **Yehowah** calls the things that are not as though they were, as in naming Abram, Abraham, meaning, **Father of a Crowd or Multitude**, while he was yet childless.
- Just as it is written: I have appointed you a father of many

- nations. This was in the sight of the One in whom he had faith, even of God, who makes the dead alive and calls the things that are not as though they were. (**Romans 4:17**)
- **Knowing that in his due time.**
 - **But when the full limit of the time arrived, God sent forth his Son, who came to be out of a woman and who came to be under Law. (**Galatians 4:4**)**
 - **He would provide a ransom, the legal means for forgiving sin and removing imperfection.**
 - **Because of the trouble of his soul he will see, he will be satisfied. By means of his knowledge the righteous one, my servant, will bring a righteous standing to many people, and their errors he himself will bear. (**Isaiah 53:11**)**
 - **For that reason I shall deal him a portion among the many, and it will be with the mighty ones that he will apportion the spoil, due to the fact that he poured out his soul to the very death, and it was with the transgressors that he was counted in, and he himself carried the very sin of many people, and for the transgressors he proceeded to interpose. (**Isaiah 53:12**)**
 - **Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many. (**Matthew 20:28**)**
 - **He himself bore our sins in his own body upon the stake, in order, that we might be done with sins and live to righteousness. And by his stripes you were healed. (**1 Peter 2:24**)**
 - **Yehowah consistently could deal with and have in his service imperfect men, inheritors of sin. This was because he had the just basis for counting, or reckoning, them as righteous persons because of their faith in Yehowah's promises and, eventually, in the fulfillment of those promises in Christ Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for sins.**
 - **And the scripture was fulfilled which says; Abraham put faith in Yehowah, and it was counted to him as righteousness, and he came to be called, Yehowah's friend. (**James 2:23**)**
 - **But because of the promise of God he did not waver in a lack of**

- faith, but became powerful by his faith, giving God glory
([Romans 4:20](#))
- And being fully convinced that what he had promised he was also able to do. ([Romans 4:21](#))
 - Hence it was counted to him as righteousness. ([Romans 4:22](#))
 - That it was counted to him was written, however, not for his sake only. ([Romans 4:23](#))
 - But also for the sake of us to whom it is destined to be counted, because we believe on him who raised Jesus our Lord up from the dead. ([Romans 4:24](#))
 - He was delivered up for the sake of our trespasses and was raised up for the sake of declaring us righteous. ([Romans 4:25](#))
 - Thus, **Yehowah's** provision of the ransom arrangement and its benefits gives striking testimony not only of **Yehowah's** love and mercy but also of his fidelity to his exalted standards of justice, for by the ransom arrangement he exhibits his own righteousness in this present season, that he might be righteous even when declaring righteous the man, though imperfect, that has faith in Jesus.
 - But now apart from Law God's righteousness has been made manifest, as it is borne witness to by the Law and the Prophets. ([Romans 3:21](#))
 - Yes, God's righteousness through the faith in Jesus Christ, for all those having faith. For there is no distinction. ([Romans 3:22](#))
 - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ([Romans 3:23](#))
 - And it is as a free gift that they are being declared righteous by his undeserved kindness through the release by the ransom paid by Christ Jesus. ([Romans 3:24](#))
 - God set him forth as an offering for propitiation through faith in his blood. This was in order to exhibit his own righteousness, because he was forgiving the sins that occurred in the past while God was exercising forbearance. ([Romans 3:25](#))

- So as to exhibit his own righteousness in this present season, that he might be righteous even when declaring righteous the man that has faith in Jesus. (**Romans 3:26**)
- **Yehowah** himself for the sake of his righteousness has taken a delight in that he should magnify the Law and make it majestic. (**Isaiah 42:21**)

See Also DECLARE RIGHTEOUS

•• Why The God Of Peace Fights

- **Yehowah's** statement in Eden that he would put enmity between the seed of his Adversary and the seed of the woman did not change Him from being the **God of peace**.
- And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)
- For his part, the God who gives peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. May the undeserved kindness of our Lord Jesus be with you. (**Romans 16:20**)
- For God is a God, not of disorder, but of peace. As in all the congregations of the holy ones. (**1 Corinthians 14:33**)
- The situation then was the same as in the days of the earthly life of his Son, Jesus Christ, who, after referring to his union with his heavenly Father, said,
- Everyone, then, that confesses union with me before men, I will also confess union with him before my Father who is in the heavens. (**Matthew 10:32**)
- But whoever disowns me before men, I will also disown him before my Father who is in the heavens. (**Matthew 10:33**)
- Do not think I came to put peace upon the earth, I came to put, not peace, but a sword. (**Matthew 10:34**)
- For I came to cause division, with a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a young wife against her mother-in-law. (**Matthew 10:35**)

- **Indeed, a man's enemies will be persons of his own household. (Matthew 10:36)**
- **He that has greater affection for father or mother than for me is not worthy of me, and he that has greater affection for son or daughter than for me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:37)**
- **And whoever does not accept his torture stake and follow after me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:38)**
- **He that finds his soul will lose it, and he that loses his soul for my sake will find it. (Matthew 10:39)**
- **He that receives you receives me also, and he that receives me receives him also that sent me forth. (Matthew 10:40)**
- **Jesus ministry brought divisions, even within families.**
- **Do you imagine I came to give peace on the earth? No, indeed, I tell you, but rather division. (Luke 12:51)**
- **For from now on there will be five in one house divided, three against two and two against three. (Luke 12:52)**
- **They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. (Luke 12:53)**
- **But it was because of his adherence to, and proclamation of, God's righteous standards and truth. Division resulted because many individuals hardened their hearts against these truths while others accepted them.**
- **But now you are seeking to kill me, a man that has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. (John 8:40)**
- **You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie. (John**

