

*Chapter 4

Thy Name, the Name Above All Names

* Jesus' Last Will and Testament ~ John 17

Jesus prays for himself: John 17:1-6

1. These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
2. As thou has given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.
3. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
4. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
5. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
6. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

Jesus prays for his disciples: John 17:7-19

7. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.
8. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.
9. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.
10. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
11. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.
12. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
13. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
14. I have given them thy word: and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
17. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
18. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Jesus prays for all believers: John 17:20-26

20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.
21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
22. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
23. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
24. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world.
25. O righteous Father, the world hath not know thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou has sent me.
26. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou has loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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Jesus uses his Father's name to accomplish his work.

John 17:6, 11-12, 26

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We can see there is importance to Jesus using his Father's name.

Paul tells us in Philippians 2 that name also did this:

9) “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father.”

- What do you think that name was...the name above every name?
- Was it Jesus?
- Was it Jesus Christ?

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Let's explore the names of God to see what name Jesus was given! And the power in that name!

Genesis 1:1-3

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”

God is *ELOHIYM*

Strong's #430

ELOHIYM used 32 times in Genesis chapter 1

Spirit is *RUACH* (feminine noun)

#7307

Elohiym - represents the plurality of the Godhead
(Father, Word and Spirit)

It is plurality in unity. It also stands for them working in covenant relationship.

All of creation, animate and inanimate, was created by the covenant God, Elohiym (see Drawing 2).

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These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD GOD made the earth and the heavens, and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD GOD had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the LORD GOD formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:4-7



Another name is being used here:
LORD GOD



Lord (*YHVH*) God (*Elohiym*)



Strong's #3068 and #430



The name YHVH is introduced here
along with Elohiym.

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Let me share an example:

- 1) The 3rd world country meeting
- 2) The lady in the back

Does this help explain why it is important to know the name of the God we serve? Our country is becoming more and more diverse in the deity(ies) that are worshipped. The world has many, many deities.

Now, let's explore the name YHVH:

- YHVH - #3068 - The original pronunciation is not known.
- It is a Hebrew tetragram or tetragrammation (or a word of four letters).
- The Hebrew alphabet consists of 22 letters.
 - All letters are regarded as consonants.
 - Points or marks are added to help in the pronunciation of the words.
 - These points or marks serve as vowels.
- Unlike the English written language, there is no distinction between capitals, italics, etc., in the Hebrew biblical text.
- The Massorete Scribes inserted vowels into the consonantal Hebrew text around 300 BC. Thus we have YaHVeh.

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Let's find the Hebrew root word for YHVH...

YHVH (#3068) means “the existing one”

1. The proper name of the one true God. a) Unpronounced except with the vowels point of 0136

Exodus 3:13 “And Moses said unto God, (ELOHIYM) Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God (ELOHIYM) of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?”

Exodus 3:14 “And God (ELOHIYM) said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.”

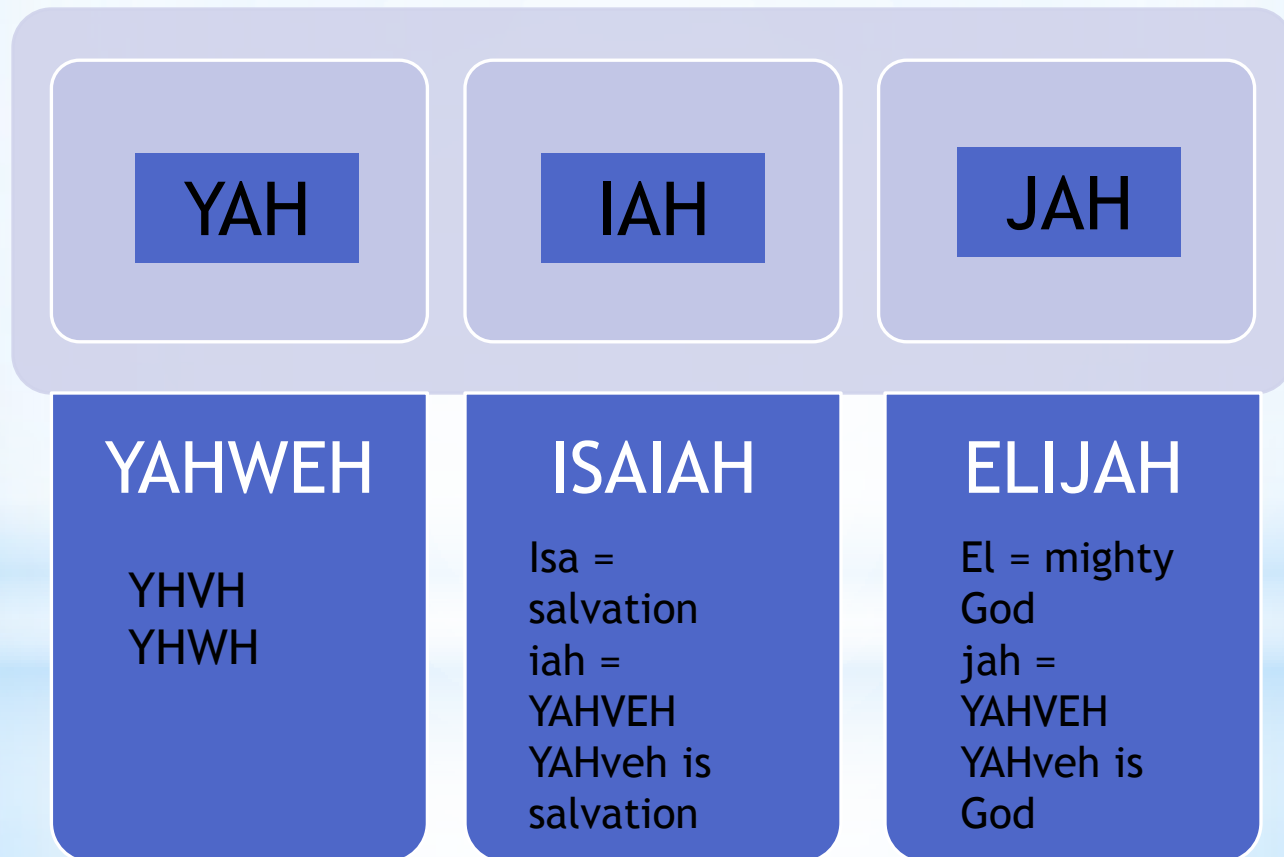
I AM THAT I AM, Strong's #1961 - *hayah* - A Hebrew causative verb meaning “to be”.
This one word represents the entire phrase. God was telling Moses to tell the people.

