



## Pronunciation of a Name

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The Hebrew language is a mainly made up of consonants, possessing no vowels. Vowels were pronounced, but not written, and this passed on orally from one generation to another.

The Hebrew [tetragrammaton](#), **YHWH**, is the way the name of God appears in the Hebrew Bible.

By about 200 B.C., after the time of the Exile and due to reverence for The Magnificent and Sovereign ONE, Jews would no longer pronounce God's name for fear that they would take it vain by not saying it properly. Instead of pronouncing the tetragrammaton, they would say *Adonai*, which is the Hebrew word meaning *Lord*. Because of this reverence, no one today knows exactly how it was pronounced. This was also true of the Masoretic scribes who copied the Hebrew Scriptures. Even today, because of this mindset passed down through different eras no one knows exactly how it is pronounced.

In Exodus 3:15 God designates Himself by a name, indicated in the original Hebrew by the four consonants **YHWH**. Today we in this period in time are not sure how this name was pronounced, though Hebrew scholars suggest "Yahweh" or "Yaywah.", others pronounce it as "Jehovah".

More important than the actual pronunciation of the name, of course, was its meaning to Moses and to Pharaoh, as the context of Exodus chapter three reveals. Additionally, since God reveals that He has called this name upon Himself to time indefinite (forever), we need to understand its meaning for us.

Personally I've known and used the sacred name of the Almighty as **YAHWEH**, since about 1996, but most recently the revelation of the Heavenly Name **YHWH** being pronounced **YAHUWAH** has come.

Moreover, when we use the words **LORD** or **God** we realize that these are not names. Why then do we use them? Because to the English-speaking world, the word '**God**' means a supernatural being and in most English Bibles these designations are used. When we use these words English-speaking people know who we mean. Were we to only use the name "**YHWH**" **YAHUWAH** or **YAHUWAH-Oh-shua (YAHshua)** for the Son, most folk wouldn't know who we were writing about: because these names do not appear in their Bibles.

*The Oxford Dictionary* defines the word **God** as follows:  
**God: The Creator and Ruler of the universe in Christian, Jewish and Muslim teaching...**

That is what the English speaking world means when it uses the word **God**; and though we use 'EL and or Elohiym un-translated to God we at Follow Freedom Ministry at times, however we may use God, but mean 'EL or Elohiym. Anyone who assumes that when English-speaking people say **God** they mean a pagan idol is out of touch with the English language.

Further on you will see that we are fully aware that the Almighty's name is **YHWH** and after you read this entire teaching do remember what the Savior said about identifying true believers:

**"You shall know them by their fruit."**

- Not by their race, wealth or social standing.
- Not by their church or denomination.
- Not by the day they keep as the Sabbath!
- Not by which name they call the Father and Son: **Jehovah, Yahweh, Yahuweh, Jesus, Yeshua, Yahshua, or Yahoshua**
- But by their **FRUIT! - the fruit of the Holy Spirit!**

Regretfully in my travels, which is considerable, I have not found that those who claim to be Sacred Name believers bear more or better spiritual fruit than believers from other Messianic/Christian groups. Sad to say, the fruit of the Holy Spirit: humility, brotherly love, kindness, joy, mercy, patience, peace, generosity, self-sacrifice, justice, non-judgmental etc. - so evident elsewhere in the Messianic/Christian world - is woefully absent in the lives of many (not all) sacred name believers. Is that not a strange discovery? Please note that these are facts I have witnessed over and over again. So I must not live by sight...

*But YHWH said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for Elohiym {sees} not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but YHWH looks at the heart." 1 Sam 16:7*

## **The Pronunciation**

It is my firm conviction that **no one** can be absolutely certain that he/she is correctly pronouncing the sacred name. A name is a noun, a word or short phrase by which a person, place or thing is known. Common nouns (i.e. man, sport, animal etc) are used for a whole class or group of things. Proper nouns (i.e. Ricky, Don, St Kitts, Africa) are names of particular persons and places. Some proper nouns have meanings; many do not. My name, '**Ricky**' for example, has no special meaning; though to me it represents my character, my family, my reputation and my word of honor. But the proper noun 'Ricky,' to my knowledge, does not have any particular meaning. A name is - as far as possible - pronounced the same in every language. But people from different nations may mispronounce my name depending on how they voice the letters "R-I-C-K-Y."