8:44)

- **Because I, on the other hand, tell the truth, you do not believe me. (John 8:45)**
- **Who of you convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why is it you do not believe me? (John 8:46)**
- **He that is from God listens to the sayings of God. This is why you do not listen, because you are not from God. (John 8:47)**
- **If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. (John 15:22)**
- **He that hates me hates also my Father. (John 15:23)**
- **If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would have no sin, but now they have both seen and hated me as well as my Father. (John 15:24)**
- **But it is that the word written in their Law may be fulfilled; They hated me without cause. (John 15:25)**
- **I have given your word to them, but the world has hated them, because they are no part of the world, just as I am no part of the world. (John 17:14)**
- **This was unavoidable if the divine principles were to be upheld, but the blame lay with the rejecters of what was right.**
- **So, too, enmity was foretold to come because **Yehowah's** perfect standards would allow for no condoning of the rebellious course of Satan's **seed**. God's disapproval of such ones and his blessing of those holding to a righteous course would have a divisive effect**
- **If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you. (John 15:18)**
- **If you were part of the world, the world would be fond of what is its own. Now because you are no part of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, on this account the world hates you. (John 15:19)**
- **Bear in mind the word I said to you, a slave is not greater than**

- his master. If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you also, if they have observed my word, they will observe yours also. (**John 15:20**)
- But they will do all these things against you on account of my name, because they do not know him that sent me. (**John 15:21**)
 - Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world is constituting himself an enemy of God. (**James 4:4**)
 - Even as in the case of Cain and Abel.
 - Later she again gave birth, to his brother Abel. And Abel came to be a herder of sheep, but Cain became a cultivator of the ground. (**Genesis 4:2**)
 - And it came about at the expiration of some time that Cain proceeded to bring some fruits of the ground as an offering to **Yehowah**. (**Genesis 4:3**)
 - But as for Abel, he too brought some firstlings of his flock, even their fatty pieces. Now while **Yehowah** was looking with favor upon Abel and his offering. (**Genesis 4:4**)
 - He did not look with any favor upon Cain and upon his offering. And Cain grew hot with great anger, and his countenance began to fall. (**Genesis 4:5**)
 - At this **Yehowah** said to Cain; Why are you hot with anger and why has your countenance fallen? (**Genesis 4:6**)
 - If you turn to doing good, will there not be an exaltation? But if you do not turn to doing good, there is sin crouching at the entrance, and for you is its craving, and will you, for your part, get the mastery over it? (**Genesis 4:7**)
 - After that Cain said to Abel his brother; Let us go over into the field. So it came about that while they were in the field Cain proceeded to assault Abel his brother and kill him. (**Genesis 4:8**)
 - By faith Abel offered God a sacrifice of greater worth than Cain, through which faith he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, God bearing witness respecting his gifts, and through

it he, although he died, yet speaks. ([Hebrews 11:4](#))

- Not like Cain, who originated with the wicked one and slaughtered his brother. And for the sake of what did he slaughter him? Because his own works were wicked, but those of his brother were righteous. ([1 John 3:12](#))
- Yet these men are speaking abusively of all the things they really do not know, but all the things that they do understand naturally like the unreasoning animals, in these things they go on corrupting themselves. ([Jude 1:10](#))
- Too bad for them, because they have gone in the path of Cain, and have rushed into the erroneous course of Balaam for reward, and have perished in the rebellious talk of Korah! ([Jude 1:11](#))

See Also CAIN

- The rebellious course chosen by men and wicked angels constituted a challenge to **Yehowah's** rightful sovereignty and to the good order of all the universe. Standing up to this challenge has required Yehowah to become a manly person of war.
- **Yehowah** is a manly person of war. Yehowah is his name. ([Exodus 15:3](#))
- Pharaoh's chariots and his military forces he has cast into the sea, and the choice of his warriors have been sunk in the Red Sea. ([Exodus 15:4](#))
- The surging waters proceeded to cover them, down they went into the depths like a stone. ([Exodus 15:5](#))
- Your right hand, O **Yehowah**, is proving itself powerful in ability, Your right hand, O **Yehowah**, can shatter an enemy. ([Exodus 15:6](#))
- And in the abundance of your superiority you can throw down those who rise up against you. You send out your burning anger, it eats them up like stubble. ([Exodus 15:7](#))
- Defending his own good name and righteous standards, fighting on behalf of those who love and serve him, and executing judgment upon those meriting destruction.

