

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

Portion:

SCRIPTURES

- Exodus 6:2-9:35
- Joel 2:27-32
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Numbers 22:27-35

Title:

DOOMED TO REPEAT IT!

- A Lesson in History
- The Covenant Continues
- Worthy of the Name
- Invoking His Name, or NOT

How is it even remotely possible that the covenant God made with Abraham, and thereafter promised to Isaac and Jacob, was done so without "revealing" His name? In a strange but certain revelation, shortly after Moses' burning bush encounter, at which Yahweh revealed His name, He informs Moses that He appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as "God Almighty." Curiously, He tells Moses that "by His name Yahweh He was NOT known to them!"

How can this be? Throughout the Genesis narrative, from the birth of E'nosh in Genesis 4, "When men began to call on the name of Yahweh," to God's interaction with Noah before and after the flood, and even after the incident at Babel 100 years later, when He confused the languages of the earth, we see His name Yahweh appear. It's understandable why Moses, at the burning bush, would ask His name. Moses lived in pagan Egypt for the first forty years of his life, and pagan Midian for the next forty years. He only had exposure to paganism. So, his concern about what he should say, if the children of Israel ask the name of who sent him, makes sense. And the reality that Moses did not know God's name already, makes sense.

What does not make sense is that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob only knew Him as God Almighty, not as Yahweh. And quite frankly, if that is the case, how then would the children of Israel who just spent the past 215 years in Egypt, 430 years removed from Abraham's calling, even know if Moses was right?

What also does not make sense is that the name Yahweh appears 6828 times in the Old Testament, and that even when indicated in critical verses in the New Testament, such as, "Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved," many Christians remain ignorant that the word "LORD" has replaced Yahweh thousands of times in their Bibles. As such, the famous quote is verified; "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it." In other words, "by His name Yahweh He is NOT known to them!" In the end, what does make sense is that when God Almighty tells you that His Name is Yahweh forever, and that it is His memorial to all generations, you'd better pay attention!

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

"And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD [YAHWEH]. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD [YAHWEH] I was not known to them." Exodus 6:2-3 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, **'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"** And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " Moreover God said to Moses, **"Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'LORD [YAHWEH] 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, and this is My memorial to all generations.'"** Exodus 3:6, 13-15 NKJV

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and **given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus [Y'shua]** every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

- This portion tells of Yahweh's glorious promises and begins with five expressions of redemption whereby God promises to bring Israel out of Egyptian bondage. The narrative progresses to tell the story of the first seven of the ten plagues that God unleashed on Egypt.
 - (a) I will bring you out
 - (b) I will rescue you
 - (c) I will redeem you
 - (d) I will take you as My people
 - (e) I will bring you into the land.

Exodus 6

- Yahweh reminds Moses that He is the same God who appeared to the patriarchs and that He remembers the covenant with them, but that He had not done so using His name "Yahweh." (See <u>Playwright and Players</u> Section 1F for details about His name.)
- 3. He instructs Moses to tell the Israelites that He will rescue them from slavery with demonstrations of power and justice.
- 4. Moses tells this to the Israelites. But they didn't believe because of the hard labor and their complete exhaustion.

- Moses cannot see how Pharaoh could possibly obey him to "let the people go" when the Israelites themselves won't even believe.
- 6. All the leaders of the tribes of Israel are named showing that Moses and Aaron are direct descendants.
- 7. The stage is set for Moses to tell Pharaoh everything that Yahweh has said, the main theme being, "Let My People Go so they can worship Me!"

Exodus 7

- 8. Yahweh says to Moses, "See, I've made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet."
- 9. Yahweh will speak to Moses, Moses to Aaron, Aaron to Pharaoh, and Yahweh will harden Pharaoh's heart, and Yahweh will use significant demonstrations of power and events to institute justice.
- 10. By this the Egyptians will know who Yahweh is and His people will be freed. Moses is 80 and Aaron 83 at this time.
- 11. Moses and Aaron appear before Pharaoh and perform the sign Yahweh showed them earlier. It's time to demonstrate POWER.
 - a) "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake."

