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of man cometh. (Matthew 25:13)*

*Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the
Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. (Revelation 19:7)*

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Yahshua is Our Sovereign and Our Foundation

Matthew 22:41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Yahshua asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of the Messiah? Whose son is he? They say unto him, *The Son of David*. 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Sovereign, saying, 44 Yahweh said unto my Sovereign, Sit thou at my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? 45 If David then call him Sovereign, how is he his son? 46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any *man* from that day forth ask him any more *questions*.

Why were the Pharisees baffled by Yahshua's question? The answer should be simple if the question was translated correctly! The Pharisees believed in the resurrection. Therefore, it should not be hard to understand that the anointed one could be greater than David in the resurrection, even though He was the "son of David". Could it be that the question is not properly translated? And, if that is the case, do we have the correct translation of Psalm 110:1, which is contained in the question?

The Word of Yahweh, second edition, translates Psalm 110:1 as follows. Psalm 110:1 Yahweh said unto my Sovereign, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

There is a footnote after the word Sovereign which says "Hebrew = Adonai". However, Adonai is Strong's number 136. The word used in Psalm 110:1 is the Hebrew word אֲדֹנָי, and can be Strong's number 113 אֲדֹנָי adon, or it can be Strong's number 134 אֲדֹנָי eden.

Looking up the definition of this word in Strong's concordance does not help us much in understanding this dilemma. Strong's says that the word eden means a basis (of a building, a column, etc.) therefore: foundation, socket. Yahweh said unto my foundation? The meaning does not come through. So, it could be that at least our translation of אֲדֹנָי is correct because "sovereign" is a good translation of the Hebrew word אֲדֹנָי if it is Strong's number 113, adon.

However, as stated earlier in this essay, there does not seem to be a dilemma if the word in Psalm 110:1 is sovereign (adon). Translating the word as foundation doesn't seem to give a clear understanding.

So what is the answer? If we look at what the Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament (TWOT) has to say, we just might come to a more clear understanding.

TWOT 27b, אֲדֹנָי eden - "Job employs our word to describe the creating activity of [Yahweh] (Job 38:6). It is paralleled with "cornerstone." Hence, comparing Himself to a builder, [Yahweh] infers that He is the one who established the earth's footings, laid creation's cornerstone, and saw the securing of the creation."

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations (אֲדֹנָי eden) thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

Keep in mind that both Yahshua and the Pharisees spoke Hebrew fluently and knew the scriptures very well. If Yahshua spoke this word as "eden" and not "adon", and if the Pharisees recognized the word as in the context of Job 38:6, then Yahshua's question would have floored those Pharisees! Because of this possibility, and because the footnote in verse 1 of Psalm 110 was incorrect, the footnote will be changed in the 3rd edition of the Word of Yahweh to read as follows: "Hebrew = אֲדֹנָי adon (Strong's #113), or possibly אֲדֹנָי eden (Strong's #134)".

MYSTERY MAKES PERFECT

A basic teaching of churchianity today is that Yahweh is now attempting to save the world's population through the Savior Yahshua. From time to time we learn of some dedicated Bible believers telling how they proclaimed Yahweh's truth to someone just before he left the land of the living. Their concept seems to be that simply knowing the true names of Yahweh and His Son Yahshua will put one in good standing with Saint Peter or in the coming resurrection.

There are many truths we can know and understand but many who attend church regularly do not grasp. For example, they believe that Yahweh is trying to save the whole world now. If that has been His goal, then He has lost the race for there are more sinners in the world now than ever. In trying to explain this, we are told that "others have just as much chance as we do, for they can hear the same message." Let's understand and learn.