- **And in the abundance of your superiority you can throw down those who rise up against you. You send out your burning anger, it eats them up like stubble. (Exodus 15:7)**
- **And Asa began to call to **Yehowah** his God and say; O **Yehowah**, as to helping, it does not matter with you whether there are many or those with no power. Help us, O Yehowah our God, for upon you we do lean, and in your name we have come against this crowd. O **Yehowah**, you are our God. Do not let mortal man retain strength against you. (2 Chronicles 14:11)**
- **Look! The name of **Yehowah** is coming from far away, burning with his anger and with heavy clouds. As for his lips, they have become full of denunciation, and his tongue is like a devouring fire. (Isaiah 30:27)**
- **And his spirit is like a flooding torrent that reaches clear to the neck, to swing the nations to and fro with a sieve of worthlessness, and a bridle that causes one to wander about will be in the jaws of the peoples. (Isaiah 30:28)**
- **You people will come to have a song like that in the night that one sanctifies oneself for a festival, and rejoicing of heart like that of one walking with a flute to enter into the mountain of **Yehowah**, to the Rock of Israel. (Isaiah 30:29)**
- **And **Yehowah** will certainly make the dignity of his voice to be heard and will make the descending of his arm to be seen, in the raging of anger and the flame of a devouring fire and cloudburst and rainstorm and hailstones. (Isaiah 30:30)**
- **For because of the voice of **Yehowah** Assyria will be struck with terror, he will strike it even with a staff. (Isaiah 30:31)**
- **Like a mighty man **Yehowah** himself will go forth. Like a warrior he will awaken zeal. He will shout, yes, he will let out a war cry, over his enemies he will show himself mightier. (Isaiah 42:13)**
- **He does not hesitate to use his almighty power, devastatingly at times, as at the Flood, in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, and in the delivery of Israel from Egypt.**
- **And you well know that **Yehowah** your God is the true God, the**

- faithful God, keeping covenant and loving-kindness in the case of those who love him and those who keep his commandments to a thousand generations. (Deuteronomy 7:9)**
- **But repaying to his face the one who hates him by destroying him. He will not hesitate toward the one who hates him, he will repay him to his face. (Deuteronomy 7:10)**
 - **And he has no fear of making known any of the details of his righteous warfare, he makes no apologies, having nothing for which to be ashamed.**
 - **Therefore, you men of heart, listen to me. Far be it from the true God to act wickedly, and the Almighty to act unjustly! (Job 34:10)**
 - **For according to the way earthling man acts he will reward him, and according to the path of man he will cause it to come upon him. (Job 34:11)**
 - **Yes, for a fact, God himself does not act wickedly, and the Almighty himself does not pervert judgment. (Job 34:12)**
 - **Who has assigned to him the earth, and who has appointed to him the productive land, even all of it? (Job 34:13)**
 - **If he sets his heart upon anyone, if that ones spirit and breath he gathers to himself. (Job 34:14)**
 - **All flesh will expire together, and earthling man himself will return to the very dust. (Job 34:15)**
 - **Look! God himself acts exaltedly with his power, who is an instructor like him? (Job 36:22)**
 - **Who has called his way to account against him, and who has said; You have committed unrighteousness? (Job 36:23)**
 - **Remember that you should magnify his activity of which men have sung. (Job 36:24)**
 - **As for the Almighty, we have not found him out, he is exalted in power, and justice and abundance of righteousness he will not belittle. (Job 37:23)**

- Therefore let men fear him. He does not regard any who are wise in their own heart. (**Job 37:24**)
- And **Yehowah** proceeded to answer Job and say; (**Job 40:1**)
- Should there be any contending of a faultfinder with the Almighty? Let the reprover of God himself answer it. (**Job 40:2**)
- And Job went on to answer **Yehowah** and say; (**Job 40:3**)
- Look! I have become of little account. What shall I reply to you? My hand I have put over my mouth. (**Job 40:4**)
- Once have I spoken, and I will not answer, and twice, and I will add nothing. (**Job 40:5**)
- And **Yehowah** went on to answer Job out of the windstorm and say. (**Job 40:6**)
- Gird up your loins, please, like an able-bodied man, I shall question you, and you inform me. (**Job 40:7**)
- Really, will you invalidate my justice? Will you pronounce me wicked in order, that you may be in the right? (**Job 40:8**)
- Never may that happen! But let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, even as it is written: That you might be proved righteous in your words and might win when you are being judged. (**Romans 3:4**)
- His respect for his own name and the righteousness it represents, as well as his love for those who love him, compels him to act.
- For my own sake, for my own sake I shall act, for how could one let oneself be profaned? And to no one else shall I give my own glory. (**Isaiah 48:11**)
- There is no peace, my God has said; for the wicked ones. (**Isaiah 57:21**)
- And the truth proves to be missing, and anyone turning away from badness is being despoiled. And **Yehowah** got to see, and it

- was bad in his eyes that there was no justice. (**Isaiah 59:15**)
- And when he saw that there was no man, he began to show himself astonished that there was no one interposing. And his arm proceeded to save for him, and his own righteousness was the thing that supported him. (**Isaiah 59:16**)
 - Then he put on righteousness as a coat of mail, and the helmet of salvation upon his head. Furthermore, he put on the garments of vengeance as raiment and enwrapped himself with zeal as if a sleeveless coat. (**Isaiah 59:17**)
 - In accordance with the dealings he will reward correspondingly, rage to his adversaries, due treatment to his enemies. To the islands he will recompense due treatment. (**Isaiah 59:18**)
 - And from the sunset they will begin to fear the name of **Yehowah**, and from the rising of the sun the glory of him, for he will come in like a distressing river, which the very spirit of Yehowah has driven along. (**Isaiah 59:19**)
 - And I heard the angel over the waters say; You, the One who is and who was, the loyal One, are righteous, because you have rendered these decisions. (**Revelation 16:5**)
 - Because they poured out the blood of holy ones and of prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. They deserve it. (**Revelation 16:6**)
 - And I heard the altar say; Yes, **Yehowah** God, the Almighty, true and righteous are your judicial decisions. (**Revelation 16:7**)
 - **The Christian Greek Scriptures** portray the same picture. The apostle Paul encouraged fellow Christians, saying,
 - For his part, **the God who gives peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly**. May the undeserved kindness of our Lord Jesus be with you. (**Romans 16:20**)
 - And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)