- b) His shepherd's rod becomes a snake as the first demonstration of power, which Pharaoh's magicians duplicated only to have their snakes swallowed up by Aaron's. Pharaoh remains stubborn.
- Note: they use the snake, but not the leprous hand sign, prior to the 10 plagues, and the Blood sign becomes the first plague.
- 12. Prior to the 'rod into a snake sign', Moses is instructed as such:
 ""Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the children of Israel
 go out of his land." "I am the LORD. Speak to Pharaoh king of
 Egypt all that I say to you."
- 13. So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded.
 - a) Although in his first face-to-face encounter with Pharaoh, he demands that he "Let the people go... let us go three days' journey... or there is destruction coming, but does not display any 'signs'.
 - b) Outcome: no more straw for bricks.
- 14. Then they come back and Aaron casts down his rod before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent.
- 15. Let the Plagues Begin: The call to "Let My people go to worship Yahweh," will be declared to Pharaoh six more times during the 10 plagues. (A total of 7 times, including his first encounter!)

- 16. The entire narrative from the signs and plagues are a **demonstration of power**, and this is something we need to seriously consider as believers, especially as we approach the end of the age.
- 17. (Plague 1) Blood: Yahweh tells Moses to go back in the morning and have Aaron touch the Nile with the rod and turn it into blood.
 - All the water, even in vessels, becomes undrinkable blood;
 the fish die, the river stinks of death.
 - b) Pharaoh's magicians pull some water into blood trick and Pharaoh is unimpressed by Moses and unmoved, even by such a demonstration.
 - c) The Egyptians are forced to dig wells for drinking water for seven days.

Exodus 8

- 18. (Plague 2) Frogs: "Let my people go so that they can worship Me"
 - a) This is duplicated by Egyptian magicians/religious leaders.
 - b) Pharaoh asks Moses for prayer to remove the frogs and promises to let the people go.
 - c) Moses does and Pharaoh does not!

19. (Plague 3) Lice:

a) Magicians unable to duplicate this one.

- b) Pharaoh remains stubborn.
- 20. (Plague 4) Insects (Flies): "Let my people go so that they can worship Me."
 - a) Egyptian houses will be filled, Goshen is unaffected as
 Yahweh puts a barrier between His people and Egypt's.
 - b) Pharaoh offers to let Israel sacrifice within the land.
 - c) Moses insists they go **a three-day journey** as Yahweh has ordered.
 - d) Pharaoh says he will let them go if they don't go too far and asks for prayer again.
 - e) Moses agrees and warns Pharaoh not to lie again, but he does and refuses to let them go.

Exodus 9

- 21. (Plague 5) Diseased livestock: "Let my people go so that they can worship Me."
 - All of Egypt's livestock die (but it would seem that this just affects the livestock owned by Pharaoh himself) and again Israel is unaffected.
 - b) Pharaoh remains stubborn.
- 22. (Plague 6) Boils and blisters: on people and animals (on the animals that remained alive after last plague).

- a) Moses is active in this plague as he throws ashes into the air in front of Pharaoh, which turns to soot over the whole land of Egypt.
- b) Even the Egyptian religious experts are affected, so they offer no resistance to Moses.
- c) Pharaoh remains stubborn.
- 23. (Plague 7) Hail and thunder: "Let my people go so that they can worship Me."
 - a) This time Yahweh is targeting Pharaoh's officials and people.
 - b) Yahweh's message to Pharaoh is that he could have wiped them all out in an instant but, instead, in order to counteract Pharaoh's continued abuse of power against Israel and to show His power, and to make His name known in the whole world, He has taken the slow route.
 - c) A warning is issued to bring all people and livestock under shelter.
 - Any person or animal that is out in an open field will die when the hail rains down on them.
 - e) It seems that the livestock owned by people were not affected by the animal disease of the earlier plague, only Pharaoh's.
 - NOTE: at the time of Joseph the people had to sell all their livestock for food, so it seems things have changed since then, as the people appear to now own livestock.

