

## God's Excellent Name<sup>1</sup>

*"LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"* Psalm 8:1, 9

### ***JEHOVAH – God's Excellent Name***

The name of God in the Old Testament is JEHOVAH.

### ***JEHOVAH – Seven Occurrences***

The name Jehovah occurs seven times in scripture:

*"And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen"* Genesis 22:14. The Lord is my vision i.e. *"in thy light shall we see light"* Psalm 36:9.

*"And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them"* Exodus 6:3.

*"And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation"* Exodus 17:15<sup>2</sup>. The Lord is my warrior i.e. *"The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name"* Exodus 15:3.

*"And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites"* Judges 6:23-24<sup>3</sup>. The Lord is my peace i.e. *"the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed"* Isaiah 53:5.

*"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth"* Psalm 83:18.



*"In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen"* Genesis 22:14



*"The LORD will have war with Amalek"* Exodus 17:15

*"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation"* Isaiah 12:2.

*"Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength"* Isaiah 26:4.

### ***JEHOVAH – Seven Letters***

The name JEHOVAH has seven letters and the number seven is associated with God throughout scripture:

*"on the the seventh day God ended his work"* Genesis 2:2

*"And God blessed the seventh day"* Genesis 2:3

*"the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God"* Exodus 20:10, Deuteronomy 5:14

*"ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days"* Leviticus 23:40

*"Also the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel...seventy and seven lambs"* Ezra 8:35

*"what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men"* Romans 11:4

*“These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars”* Revelation 3:1

*“I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given the seven trumpets”* Revelation 8:2

*“one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God”* Revelation 15:7<sup>4</sup>.

### ***JEHOVAH – Three Vowels, Four Consonants***

God often associates the numbers three and four in scripture e.g. Exodus 27:1, 38:1, Psalm 90:10, Proverbs 30:15, 18, 21, 29, Song of Solomon 6:8, Jeremiah 36:23, Daniel 11:2, Amos 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 13, 2:1, 4, 6, Revelation 6:6. Note seven millennia from creation to eternity, Genesis 1- Revelation 22 with the First Advent after *four* millennia and eternity *three* millennia after the First Advent. God’s name JEHOVAH is therefore divided into *three* and *four*, with “*Jehovah*” compounded *three* times and “*JEHOVAH*” alone *four* times.

### ***JESUS and JEHOVAH – Not ‘Yahweh’!***

Dr Mrs Gail Riplinger writes<sup>5</sup> *The name of God יהוה is spelled with the Hebrew letters yod [jod], heh, vav, and heh, read from right to left and then translated into English as JHVH (called the Tetragrammaton). In the KJV Old Testament it is translated ‘JEHOVAH’ seven times (and rendered ‘LORD’ the remaining times; see New Age Bible Versions, pp. 375-383). Each of these letters of the Hebrew alphabet paints a picture [by inspection so does each of the English counterparts]. The letters in the name of God illustrate the following:*

**J** = jod = י

*It suggests a giving, extending hand...*

**H** = heh = ה

*It represents an enclosure, like heaven or a window...*

**V** = vav = ו

*It symbolizes a nail... A ‘v’ in English is a pictogram of the chiselled end of a nail.*

**H** = heh = ה

*The H is repeated at the end of the name because “Jesus was risen” and “received up into heaven” again (Mark 16:9, 19). Dr Mrs Riplinger explains that In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, as unbelieving German critics of the Bible were hammering away at the word of God, they tried to refashion God’s name JEHOVAH. They asserted that the God of Israel’s name should be pronounced Yahweh because, to them, he was nothing more than an offshoot of the pagan deity “Yaho.” Nothing could be further from the truth.*

*‘Yahweh’ is like making John and James, Matthew 4:21 Yohn and Yames and John the Baptist, Matthew 3:1 Yohn the Baptist. Unsaved modern scholars still think that JEHOVAH is grammatically impossible<sup>6</sup>. They forget Luke 1:37 “**For with God nothing shall be impossible.**” Dr Mrs Riplinger summarises, her emphases. **God reached his hand י** out of the windows of heaven ה, and we put a **nail ו** in it; having taken our punishment for sin, he has returned to heaven ה. The “nail” “pierced” “hands” of Jesus were foretold in Psalm 22:16 and Isaiah 22:23-25. Amen.*

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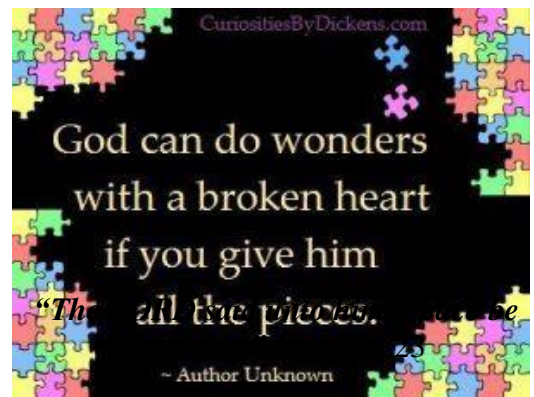
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