

UNDERSTANDING GOD THROUGH HIS NAME

When the gentile congregation separated from our Jewish believers, many errors have crept in. The congregation of Yeshua compromised with paganism. The adversary so blinded the leaders that they would rather adopt pagan custom, than remain united with those who Yahweh has chosen to bring the gospel to humanity.

They totally overlooked and are still overlooking the statement that Paul made in Romans 11.

Romans 11:17-18 CJB

(17) But if some of the branches were broken off, and you — a wild olive — were grafted in among them and have become **equal sharers** in the rich root of the olive tree,

(18) then don't boast as if you were better than the branches! However, if you do boast, remember that you are not supporting the root, the root is supporting you.

Paul states that we, the gentiles have been grafted into and become equal share in the root. He says nothing about replacing the rich root. Scripture does not teach that the church has replace Israel in Yahweh covenant plan. This Satan driven lie has corrupted many today and have let believers down the wrong path.

As long as the congregate embraces this lie, it will not fulfill her duty to Israel. That duty is to reach out to them with the gospel.

There is one thing **however**, that the Jewish people started to do in the **third** century and is still being practiced now, by both Jews and gentiles, that is avoiding saying Elohim's name. They substitute the name of the almighty with pronouns, like **Lord, God, Adonai or Hashem**. The reason why they stopped using God's name was out of fear of violating the commandment in Exodus 20:7. *You shall not take the name of YHWH in vain.*

This is so serious that the average believer does not even know that the almighty has a name. It is not that the bible translators **do not know** the name of the creator, but they have chosen to consistently replace it in their translations.

It isn't because the Most High God, El- Elyon, does not want us to know his name, it is because the **adversary** does not want us to know it or to use it.

Because God's name is his **self-revelation** of himself. His name signifies his **active presence** in the fullness of his **revealed character**.

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By using God's name, we get a greater revelation of who He is.

In a world where there are so many gods, and each one of them have their own unique name, there has to be a sinister devious being who benefit from blinding believers to the importance of calling the most important God in the universe by his name.

How would you like to be called woman, or man every time you are spoken to or every time someone speak about you?

We all agree that names are important. Specially in biblical times.

Therefore, **El- Elyon**, the most High God, the creator and sustainer of the universe, the omnipotent, [all powerful] omniscient, [all knowing] omnipresence [all presence] God, has chosen to reveal himself to humanity through the different attributes, that reveals his character.

He wants us to know him better.

However, we cannot know his attributes or character by referring to him simply as **God**.

Because the word "god" is not a proper name. Rather it is a pronoun, a word used in the place of the name. And the word god can refer to anyone who is considered to be great.

The **Hebrew** word which god is translated from is Elohim. Elohim is a plural word which basically means "mighty one". It is not only used for deity but is also used in scriptures for judges, angels, men and idols.

We see an example of this in –

Exodus 7:1 TLV

(1) So Adonai (Yahweh) said to Moses, "See, I have set you **as God** to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother will be your prophet.

Therefore, to refer to the creator simply as **god** is not sufficient because he is in a class of **His own**. He is not just a great or mighty one. He is "El Elyon," the Most High God, the creator and sustainer of the universe.

The one Hebrew title **EL** sets the creator apart from all other gods.

EL is the name that is used most for **greatness**, **strength** or **deity** and is used

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to set the creator superior over all gods. He is not **simple** "god" he is "**EI Elyon**," the Most High God. And **he has a name**, just as all the other so-called gods do.

When Moses was sent to Egypt to bring Israel out of bondage, God introduced himself as the God of Abraham, the God Isaac, and the God Jacob.

However, Moses needed to know **Elohim's name**.

Moses knew that the Egyptians had many gods, and that they all had different and distinct names.

That is why Moses needed to know the name of the God who was sending him to Egypt.

And so, Moses asked to know Elohim's name.

