

YAH Who?

The Name Above Every Name

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It's Easter morning! And He is risen! He is risen indeed!



Who is? **Jesus?** *That's* the English conversion of the Greek transliteration of **the Hebrew word for Salvation. Yeshua.**

The angel of the Lord said:



You shall call His name Yeshua, [same as the OT name Joshua (Zec 6:11-12)] for He will save His people from their *sins*. – Matthew 1:21 NKJ



He has a *lot* of names like *that*. **Messiah. Lord. Emanuel. Prince of Peace. The Christ. The Branch. The Lamb.** But what's His *real* name? **The name above all His other names?** (Phil 2:9) For *that*, we need to go on an Easter *treasure* hunt; because it's a *mystery* – it's **Salvation's unknown name.**



By the way, one of the *weirdest, saddest, critiques* I've received by some who've left His Place, is that there's just *too much Bible*. Well, all I can say is, I'm glad they're not here *today!* So strap in! *Because ...*



[John wrote, in Revelation] I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True ... [but] He had a name written that no one knew ... [First clue: the One called Faithful and True had a name written that no one knew] and [second clue] His name is called The Word of God. – Revelation 19:11-13 NKJ



Case solved? Not yet. It's not *written* that *that's* His name. Although it is a little-known *title* by which He's *called*, quite often. For *instance*:

The Word of God came to Shemaiah [the prophet] – 1 Kings 12:22 NKJ

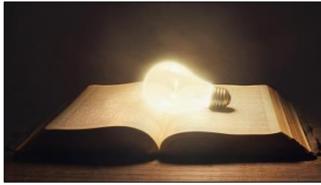
[And] The Word of God came to Nathan [the prophet] – 1 Chronicles 17:3-4 NKJ

[And] The Word came to Jeremiah [the prophet] – Jeremiah 21:1 NIV

[And] Of this *salvation* [Yeshua] the *prophets* ... *searched* carefully, who *prophesied* of the *grace* that would come to *you*, *searching* what ... the Spirit of Christ who was *in* [the prophets] was indicating when He testified beforehand – 1 Peter 1:10-11 NKJ

So the Spirit of Christ, who testified about *himself* before He came in the flesh, **is called the Word of God** – which explains John's *full title* for the "Faithful and True ... Word of God" as ...

The Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the *creation* of God – Revelation 3:14 NKJ



Oh-ho! Do you see our *third* clue? The “Faithful and True” Word of God was the “Beginning of the creation of God”. Any idea where to for our next clue? We sing: You were the Word at the beginning. But who wrote it? John! **Same guy who wrote the Revelation mystery, opens His Gospel with a trail of clues!** Chapter one, verse one:

In the *beginning* was the *Word*, and the *Word* was *with God*, and the *Word* was *God*. – John 1:1 NKJ

One of my Spiritual pet peeves is **over-spiritualizing Scripture that’s intended for more childlike minds**. We read *this* and go: Hmm, so Jesus is the *eternal, preexistent Logos*. Sure. Yes. True. But don’t miss the most *obvious*, kids! **What did God say at the beginning?** Here’s a hint:

The *entrance* of Your words gives light – Psalm 119:130 NKJ

That’s the Word at the beginning! Jesus is that. So is God. Did you know there’s a big *controversy* surrounding “the Word of God” at “the beginning of creation”? Because on day one, “God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light”. (Gen 1:1-4) No problem. But **it’s not till day four that “He makes the sun”**. (Gen 1:14-19) So what’s the *One* on *day one*? John’s *clues* shed some *light*.