- **He also showed the rightness of God's repaying tribulation to those causing tribulation for his servants, bringing everlasting destruction upon such opposers.**
- **This takes into account that it is righteous on God's part to repay tribulation to those who make tribulation for you. (2 Thessalonians 1:6)**
- **But, to you who suffer tribulation, relief along with us at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his powerful angels. (2 Thessalonians 1:7)**
- **In a flaming fire, as he brings vengeance upon those who do not know God and those who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus. (2 Thessalonians 1:8)**
- **These very ones will undergo the judicial punishment of everlasting destruction from before the Lord and from the glory of his strength. (2 Thessalonians 1:9)**
- **This was in harmony with the teachings of God's Son, who left no room for doubt as to his Father's uncompromising determination forcibly to end all wickedness and those practicing it. (Matthew 13:30,38-42)**
- **Jesus said to them; Did you never read in the Scriptures; The stone that the builders rejected is the one that has become the chief cornerstone. From Yehowah this has come to be, and it is marvelous in our eyes? (Matthew 21:42)**
- **This is why I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and be given to a nation producing its fruits. (Matthew 21:43)**
- **Also, the person falling upon this stone will be shattered. As for anyone upon whom it falls, it will pulverize him. (Matthew 21:44)**
- **Serpents, offspring of vipers, how are you to flee from the judgment of Gehenna? (Matthew 23:33)**
- **Moreover, just as it occurred in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of man. (Luke 17:26)**
- **They were eating, they were drinking, men were marrying,**

- women were being given in marriage, until that day when Noah entered into the ark, and the flood arrived and destroyed them all. (**Luke 17:27**)
- Likewise, just as it occurred in the days of Lot, they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building. (**Luke 17:28**)
 - But on the day that Lot came out of Sodom it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed them all. (**Luke 17:29**)
 - The same way it will be on that day when the Son of man is to be revealed. (**Luke 17:30**)
 - Moreover, these enemies of mine that did not want me to become king over them bring here and slaughter them before me. (**Luke 19:27**)
 - The book of Revelation is replete with descriptions of divinely authorized warring action. All of this, however, in **Yehowah's** wisdom ultimately leads to the establishment of an enduring, universal peace, solidly founded on justice and righteousness.
 - For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us, and the princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (**Isaiah 9:6**)
 - To the abundance of the princely rule and to peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom in order to establish it firmly and to sustain it by means of justice and by means of righteousness, from now on and to time indefinite. The very zeal of **Yehowah** of armies will do this. (**Isaiah 9:7**)
 - But there are new heavens and a new earth that we are awaiting according to his promise, and in these righteousness is to dwell. (**2 Peter 3:13**)

· Dealings With Fleshly And Spiritual Israel

- Similarly, much of the difference in content between the Hebrew Scriptures and the **Christian Greek Scriptures** is because the former deal mainly with **Yehowah's** dealings with fleshly Israel, whereas the latter,

to a large extent, lead up to and portray his dealings with Spiritual Israel, the Christian congregation.

- Thus, on the one hand, we have a nation whose millions of members are such solely by virtue of fleshly descent, a conglomerate of the good and the bad.

- On the other hand, we have a spiritual nation formed of persons drawn to God through Jesus Christ, persons who show love for truth and right and who personally and voluntarily dedicate themselves to the doing of **Yehowah's** will.

- Logically, God's dealings and relations with the two groups would differ and the first group would reasonably call forth more expressions of **Yehowah's** anger and severity than would the second group.

- Yet it would be a grave error to miss the upbuilding and comforting insight into **Yehowah God's** personality that his dealings with fleshly Israel provide.

- These give sterling examples proving that **Yehowah** is the kind of Person he described himself to Moses as being;

- Accordingly Moses carved out two tablets of stone like the first ones and got up early in the morning and went on up into Mount Sinai, just as **Yehowah** had commanded him, and he was taking the two tablets of stone in his hand. (**Exodus 34:4**)

- And **Yehowah** proceeded to come down in the cloud and station himself with him there and declare the name of **Yehowah**. (**Exodus 34:5**)

- And **Yehowah** went passing by before his face and declaring; **Yehowah, Yehowah**, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness and truth. (**Exodus 34:6**)

- Preserving loving-kindness for thousands, pardoning error and transgression and sin, but by no means will he give exemption from punishment, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons and upon grandsons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation. (**Exodus 34:7**)

- You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them,

because I **Yehowah** your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (**Exodus 20:5**)

- Though balanced by justice, it is in reality **Yehowah's** love, patience, and long-suffering that are the outstanding facets of his personality as revealed in the history of Israel, a highly favored people who, in their majority, proved remarkably, **stiff-necked**, and **hardhearted** toward their Creator.
- Moses at once hurried to bow low to the earth and prostrate himself. (**Exodus 34:8**)
- Then he said; If, now, I have found favor in your eyes, O **Yehowah**, let Yehowah, please, go along in the midst of us, because it is a stiff-necked people, and you have to forgive our error and our sin, and you must take us as your possession. (**Exodus 34:9**)
- But as for the house of Israel, they will not want to listen to you, for they are not wanting to listen to me, because all those of the house of Israel are hardheaded and hardhearted. (**Ezekiel 3:7**)
- And they themselves, even our forefathers, acted presumptuously and proceeded to harden their neck, and they did not listen to your commandments. (**Nehemiah 9:16**)
- So they refused to listen, and they did not remember your wonderful acts that you performed with them, but they hardened their neck and appointed a head to return to their servitude in Egypt. But you are a God of acts of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness, and you did not leave them. (**Nehemiah 9:17**)
- This is what **Yehowah** of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Add those whole burnt offerings of yours to your sacrifices and eat flesh. (**Jeremiah 7:21**)
- For I did not speak with your forefathers, nor did I command them in the day of my bringing them out from the land of Egypt concerning the matters of whole burnt offering and sacrifice. (**Jeremiah 7:22**)