Yahshua often spoke to the people and they did not understand what He meant. He often spoke to them in parables so they would **not** understand. It is not uncommon to have TV and radio evangelists say the Savior spoke to us in parables to make His message sure, clear and important. NOT true! Yahshua spoke in parables to confuse those who reject His message of truth:

"And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and [their] ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with [their] eyes, and hear with [their] ears, and should understand with [their] heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them." (Mt 13:10-15 AV)

You and I can learn the deeper truth of Yahshua's words if we seek the truth and follow what we learn that we may be like Him in all things. As the days and years go by we often look back at our life and wonder where the time has gone. As we seek Yahweh's truth we realize there is more to our existence than the physical realm. We want to follow in the footsteps of the Savior and seek His higher plane of living for we understand He promises there is a greater purpose in the life to come.

"But blessed [are] your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous [men] have desired to see [those things] which ye see, and have not seen [them]; and to hear [those things] which ye hear, and have not heard [them]." (Mt 13:16-17 AV)

We are given deeper understanding when we are called and chosen by Yahshua as were the Apostles who accepted the challenge to be worthy of that call to become a chosen vessel; a follower of Yahshua. We search the Scriptures to find the deeper spiritual meaning and sense of Yahweh's promises. The Bible has taken on a deeper spiritual understanding through Messiah. Yahweh is calling a few today (as He has done down through history) to become a cadre of inspired personnel to finish the work so

Yahshua can return for the marriage supper: Yahweh does the calling, Yahshua chooses His bride.

“For many are called, but few [are] chosen.” (Mt 22:14 AV)

If you have a sincere hunger for the word and want to learn more of the deeper things of the Scripture, there is no doubt that you are being called to attain a special position and responsibility you are to begin right now. The fact you are reading this article indicates you have a special interest in what the Bible has to say! You did not come up with this desire to learn more of Yahweh through His word by yourself. You were drawn by Yahweh’s Holy Spirit!

“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:” (Eph 1:4 AV)

The calling you now have is not just happenstance. Yahweh calls those in our generation who qualify for the task He has prepared for this age. The calling is by Yahweh the Father of those He knows have the where-with-all to fill the high calling open to them.

“But we are bound to give thanks always to Yahweh for you, brethren beloved of Him, because He hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:” (2Th 2:13 AV)

Yahweh has selected a priesthood of teachers (from the beginning--creation) who will be given the task teaching and guiding others in the Kingdom. Much like the apostles under Yahshua’s guidance and tutoring.

“To whom coming, [as unto] a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of Elohim, [and] precious,” (1Pe 2:4 AV)

We are to be an example to the world even now because we are presently in training for the work and calling we have in the Kingdom.

“But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:” (1Pe 2:9 AV)

We who have committed our future to be with Yahshua will be the first to suffer the attacks by Satan and his henchmen. Satan will do battle furiously because he now realizes Yahshua is returning to earth to put down all rebellion and opposition. A great number will not understand that the Deceiver will strive to convince the world his program is the right one and betray many:

“These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Sovereign of rulers, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful.” (Re 17:14 AV)

In each generation Yahweh has those He calls to be a standard bearer to His way of life. Yahshua chooses those He wants to be His followers. Some scholars feel that this calling out a special people to comprehend and live His way began with Abraham in Genesis 12. The Scriptures follow closely the progeny of Abraham, especially Isaac and Jacob’s line and take up the entire chapters and book of Genesis.

The people called Israel were brought out of Egypt (which is a type of the world). We are to live in the world but not to be a part of the world, nor are we to take up the world’s customs and habits. The calling continues today as we study Yahweh’s Word. And apply the spiritual lessons to our life. When the final one is chosen to fill out the spiritual Temple, then Yahshua can come. 1Peter 2:5. Yahweh is not calling everyone today.