- f) Some of Pharaoh's officials, who took Yahweh's word seriously, rushed to bring their servants and livestock inside for shelter. Others did not.
- g) The hail beat down everything that was in the open field throughout the entire land of Egypt, both people and animals.
- h) The hail also beat down all the grain in the fields, and it shattered every tree out in the field.
- i) Goshen is spared again as Yahweh separates His people.
- j) Pharaoh sends for Moses and Aaron and admits he has sinned and that Yahweh is right, and he and his people are wrong.
- k) He asks for prayer yet again. And says they can go.
- Moses knows that even now Pharaoh and his officials don't take Yahweh seriously.
- m) Note:
 - 1) The flax and the barley were destroyed, because the barley had ears of grain and the flax had buds. But both durum and spelt wheat weren't ruined, because they hadn't come up.
 - 2) Think about the time of year this must be. It is in the Spring that the fast growing immature grain like barley is ready for harvest, and the fall when the heartier grain like wheat is harvested.

- 3) As we know—the first Passover is coming and that takes place in the spring!
- n) The hail stops and Pharaoh sins yet again.

24. Timeline: From Israel arriving in Egypt to the Exodus

- a) Joseph was approximately 39 years old when Israel came to live in Egypt. We know this because he was 30 when he came out of prison and became leader in Egypt and it was two years into the famine (after seven years of double portion harvests) that he revealed his identity to his brothers and then invited them to "move in." Of course there is travel time back a forth a few times between Egypt and Canaan, before they arrive to stay, so we can safely say he in 39ish.
- b) We also know that Joseph lived for 110 years, so Israel is a guest in Egypt all that time, 71 years.
- c) It was 64 years from the death of Joseph to the birth of Moses. So, during the majority those 64 years the people are still 'guests' and not 'slaves' and are multiplying rapidly.
- d) It is when the new Pharaoh who does not know Joseph takes over [Exodus 1:8] that the captivity [hard labor] begins.
- e) This is right before the birth of Moses when Pharaoh orders the death of all newborn boys.

- f) That would mean the hard labor lasts for 80 years, the age Moses is when he is called back to Egypt to free the people and when these plagues are taking place.
- g) That also means Israel was in Egypt as guests for the last 71 years of Joesph's life, plus 64 additional years after his death up to the brith of Moses, for a total of 135 years.
- h) This indicates that the exodus took place 215 years after Israel arrived as invited guests in Egypt and 144 years after the death of Joseph.

Important links and resources:

- Last year's teaching on this portion: Fire, Worms & Warring Angels
- Two year's ago teaching on this portion: <u>The Purpose of Power</u>
 - Section 1 Power-Let my people go
 - Section 2 Plagues—all 10 plagues summarized
 - Section 3 Vessels—The Weaker Vessel
 - Then see <u>His Eyes are on the Righteous PART 1</u> (Notes Page
 - 10) for a detailed teaching on the Weaker Vessel
- Other Notes & Videos:
 - Two Swords are Enough Because You Won't Need One
 - Between Two Verses—Prepped for Power
 - Ambassadors with Swords in Chains

 And finally, to recognize what God is doing in the earth right now, see the notes and video teachings on Habakkuk <u>1</u>, <u>2</u>, <u>3</u> (each number is a separate link!)