But, I realize this fact. It does not disturb me. I know who they mean: though I often smile when I hear my name mispronounced by others - especially foreigners.

Is it the same when pronouncing the sacred heavenly names translated by many as **Yahovah, Yahweh** or **Yeshua**? I very much doubt if Gentile believers, even to this day, have the pronunciation absolutely correct; though some make out that they have.

I am, however, certain that the Most High and His Son by the Spirit know whom we mean when we pronounce their names. After all it is by the Holy Spirit that we are each called by grace to Salvation by faith in the finished work of the Messiah's shed blood. It is an inward calling and acceptance by faith alone in whom the Name represents "The Eternal Creator of ALL things."

What is the translation according to the main source used by believers today?

<b>Strong's Number: 3068</b>		<b>(MY ADDED COMMENTS)</b> <a href="#">Browse Lexicon</a>	
<b>Original Word</b>		<b>Word Origin</b>	
יהוה		from ( <a href="#">01961</a> )	
<b>Transliterated Word</b>		<b>TDNT Entry</b>	
Y@hovah ( <b>YHWH or YHVH</b> )		TWOT - 484a	
<b>Phonetic Spelling</b>		<b>Parts of Speech</b>	
Yeh-ho-vaw'  Click and they say ADONI which is the name spoken in place of the name as Jewish law forbid saying the name.		Proper Name	
<b>(YAH-UU-AH is a better way of saying yahovah because there is no v sounds. W =VV or UU sound in Hebrew)</b>			

**Definition**

Jehovah = "the existing One"  
**(Even after saying the English translation is Y@hovah they translate as meaning Jehovah?)**

1. the proper name of the one true God
  - a. unpronounced except with the vowel pointings of 0136

**(They know that " יהוה " YHWH is the true NAME of the I AM the creator of the universe. The question lies in the WHY not say what you say it says?)**

YHWH (or YHVH)

Notice that I have omitted the vowels 'a' and 'e'. All the letters in the Hebrew alphabet are consonants: that is, letters other than vowels. The English vowel sounds (**a, e, i, o, u**) are represented in written Hebrew by dots and dashes, called '**vowel-points**' or, simply '**points**'.

In order to help English-speaking people who would, otherwise, be unable to pronounce the four consonants **YHWH** (called the tetragrammaton) the English vowels 'a' and 'e' are inserted in the sacred name. But the original inspired writers just wrote '**YHWH,**' or rather the Hebrew equivalents of those letters. The English letters **YHWH** are a transliteration or representation of the four original

Hebrew characters.

But how does one pronounce the Tetragrammaton “יהוה” YHWH?

Recently after years of study and seeking revelation truth the Father brought a number of confirming moments in meeting a Messianic Hebrew brother Paulyah Ezekiel Kaufman along with Hebrew scholar Maxell Stitts. Over a two-day period of deep teaching, study and revelation the Father confirmed the closest pronunciation as follows.

***Number one and biggest revelation was that the Name of the Almighty Creator of the Universe is NOT Hebrew but Heavenly only revealed first to the Hebrew speaking people and therefore only know truly in the Spiritual realm, languages given in the Spirit. The Heavenly Name YHWH was first given to the Hebrew race for them to bring to His creation, which was completed through the Messiah of Hebrew lineage.***

***The English of the Tetragrammaton “יהוה” YHWH should be written YAHUWAH as the transliteration way of pronouncing the Name. The reason is because there was no v <sup>1</sup> sound at the time. That’s why many make the Tetragrammaton YHWH making the W =VV or UU sound in Hebrew. Thus YHWH should be spelled YAHUWAH and pronounced phonetic spelling “YaH-Who-aH.”***

Then the week following this meeting, brother Tim Allred and I met with some Israeli’s who are Jewish and not believers in the Messiah YAHshua. In the meeting we mentioned being baptized in the name of YAHUWAH and they in shock immediately stated we we’re not allowed to speak that name “יהוה” YHWH because it is the sacred name of ‘EL and Elohiym.