“So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.” (Mt 20:16 AV)

Hebrews chapter 11 reveals the “Who’s Who” of Yahweh’s heroes, going back to Genesis, telling us that these people all died, not yet having received the promises. And then we are told these heroes are awaiting our presence among them for their perfection:

“And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: Elohim having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.” (Heb 11:39-40 AV)

We have been blessed in being born and reared this side of Calvary. We have been given a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit and the presence of the Spirit among us. In the Old Testament the Spirit of Yahweh dwelt in the Tabernacle. Now the Spirit dwells in the heart of Yahweh’s obedient sons and daughters:

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of Yahweh, and [that] the Spirit of Yahweh dwelleth in you?” (1Co 3:16 AV)

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit [which is] in you, which ye have of Yahweh, and ye are not your own?” (1Co 6:19 AV)

At Pentecost the Spirit of Yahweh came to abide in those who have been baptized and accepted Yahshua as their High Priest and Savior. As a body we have replaced the Tabernacle and Temple as the abiding place of the Spirit since Calvary! The Holy Set-Apart Spirit left the Temple under Yahshua (Mt 23:38-39) and came to abide with the Apostles, Acts 2:38. It is no longer a mystery but a truism that through Yahshua we are given Yahweh’s Spirit.

“[Even] the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom Elohim would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Messiah in you, the hope of glory:” (Col 1:26-27 AV)

Upon yielding to Messiah’s teaching we take on His character, for we think like Him, act like Him, walk like Him, talk like Him-- and take on His attributes. We are guided by His Spirit in all that we do.

“Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my evangel, and the preaching of Yahshua Messiah, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,” (Ro 16:25 AV)

We are blessed because we have been called out to proclaim Yahweh’s truth to those who have ears to hear and a heart to obey. Not everyone is given the revelation of Yahweh’s name and the name Yahshua. Salvation is in the name of the Son for there is no other name under heaven by which we have salvation than Yahshua! We also keep the weekly and annual Sabbaths—mysteries that will be kept in the Kingdom:

“He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.” (Mt 13:11-12 AV)

“At that time Yahshua answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Sovereign of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knows the Son, but the Father; neither knows any man the Father, save the Son, and [he] to whomsoever the Son will reveal [him].” (Mt 11:25-27 AV)

The years ahead are loaded with special opportunities for you to be a part of the grand body of believers who will be changed from physical to the Spirit realm at Yahshua’s return. If you have not been properly baptized in Yahshua’s name, make this your prime objective and become the bride of Messiah.

Excerpts on Xmas

... “Were you told that Christmas is an institution of the early followers of the Messiah, honoring Him on His birthday? Did you know that almost every “Christmas” custom so familiar to us today was practiced at this season by pagans many centuries **before** the birth of the Messiah?

... That December 25th was the date of the winter solstice in ancient Rome? ... That the pagan sun-worshippers of Mithraism celebrated December 25th as the “birthday of the invincible **sun**” because on this day the sun began its return to northern skies?

... That December 25th was the date of the pagan Brumalia festival in Rome before Yahshua’s birth (and was preceded by the Saturnalia festival, December 17-24, in honor of the Roman god Saturn)? ... That the Saturnalia and Brumalia festivals, with their riot and merry-making, were so popular among the heathens and so deeply entrenched in their customs, that rather than attempting to reform the pagan populous the fourth-century Roman Church chose to merely absorb these pagan festivities into “Christianity”?

... That almost every “Christmas” custom – from the spirit of merriment, the giving of gifts, caroling, and the closing of schools, to the Christmas tree, Yule log, holly wreaths, mistletoe, and the lighting of candles – was inherited from heathen customs of Roman and Teutonic paganism?

... That the Bible teaches to commemorate our Saviour’s death; that it nowhere encourages the observing of a day in honor of His birth?”-----

... “There are some apparent good aspects associated with Christmas: giving, sharing, friendliness, fellowship with family and friends, and being reminded of the Messiah’s coming into the world to be our Saviour. But why take all the bad with good? Why put up with all the negative things about Christmas just because there are some good elements in it?

Yahshua taught very plainly that giving should be from the heart – with no thought of getting anything in return. Read Luke 14:12-14 and Matt. 6:1-3. The Christmas concept of **exchanging gifts** just doesn’t fit in with His teachings!