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B. <u>History repeats itself...</u>

- (1) When it all began...
 - (a) "And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Ē´nosh. Then men began to call on the name of the Lord." Genesis 4:25-26 NKJV
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 - 1. "And the Lord said, "**My Spirit shall not strive with man forever,** for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." **Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth**, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart." Genesis 6:3, 5-6 NKJV

- (b) The flood in 2348 BC
 - "Then the Lord said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation. And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him.
 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth. So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in." Genesis 7:1, 5-6, 16 NKJV
- (c) The Tower of Babel in 2246 BC
 - 1. "But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth." Genesis 11:5-7, 9 NKJV

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- (1) To Abram...I will make you a great nation
 - (a) "Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house,
 To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:1-3 NKJV

- (b) "Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the Lord **and called on the name of the Lord."** Genesis 12:7-8 NKJV
- (c) "Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the Lord." Genesis 13:18 NKJV
- (d) The Promise: "After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So

shall your descendants be." And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. Then He said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it." And he said, "Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"" Genesis 15:1-8 NKJV

(e) **The dream:** "So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-yearold heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell **upon Abram;** and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."" Genesis 15:9-16 NKJV

- (f) The covenant: "And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."" Genesis 15:17-21 NKJV
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 - (a) "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."" Genesis 17:1-8 NKJV

- 1. Yahweh appears to him as God Almighty (just as He told Moses He did).
- 2. He makes a covenant with Abram but not under that name!
- His name will now be Abraham (who then knew Him, as it would seem, as God Almighty).
- (3) Isaac
 - (a) "Then the Lord appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."" Genesis 26:2-5 NKJV

(4) Jacob

(a) Jacob would seem to know His Name: "And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and **in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.** Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."" Genesis 28:13-15 NKJV

- (b) Yet, he does not know the name: "And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."" Genesis 32:28-30 NKJV
- (c) Still only God Almighty: "Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him. And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel. Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and

multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. **The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land."** Then God went up from him in the place where He talked with him. So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it. And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel." Genesis 35:9-15 NKJV

- 1. He continues His promises through Isaac as God Almighty, it would seem, and then we have Jacob.
- It seems for a moment that Jacob heard from Him as Yahweh— "I am Yahweh God", but then we see afterwards that he does not recognize Him as such!
- After his wresting match with God he asks, "Tell me Your name, I pray."
- 4. And later we again see the words Yahweh spoke to Moses affirmed— "Then God appeared to Jacob again...Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty."

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 - (a) Yahweh appears to him as God Almighty (just as He told Moses He did).
 - (b) He makes a covenant with Abram but not under that name!
 - (c) His name will now be Abraham (who then knew Him, as it would seem, as God Almighty).
- (3) Isaac & Jacob
 - (a) He continues His promises through Isaac as God Almighty, it would seem, and then we have Jacob.
 - (b) It seems for a moment that Jacob heard from Him as Yahweh— "I am Yahweh God", but then we see afterwards that he does not recognize Him as such!
 - (c) After his wresting match with God he asks, "Tell me Your name, I pray."
 - (d) And later we again see the words Yahweh spoke toMoses affirmed— "Then God appeared to Jacob again...Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty."

THE COVENANT CONTINUES

2. It's one continuous story—it's critical you know that!

A. <u>A reminder of what took place at the burning bush...</u>

- (1) God now appears to Moses—but something different is about to happen!
 - (a) "And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."" Exodus 3:2-3 NKJV
- Moses, I am the God who made the covenant withAbraham and continued those promises through Isaac andJacob (over 600 years ago!).
 - (a) "So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God." Exodus 3:4-6 NKJV

- (3) The promise continues—I told Abraham that I would deliver them after they became captives (see Genesis 15:9-16).
 - (a) "And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.
 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites." Exodus 3:7-8 NKJV
- (4) Moses says, okay; I get that, but if they ask for a name, what should I tell them?
 - (a) "Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, '<u>The God of your</u> <u>fathers</u> has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"" Exodus 3:13 NKJV
- (5) The Name Revealed AGAIN: You tell them My name is Yahweh!
 - (a) "And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM

has sent me to you.' " Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: '<u>The Lord</u> <u>God of your fathers</u>, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. <u>This is</u> <u>My name</u> forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'" Exodus 3:14-15 NKJV

