



CALLING UPON THE TRUE NAME OF YHWH (THE LORD)

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ZEPHANIAH 3:9:

For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of YHWH (The Lord), to serve him with one consent.

Messianics and Christians often engage in debate over the true name of YHWH, being Yeshua, Yahuah, Yahweh, Yahshua, Yahusha, Yahushua, Jesus, Iesous, etc. Many Messianics and Christians needlessly get themselves hung up on the correct pronunciation of His name: YHWH. Some get so hung up and divisive over this topic that they actually proclaim this to be a salvation issue and only those who properly pronounce His name correctly will be saved.

No one knows for sure the true pronunciation of His name and can only 'best guess' by adding vowels, of which His name, as recorded YHWH, does not contain.

Hebraic scholars differ in their opinion as to the pronunciation and vowel insertion concerning His name. How then, if Hebrew scholars cannot agree on the pronunciation of His name, can Messianic English-speaking persons, some who claim to have studied Hebrew, say with certainty that they know for sure how His name is pronounced?

The notion that a mispronunciation of His name can land a believer in hell is a terribly misguided belief. Do we serve a God who will cast the righteous, those who obey His commandments, to hell because they do not know the true pronunciation of His name? There are many reasons unrighteous persons will not inherit the kingdom of God, but mispronunciation of His name is not listed as one of them.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10:

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the reign of Elohim (kingdom of God)? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous (greedy of gain), nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the reign of Elohim (kingdom of God).

GALATIANS 5:19-21:

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, drug sorcery, hatred, quarrels, jealousies, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the reign of Elohim (kingdom of God).

REVELATION 21:7-8:

He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. The cowardly, untrustworthy, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, drug sorcerers, idolators, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Some caution against using the word 'Lord' as His name, but fail to understand that Lord is stated as a title, not a name. The word 'Lord' is pagan in origin and is derived from the false god Baal, so it is proper to point these things out, but no one is going to hell for calling YHWH 'My Lord.'

HOSEA 2:16 (NKJV):

“And it shall be, in that day,” says the Lord, “That you will call Me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer call Me ‘My Master,’”

The NKJV and other similar texts do not quite reveal the significance of Hosea 2:16, as when read from the Hebraic translation.

HOSEA 2:16 (HSV):

“And it shall be, in that day,” declares YHWH, “that you call Me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer call Me ‘My Ba’al.”

Ba'al or Baal is a name or title meaning Lord and is of pagan origin. 'Baal' is what the word 'Lord' is derived from. No one calls YHWH 'My Ba'al,' so by using a little reasoning we can surmise that when YHWH returns, no one will call Him, 'My Lord.' Ba'al = Lord.

'Jesus' is not a Hebrew name and was surely not the name the Son of God went by. 'Jesus' is a Hellenized (Greek-transliteration) of His name. Some believe that 'sus' is derived from the Greek God 'Zeus,' and 'Je-sus' equates to the phrase, "Hail Zeus," while others dispute that claim. What cannot be disputed is that 'Jesus' is a common Latin / Spanish name that is pronounced, "Hey Zeus."

Many believers only know or have known His name as Jesus Christ, and have gone to their graves not knowing the Hebrew to Latin transliterated 'YHWH' or His proper Hebraic name. YHWH (the Lord) is not going to send millions of believers to hell for calling Him 'Jesus' or 'Lord.' YHWH (the Lord) will correct the masses that call Him 'Lord' upon His return as prophesied in Hosea 2:16.