The so-called “Christmas spirit” of friendliness, of love, giving, and sharing should be a daily way of life for believers – not something reserved for one season! So should the giving of gifts. They should come from the heart – with no thought of receiving in return. And they should be given all year long.”...

IN MEMORIAM (1 Thess. 4:16-17)

HAROLD CHRISTMAN, Andalusia, AL-born August 20, 1920; died October 26, 2005

A very dear friend we all got to know who carried his faith each place he’d go.

Age may have slowed his step and weary at the end of day

His spirit never faltered when he prayed to Father Yahweh.

I’m proud to say we are your friend for you had many till the end

And through Yahshua we’ll meet again.

So at this time we’ll say goodbye until the Trumpet sounds

And join Yahshua in the sky for we’ll be Heaven bound.

Your Friends in Yahweh Elohim

Submitted by: Patricia Sessions

THE SAVIOR'S TRUE NAME

(Continued from The Faith 7-9, 2005)

In the rest of this article I plan to show three things about this name that was given to our Savior. First, I will show that the scriptures, which are our final authority, teach that the Messiah was called by the name of His Father Yahweh, as Yahweh-Savior. Secondly, I plan to show that this name Y'SHUA could have been pronounced with the "ah" sound for the unwritten vowel between the Y and the SH. Thirdly, I plan to show that those who lived in the time in which Biblical Hebrew was spoken, and who had this same name, give clear indication that that unwritten vowel was sounded as "ah".

HE SHALL BE CALLED YAHWEH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

In speaking of the promised Messiah Jeremiah 23:6 says, "In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, YAHWEH *OUR* RIGHTEOUSNESS." We are told in 1 Cor. 1:30, "But of him are ye in Messiah Yahshua, who of Yah is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." Truly by washing us from our sins in His own blood our Savior became our righteousness. In fact, we read in Acts 20:28d concerning, "the Congregation of Yahweh, which he hath purchased with his own blood." ... So truly He is called "YAHWEH *OUR* RIGHTEOUSNESS".

SALVATION BY THE NAME OF YAHWEH

It was foretold in Joel 2:32, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of YAHWEH shall be saved." This passage is applied to calling on the name of the Messiah in Acts 2:21 and Rom 10:13. Also Acts 4:12 says of the Messiah, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 10:43, also speaking of the Messiah, says, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believes in him shall receive remission of sins." So the conclusion is that since salvation was to be by calling on the name of Yahweh, and since salvation is by calling on the name of the Messiah, and not "in any other name... under heaven", the name of the Messiah must be the name of Yahweh.

I AM COME IN MY FATHER'S NAME

In John 5:43 we read that our Savior said, "I am come in my Father's name". His Father's name is "Yahweh", therefore, He must be called "Yahweh" in one form or another. I understand that He was saying He came in the authority of and representing the Father, Yahweh. However, there is further proof in His own words that He actually had been given the Father's name.

THY NAME WHICH YOU GAVE ME

Look at John chapter 17. In verse 11 we read, "And I am no more in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, the name which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are." (NASB) This is the only correct translation from the Greek manuscript. Again in the next verse (12) He speaks to the Father saying, "Thy name which Thou hast given Me." (NASB)

THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON...

The great commission, as it is called, and the manner in which it was carried out by the apostles to whom it was given, gives us clear indication that the name of the Al-

mighty and our Savior are the same. Yahshua is quoted in Matthew 28:19 as saying, “Go ye therefore, and disciple all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” To translate this into modern day English we would say, “the Father, Son and Holy Spirit’s name”.