- (6) And you tell them that just like I promised Abram—not only will they be delivered from captivity, but that they would not come out empty handed (see Genesis 15:9-16).
 - (a) "And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."" Exodus 3:21-22 NKJV
 - (b) See: Inquiring Minds Want to Know
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- (2) It is not just the land...
 - (a) "Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord;
 I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the Lord.' " So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage." Exodus 6:6-9 NKJV

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 - (a) "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the children of Israel go out of his land." And Moses spoke before the Lord, saying, "The children of Israel have not heeded me. How then shall Pharaoh heed me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?" Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them a command for the children of Israel and for Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt." Exodus 6:10-13 NKJV
 - (b) "And it came to pass, on the day the Lord spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, that the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "I am the Lord. Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you." But Moses said before the Lord, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me?"" Exodus 6:28-30 NKJV
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(a) "So the Lord said to Moses: "See, I have made you as
 God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land." Exodus 7:1-2 NKJV

B. Isaiah felt the same way

- (1) Isaiah has an encounter with Yahweh!
 - (a) "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke." Isaiah 6:1-4 NKJV
- (2) He felt completely unqualified and unworthy to speak of what he saw and that the people would not listen anyway!
 - (a) "So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."" Isaiah 6:5 NKJV

- (3) But Yahweh remedied that error! Your lips are perfect!
 - (a) "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said:
 "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."" Isaiah 6:6-7 NKJV

C. You have no need to feel unqualified or unworthy either!

- (1) He will fill your mouth with His words!
 - (a) "But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you." Matthew 10:19-20 NKJV
- (2) And what you have to say will be as if the words are coming from God's mouth with God's power!
 - (a) "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though
 God were pleading through us: we implore you on
 Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God." II Corinthians
 5:20 NKJV
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INVOKING HIS NAME—OR NOT

4. What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?

A. Denying Him

- (1) What is His name if you know?
 - (a) "Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?" Proverbs 30:4 NKJV
- (2) Who is Yahweh that I should obey Him? I don't know your God!
 - (a) "Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh,
 "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let My people go,
 that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.' "
 And Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey
 His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor
 will I let Israel go."" Exodus 5:1-2 NKJV
 - (b) "So they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days' journey into the desert and sacrifice to the Lord our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."" Exodus 5:3 NKJV
- (3) Just tell him Yahweh sent you! That is what an ambassador needs to do!

- (a) "So the Lord said to Moses: "Pharaoh's heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river's bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand.
 And you shall say to him, 'The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear! Thus says the Lord: "By this you shall know that I am the Lord. Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood." Exodus 7:14-17 NKJV
- (4) This is the progression from ignorance to no excuses!
 - (a) After the frogs— "Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Entreat the Lord that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the Lord."" Exodus 8:8 NKJV
 - (b) After the hail— "And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous, and my people and I are wicked. Entreat the Lord, that there may be no more

mighty thundering and hail, for it is enough. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer."" Exodus 9:27-28 NKJV

- (c) After the locusts— "Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and said, "I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you. Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and entreat the Lord your God, that He may take away from me this death only."" Exodus 10:16-17 NKJV
- (d) After the darkness— "Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!"" Exodus 10:28 NKJV
- (e) See: Darkness You Can Feel
- (5) The Father and the Son (no denying it!). The Father and Son are inseparably connected. You can't have one without the other!
 - (a) "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.
 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the

beginning abides in you, And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life." I John 2:22-25 NKJV

- 1. Denying Him and His name is a bad idea.
- 2. What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?
- Pharaoh's initial stance is, "Why should I obey your God, Yahweh; I don't even know who He is."
- 4. Yahweh tells Moses: Just tell Pharaoh that Yahweh sent you! That is what an ambassador needs to do!
- 5. Then, through a series of Plagues, Pharaoh goes from ignorant of Yahweh to acknowledging that Yahweh is indeed God. At that point he is without an excuse!
- 6. See: Darkness You Can Feel
- 7. You need to understand how serious this is. And for everyone who came after Christ, denying Him is like doing exactly what Pharaoh did!