- **But this word I did express in command upon them, saying; Obey my voice, and I will become your God, and you yourselves will become my people, and you must walk in all the way that I shall command you, in order, that it may go well with you. (Jeremiah 7:23)**
- **But they did not listen, neither did they incline their ear, but they went walking in the counsels in the stubbornness of their bad heart, so that they became backward in direction and not forward. (Jeremiah 7:24)**
- **From the day that your forefathers came forth out of the land of Egypt until this day, and I kept sending to you all my servants the prophets, daily getting up early and sending them. (Jeremiah 7:25)**
- **But they did not listen to me, and they did not incline their ear, but they kept hardening their neck. They acted worse than their forefathers! (Jeremiah 7:26)**
- **The strong denunciations and condemnation repeatedly leveled against Israel by **Yehowah** through his prophets only serve to emphasize the greatness of his mercy and the amazing extent of his long-suffering.**
- **At the end of over 1,500 years of bearing with them, and even after his own Son was slain at the instigation of religious leaders of the nation, **Yehowah** continued to favor them for a period of three and a half more years, mercifully causing the preaching of the Good News to be restricted to them, granting them yet further opportunity to gain the privilege of reigning with his Son an opportunity that repentant thousands accepted.**
- **Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. (Acts of Apostles 2:1)**
- **And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (Acts of Apostles 2:2)**
- **And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. (Acts of Apostles 2:3)**

- **And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. (Acts of Apostles 2:4)**
- **As it was, there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, reverent men, from every nation of those under heaven. (Acts of Apostles 2:5)**
- **But Peter stood up with the eleven and raised his voice and made this utterance to them; Men of Judea and all you inhabitants of Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give ear to my sayings. (Acts of Apostles 2:14)**
- **These people are, in fact, not drunk, as you suppose, for it is the third hour of the day. (Acts of Apostles 2:15)**
- **On the contrary, this is what was said through the prophet Joel. (Acts of Apostles 2:16)**
- **And in the last days, God says, I shall pour out some of my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams. (Acts of Apostles 2:17)**
- **And even upon my men slaves and upon my women slaves I will pour out some of my spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. (Acts of Apostles 2:18)**
- **And I will give portents in heaven above and signs on earth below, blood and fire and smoke mist. (Acts of Apostles 2:19)**
- **The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and illustrious day of Yehowah arrives. (Acts of Apostles 2:20)**
- **And everyone who calls on the name of Yehowah will be saved. (Acts of Apostles 2:21)**
- **Men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus the Nazarene, a man publicly shown by God to you through powerful works and portents and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as you yourselves know. (Acts of Apostles 2:22)**
- **this man, as one delivered up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you fastened to a stake by the hand of**

lawless men and did away with. ([Acts of Apostles 2:23](#))

- But God resurrected him by loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to continue to be held fast by it. ([Acts of Apostles 2:24](#))
- For David says respecting him, I had Yehowah constantly before my eyes, because he is at my right hand that I may never be shaken. ([Acts of Apostles 2:25](#))
- On this account my heart became cheerful and my tongue rejoiced greatly. Moreover, even my flesh will reside in hope. ([Acts of Apostles 2:26](#))
- Because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your loyal one to see corruption. ([Acts of Apostles 2:27](#))
- You have made lifes ways known to me, you will fill me with good cheer with your face. ([Acts of Apostles 2:28](#))
- Men, brothers, it is allowable to speak with freeness of speech to you concerning the family head David, that he both deceased and was buried and his tomb is among us to this day. ([Acts of Apostles 2:29](#))
- Therefore, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one from the fruitage of his loins upon his throne. ([Acts of Apostles 2:30](#))
- He saw beforehand and spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he forsaken in Hades nor did his flesh see corruption. ([Acts of Apostles 2:31](#))
- This Jesus God resurrected, of which fact we are all witnesses. ([Acts of Apostles 2:32](#))
- Therefore because he was exalted to the right hand of God and received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this which you see and hear. ([Acts of Apostles 2:33](#))
- Actually David did not ascend to the heavens, but he himself says, Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand. ([Acts of Apostles 2:34](#))

- **Until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. (Acts of Apostles 2:35)**
- **Therefore let all the house of Israel know for a certainty that God made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you impaled. (Acts of Apostles 2:36)**
- **Now when they heard this they were stabbed to the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles; Men, brothers, what shall we do? (Acts of Apostles 2:37)**
- **Peter said to them; Repent, and let each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the free gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts of Apostles 2:38)**
- **For the promise is to you and to your children and to all those afar off, just as many as Yehovah our God may call to him. (Acts of Apostles 2:39)**
- **And with many other words he bore thorough witness and kept exhorting them, saying; Get saved from this crooked generation. (Acts of Apostles 2:40)**
- **Therefore those who embraced his word heartily were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added. (Acts of Apostles 2:41)**
- **On the day after that he entered into Caesarea. Cornelius, of course, was expecting them and had called together his relatives and intimate friends. (Acts of Apostles 10:24)**
- **As Peter entered, Cornelius met him, fell down at his feet and did obeisance to him. (Acts of Apostles 10:25)**
- **But Peter lifted him up, saying; Rise! I myself am also a man. (Acts of Apostles 10:26)**
- **And as he conversed with him he went in and found many people assembled. (Acts of Apostles 10:27)**
- **And he said to them; You well know how unlawful it is for a Jew to join himself to or approach a man of another race, and yet God has shown me I should call no man defiled or unclean. (Acts of Apostles 10:28)**

