

## **BY WHAT POWER OR BY WHAT NAME?**

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Act 4:6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

**Act 4:7** And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

Act 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

Act 4:9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

Act 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Act 4:11 This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: **for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

**Pro 18:10** The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

## **REVEALED NAMES OF GOD IN OLD TESTAMENT**

1. **EL**: Means Strength, Mighty, Deity
2. **ELOHIM**: Is a plural form of Eloah in the Old Testament, and the meaning of this word simply meant God. This plural Hebrew word denotes the attributes of God. The Bible also used the word ELOHIM in reference to false Gods.
3. **YAHWEH OR JEHOVAH**: Is the redemptive name of God in the Old Testament. It was by this name of God that He distinguished himself

from all the other Gods's. It means "Self Existing one" or the "Eternal One."

4. **THE TRANSLATORS USED THE WORD "GOD" OR THE WORD "LORD IN REPLACING THE WORD YHWH"**: The Translators in small and large capitals used the word YHWH or its abbreviation YH, and in most cases they inserted the word LORD or Adonai.
5. **YHWH**: In using the word LORD as a substitute for YHWH, they were simply following an ancient Jewish tradition of substituting Adonai for YHWH when copying or reading the Scriptures. The custom arose because the Jews wanted to safeguard against taking God's name in vain, which would be in direct violation of the Third Commandment.
6. **YHWH**: All we have as the name of God in the Old Testament is the four letters which are usually translated YHWH or JHVH and are pronounced as Yahweh (Hebrew) or Jehovah (Greek) English language.

### **PROGRESSIVE REVELATION OF THE NAME OF GOD**

1. **In the Old Testament** God progressively revealed more about Himself as various need arose in the lives of his people and he used different forms of his name to express Himself as the supplier of their needs.
2. When Abraham needed a lamb to sacrifice, God revealed Himself as Jehovah Jireh, which means the "Lord that Provides". When they needed healing, He revealed Himself as Jehovah Rapha which means the "Lord who Heals"; and when they needed victory, He revealed Himself as Jehovah Nissi, which means "The Lord our Banner or Victory."
3. **Yet**, none of these revealed names of God were a complete revelation of His nature.
4. **When Jacob wrestled with the man at Peniel** (A manifestation of God), he asked, "Tell me, I pray thee, they name" and the angel answered him, "Wherefore is it *that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there."

## THE NAME OF JESUS

1. The name of Jesus is the final revelation of God's name. The name of Jesus supersedes all of the titles and abbreviations of his name in the Old Testament.
2. When the fullness of time came, God did satisfy the longings of His people and revealed Himself in all power and glory through the name of Jesus.

Phi 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given **him a name which is above every name:**

Phi 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

Phi 2:11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

3. Jesus is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew name variously rendered as JEHOSHUA which means Saviour, or deliverer (Numbers 13:16); or JOSHUA which means Jehovah is Saviour (Exodus 17:9).
4. **The Word JESUS mans:** JEHOVAH – SAVIOUR; JEHOVAH OUR SALVATION OR JEHOVAH IS SALVATION. (Marvin Vincent, Word Studies in the New Testament).
5. That is why the angel said, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS; for he shall save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). The identification of the name of Jesus with salvation is particularly evident because the Hebrew for Jesus is practically identical to the Hebrew word salvation.
6. The name Jesus is the coming together of all the Old Testament names and titles and is the highest, most exalted name ever revealed to mankind. The name of Jesus is the name of God that He promised to reveal when He said, “**Therefore my people shall know my name** (Isaiah 52:6). It is the one name of Zechariah 14:9 that encompasses and includes all the other names of God within its meaning.

Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

**THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH IS IDENTIFIED BY THE NAME OF JESUS**

**Act 15:14** Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

**Mat 10:22** And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake:

Act 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

**Act 9:16** For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

1. **The Early Church was persecuted for the name of Jesus:**

Act 5:28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Act 9:20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

Act 9:21 But all that heard *him* were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

Act 15:26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. **The Early Church counted it a privilege to suffer for the Name of Jesus.**

Act 5:40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Act 5:41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

Act 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

3. Because the name of Jesus is highly exalted (Philp. 2:9-10) we are exhorted to rely upon the name of Jesus in all we do or say: “Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus (Col. 3:17).
4. The name of Jesus is unique because unlike any other name it represents the presence of its owner. It represents God’s presence, power and work. When we call His name in faith, Jesus manifests His presence, performs the work and meets the need. Through the name of Jesus, therefore, “God reveals Himself fully. (He becomes tangible to us or within our reach).

Act 17:27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

### **HIS NAME REVEALS HIS COMPLETE DEITY**

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

1. **Isaiah prophesied** that the Messiah would be called Immanuel, that is God with us (Isa 7:14; Matt. 1:22-23).
2. **Isaiah 35:4-6 shows that Jesus is God**: “Behold, your God...he will come and save you.” This passage goes on to say that when God comes the eyes of the blind would be opened, the ears of the deaf would be unstopped, the lame would leap, the tongue of the dumb would speak. Jesus applies this passage of Scripture to Himself in Luke 7:22.

Luk 7:22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

Luk 7:23 And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

3. **Isaiah 40:3 “Declares that one would cry in the wilderness**, “Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. This is fulfilled in Matt. 3:3; so Jesus I the LORD (Jehovah) and our God.
4. **Micah 5:2 proves that the Messiah is God.**  
  
Mic 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.
5. **In the New Testament** Tomas confessed Jesus as both Lord (Yahweh) and God (Jehovah) John 20:20.
6. **Paul describes Jesus as** “The great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13).
7. **Peter describes Jesus** as “God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:1).
8. **1 Timothy 3:16 states the “God (Deity) was manifested in the flesh (Sonship).** Or that God was made manifest in human flesh as the sacrifice for our sins.