As mentioned above, even blood-born Hebrew authorities differ on the matter of pronunciation; simply because it was **centuries after** the original Scriptures were penned by the prophets that the Hebrew **vowel points** were introduced to assist pronunciation. In view of these facts I think we Gentiles should remain silent; for the more we write concerning Hebrew spellings and pronunciation, the more ignorant we appear to Hebrew-speaking people. A little knowledge can be a dangerous thing.

## Beyond Pronunciations

When the Father’s name is spoken in our Ministry we go far beyond correct spellings or pronunciations, far beyond the audible sounds that emanate from human lips. Again as you know, there are many variations of the sacred name: **Jehovah, Y@hovah, Yahweh, Yahvah, Yahoweh, Yahovah, Yahuweh, Yahuveh, Yahuvah, Jeova, Jehofah, Geova, Ihowa**, etc.

Each group or movement claim absolute correctness. We do not enter the argument as to which pronunciation of YHWH - is absolutely correct. Nor do we profess that YAHUWAH is the absolute proper Hebrew pronunciation of His name.

There is no J pronunciation in Hebrew so it is false to apply a J to the Tetragrammaton - if one, wants to be accurate in pronouncing his name in Hebrew.

For one, we believe the Name YHWH is Higher than Hebrew it is heavenly, just given first to the Hebrew race. So does anybody really know? I certainly will not claim so. So that brings me again to our true aim and that is as follows:

- ⌚ Seek ye first the Kingdom ([royal power, kingship, dominion, rule](#)) of Elohiym ([God](#)) and His righteousness ([The Messiah](#)). Mt 6:33
- ⌚ Believe ...the Son of Elohiym ([God](#)), and by believing you may have life in His name. John 20:31b
- ⌚ Now this is His command: that we believe in the name ([YaHuWaH-O-shua](#)) of His Son the Messiah, and love one another as He commanded us. 1 John 3:23
- ⌚ To be like our heavenly Father and reflect His character by obeying His covenant law of love.
- ⌚ To produce in our lives the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

### Different Sources

<http://www.thenameofgod.org/> is a real in-depth study with the same pronunciation and spelling YAHUWAH.

THE UNIVERSAL JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA says "JEHOVAH is an erroneous pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton a four lettered name of God, made up of the Hebrew letters Yod He Vav He.

The word "JEHOVAH" therefore is a misreading for which there is no warrant and which makes no sense in Hebrew" The Hebrew letters point to a Yod Y the more correct pronunciation is Yahweh or some form deriving from the same consonants. For example Yah is used in its shorter form in Ex.15:2 and 17:15, Isa.12:2 and Ps.118:14 .

- JEHOVAH -"is an erroneous form of the name of the God of Israel." (ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA)
- JEHOVAH -"the pronunciation "Jehovah" is an error resulting among Christians from combining the consonants YHWH with the vowels of ADHONAY." (ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA)
- JEHOVAH -"is an erroneous form of the divine name of the covenant God of Israel." (THE NEW SCHAFF-HERZOG ENCYCLOPEDIA)
- JEHOVAH -"is a mispronunciation of the Hebrew YHWH the name of God. This pronunciation is grammatically impossible. The form "Jehovah" is a philological impossibility." (THE JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA p. 160)