¹ In the beginning [“of creation”] was the Word, [“of God”, and “God said, ‘Let there be light’; and Jesus said “I am the *light* of the world” (Gen 1:3; Jn 8:12)] and the Word was *with* God, [“God wraps himself in *light*” (Ps 104:2)] and the Word was God. [“God is *light*” (1 Jn 1:5)] ² He was in the *beginning* with God. [“The *sun* (from day 4) will no more be *your light* (it’ll burn out; but) ... the LORD will be your *everlasting light* ... *your Sun* (from day 1) will *never set again*” (Is 60:19-20)] ³ All things were *made* through Him [“He is *before all things*,” and “in Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28; Col 1:17-18)] ... ⁴ In Him was *life*, [“I am the resurrection and the *life*” (Jn 11:25)] and the *life* was the *light* of men. [“He who follows Me shall ... have the *light* of life.” (Jn 8:12)] ... ⁹ That was the True Light [as in “*Faithful and True*” (Rev 3:14)] ... ¹² [And] as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become *children* of God, to those who believe in His *name* [so “live as *children of Light*” (Eph 5:8)] ... ¹⁴ And the Word [“in the *beginning*” (Jn 1:1)] became *flesh* and *dwelt* among us, and we *beheld* His *glory*, [“His face shone like the sun” (Mt 17:2)] ... ²⁹ Behold! The *Lamb* of God who takes away the sin of the world! [“The *Lamb* is its *light*” (Rev 21:23)] – John 1 NKJ

So is *Light*, the *unknown* written name of Yeshua? No. But it *lights* the path to *find* it ... in *Isaiah*.

[Isaiah wrote 750 years before Jesus, that our *everlasting Sun*] [Zion’s] righteousness *shines out* like the *dawn*, her *Salvation* [Yeshua] like a blazing torch. – Isaiah 62:1 NIV

As a *light* to the Gentiles, that You should be My *Salvation* [Yeshua] – Isaiah 49:6 NKJ

And that’s just a small sampling; but I’ll read what he wrote about this Yeshua who’s everlasting light rises like a sun that never sets; and let’s see if you notice His *written* name, that’s mostly unknown to this day. I’m just reading from the New King James; I haven’t changed any words.

^{12:2} Behold, God *is* my Salvation [Yeshua], I will trust and not be afraid; for **YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song**; He also has *become* my Salvation [Yeshua]. ... ⁴ call upon His name ... make mention that His name is exalted. ... ^{25:1} I will praise Your name, for ... ⁸ He will swallow up death forever ... ⁹ Behold, *this is our God*; we have waited for Him, and He will save us [Hey, that's why they named Him Jesus!] ... we will be glad and rejoice in His Salvation [Yeshua]. ¹⁰ For on this mountain the *hand* of the LORD will rest ... ¹¹ He will spread out His hands in their midst as a swimmer reaches out to swim ... ^{26:4} Trust in the LORD forever, for in **YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength**. ... ⁸ The desire of *our soul is* for Your name – Isaiah 12:2-4, 25:1-11; 26:4-8 NKJ



Ever notice that name? YAH? Most Bibles write *LORD*, thinking YAH is an abbreviation for *Yhwh*. But some, like the NKJ, leave it as is for a very good reason. **We're told to worship Yhwh by the name YAH.** Both times here in *IsaYAH*, it's actually YAH YHWH, which is way more fun to say! So where's Isaiah getting this? From *David*. Psalm 68. Where **he exhorts us to praise God by His name, YAH.** It's not that we can't use His other names; but **YAH is the name of Yhwh's Yeshua.**



⁴ Sing to God, *sing praises to His name*; extol Him who *rides* on the clouds, **by His name YAH** ... ²⁰ Our God is the God of *salvation*; and to GOD the Lord belong escapes from death. ... ³⁴ His *strength* is in the clouds. – Psalm 68:4-34 NKJ



YAH rides on the clouds? Where's *David* getting this? Well, **Psalm 68 is about Moses' song of YAH Yeshua's triumph at the Red Sea.**

Moses and the children of Israel sang this song ... “[The LORD] has triumphed gloriously! ... **YAH is my strength and song, and He has become my Yeshua**” – Exodus 15:1-2 NKJ

In Revelation, at the *ultimate* triumph of the LORD, **they sing “the song of Moses and the Lamb”.** (15:3) Turns out **the One who's name is Salvation is the Lamb – and this is the song of Moses!** But what's Moses doing with YAH Yeshua, who rides on the clouds? Skeptics would say, “He doesn't literally ride on the clouds.” Whereas, a *child* would say, “Cool!” And guess who gets it *right*!