Exodus 3:13-15 CJB

(13) Moshe said to God, "Look, when I appear before the people of Isra'el and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you'; and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"

(14) God said to Moshe, "Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh (AH'YAH ASHAY) [I am/will be what I am/will be]," and added, "Here is what to say to the people of Isra'el: 'Ehyeh [I Am or I Will Be] has sent me to you.' "

(15) God said further to Moshe, "Say this to the people of Isra'el: 'Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh (יהוה) [Yahweh], the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' **This is my name forever; this is how I am to be remembered generations after generations.**

Eh'yeh-Asher-Ehyer [AH'YAH- ASHAY- AH'YAH] is not God's proper name but describes his state of being. The expression is mostly translated 'I AM THAT I AM', or I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE". It basically means **TO EXIST** or **TO BE**.

Therefore, the first message Moses was to give to Israel was "I am", "I do exist", and I will be to you whatever I need to be, and I will do for you whatever is necessary in order to bring you out of Egypt.

Then Elohim goes on to tell them what his proper name is.

He gives them His proper name in verse 15 as 'Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh [Hebrew letters]. In English it is YHWH and is called the Tetragrammaton, meaning the four-letter word.

The correct pronouncement of Elohim's name has been lost, however, the acceptable name among scholars is Yahweh. Adding the vowel, a and e to the

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consonant YHWH.

Thus, Yahweh is saying to Israel "my nature will become evident by my action". His nature was revealed on many occasions by what he did in the lives or in the presence of his people, Israel.

So, when we speak the name, Yahweh, we have an assurance that He is always the same; that we can depend upon him in our times of needs, and through him we can always have victory over sin and over the Devil.

When interacting with his people, Yahweh always demonstrates an aspect of his character through his name. That is why it is important to know what his name is.

The psalmist says-

Psalms 9:9-10

(9) Yahweh is a stronghold for the oppressed, a tower of strength in times of trouble.

(10) Those who know your name put their trust in you, for you have not abandoned those who seek you, Yahweh.

Those who know the name Yahweh. Not the name God for that is a title. It is what he is [a mighty one].

Not the name Lord because it is also a title that is what he is, [a sovereign ruler and controller]. Those are not His names.

Those who know Elohim's name will trust in Him, because they have the KNOWLEDGE of the AUTHORITY and power behind his name.

Therefore, it is beneficial for believers to know and to understand the name of the God that we worship.

Other nations who serve idol gods, call them by their names. Only Believers, or Christians, avoid using the name of the most important person in the universe, as well as the most important person in our life.

The adversary does not want us to know Elohim's name.

Asaph said in-

Psalms 83:16 CJB

(16) Fill their faces with shame, so that they will seek your name, Yahweh.

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Psalms 83:18 CJB

Let them know that **you alone**, whose name is **Yahweh**, are the Most High over all the earth.

That is what Elohim did to the Egyptians.

Exodus 12:12

(12) For that night, I will pass through the land of Egypt and kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both men and animals; and I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt; I am **Yahweh**.

Not only would the Egyptians know the powerful name of Yahweh, but Israel would **also** know it.

And that knowledge would be **vital to them** in the ensuing months and years in the wilderness, and during their years of conquering the land of Canaan.

Israel came to know that Yahweh **alone**, was the Most High over all the earth. He fought for them, giving them victory after victory while settling them into the land he had promised to give to them. The gods of the land were powerless to stop him, **just as the gods in Egypt were.**

Yeshua taught his disciples to pray in Matthew 6:9 saying:

Matthew 6:9 CJB

You, therefore, pray like this: '**Our Father** in heaven! May **your Name** be kept holy.

Most believers Have never even wondered what that name is.

The name of **Elohim** appears **6,828** times in the Bible, and yet most believers have no idea what it is. They only know him as **god**.

Some however, do know his name but is ashamed to use it because of being concerned about what others may say. They would rather follow the crowd than reap the benefits of knowing our God better.

Perhaps you don't realize it, but people are **hungry** for the truth. When I went to India, I taught as the holy spirit directed me to teach and the people didn't want the conference to end. I was told, "*you are the only person who came here and taught us the word*".

Our responsibility is to teach the apostolic gospel and leave the result to the

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almighty Elohim.

Some who gave me problem about using the name Yahweh years ago, are now using the name Yahweh themselves. Why? Because Elohim is opening the understanding of his people in these **last days**.

When **light** comes, there is no need to continue to walk in **darkness**. Elohim is calling his people today, **to wake up**.

He wants his people to know his name. Because in knowing his name, we come to know him better and to know the **power behind is name**.