Without getting into the matter of the teaching of Trinity, Duality, or Oneness, it is clear that since there is only one name indicated here - “in the name” (singular) “of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”, and since we know the name of the Father is “Yahweh”, therefore, the name of the Son must also be “Yahweh” in some form. It is through the Son that the Father became our salvation by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is verified by the way the apostles carried out this command. Throughout the entire book of Acts, whenever there is mention of how they baptized, it is always in the name of the Master, the Messiah. In the first gospel [good news] message preached after our Savior ascended to heaven we find Peter saying, “...Repent, and be baptized every one of you **in the name of Yahshua the Messiah** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (This is Acts 2:38 with “Yahshua”, which is what I am seeking to prove is the correct form of the Savior’s name, being used where the King James has “Jesus”.) Also see Acts 8:16; 10:48; 19:5 and 22:16. Many other verses in the “New Testament” could also be used to show that it is in the Savior’s name that we have salvation, but these should be quite sufficient for this abbreviated article.

THE NAME OF YAHWEH AND THE LAMB

Finally, in the last book of the Bible we find further indication that the Father and Son have the same name. In Revelation 7 verses 3-4 we find the servants of the Almighty are sealed on their foreheads. The number sealed is 144,000. Then, in chapter 14 we find the 144,000 mentioned again. Verse 1 says, “And I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.” (NASB as per Greek) So the seal is the name of the Lamb, and (or “even”, as the Greek “kai” can be translated) the name of His Father on their foreheads.

In chapter 22 we find further clear indication that the name of Yahweh and the Lamb is on His servants’ foreheads as indeed being one and the same name. Chapter 22, verse 4, says, “and His name shall be on their foreheads.” So the name that is the seal of the Almighty on His servants’ foreheads in chapter 7, that is also seen to be the name of the Lamb and of His Father (Yahweh) in chapter 14, is spoken of again as being on His servants’ foreheads in chapter 22. It is spoken of as “His name” (singular). This obviously is referring to the name of the Almighty. Yet the antecedent of the pronoun His is both Yahweh and the Lamb as we trace it back to verse 1.

To summarize we see the following: (1) In Jer. 23:6 the Messiah was foretold to be called Yahweh *our* Righteousness. (2) Joel foretold that in the last days salvation would be by calling on the name of Yahweh, and the “New Testament” shows that this is fulfilled by calling on the name of the Messiah, and that there is salvation in no other name. (3) In John 5:43 the Savior states that He came in His Father’s name. (4) In His prayer as recorded in John 17 the Savior spoke twice to the Father concerning, “Thy name... which you have given me”. (5) In the “Great Commission” the name for baptism is spoken of as “the Father, Son and Holy Spirit’s name.” Since the name of the Father is Yahweh and there is only one name mentioned here, it is obvious that the name of the Son must also be “Yahweh” in some form. That this command to “baptize in the name of the Father...” is fulfilled by baptizing in the name of the Son is clearly seen when we see that the apostles carried out this command by baptizing in the name of the Son. (6)

Finally, in the book of Revelation we see that the seal of the Almighty is the name of the Lamb and (or “even”) the name of His Father, and that this seal on the foreheads of the servants of Yahweh is His name, again indicating that the name of Yahweh is the name of both the Father and the Son.

Therefore, since the Son has the name of the Father Yahweh, and since His name is the same as that of the successor of Moses, the Son of Nun, that name, YHUSHUA (and its shorter form Y’SHUA) must have the name of Yahweh in it. Furthermore, since it is by speaking it rather than by writing it that we call on a name, when we call on the name of Yahweh for salvation through calling on the name of the Son, Y’SHUA, the sound of Yahweh’s name must be in it in some form. But this can only be so if the vowel assigned to it is sounded as “ah”, as in “Yashua” or “Yahshua”, rather than “eh”, as in “Yeshua” or “Yehshua”. To say that the name of the Father is implied in the term “Yeshua” is to ignore the fact that it is the sound of that name, not just something indicated, or implied, in the written form, that is used to give Him honor and praise.

So all in all it is a question of whether we accept the declarations of Yahweh’s own word that His name is in the name of His Son, or merely go by the theories of men as to how they think Hebrew should be spoken as respects the name given to our Savior. Even if there were no known scholars who questioned the validity of the Masoretic System of pronunciation as it relates to the Hebrew of Bible times, I feel we would still have to stand by Yahweh’s word. Those who followed so-called men of science when the theory of evolution was at its peak of popularity have since been shown to have been wrong by other true men of science who held firmly to the Bible teaching of Creation. And I believe those who insist on sticking rigidly to the rules of grammar men have developed for Biblical Hebrew, even when doing so contradicts what the Bible says, will in time be shown to be wrong as well.