- **At this Peter opened his mouth and said; For a certainty I perceive that God is not partial. (Acts of Apostles 10:34)**
- **But in every nation the man that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. (Acts of Apostles 10:35)**
- **He sent out the word to the sons of Israel to declare to them the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ, this One is Lord of all others. (Acts of Apostles 10:36)**
- **You know the subject that was talked about throughout the whole of Judea, starting from Galilee after the baptism that John preached. (Acts of Apostles 10:37)**
- **Namely, Jesus who was from Nazareth, how God anointed him with Holy Spirit and power, and he went through the land doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him. (Acts of Apostles 10:38)**
- **And we are witnesses of all the things he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem, but they also did away with him by hanging him on a stake. (Acts of Apostles 10:39)**
- **God raised this One up on the third day and granted him to become manifest. (Acts of Apostles 10:40)**
- **not to all the people, but to witnesses appointed beforehand by God, to us, who ate and drank with him after his rising from the dead. (Acts of Apostles 10:41)**
- **Also, he ordered us to preach to the people and to give a thorough witness that this is the One decreed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. (Acts of Apostles 10:42)**
- **To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone putting faith in him gets forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts of Apostles 10:43)**
- **While Peter was yet speaking about these matters the Holy Spirit fell upon all those hearing the word. (Acts of Apostles 10:44)**
- **And the faithful ones that had come with Peter who were of those circumcised were amazed, because the free gift of the Holy**

Spirit was being poured out also upon people of the nations.
(Acts of Apostles 10:45)

- For they heard them speaking with tongues and magnifying God. Then Peter responded. (Acts of Apostles 10:46)
- Can anyone forbid water so that these might not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have? (Acts of Apostles 10:47)
- With that he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they requested him to remain for some days. (Acts of Apostles 10:48)

See Also SEVENTY WEEKS

- Jesus Christ evidently referred to **Yehowah's** previously quoted statement as to bringing punishment to later descendants of offenders when he said to the hypocritical scribes and Pharisees:
 - Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the graves of the prophets and decorate the memorial tombs of the righteous ones. (Matthew 23:29)
 - And you say; If we were in the days of our forefathers, we would not be sharers with them in the blood of the prophets. (Matthew 23:30)
 - Therefore you are bearing witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. (Matthew 23:31)
 - Well, then, fill up the measure of your forefathers. (Matthew 23:32)
- Despite their pretensions, by their course of action such ones demonstrated their approval of the wrong deeds of their forefathers and proved that they themselves continued to be among those hating **Yehowah**.
- You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I **Yehowah** your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (Exodus 20:5)

- **Serpents, offspring of vipers, how are you to flee from the judgment of Gehenna? (Matthew 23:33)**
- **For this reason, here I am sending forth to you prophets and wise men and public instructors. Some of them you will kill and impale, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city. (Matthew 23:34)**
- **That there may come upon you all the righteous blood spilled on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. (Matthew 23:35)**
- **Truly I say to you, All these things will come upon this generation. (Matthew 23:36)**
- **He that hates me hates also my Father. (John 15:23)**
- **If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would have no sin, but now they have both seen and hated me as well as my Father. (John 15:24)**
- **Thus, they, unlike the Jews who repented and heeded the words of God's Son, suffered the cumulative effect of God's judgment when, years later, Jerusalem was besieged and destroyed and most of its population died. They could have escaped but chose not to avail themselves of **Yehowah's** mercy.**
- **Furthermore, when you see Jerusalem surrounded by encamped armies, then know that the desolating of her has drawn near. (Luke 21:20)**
- **Then let those in Judea begin fleeing to the mountains, and let those in the midst of her withdraw, and let those in the country places not enter into her. (Luke 21:21)**
- **Because these are days for meting out justice, that all the things written may be fulfilled. (Luke 21:22)**
- **Woe to the pregnant women and the ones suckling a baby in those days! For there will be great necessity upon the land and wrath on this people. (Luke 21:23)**

- And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the nations, until the appointed times of the nations are fulfilled. ([Luke 21:24](#))
- And we have not obeyed the voice of **Yehowah** our God by walking in his laws that he set before us by the hand of his servants the prophets. ([Daniel 9:10](#))
- Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity, it has come upon us, and we have not softened the face of **Yehowah** our God by turning back from our error and by showing insight into your trueness. ([Daniel 9:13](#))
- And **Yehowah** kept alert to the calamity and finally brought it upon us, for Yehowah our God is righteous in all his works that he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice. ([Daniel 9:14](#))
- And now, O **Yehowah** our God, you who brought your people out from the land of Egypt by a strong hand and proceeded to make a name for yourself as at this day, we have sinned, we have acted wickedly. ([Daniel 9:15](#))

· His Personality Reflected In His Son

- In every respect Jesus Christ was a faithful reflection of the beautiful personality of his Father, **Yehowah** God, in whose name he came.
- No man has seen God at any time, the only-begotten god who is in the bosom position with the Father is the one that has explained him. ([John 1:18](#))
- As for the crowds, those going ahead of him and those following kept crying out; Save, we pray, the Son of David! Blessed is he that comes in **Yehowah's** name! Save him, we pray, in the heights above! ([Matthew 21:9](#))
- The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival, on hearing that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ([John 12:12](#))
- Took the branches of palm trees and went out to meet him. And they began to shout; Save, we pray you! Blessed is he that comes in **Yehowah's** name, even the king of Israel! ([John 12:13](#))