The Tetragrammaton YHWH "When Christian scholars of Europe first began to study Hebrew, they did not understand what this really meant, and they introduced the hybrid name "Jehovah" ... THE TRUE PRONUNCIATION OF THE NAME YHWH WAS NEVER LOST... Several early Greek writers of the Christian church testify that the name was pronounced "YAHWEH". This is confirmed, at least for the vowel of the first syllable of the name, by the shorter form Yah, which is sometimes used in poetry (e.g. Ex. 15:2) ... The personal name of God of Israel is written in the Hebrew Bible with the four

consonants YHWH and is referred to as the "Tetragrammaton." At least until the destruction of the First Temple in 586 B.C.E. this name was regularly pronounced with its proper vowels, as is clear from the Lachish Letters, written shortly before that date."( ENCYCLOPAEDIA JUDAICA (Jerusalem) p. 680 Vol. 7)(Quotes in Questions for Jehovah Witnesses Joan Cetnar)

While the pronouncement may still not be known one thing we do know, its not Jehovah. Where does the name Jehovah come from? We can trace the name Jehovah to the first person to use it, a Roman Catholic monk from the 1200's.

"The first recorded use of this form dates from the thirteenth century C.E. Raymundus Martini, a Spanish monk of the Dominican Order, used it in his book "Pugeo Fidei" of the year 1270." (from Jehovah's Witnesses own book "*Aid to Bible Understanding*" p.884). If you ever want to see a JW jaw drop tell them this.

Since the Hebrew text has no vowels he inserted the vowels and changed the Hebrew into English slang. The American Standard uses this name, however Jewish scholars have generally pronounced it Adonai (master of all) out of respect for the sacred name. They also used "Ha Shem" *The Name* to avoid pronouncing it. Even today when Jews write the word G\_d they leave out the middle letter in respect to what they were taught about his name.

'Some Christian scholars render the four-letter Name as "Jehovah," but this pronunciation is particularly unlikely. The word "Jehovah" comes from the fact that ancient Jewish texts used to put the vowels of the Name "Adonai" (the usual substitute for YHVH) under the consonants of YHVH to remind people not to pronounce YHVH as written. A sixteenth century German Christian scribe, while transliterating the Bible into Latin for the Pope, wrote the Name out as it appeared in his texts, with the consonants of YHVH and the vowels of Adonai, and came up with the word JeHoVaH, and the name stuck."(website on Judaism Jewfaq/name.htm)

They also admit that Jehovah is not the correct name "down through the centuries, the correct pronunciation of the divine name in Hebrew has been lost. Hence, it is uncertain what vowels should be used to fill in the name."(WT Feb.1, 1980).

The truth is the Watchtower Society's adoption of the divine name of God was invented by a Catholic monk. If it was the first found to be used in 1270, the Society is obviously wrong in quoting in their literature that the name Jehovah was used in the OT by King David, Abraham, or anyone else in the Bible. By taking the name from the Catholics, they have become religious hypocrites. They use Christendom when they feel like it and denounce it for everything it does. The same reasoning is done when they use Christian scholars to prove their position in doctrines. How can one go to the very ones they denounce as of Satan to prove they are right.

Since this is an English slang, there is no J in Hebrew. So in making an issue out of being accurate, they have become more than inaccurate. Their accusation of modern Christendom having removed it from the Bible is not only wrong but untrue. Jehovah is not the divine name for God because there is no J pronounced in the Hebrew language, neither is this a correct pronunciation especially from the Greek. In fact one was required to call God Jehovah. Did the disciples go around telling people that they must address God as Jehovah. No one addressed God as Jehovah, not even Jesus, he called him Father as the disciples were told to pray to the Father. Nor were the disciples called Jehovah's Witnesses, they proclaimed Jesus.

In the Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures 1984 p.12 it actually says "While many are inclined to view the pronunciation "Yahweh" as the more correct way, we have retained the form 'Jehovah' because of the peoples familiarity with it through the centuries." So they admit they are following a tradition that comes from the Catholic priest! Truthfully the only ones who are familiar with this false name is their society. They certainly would not want their people finding out the truth of their false representation of Gods name.