That “Yahshua” (so written as to remove all ambiguity of pronunciation and to better show its connection with the Father’s name in written form) is the correct sound of the Savior’s name is clear according to the Biblical evidence (some of which we have considered). And this pronunciation of this common Hebrew name, which was given to our Savior at His birth as the ultimate “Salvation of Yah”, is confirmed by other findings as well. In the remainder of this article we will look at such findings.

THE GREEK FORM FOR HIS NAME COULD HAVE THE “AH” SOUND

First, let’s consider the Greek form found for this name in the Septuagint and the Greek New Testament writings. That form is written in Greek as *Ihsous*. This was transliterated into Latin as “Jesus”, and is therein pronounced as Yeasoos. This Latin form is also what is used to transliterate it from the Greek into English, and, as mentioned earlier, is the form that was used in the time of Middle English.

We will not deal with the last part of this Greek form, for it is not pertinent to our present concern. I will merely say that other than the final “s”, which was a peculiarity of names transliterated into Greek from other languages (probably in honor of their chief god Zeus), and the dropping of the short “a” sound at the end due to it being a very short sound, this is the way “shua”, the last part of the name under consideration, would be written in Greek.

The first vowel, “I”, is sounded like a “Y”. As such it is an accurate transliteration of the first letter of the name given to our Savior, which letter for letter is transliterated into English as Y’SHUA, when leaving out the unwritten vowel that we are about to consider.

Our main concern is the second letter, the “h”. This Greek letter, “h”, was most frequently sounded as the “ea” in “yea”. This explains why the Latin transliteration

given to this second letter a considerable time after the New Testament writings were penned would be “Ie”, for in Latin “Ie” would be pronounced as “Yea”. If we went from the Latin backward, we would conclude (apart from the teaching scripture) that this name given to the son of Nun, and ultimately to our Savior, must have been pronounced as “Yeashua”, which is what some have concluded.

However, it has been found that this same letter was also pronounced as “ah”, even though less frequently. That this is so can be confirmed by a thorough study of names transliterated into the Greek Septuagint from the Hebrew scriptures. One example is the Hebrew name “Hashum” found in Neh. 10:18. In Hebrew, even according to the Masoretic vowel markings, this name, “Hashum”, had the “ah” sound for the first vowel. Normally the “ah” would be transliterated by the Greek letter called alpha, written as “a”. But in the Septuagint we find it written with the “h”. This is evidence that the letter “h” (called “eta”) could be used to represent the “ah” sound. There are a number of other examples of this, which I will be glad to supply to the reader upon request.

h AND a USED INTERCHANGEABLY

The Greek letter “alpha” (a) was always pronounced as “ah”. And the “h”, called the “eta”, was used interchangeably with the “alpha” in various dialects. For example the Greek word meaning “healing” is “iawmai” in one dialect, but is written as “ihwmai” in another. There are many examples of this interchangeable use of these two letters. In fact, strange as it may seem, the very name used for the Savior in the Greek New Testament writings as we have them today is such a case. In the Attic dialect the name of the goddess of healing is *Iasw*. Interestingly enough, the first part is an exact transliteration into Greek of the sound of the name of our Creator in the shorter form of “Yah”. (It was not uncommon for the Greeks to borrow the names of the “gods” of other nations and use them for gods or goddesses of their own making.) The last part the “sw” is the root of the Greek word for “health, healing, or salvation”. So literally *Iasw* would be taken to mean “Yah- Savior”, which is what the Hebrew name we find given to our Savior also means. This Greek name *Iasw*, which in this form would be clearly pronounced as “Yahso”, was written as *Ihsoo* or *Ihsou* in the Ionic dialect, and is the way our Savior’s name is represented in the Greek New Testament writings. Thus our Savior’s name as found in the Greek New Testament writings was definitely a dialectical form given to a term that originally very clearly had the name of “Yah” in it.