- Blessed be the One coming in the name of **Yehowah**, we have blessed you people out of the house of Yehowah. (**Psalms 118:26**)
- **Jesus said;**
- Therefore, in answer, Jesus went on to say to them; Most truly I say to you, the Son cannot do a single thing of his own initiative, but only what he beholds the Father doing. For whatever things that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner. (**John 5:19**)
- **It follows, therefore, that the kindness and compassion, the mildness and warmth, as well as the strong love for righteousness and hatred of wickedness that Jesus displayed.**
- **But with reference to the Son; God is your throne forever and ever, and the scepter of your kingdom is the scepter of uprightness. (**Hebrews 1:8**)**
- **You loved righteousness, and you hated lawlessness. That is why God, your God, anointed you with the oil of exultation more than your partners. (**Hebrews 1:9**)**
- **Are all qualities that the Son had observed in his Father, **Yehowah** God.**
- **And Jesus set out on a tour of all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Good News of the kingdom and curing every sort of disease and every sort of infirmity. (**Matthew 9:35**)**
- **On seeing the crowds he felt pity for them, because they were skinned and thrown about like sheep without a shepherd. (**Matthew 9:36**)**
- ****Yehowah** is my Shepherd. I shall lack nothing. (**Psalms 23:1**)**
- **In grassy pastures he makes me lie down, by well-watered resting-places he conducts me. (**Psalms 23:2**)**
- **My soul he refreshes. He leads me in the tracks of righteousness for his names sake (**Psalms 23:3**)**

- **Even though I walk in the valley of deep shadow, I fear nothing bad, for you are with me, your rod and your staff are the things that comfort me. (Psalms 23:4)**
- **You arrange before me a table in front of those showing hostility to me. With oil you have greased my head, my cup is well filled. (Psalms 23:5)**
- **Surely goodness and loving-kindness themselves will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of **Yehowah** to the length of days. (Psalms 23:6)**
- **Look! The Sovereign Lord **Yehowah** himself will come even as a strong one, and his arm will be ruling for him. Look! His reward is with him, and the wage he pays is before him. (Isaiah 40:10)**
- **Like a shepherd he will shepherd his own drove. With his arm he will collect together the lambs, and in his bosom he will carry them. Those giving suck he will conduct with care. (Isaiah 40:11)**
- **All things have been delivered to me by my Father, and no one fully knows the Son but the Father, neither does anyone fully know the Father but the Son and anyone to whom the Son is willing to reveal him. (Matthew 11:27)**
- **Come to me, all you who are toiling and loaded down, and I will refresh you. (Matthew 11:28)**
- **Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am mild-tempered and lowly in heart, and you will find refreshment for your souls. (Matthew 11:29)**
- **For my yoke is kindly and my load is light. (Matthew 11:30)**
- **Have you not come to know or have you not heard? **Yehowah**, the Creator of the extremities of the earth, is a God to time indefinite. He does not tire out or grow weary. There is no searching out of his understanding. (Isaiah 40:28)**
- **He is giving to the tired one power, and to the one without dynamic energy he makes full might abound. (Isaiah 40:29)**

- **Boys will both tire out and grow weary, and young men themselves will without fail stumble. (Isaiah 40:30)**
- **But those who are hoping in **Yehowah** will regain power. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not tire out. (Isaiah 40:31)**
- **For this is what the High and Lofty One, who is residing forever and whose name is holy, has said; In the height and in the holy place is where I reside, also with the one crushed and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly ones and to revive the heart of the ones being crushed. (Isaiah 57:15)**
- **For it will not be to time indefinite that I shall contend, nor perpetually that I shall be indignant, for because of me the spirit itself would grow feeble, even the breathing creatures that I myself have made. (Isaiah 57:16)**
- **Then he said; A certain man had two sons. (Luke 15:11)**
- **And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the part of the property that falls to my share. Then he divided his means of living to them. (Luke 15:12)**
- **Later, after not many days, the younger son gathered all things together and traveled abroad into a distant country, and there squandered his property by living a debauched life. (Luke 15:13)**
- **When he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred throughout that country, and he started to be in need. (Luke 15:14)**
- **He even went and attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to herd swine. (Luke 15:15)**
- **And he used to desire to be filled with the carob pods which the swine were eating, and no one would give him anything. (Luke 15:16)**
- **When he came to his senses, he said; How many hired men of my father are abounding with bread, while I am perishing here from famine! (Luke 15:17)**

- **I will rise and journey to my father and say to him; Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. (Luke 15:18)**
- **I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Make me as one of your hired men. (Luke 15:19)**
- **So he rose and went to his father. While he was yet a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was moved with pity, and he ran and fell upon his neck and tenderly kissed him. (Luke 15:20)**
- **Then the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Make me as one of your hired men. (Luke 15:21)**
- **But the father said to his slaves; Quick! Bring out a robe, the best one, and clothe him with it, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. (Luke 15:22)**
- **And bring the fattened young bull, slaughter it and let us eat and enjoy ourselves. (Luke 15:23)**
- **Because this my son was dead and came to life again, he was lost and was found. And they started to enjoy themselves. (Luke 15:24)**
- **Yehowah is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness. (Psalms 103:8)**
- **He will not for all time keep finding fault, neither will he to time indefinite keep resentful. (Psalms 103:9)**
- **He has not done to us even according to our sins, nor according to our errors has he brought upon us what we deserve. (Psalms 103:10)**
- **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, this loving-kindness is superior toward those fearing him. (Psalms 103:11)**
- **As far off as the sunrise is from the sunset, so far off from us he has put our transgressions. (Psalms 103:12)**
- **As a father shows mercy to his sons, Yehowah has shown mercy to those fearing him. (Psalms 103:13)**