This name came about at least 50 years after the Society started. It was incorporated in 1931 by Russell's successor Joseph Rutherford who became greatly disturbed of those who were loyal to Russell their society's founder. Rutherford became increasingly jealous over the years since many had held allegiance to Russell's teachings. In the 1920's Rutherford attacked many of Russell's teachings and even went so far as to say Russell was not God's messengers'( so much for unity). By 1931 he spoke of himself as 'the world's foremost Bible Scholar'.

Rutherford then announced a new name in order to separate from all those who still wanted to follow Russell's doctrine. 'He said, "we refuse to bear or be called by the name of any man," meaning Charles Taze Russell." (1941 Jehovah Witness yearbook p.34) They were so loyal they were called Russellites. As their own literature states" The insistence that Russell had been 'that servant' led many to regard Russell in what actually amounted to creature worship.( JEHOVAHS WITNESSES IN THE DIVINE PURPOSE 1959,p. 69.)

So the truth about the name Jehovah's Witnesses was not used to give glory to God, but to pacify the jealousy that Joseph Rutherford had over their founder C.T. Russell and essentially bring them under his leadership. Yet they write Jehovah Witnesses get their own name from the bible, as at Isaiah 43:12 where it says," You are my witnesses,' is the utterance of Jehovah, and I am God." If one examines the scripture they use the name of Jehovah is not mentioned and it is Israel as a nation that has witnessed the deliverance of their God. (Peace on Earth p.12, 1969).

Not only does the society reject Jesus being Jehovah, but they have taught everyone to worship and call on the name Jehovah that is proven to be unbiblical and fictitious. Its source is what they call Babylon. Imagine the very name they are calling on is fictitious and is from what they call a Pagan source.

**So what is his name?** God has many, each express a certain facet of his nature or attributes. In the NT the angel told Joseph his name will be called Jesus (YAHSHUA) Mt.1:21 also in vs.25. (God is salvation) But there are other names he is called. Mt.1:23 Also says his name will be called Immanuel (with us is God) a fulfillment of Isa. 7:14. Mt.1:25 says his name will be called (YAHSHUA) Jesus, Luke 1:35 he will be called "the Son of God." Isa. 9:6 "His name will be called wonderful, counselor, mighty God , Father of eternity, prince of peace."

In Rev.19:13 "His name is called the word of God." Who is this? Vs.15 says it is the one who rules the nation's the same whose name on his robe "Is KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." This is the same word of God John writes of in the first chapter of his Gospel.

In the Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures in Acts 7:59-60 Stephen addresses his prayer to Jesus ( footnote 1985 Ed.) The word "Lord " and "Jehovah" are used interchangeably as "Lord Jesus" or "Jehovah Jesus" in verse 59 and "Jehovah" or "Lord" in verse 60. All this proves is that they come from the same Greek word.

The name Jesus is used for the Son. The Fathers nature is made known by this name because it is the name the Son took at the incarnation. To pray to the father in the sons name would not be acceptable unless the Son was of the same nature. YAHSHUA in Jn.17:6 says he has made the fathers name known to men, that the name YAHSHUA (YAHUWAH is salvation) expressed salvation is in a person who is YAHUWAH.

- John 17:12: "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; ..."
- Acts 2:21: " And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of YAHUWAH shall be saved." He then points to YAHSHUA (Jesus) giving the gospel that saves. This is exactly what Paul writes in Rom. 10:9 when he quotes Joel 2 about calling on the name of YAHUWAH. To call on the Son YAHSHUA, is equal to calling on YAHUWAH.

In 1 Cor.11:23 in the NWT a footnote tells us John C. Reichardt's version of the NT in 1846 in Hebrew (J14) uses the Tetragrammaton YHWH in place of LORD. What it does not say is that he also uses the Tetragrammaton in place of LORD in 1 Cor.12:3 which reads and nobody can say "Jesus is Yahweh except by the Holy Spirit." Not only is this information left out but in the WT may,15 p.320 1960 they completely distort their representation by saying the word Kyrios without the definite article is thus used also in 1 Cor.12:3 there in the Greek text the same expression occurs as in Philippians 2:11 namely KY'RIOS YESOUS "Jehovah Jesus.: None of the Hebrew translations render it "Jehovah Jesus," but recognize the Greek word Ky'rios there as a title and hence use the Hebrew word Adon, meaning Lord, instead of the name Jehovah."