So although at a later date the translators into Latin of the New Testament, and other writings, used the more common sound of “ea” for the second letter in the Greek form used for the Savior’s name in the existing Greek translations and copies of the New Testament, it could very well be that those who lived in the time the New Testament writings were first written knew very well that the lessor used “ah” sound was correct, especially since most of the common people could not read anyway.

That these two letters, “h” and “a”, have a very close kinship in the ancient Greek of Biblical times is further seen by what we find in the *William Watson Goodwin Greek Grammar*. On page 33, section 147, we read, “The Ionic dialect is marked by the use of h where the Attic has a; and the Doric and Aeolic by the use of a where the Attic has h.”

The common sound given to represent the bleating of sheep is the “baa” sound. In the famous *Greek-English Lexicon*, by Liddell & Scott, on page 313 we read “ἄη ἄη, baa, the cry of sheep, ...”. Thus again the ancient Greeks did use “h” to represent the “ah” sound or something sounding close there unto.

SPEAKERS OF BIBLICAL HEBREW USED THE “AH” SOUND

Finally, during the time of the Maccabees it became common for Jews to change their names to Greek terms with similar sounds. As one author put it, “Once the Jews came under Greek influence, we note the tendency to replace or to translate Jewish names by similar sounding Greek names.” (Gerhard Kittel *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, vol. 3, page 286 – as he quotes another author.) An example of this that is pertinent to our study is the choice of Greek names made by those living in those times when Biblical Hebrew was a living, spoken language who also had the same name as the son of Nun – the name given to our Savior. In *A Greek-English Lexicon Of The New Testament And Other Early Christian Literature* By Arndt & Gingrich we read, “It was a favorite practice among Jews to substitute the purely Gk. Name *Iaswn* for the Jewish-GK, *Ihsous*.” In other words, those who knew best how this name was pronounced back then in Bible times chose a name that without any ambiguity had the “ah” sound in it, for there is no question whatsoever that *Iaswn* was pronounced as “Yahson”. “Yahson” could well be taken to mean “Yah-Savior” since the “so” is the root of the Greek word “sozo”, meaning “to save”.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

So in closing, in summary we see that the Bible teaches that the Father and Son have the same name. We see that the name that Moses changed from “Salvation” to “Yah-Salvation”, which was given to our Savior, is written in the Greek New Testament writings in a form that could be sounded with “Yah” in the first part. We see that it is a dialectical form of a name which definitely has “Yah” in it. And we see that those who lived in the era of time when Biblical Hebrew was a live, spoken language, and had this same name, chose a Greek form that without any ambiguity or uncertainty had the “Yah” sound in it.

It is clear from scripture, and also backed up by other evidence, that the Father continues His name in the name of His Son. I close by quoting Psalm 72:17 as given in the center column reading of the World Publishing Co. edition of the King James Bible, in a copy I obtained many years ago. I don’t know if they gave this as a translation from some lesser-known manuscript, or whether they considered it as a good paraphrase of what it means. In any case, what it says is true. I quote, “His name shall be as a Son to continue His Father’s name forever: and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call Him blessed.” The Bible clearly teaches that as a Son our Savior does manifest the Father and does continue His name forever as “Yahshua”, which means “Yahweh-Savior”.

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MYSTERY MAKES PERFECT

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If you have been properly baptized into Yahshua, rejoice as you consider your future is to help Yahshua uplift the entire world and bring more sheep into the fold. Be a beacon of light to a lost and dying world.