Elohim said in –

Jeremiah 16:21 CJB

"Therefore, I will **make** them know, **once and for all**, I will make them know **my power and my might**. Then they will know that **my name** is Yahweh

So, the question is, **why** is it that so many people do not know or care whether Elohim has a name or not?

The answer is, because the majority of the bible translators have substituted other words for the name of Elohim in the majority of our English translations.

If you read in the preface of your bible you will find notes as is in the NIV version.

*"in regard to the divine name YHWH commonly referred to as the Tetragrammaton, the translators have adopted the device used in most English version as rendering that name as **LORD** in capital letters to distinguish it from Adonai another Hebrew word rendering "Lord for which small letters are used. Whenever the two names stand together in the Old Testament as a compound name of God, they are rendered sovereign lord"*

In consequence of this substitution, most believers have never even considered the fact that Elohim has a personal name other than "God".

Yet Elohim wants his people to understand him better. because having a better understanding of who Elohim is and how he interacts with his covenant people will greatly enhance the way we **worship** him and also our relationship with him.

Elohim revealed himself to Israel through his name. He also gave Moses an intimate insight of himself in a way that no one else has ever experienced. He

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placed Moses in a cleft, passed by him, and permitted Moses to see his back while revealing to him the meaning of His name.

Exodus 34:5-7 CJB

(5) Yahwah descended in the cloud, stood with him there and pronounced the name of Yahwah

(6) Yahwah passed before him and proclaimed: "YUD-HEH-VAV-HEH!!! Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh (יהוה) [Yahwah] is Ēl, merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in grace and truth;

(7) showing grace to the thousandth generation, forgiving offenses, crimes and sins; yet not exonerating the guilty, but causing the negative effects of the parents' offenses to be experienced by their children and grandchildren, and even by the third and fourth generations."

Here in **Exodus 34** Yahweh gave to Moses a **different aspect** of his name Yahweh. He reveals himself as a loving Savior; a merciful and compassionate God; who forgives sin and shows grace.

While in **exodus 3:6** he is the self existence Elohim whose purpose it is to keep his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to deliver their seeds out of bondage.

As he explained to Moses "I Am, or I Will Be what I am, has sent me to you.'

In other words, not only will Yahweh need to show **his great power**, but he also will need to **show them his mercy**.

So, when we think on the name Yahweh, we see a God who is not only powerful, but who is slow to anger, rich in grace and truth; one who shows grace to the thousandth generation; one who forgives offenses, crimes and sins.

Just as Yahweh set Israel free from bondage in Egypt by the hands of Moses, He has set you free from your bondage to sin through the deaths and resurrection of his son, Yeshua.

Those of us who believe in Yeshua, have been delivered and are saved by grace through faith.

We have experience the loving Savior;

We have experience His mercy and compassion;

We have experience His forgiveness and His grace.

You have already been calling him **LORD**, meaning "the sovereign ruler". But have you truly submitted to his authority?

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El Shaddai, the almighty God, wants to be your LORD. He wants to be the lord in every area of your life. When you make him your lord, you have his promises:

Jeremiah 33:2-3

(2) "Thus says Yahweh the maker, Yahweh who formed [*the universe*] so as to keep directing it — Yahweh is his name:

(3) 'CALL OUT TO ME, AND I WILL ANSWER YOU — I will tell you great things, hidden things of which you are unaware.' "

What do you need today?

You have a great and powerful El;
a great and merciful El;
a great and loving El.

Who demonstrated his love by sending his unique son, Yeshua into this world as a human being, to live here as we are, and to give his own life on the stake, to pay for your sin, so that you will not have to die.

It is through Yeshua that YOU can have victory over temptation and over the **devil**.

We are told in Romans 10:13

"Everyone who calls on the name of Yeshua will be delivered".

Perhaps you are a member of his kingdom already, but are experiencing some challenges in your life today, and need spiritual strength. If you are, Call out to him today.

Yahweh said 'CALL OUT TO ME, AND I WILL ANSWER YOU.

Call out to that **great and powerful** name Yahweh.

Remember, our *Ėl*, is **merciful and compassionate**, *slow to anger, rich in grace and truth; showing grace to the thousandth generation, **forgiving offenses, crimes and sins***;

Will you let him bring some peace and order to your life?