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The Unspeakable Name

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Too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words. Indescribable, inexpressible, beyond words, beyond description, begging description, clothed in mystery.

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Exodus 3:14

EHYEH-Asher-EHYEH

I AM that I AM I WILL BE what I WILL BE

Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, $EHYEH\ hath$ sent me unto you.

Exodus 3:14

EHYEH God's Proper Name God Speaking: Ehyeh - I AM, I WILL BE Man Speaking: Yahveh - HE IS, HE WILL BE

HE IS, HE WILL BE (Yahveh, Yěhovah)

This NAME was considered to signify God as **Eternal** and **Immutable**, who will never be other than the same (The God who IS, who WAS, and who will always BE the same)

Properly Handling THE NAME

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. **Exodus 20:7**

The Tradition on the Day of Atonement

The ineffable NAME for God was uttered aloud only on one day of the year - The Day of Atonement - and this, only by the Kohen Gadol (The High Priest). When the people heard THE NAME, they prostrated themselves in deep reverence.

The Euphemism

To eupheme or to blaspheme (to speak good or to speak evil)

- The Daddy Principle
- Adonai
- Hashem
- Heaven

How the Jewish Talmudists handled THE NAME

The Jewish Talmudist would wash his entire body before beginning to write the Words of God. He would clean his pen before ever daring to write the Most Holy Name of God, and when writing that Name, if even the king were to address him, he must take no notice of him.

The Great Condescension

God Giving His Name to One specific town, one specific hill, and one specific building

YHVH said, My Name shall be in Jerusalem forever.

2 Chronicles 33:4

YHVH has chosen Zion. Psalm 132:13

[David] shall build a house for my Name. 2 Samuel 7:13

In this city which I have chosen, and the temple of which I said, My Name shall be there.

2 Kings 23:27

The Foreshadow of the Man of the Name

I shall raise up for David a righteous Branch . . . this is the name by which He will be called: YHVH Tzidkeinu [HE IS our righteousness].

Jeremiah 23:5,6

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name

Immanuel (it is God with us).

Isaiah 7:14

Save now, I beseech thee, O YHVH: O YHVH, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. Blessed be He that cometh in the name of YHVH...

Psalm 118:25-26

And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried (unto Jesus), saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Matthew 21:9

The Name Joshua

The Integration of YHVH and a Super-Powerful Verb (action)

- Hayah To Be, To Exist
- Yasha` To Save, To Deliver, To Rescue

Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua. Numbers 13:16

Hoshea = Help! Save! Joshua = Yehoshua = YHVH saves!

After the Babylonian Captivity

For the preservation of THE NAME amongst the Pagan cultures, the name of Joshua was subtly altered

Yeshua the son of Nun . . .

Nehemiah 8:17

Yehoshua and Yeshua Mean the Exact Same Thing

Just as EHYEH-asher-EHYEH, EHYEH, YHVH, Jehovah, Adonai, and Hashem all mean the same thing

 $\frac{In \, Hebrew}{I \, AM + the \, verb} \, to \, save = Yeshua$ $\frac{In \, Greek}{I \, AM + the \, verb} \, to \, save = Yesous$

 $\frac{In English}{IAM + \text{the verb } to \ save = Jesus}$

When We Say The Name of Jesus, we Declare ...

HE WAS a Savior, HE IS a Savior, HE WILL ALWAYS BE a Savior

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH, the Great I AM,

because He so loved the world, has garmented Himself in the body of a man, that He might Save.

When God Declares His Name to Be Jesus, He Declares . . .

I AM HE that saved, IS saving, and WILL ALWAYS save!

Jesus Spoke the Unspeakable

And He said to them, You are from beneath; I AM from above Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I AM [He], you will die in your sins . . . Jesus said to them, Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, IAM.

John 8:23-24, 58

Do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, You are blaspheming, because I said, I AM the Son of God?

John 10:36

I AM the bread of life (John 6:35,48,51)

I AM the light of the world (John 8:12)

I AM the door of the sheep (John 10:7,9)

I AM the good shepherd (John 10:11,14)

I AM the resurrection, and the life (John 11:25)

I AM the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)

I AM the true vine (John 15:1,5)

Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I AM [He]." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. Now when He said to them, "I AM [He]," they drew back and fell to the ground. Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I have told you that I AM [He]" ...

John 18:4-8

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh

to God must believe that $He \ IS$, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

The Tetragrammaton The Ineffable Name

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YHVH - Yahweh, ee-eh-oo-eh

The Mysterious, Impossible to Express, Inconceivable Name

The Son of Joseph - The Interpreter of dreams and mysteries who saves His people - He is seen, then not seen, declared dead, and then is alive again.

Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. John 1:45

The Son of David - the conqueror, the deliverer, the savior - the one who severs the head from the power of Goliath, and leads Israel in triumph over its enemies - He is anointed King, but then hides for a season, only to be revealed in power as King forever.

Jesus Christ, the son of David . . . Matthew 1:1

Jesus is the Great Ineffable Name and The Great Mystery of Immanuel Revealed He is the I AM in bodily form. He made known the I AM. He revealed the Mystery. He interpreted the Dream. He articulated the ineffable.

I have come in my Father's $Name \dots$ Father, I have manifested

Your Name to those whom you have given to me.

John 5:43;17:6

It May Be Impossible for Us to Speak the Name (for we cannot help but do it in vain), But . . .

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John 1:18

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

John 1:18 NIV

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believe thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwells in me, he does the works.

John 14:9-10

(Jesus) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature . . .

Colossians 1:15

Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Hebrews 1:3

THE NAME Above Every Other Name

(The Father of Glory) set (Jesus Christ) at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.

Ephesians 1:20-21

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given Him

a name which is above every name...