Donald R. Mansager

FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2005

Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Theme: The Joy of Yahweh is Your Strength (Nehemiah 8:10)

Messages: Thirteen Reasons to Keep the Feast of Tabernacles. We Have to Sacrifice Ourselves to Come Under Yahweh's Control. Have We Made Up Our Minds? The Law of Yahweh is Perfect. Who Shall Abide in Thy Tabernacle? Gifts of the Spirit. Last Day Prophecy. Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice. Focus on Yahshua. Miracles in My Life. My Yahweh.

Speakers: Barach BoBo, RockeYah Spence, Mark Biggs, Otto Miesel, Bill McDiarmid, Tom Lanphere, Samuel Graham, Robert Wells.

Highlights: Reading the Law from Deuteronomy. Yahweh's Holy (Kodesh) Spirit prevailing. Four immersions into Yahshua the Messiah (Marie Reeves Henry, Vicki Heck, Tom Fulger, Maux Smith). All the Messages. The last great meeting on the Last Great Day.

Outstanding Events: Field trip to Henry Ford Museum, Detroit, Michigan. Hayride and kosher hot dog roast. Song and Testimonial Meetings.

Something Learned: Believers attend the Feast of Tabernacles. When make believers show up, let us believers make believers of them (through the working of the Holy Kodesh Spirit).

Comments: Thank you to those who arrived early to help install extra shower facilities. Many prayers were offered for the safety of those in the path of Hurricane Katrina. The Feast of Tabernacles is a high point in our lives. The harvest season is like the fulfillment of a year's work. We are looking forward to Yahshua's return as he sends his angels to the four corners of the earth for the final harvest of the righteous.

Submitted by: Samuel Graham

Yahshua is Our Sovereign and Our Foundation

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Yahshua is our Master and He is soon to be King of kings and Sovereign of masters. "That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Master Yahshua the Messiah: Which in his times he shall show, the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Sovereign of masters; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen." 1 Timothy 6:14-15

Yahshua is the foundation and the precious cornerstone of our faith. "Therefore thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." Isaiah 28:16 "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of Elohim; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yahshua the Messiah himself being the chief corner *stone*; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in Yahweh: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of Elohim through the Spirit." Ephesians 2:19-22

A TESTIMONY

SHALOM to you all in the Faith

I want to share my testimony with all the believers in Yahweh and Yahshua the Messiah; even unto all the readers of The Faith magazine world wide.

I am testifying this because, it was on 15th December 2003 very early in the morning after our morning prayer; my wife and my children went out for the preparation of our breakfast, but myself was still in my bedroom to redress myself. Within a short time what I noticed was that the right side of my entire body felt weak. Shortly I became afraid because I have noticed how strokes have damaged many people's lives; then I began to pray to the Almighty Father Yahweh.

In that prayer I also remembered what was written in the book of Isaiah 43:2-3, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am Yahweh thy Elohim, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:" I was encouraged with this, then I asked Yahweh our Heavenly Father to restore my body before the notice of my wife, so that I could tell her that which was happening to me as a testimony. In fact I vowed that if it happened as I asked the Almighty that I must write to you, the Assembly of Yahweh, Box 102, Holt, Michigan 48842 U.S.A. so that other brethren from other nations will join me to praise (Him) YAHWEH greatly.

Immediately after I made this vow I was surprisingly made whole, then I stood up with joy and called my wife out of the kitchen and told her what happened to me 20 minutes ago as a testimony and she was astonished and began to cry. I told her don't cry but let us shout HalleluYah! for the salvation of Yahweh was manifested in our family. Then she said HalleluYah! and I said esteem be to Yahweh Ropheka the Almighty Healer.

I took my praises to Yahweh from the book of Psalm 96. O sing unto Yahweh a new song: sing unto Yahweh, all the earth. Sing unto Yahweh, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day. Declare His esteem among the heathen, His wonders among all people. For Yahweh is great, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above all the mighty. For all the deities of the nations are idols: but Yahweh made the heavens, etc.

This has shown me that "YAHWEH SPECIALIZES IN IMPOSSIBILITIES" and also, a Faith that cannot be tried cannot be trusted.

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