B. Forgetting His Name (Bringing His name to nothing)

- (1) The Third Commandment and Seventh Plague
 - (a) Third Commandment: ""You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain [in Hebrew: bring to nothingness], for the Lord [Yahweh] will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain [bring to nothingness]." Exodus 20:7 NKJV

- (b) Seventh Plague: "But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth." Exodus 9:16 NKJV
 - 1. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** As noted, over 6800 times in most English translations of the Bible, the name of the Creator is replaced with the generic term 'Lord'. In many versions it is printed in all caps (LORD) or small caps (LORD), as opposed to 'Lord' that is used to refer to Y'shua.
 - 2. As a personal note, I am not against referring to Him by a title (LORD or MASTER) as the Bible has many titles attributed to the Creator of the universe, all of which emphasize a characteristic of His nature. But He does have a Name and forgetting to use that name or bring it to nothingness has been a key error in the history of His people (in my humble opinion).
 - 3. And although I do not personally ascribe to the theory that it is sinful to say LORD, I would issue this warning: "Don't only use titles to refer to Him at the expense of ever referring to Him by name." I believe this is what the Bible means by "bringing His name to nothingness." And remember, it says in Exodus 3:15,

"This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations."

- 4. I also don't pretend to have divine revelation on how you must pronounce that name (as some claim), but do your best, whether it is Yahweh, or YeHoVaH, or any other pronunciation that is used to speak the Holy Name [יְהוֹה]. Most important is that you are not complicit in binging it to NOTHINGNESS!
- (2) A few other key scriptures to emphasize the importance of this topic. Practice reading them with 'the LORD' and then again with Yahweh in place of 'the LORD'. And consider the actual content of the prophesy as well, and actually how **they simply make no sense if you bring His name to nothingness!**
 - (a) "Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: "I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. Lam the Lord, that is My name;

And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images." Isaiah 42:5-8 NKJV

- (b) "For thus says the Lord God: "My people went down at first Into Egypt to dwell there; Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what have I here," says the Lord, "That My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them Make them wail," says the Lord, "And My name is blasphemed continually every day. <u>Therefore My people shall know</u> <u>My name</u>; Therefore they shall know in that day That I am He who speaks: 'Behold, it is I.' "" Isaiah 52:4-6 NKJV
- (3) Important Recap about "Forgetting His Name"
 - (a) The Third Commandment: When considered correctly, it is not referring to a prohibition against using God's name as profanity, but rather that you don't sloppily forget His name altogether.
 - (b) The Seventh Plague: One of the main reasons God used Pharaoh to demonstrate His power is so *"His name may be declared in all the earth."*
 - (c) We are at risk of forgetting His name because His true name was replaced in the Bible with the title "Lord" in any numbers of formats over 6800 times.

- (d) A perfect example can be seen in any of a number of scriptures that say things like, "I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another," or "Therefore My people shall know My name."
- (e) Think about it! These verses make absolutely no sense if we do not actually recognize the name Yahweh in those scriptures.
- (f) As a matter of fact, when we don't recognize His name, we are the ones guilty of what those scriptures warn!

C. <u>The Power of the Name: What is His name, and what is His</u> <u>Son's name, If you know? (Yahweh Saves! The Name Y'shua</u> <u>means Yahweh saves!)</u>

- (1) History repeats itself... "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."
 - (a) E'nosh was born in circa 3770 BC, 235 years after Adam and men called on Yahweh by name...
 - (b) Somehow it took all the way until Moses circa 1481 BC and the burning bush, approximately 2280 years later, to remind men that His name is Yahweh FOREVER!
 - (c) From 1491BC to circa 800 CE (for approximately 2300 years) they used the name and then His name was replaced with LORD in the Scriptures.