As I have just shown they even quote a scholar that uses this as such proving their dishonesty. Yet they go on to say in the quote "Hence the NWT is consistent, and it violates no general rule of action set forth in its foreword when it renders the expression in 1 Cor. 12:3 as well as Phil.2:11, Jesus is Lord not Jesus is Jehovah. so the translators are not to be charged with being influenced by the theology of anti-Trinitarian Arius for doing so."

But when Thomas Called Jesus "my Lord and my God" they say Jesus corrected him for blurting out, exclaiming this by mistake.

The word "Jehovah" does not accurately represent any form of the Name ever used in Hebrew.

This is our aim because to us YAHUWAH's name is far more than an audible sound; however correctly others or we think we pronounce it. And though we respectfully use His name and teach others to do likewise, we do not profess to be experts in Hebrew or any other language. When giving His name, this is what 'YAHUWAH' (YHWH in the original Hebrew) said:

- Exodus 34: 1: And YHWH said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.
- 2: And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.
- 3: And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

4: And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as YHWH had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

5: And YHWH descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of YHWH.

6: And YHWH passed by before him, and proclaimed, YHWH, YHWH 'EL, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7: Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

8: And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

Notice how the Almighty's character was proclaimed when His name/title YHWH / 'EL was pronounced. In the following verse this expression of the divine character rather than the name itself is even more evident:

Exodus 34: 14: For thou shalt worship no other 'EL: for YHWH, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous 'EL.

Who in his right mind would address the Most High as ***Almighty Jealous***, no one because that word **jealous** simply describes a single trait of the Almighty's character. He is a *jealous 'EL (singular Deity vs. the plural Elohiym)*. In other words, the Almighty's name goes far beyond the actual sound of a noun however correctly it is spoken. And that is what we at Follow Freedom Ministry try to keep in focus: **The Almighty's name is His character.** That is the fact we wish to experience in our lives and proclaim to others. Correct Hebrew spellings and pronunciations of the various nouns will come in His time. **As far as we are concerned, only those who reflect YAHUWAH's character really know his name.** Consequently we treat with utmost caution those who profess to know the Almighty's Name. To be sure they may think they know how to pronounce or spell it, some can even write it in the Hebrew language: but alas! Of those we have met, many are strangers to His Holy Spirit. They do not really know Him or His Son. They have a strange spirit that motivates them. Consequently I hesitate to write off the rest of the Messianic Believers known in the world as Christendom simply because they don't not know or use the sacred names. On the great **Day of Judgment** I am sure we will discover that many Believers we have dismissed as semi-pagans knowing little or nothing of Scripture, are in fact a lot more spiritually minded and productive than we are. So let us all tread with care: and if I may offer a line of advice it would be this: **Endeavour to demonstrate in your own life - by your character - that you really know the Name of the Almighty: that is, that you know Him! And knowing is life eternal.**

## What about the use of Words and Names

Though Follow Freedom use the sacred names we do not consider it a sin to also use the names/titles **Jesus Christ, LORD God** etc. Why not? Number one we are not legalists and second because we communicate with thousands of English-speaking believers and unbelievers alike from over 30 countries. On the Internet we reach millions more. Many of these people possess, or have heard passages read from, the **King**

**James and other versions** of the Bible. As a Ministry that believes in the inerrancy of the Word of God in it's original writing we could hardly say that the most renowned Bible version of all time is full of errors; or that the Almighty who inspired its publication and preservation somehow got His and His Son's name so wrong that to use them would amount to sin! As you know the English language like many others has hundreds of words, which are borrowed from other languages. Literally scores of these words have their roots in **paganism** and many are derived from the names of pagan gods. In fact the English language itself, as far as the Jews are concerned, is a pagan language - every word of it. Below is a short list of words, (those beginning with capital letters are the names of **pagan gods**) which are used in everyday English. We would find it difficult to communicate if these words were removed from our English dictionaries.