When Moses entered the *tabernacle*, [i.e. tent “of meeting” (Ex 33:7)] the pillar of cloud descended [And Jesus said, “No one has ascended ... except the One who descended” (Jn 3:13)] and stood at the door [And Jesus said, “I stand at the door” (Rev 3:20)] ... So the LORD spoke to Moses *face to face*, as a man speaks to his friend. – Exodus 33:8-11 NKJ

But *I* thought the LORD *specifically* told Moses, just nine verses before that, that ...

“You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!” – Exodus 33:20 NAS

Well, He did. So **who's riding in on a cloud for a face-to-face?** Well, “His name [is] YAH”. You see, Yhwh is the big invisible God you can't look at and live – but **YAH is the “face-to-face version”.**

[Moses said] “Show me now Your way, that I may know You” ... And [the LORD] said, “My Presence [lit. Face] will go with you.” – Exodus 33:12-14 NKJ

And the [face of the] LORD went ... in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, – Exodus 13:21 NKJ

[And] [Jesus said] “I am the way ... He who has seen *Me* has seen the *Father*” – John 14:6-9 NKJ

[For God] has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the *face* of *Jesus Christ.* – 2 Corinthians 4:6 ESV

[Whenever the cloud was taken up] Moses said, “Rise up, O LORD!” ... – Numbers 10:35-36 NIV

[And when Jesus had risen] He was *taken up,* and a *cloud* received Him – Acts 1:9 NKJ

Because **Jesus Christ is the glory of God made manifest!** And He is risen! He is risen indeed!

“I have blotted out, like a *thick cloud,* your *transgressions,* and like a *cloud,* your *sins.* ... for I have redeemed you” ... says the LORD, your Redeemer – Isaiah 44:22, 24 NKJ

⁸ Who is mighty like You, O **YAH?** ... ⁹ You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, You still them. [Sound familiar?] ... ¹⁵ Blessed are the people who ... [walk] in the *light* of Your *countenance.* [lit. face] ¹⁶ In Your name they *rejoice* – Psalm 89:8-9, 15-16 NKJ



Moses' Messenger-of-God's-face is none other the Spirit of Christ before He emptied himself to make himself like us.

Christ Jesus ... being in very nature *God* ... *made* himself ... in human likeness. And ... *humbled* himself ... on a *cross!* Therefore God *exalted* Him ... and *gave* Him the *name* that is *above every name,* – Philippians 2:5-9 NIV

I'm glad the NKJ preserved the name **YAH** where they did; but *sadly,* it's *paraphrased* as *LORD* in the *very passages* where **David exhorts us to use it to praise Him by name.** And by *us,* I mean *us!*

This will be written for the *generation to come,* that a people *yet to be created* may praise **YAH.** [I put it back] For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary ... to release those appointed to death, to declare the name of YHWH – Psalm 102:18-21 NKJ

Praise **YAH!** ... He sent *redemption* ... *Holy* and *awesome* is His *name!* – Psalm 111:1, 9 ESV

Praise **YAH!** ... Save us [that's why we call Him Jesus] ... that we may give *thanks* to Your *holy name* ... Praise **YAH!** – Psalm 106:1, 47-48 ESV

So ... *think* we should be praising *Jesus* by *that* name?! **YAH?** Well, good news and *happy Easter!* You already *do* – it's just time that you *knew* that you *do;* because **the Hebrew word for praise is hallelu!** So let's re-read that last verse together, using the *one* Hebrew word we still *do.*

Hallelu YAH! ... Save us ... that we may give thanks to Your *holy name* ... **Hallelu YAH!** – Psalm 106:1, 47-48 ESV

I will lift up the cup of **Salvation** [*Yeshua*] and call on the *name* of the LORD [*Yhwh*] ... I will offer to *You* the *sacrifice of thanksgiving* ... **Hallelu YAH!** – Psalm 116:3-19 ESV

Hallelu YAH! ... *Light dawns* in the *darkness* – Psalm 112:1, 4 ESV

Hallelu YAH! ... Hallelu Him, sun and moon ... for *He* [*who appeared on day one*] commanded and *they* were *created*. [*On day four*] ... Hallelu the *name* of the LORD, for *His name alone* is exalted [*above every name; so*] ... **Hallelu YAH!** – Psalm 148:1-14 ESV

And **David's command to Hallelu YAH is only fulfilled one time, in one place in the Bible**, to *one Savior*, wherein "hallelu YAH" is sung as an *expression* rather than an *exhortation*. Guess *where*. In ...