- (d) Yahweh appears 6828 times in the OT—in the 8th century CE the vowel points were added and the name was replaced with Adonai (Lord).
- (e) For the past 1200-plus years we have called Him LORD
- (2) Read these great articles about God's name:
 - (a) <u>His Name in Hebrew</u>
 - (b) <u>His Name in Judaism</u>
 - (c) <u>The Substitution of Lord for Yahweh</u>
- (3) Whatever you ask...in His name! "What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?" Proverbs 30:4
 - (a) Whatever you ask— ""Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:12-14 NKJV
- (4) His name is above all names... "What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?" Proverbs 30:4
 - (a) The name which is above every name— "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation,

taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and **given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus [Y'shua]** every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:5-11 NKJV

- (5) No other name brings salvation..."What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?" Proverbs 30:4
 - (a) No other name— "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."" Acts 4:12 NKJV
- (6) Calls on the name to be saved... "What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?" Proverbs 30:4
 - (a) "For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved [Y'shua means Yahweh saves]."" Romans 10:13
 NKJV
- (7) There is no other name which saves... "What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?" Proverbs 30:4

- (a) "Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the Lord [Yahweh] your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved [Yahweh saves = Y'shua]. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls." Joel 2:27-32 NKJV
- (b) "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I

will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass **That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.'**" Acts 2:17-21 NKJV

- 1. There is power in His Name.
- 2. What is His name (Yahweh), and what is His Son's name (Y'shua), if you know?
- 3. The Name Y'shua means Yahweh saves!
- 4. History repeats itself... "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."
- 5. How has history been repeated in regards to His name?
- 6. Yahweh has been replaced by Lord 6828 times in the Old Testament. "They have not know Him by name!"
- And yet... Whatever you ask in Y'shua's name (Yahweh Saves) will be done...
- 8. And... His name is above all names...
- 9. And...No other name brings salvation...
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D. <u>Religion and Donkeys</u>

- (1) Remember Balaam—no names mentioned—just the authority
 - (a) "And when the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff. Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have abused me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you!" So the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?" And he said, "No." Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face. And the Angel of the Lord said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because your way is perverse before Me. The donkey saw Me and turned aside from Me these three times. If she had not turned aside from Me, surely I would also

have killed you by now, and let her live." **And Balaam said to the Angel of the Lord, "I have sinned,** for I did not know You stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases You, **I will turn back."** Then the Angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak." Numbers 22:27-35 NKJV

- 1. Even when Yahweh's name is not invoked, His authority is ever-present.
- Yahweh will open your eyes and you will hear His voice, even if it take a jackass to speak to you, even if He does not mention His name.

Summary: INVOKING HIS NAME—OR NOT

4. What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?

A. Denying Him

- (1) What is His name if you know?
- (2) Who is Yahweh that I should obey Him? I don't know your God!
- (3) Just tell him Yahweh sent you! That is what an ambassador needs to do!
- (4) This is the progression from ignorance to no excuses!

- (a) See: Darkness You Can Feel
- (5) The Father and the Son (no denying it!). The Father and Son are inseparably connected. You can't have one without the other!
 - (a) Denying Him and His name is a bad idea.
 - (b) What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?
 - (c) Pharaoh's initial stance is, "Why should I obey your God, Yahweh; I don't even know who He is."
 - (d) Yahweh tells Moses: Just tell Pharaoh that Yahweh sent you! That is what an ambassador needs to do!
 - (e) Then, through a series of Plagues, Pharaoh goes from ignorant of Yahweh to acknowledging that Yahweh is indeed God. At that point he is without an excuse!
 - (f) See: Darkness You Can Feel
 - (g) You need to understand how serious this is. And for everyone who came after Christ, denying Him is like doing exactly what Pharaoh did!

B. Important Recap about "Forgetting His Name"

 (a) The Third Commandment: When considered correctly, it is not referring to a prohibition against using God's name as profanity, but rather that you don't sloppily forget His name altogether.