- Ⓢ Amazon, Andes, Atlas
- Ⓢ Baby, Beauty, Bible, Biceps, Bull
- Ⓢ Chaos, Charisma, Charm, Chastity, Church, Cosmos,
- Ⓢ Dad, demonstrate, Ding (thing), Discord
- Ⓢ Earth, echo, era, error, Ether, Elfen, Eve (Adam's wife was Chawwah not Eve)
- Ⓢ Faith, Famous, fauna, Ferver, Felicity, Flora, Fortune, furor
- Ⓢ Gad, God, (luck) Genius, Glory, glorify, glorious, Grim
- Ⓢ Hades, Happy, Harmony, Hero, holy, honor, Hope, hunger, hospital
- Ⓢ Idea, index, inferno, Iris
- Ⓢ Joy, joyful, Just
- Ⓢ King, kosmic (cosmic) Komedy (comedy)
- Ⓢ Laodicea, larva, Lauerd (Lord) loll, Lucifer, Luck, lunar
- Ⓢ Majesty, Manis, marathon, martial, meander, music, mute
- Ⓢ Narcissus, narcotic, nice, Nymph, nimble
- Ⓢ Obstinacy, ode, odius, olympic, oracle
- Ⓢ Pallar, Pander, Papa, Paris, Paulina, Pegasus, penis, petition, Phoebe, Phyllis, Piety, psyche, Python
- Ⓢ Quiet
- Ⓢ Ridiculous, Roman, religion, renown, rhesus, rumour
- Ⓢ Sacred (consecrate), saga, salus (salvation), santus (sanctify) Saturn, Saturn'sday (Saturday), saturate, Saude (persuade), scan, solar, Spartan, status, sun
- Ⓢ Taciturn, Tartarus, Tartar, Tauros, tell, temper, terror, test, testimony, The (Theos), thing, thunder, Titan, triumph, trivial, touch, tyranny
- Ⓢ Valiant, vampire, Vatican, verify, Victor, Virtue, vulcanize, volcano, etc. etc.

**All these words**, and I can assure you there are hundreds more, have '**pagan roots**.' Many are the names of pagan gods. Add to this list the pagan names of the week (**Sunday, Monday, Tuesday** etc.) or the names of many months. On top of this add also the names of hundreds, yea tens of thousands, of pagan names people have and you have a formidable list of words, titles and names, which are directly linked to pagan religions and their gods. Are we to stop using all these names as some suggest? As you probably know, every human language is similarly loaded with words from other tongues. Before the world war II Hitler tried to purify the German language by purging words with foreign roots. He miserably failed. Yes, every language on earth - including Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek - is riddled with foreign (pagan) words. We will need to wait for the Almighty to **purify every language**: because all are as corrupt as is English. That day is near.

Zephaniah 3: *8: Therefore wait ye upon me, saith YHWH, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.*

*9: For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of YHWH, to serve him with one consent.*

### Notes:

1. **Most Semitic scholars transliterate waw as a "w" or a "u"**, depending on school and pronunciation. **Vav and the use of V, did not originate till later.** When Eliezer Ben Yehuda, the father of modern Hebrew, was reviving Hebrew in the late 1800's and early 1900's, so that a nation could be established, he tried to avoid the Ashkenazic dialect as much as possible, preferring the Sephardic. "The Ashkenazic variety of Hebrew reminded the Council too much of Yiddish, the despised language of the Exile in the opinion of most of the Council's members, which in particular, contained the same set of vowel phonemes. Pre-Masoretic Bible, Alexander Sperber, Pg. 26
  - a. **WHETHER** to pronounce Yahweh's Name with a "v" or "w" hinges on which letter accurately transliterates the sound of the Hebrew letter W or "waw" in the Tetragrammaton, YHWH.