Philippians 2:9

He is the Great Kohen Gadol

The Day of Atonement has come, our Great High Priest has entered in, and He has spoken the perfection of THE NAME of YHVH - He is the expressed image of His Person - the brightness of His Glory - He has perfectly made known YHWH - And now, we have a higher NAME to revere - It's the NAME that reveals that which was before Ineffable (impossible to fathom nor express) - it's the Revelation (or Interpretation) of THE UNSPEAKABLE, THE UNUTTERABLE, UNFATHOMABLE, and AWE-STRIKING WONDROUS nature of YHVH. And at that NAME - The Name of JESUS (the Name of YESHUA, the Name of YHWH SAVES), every knee must bow, and every tongue must confess that He is, in fact, YHWH, LORD.

They say: But we can never know Him - He is beyond us, ineffable, mysterious. But, the Bible says: He has been made known to us in Jesus Christ. They say: But, we must never dare speak THE NAME, for fear of being destroyed for placing such a holy thing upon our unrighteous tongues and profaning that which is Divine. But, the Bible says: Call out to the Lord, call upon THE NAME of Jesus, the NAME that is HIGHER than any other name, and in doing so, you will find salvation - For He alone can save.

The One Likened Unto Moses

And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD (YHVH) before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." And the LORD (YHVH) said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen" ... Now the LORD (YHVH) descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD (YHVH). And the LORD (YHVH) passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD (EHYEH), the LORD (EHYEH) God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation. So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord (Adonai), let my Lord (Adonai), I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance." And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among

whom you are shall see the work of the LORD (EHYEH). For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

Exodus 33:18-23; 34:5-10

6 Things to Be Done So that Moses Could See

- 1. YHVH's Goodness must pass by.
- 2. The Proper Name of EHYEH "I AM" must be announced.
- 3. Moses is set beside YHVH, and stands upon a rock.
- 4. YHVH's Glory passes by,
- 5. While Moses is hidden in the cleft of a rock and he is covered with God's hand.
- 6. Finally, YHVH's hand is removed and Moses sees.

The Pattern for the Revelation of THE NAME

1. YHVH's Goodness must pass by

For God so loved the world, that He gave ...

2. The Proper Name of EHYEH "I AM" must be announced

Jesus declared that He IS the I AM

3. Moses is set beside YHVH, and stands upon a rock

Jesus declares through signs and wonders that He comes from the Father, and no man can lay hands on Him

4. YHVH's Glory passes by

Jesus gives Himself into the hands of sinners that He might do the work of perfect righteousness - He suffers, He is crucified, He dies - He expresses the holiness of YHVH, the justice of YHVH, the love of YHVH, the righteousness of YHVH, and the grace of YHVH.

5. While Moses is hidden in the cleft of a rock and he is covered with God's hand

Jesus is buried and a large stone is placed before the tomb

6. Finally, YHVH's hand is removed and Moses sees

The stone is rolled away

The Pattern for Us to Reveal THE NAME

1. YHVH's Goodness must pass by

God has condescended to give us the gift of grace - He has blessed us with the Gift of Eternal Life in His Son, Jesus

2. The Proper Name of EHYEH "I AM" must be announced

If we are to believe upon Jesus and be saved, we must begin by recognizing that He is in fact, the I AM - HE IS EHYEH, come to this earth to save us

3. Moses is set beside YHVH, and stands upon a rock

We must entrust our life unto Jesus, and make Him our firm footing, our confidence, our trust - we must believe the Word of God and what it declares about Jesus, the Word of God made flesh

4. YHVH's Glory passes by

We must behold the Cross - we must see His astounding Love expressed - we must see His glorious, startling, magnificent work and believe that His sufferings, His crucifixion, and His subsequent death are the only means by which we can be rescued

5. While Moses is hidden in the cleft of a rock and he is covered with God's hand

We must reckon His work our work, His death our death, His burial our burial - we must be hidden in Him - forsake and turn from our old life and come unto the death of Self, that a new Life may spring forth

6. Finally, YHVH's hand is removed and Moses sees

It's resurrection morning and the veil in the temple is torn in two. There is newness of Life IN Christ Jesus, and we behold that we are new creatures, who have been brought near by the blood of Jesus, unto the very near presence of YHVH, to be adopted as His sons and daughters, to bear His Name which is above all Names, to become Living Houses for the Ineffable Life of YHVH, and to speak the Unspeakable, Unutterable, Ineffable NAME unto the Nations of this Earth, and to reveal the Mysterious, Incomprehensible Nature of YHVH for all the world to behold.

It is not the Backside of God that we See in Christ But His Face

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

Every Day is a Day of Atonement

A Day Lived in the Holy of Holies, Reverently Proclaiming THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES The ineffable NAME for God was uttered aloud only on one day of the year - The Day of Atonement - and this, only by the Kohen Gadol (The High Priest). When the people heard THE NAME, they prostrated themselves in deep reverence.

Every Knee Must Bow!

YHVH Has Come!

And YHVH IS and can never alter, change, or repent of His nature - He just IS! So who HE WAS, HE STILL IS today, and HE WILL BE that way forever and ever!

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

Hebrews 13:8

But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

Psalm 102:27

Thou (Jesus) art the same, and thy years shall not fail. Hebrews 1:12

Jesus says . . . I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending . . . which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:8

Jesus

YHVH Saves!

But His Name is More Than That

Jesus perfectly reveals the nature of the Father, who is willing to do whatever it takes, at the expense of His own person to save those He loves. And it is not just that God is able to save, but it has been revealed in and through the person of Jesus Christ, that it is God's great desire to save that which is lost.

So, simply put, HE HAS already Saved, HE IS still Saving, and HE EVER LIVES to Save those who call upon His NAME. He saved you yesterday, He'll save you today, and He'll save you forever more!

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25