- (b) The Seventh Plague: One of the main reasons God used Pharaoh to demonstrate His power is so *"His name may* be declared in all the earth."
- (c) We are at risk of forgetting His name because His true name was replaced in the Bible with the title "Lord" in any numbers of formats over 6800 times.
- (d) A perfect example can be seen in any of a number of scriptures that say things like, "I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another," or "Therefore My people shall know My name."
- (e) Think about it! These verses make absolutely no sense if we do not actually recognize the name Yahweh in those scriptures.
- (f) As a matter of fact, when we don't recognize His name, we are the ones guilty of what those scriptures warn!

C. <u>The Power of the Name: What is His name, and what is His</u> <u>Son's name, If you know? (Yahweh Saves! The Name Y'shua</u> <u>means Yahweh saves!)</u>

- (1) History repeats itself... "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."
 - (a) E'nosh was born in circa 3770 BC, 235 years afterAdam and men called on Yahweh by name...

- (b) Somehow it took all the way until Moses circa 1481 BC and the burning bush, approximately 2280 years later, to remind men that His name is Yahweh FOREVER!
- (c) From 1491BC to circa 800 CE (for approximately 2300 years) they used the name and then His name was replaced with LORD in the Scriptures.
- (d) Yahweh appears 6828 times in the OT—in the 8th century CE the vowel points were added and the name was replaced with Adonai (Lord).
- (e) For the past 1200-plus years we have called Him LORD
- (2) Read these great articles about God's name:
 - (a) <u>His Name in Hebrew</u>
 - (b) <u>His Name in Judaism</u>
 - (c) <u>The Substitution of Lord for Yahweh</u>
- (3) Whatever you ask...in His name! *"What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?"* Proverbs 30:4
- (4) His name is above all names... "What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?" Proverbs 30:4
- (5) No other name brings salvation... "What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?" Proverbs 30:4
- (6) Call on the name to be saved..."What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?" Proverbs 30:4

- (7) There is no other name which saves..."What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?" Proverbs 30:4
 - (a) There is power in His Name.
 - (b) What is His name (Yahweh), and what is His Son's name (Y'shua), If you know?
 - (c) The Name Y'shua means Yahweh saves!
 - (d) History repeats itself... "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."
 - (e) How has history been repeated in regards to His name?
 - (f) Yahweh has been replaced by Lord 6828 times in the OT. "They have not know Him by name!"
 - (g) And yet... Whatever you ask in Y'shua's name (Yahweh Saves) will be done...
 - (h) And... His name is above all names...
 - (i) And...No other name brings salvation...
 - (j) And...Whoever calls on His name will be saved...
 - (k) And...There is no other name which saves...

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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. Right before God tells Moses His plan to extend the covenant He made with Abraham to the children of Israel in captivity...
 - A. He reminds Moses of the most important thing He revealed at the burning bush...what was that?
 - B. He then reveals something extraordinary about His appearance to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob...what was that?

2. When did men first begin to call on God by name?

- A. After whose birth? What year was that?
- 3. A history lesson: approximately what year was the...
 - A. Great Flood
 - B. Tower of Babel
 - C. Moses and the Exodus

4. What are some possible reasons that men have forgotten the name of God?

- A. Cite possible reasons before Christ?
- B. Cite possible reasons after Christ?

- C. How many times does God's true name appear in the Old Testament? How does it appear in your Bible?
- 5. What are the five promises God tells Moses to relate to the children of Israel in captivity?
- 6. What does Moses think about his own abilities to transmit God's message to the children of Israel?
 - A. How did the prophet Isaiah have the same reaction?
- 7. Why is knowing God's name important for Christians?
 - A. How does our Savior's name relate to God's name in the Hebrew language?
 - B. When Paul refers to Joel 2:32 in Romans 10:13, what is strange about our English translations?
- 8. Even though we acknowledge the significance of God's name, how does the story of Balaam and his donkey help us to NOT become religious about it?