We must take into consideration the ancient pronunciation of the waw and whether "v", "w" or "u" as we know them accurately reflect that ancient pronunciation. The following information is derived from a number of sources, including G.B. Palatino's **Lettere Romane** (1545). 'U' and 'W' are variants of 'V' which was being used for two different sounds in medieval England. 'U' was introduced to give a SOFT VOWEL SOUND as opposed to the harder consonant sound of 'V'. 'W' began as a ligature. **Two 'V' letterforms were joined into 'VV' to represent 'double U' in 12th-century England.** Those who use the "v" form of Yahweh's Name (Yahveh) should note that the Name is spelled "Yahweh" in almost all academic publications, many by people well-studied in the Hebrew language, including Hebrew speakers. Hebrew linguists believe the third letter waw was in ancient times pronounced as "w" (hence it is named "waw").

In later Hebrew its pronunciation, influenced by European languages, was changed to "v" and the letter was later called "vav," according to the **Encyclopædia Judaica**. The **Judaica** shows that the semitic languages nearest Israel use the "w" pronunciation as opposed to the "v" pronunciation found in those speakers of Hebrew living in or closer to Europe. Those using the "w" sound include Jews of Babylonia, Yemeni, Morocco, Samaria, the Sephardi (Temple Hebrew) and Portuguese. Those using the "v" sound of "waw" include Hebrew-speaking communities in Italy, Poland, Germany, and Lithuania. These Europeans picked up the Germanic "v" and transferred it to the waw.

The change from W to V is very well known, for example, in most of the continental languages like German (also the descendants of Latin). We know from historical comparisons that direction of change in Latin was from W to V. English has remained faithful to an old W sound for over six thousand years, while it changed to V in Late Latin almost two thousand years ago (but had not yet changed in Classical Latin). The "w" is formed by putting two "v" letters together, but it is called a double-u because it is made up of two letters originally pronounced as we do the "u." One needs only to look at old government building

architecture with inscriptions bearing a “v” but pronounced like a “u” to see that the “v” was originally a vowel sound like “u” (e.g. bvilding, Jvly).

It was not until the dictionary was published that a decided difference was made between the “v” and the “u.” It is more than coincidence that the U, V, and W occur together in our alphabet; it shows a common relationship that these letters had in derivation and similar pronunciation.

The English name “Jehovah” was invented by Roman Catholics sometime in the Middle Ages, based on a misunderstanding of Masoretic Hebrew texts. It is a hybrid word consisting of the Tetragrammaton YHWH (“J” used to be pronounced as “Y”) and the vowels for the word “Adonai.” Though “Jehovah” is used a few times in the 1611 King James Version (e.g., Gen 22:14; Exod 6:3; Isa 12:2; Ps 83:18) and is found in many older Christian hymns, it is not the authentic biblical pronunciation of the sacred Name (For a discussion of the “Jehovah or Yahweh” question see “God, Names of” in *Encyclopedia Judaica*, vol. 7, col. 680, or George F. Moore, *Judaism in the First Centuries of the Christian Era: The Age of the Tannaim* (3 vols., Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Univ. Press, 1927-30), vol. 1, p. 219 and note 1, p. 427. Most modern Bible translations have notes on this issue in their introductions, agreeing that the true Name of the Heavenly Father is Yahweh. ***So since above they themselves say the W is V V together pronounced UU then even Yahweh would be pronounced YAHUWAH, which is known among the Jews today.***

In conclusion, although it is not necessarily wrong being deceived to say God’s name as Jehovah, by no means can it be claimed that Jehovah is the name of God that has only been restored to us in these recent times. At best Jehovah can only be claimed to be an acceptable way of pronouncing God’s name in the English language, and at worst it could be said to be a phonetic corruption of God’s name. The revelation pronunciation of God’s revealed name is YAHUWAH.

YAHUWAH bless all seeking truth

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