- For he himself well knows the formation of us, remembering that we are dust. (**Psalms 103:14**)
- And when he got nearby, he viewed the city and wept over it. (**Luke 19:41**)
- Saying; If you, even you, had discerned in this day the things having to do with peace, but now they have been hid from your eyes. (**Luke 19:42**)
- Because the days will come upon you when your enemies will build around you a fortification with pointed stakes and will encircle you and distress you from every side. (**Luke 19:43**)
- And they will dash you and your children within you to the ground, and they will not leave a stone upon a stone in you, because you did not discern the time of your being inspected. (**Luke 19:44**)
- Throw off from yourselves all your transgressions in which you have transgressed and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit, for why should you die, O house of Israel? (**Ezekiel 18:31**)
- For I do not take any delight in the death of someone dying, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah**. So cause a turning back and keep living, O you people. (**Ezekiel 18:32**)
- Say to them; As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah**, I take delight, not in the death of the wicked one, but in that someone wicked turns back from his way and actually keeps living. Turn back, turn back from your bad ways, for why is it that you should die, O house of Israel? (**Ezekiel 33:11**)
- Every lover of righteousness who reads the inspired Scriptures and who truly comes to know with understanding the full meaning of **Yehowah's** name.
- And **Yehowah** will become a secure height for anyone crushed, a secure height in times of distress. (**Psalms 9:9**)
- And those knowing your name will trust in you, for you will certainly not leave those looking for you, O **Yehowah**. (**Psalms**

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- **Because on me he has set his affection, I shall also provide him with escape. I shall protect him because he has come to know my name. (Psalms 91:14)**
- **Therefore here I am causing them to know, at this one time I shall cause them to know my hand and my mightiness, and they will have to know that my name is **Yehowah**. (Jeremiah 16:21)**
- **Has every reason, therefore, to love and bless that name.**
- **Blessed be **Yehowah** God, Israel's God, who alone is doing wonderful works. (Psalms 72:18)**
- **And blessed be his glorious name to time indefinite, and let his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen. (Psalms 72:19)**
- **The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, have come to their end. (Psalms 72:20)**
- **Turn to me and show me favor, according to your judicial decision toward those loving your name. (Psalms 119:132)**
- **For God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love you showed for his name, in that you have ministered to the holy ones and continue ministering. (Hebrews 6:10)**
- **Praise and exalt it.**
- **I shall laud **Yehowah** according to his righteousness, and I will make melody to the name of Yehowah the Most High. (Psalms 7:17)**
- **O **Yehowah**, you are my God. I exalt you, I laud your name, for you have done wonderful things, counsels from early times, in faithfulness, in trustworthiness. (Isaiah 25:1)**
- **Through him let us always offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which make public declaration to his name. (Hebrews 13:15)**
- **Fear and sanctify it.**

- Ah, **Yehowah**, please, let your ear become attentive to the prayer of your servant and to the prayer of your servants who take delight in fearing your name, and, please, do grant success to your servant today and make him an object of pity before this man. Now I myself happened to be cupbearer to the king. (**Nehemiah 1:11**)
- And you will have to know that I have sent to you this commandment, in order, that my covenant with Levi may continue, **Yehowah** of armies has said. (**Malachi 2:4**)
- As for my covenant, it proved to be with him, one of life and of peace, and I kept giving them to him, with fear. And he continued fearing me, yes, because of my name he himself was struck with terror. (**Malachi 2:5**)
- The very Law of truth proved to be in his mouth, and there was no unrighteousness to be found on his lips. In peace and in uprightness he walked with me, and many were those whom he turned back from error. (**Malachi 2:6**)
- At that time those in fear of **Yehowah** spoke with one another, each one with his companion, and Yehowah kept paying attention and listening. And a book of remembrance began to be written up before him for those in fear of Yehowah and for those thinking upon his name. (**Malachi 3:16**)
- And they will certainly become mine, **Yehowah** of armies has said; at the day when I am producing a special property. And I will show compassion upon them, just as a man shows compassion upon his son who is serving him. (**Malachi 3:17**)
- And you people will again certainly see the distinction between a righteous one and a wicked one, between one serving God and one who has not served him. (**Malachi 3:18**)
- You must pray, then, this way; Our Father in the heavens, let your name be sanctified. (**Matthew 6:9**)
- Trust in it,
- For in him our heart rejoices, for in his holy name we have put our trust. (**Psalms 33:21**)

- The name of **Yehowah** is a strong tower. Into it the righteous runs and is given protection. (**Proverbs 18:10**)
- **Saying with the psalmist,**
- I will sing to **Yehowah** throughout my life, I will make melody to my God as long as I am. (**Psalms 104:33**)
- Let my musing about him be pleasurable. I, for my part, shall rejoice in **Yehowah**. (**Psalms 104:34**)
- The sinners will be finished off from the earth, and as for the wicked, they will be no longer. Bless **Yehowah**, O my soul. Praise Yah, you people! (**Psalms 104:35**)