The *revelation* of Jesus Christ ... Look, *He* is coming with the *clouds*, – Revelation 1:7 NIV

¹ I [*John, writer of the mystery name and the Gospel trail*] heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, [*praising Christ's ultimate triumph*] saying, "**hallelu YAH! Salvation** and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord our God! ... ³ Again they said, "**hallelu YAH!**" ... ⁴ and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! **Hallelu YAH!**" ... ⁷ for the marriage of *the Lamb* has come, and *His wife* [*the church (Eph 5:31-32)*] has made herself ready ... ¹⁰ Worship God! For *the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.*" [*Because "the Spirit of Christ ... testified beforehand" (1 Pet 1:11)*] ¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a *white horse*. [*But that's a whole different Easter*] And He who sat on him was called *Faithful and True* [*Witness (Rev 3:14)*] ... He had a name written that no one knew *except Himself*. [*Sad, but true*] – Revelation 19:1-12 NKJ

Hallelujah is a two-word phrase. And we *need* to sing it that way – **as praise to the name of the One who came before the sun**, and then *came* in the *flesh*, and *died* on the *cross*, and *rose* from the *grave*, and *knows* you by *name*! So I think it's *time* we got *familiar* with *His*! And ...



Since we are surrounded by so *great* a **cloud** of *witnesses*, – Hebrews 12:1 NKJ

Let everything that has breath **Hallelu YAH.** – Psalm 150:6 NKJ

Our risen Sun that'll never set!

Extra Hallelus

Praise the LORD, O my soul. ... He wraps himself in light as with a garment ... He makes the clouds His chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. ... Bless the LORD, O my soul! *Praise YAH!* – Psalm 104:1-3, 35 ESV

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His *name* ... *Praise YAH!* – Psalm 105:1, 45 ESV

Hallelu YAH! ... **Hallelu** the *name* of the LORD! *Blessed* be the *name* of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, **[He is risen! He'll never set! (Is 60:20)]** the *name* of the LORD is to be hallelu'd! ... **Hallelu YAH!** – Psalm 113:1-4, 9 ESV

Hallelu YAH! I will give thanks to the LORD ... in the *congregation*. ... He sent *redemption* ... *Holy* and *awesome* is His name! ... His *praise* endures forever! – Psalm 111:1, 9-10 ESV
O LORD, not to *us*, but to *Your name* give glory ... The *dead* do not **Hallelu YAH** ... but *we* will *bless YAH* from this time forth and forevermore. **Hallelu YAH!** – Psalm 115:1, 11, 17-18 ESV

Hallelu the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. **Hallelu YAH!** – Psalm 117 ESV

Hallelu YAH! **Hallelu** the *name* of the LORD, give **hallelu**, O servants of the LORD ... **Hallelu YAH**, for the LORD is good; sing to His *name*, – Psalm 135:1, 3 ESV

Hallelu YAH! **Hallelu** the LORD, O my soul! ... **Hallelu YAH!** – Psalm 146:1, 10 ESV

Hallelu YAH! For it is good to sing praises to our God ... and a song of praise is fitting. – Psalm 147:1 ESV

Hallelu YAH! Sing to the LORD a *new song* ... Let them **hallelu** His *name* ... He adorns the humble with **Salvation**. ... Let the *high praises* of God be in their *throats* and *two-edged swords* in their hands ... *This* is honor for all His godly ones. **Hallelu YAH!** – Psalm 149:1-9 ESV

Hallelu YAH! **Hallelu** God in His sanctuary; **hallelu** Him in His mighty heavens! **Hallelu** Him for His mighty deeds; **Hallelu** Him according to His excellent greatness! **Hallelu** Him with trumpet sound; **Hallelu** Him with lute and harp! **Hallelu** Him with tambourine and dance; **Hallelu** Him with strings and pipe! **Hallelu** Him with sounding cymbals; **Hallelu** Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath **Hallelu YAH!** **Hallelu YAH!** – Psalm 150 ESV

I [Daniel] was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! ... To Him was given ... everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, – Daniel 7:13-14