I AM THAT I AM ----- I WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN!

From *hayah* we get the Hebrew tetragram YHVH (#3068). With its vowels YHVH becomes YahVeH

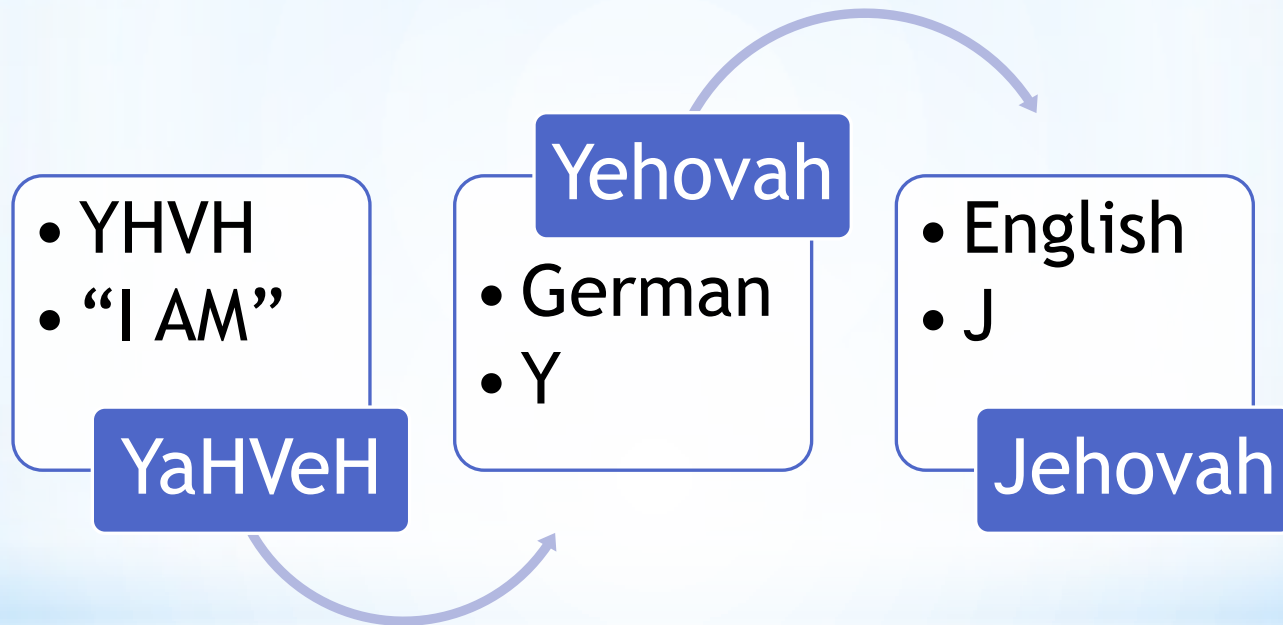
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Following are a few names with the variations of YAH...



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Over the years and through several translations we see how the Name has evolved.



Other instances: Jacob/Yacob Joseph/Yoseph Joshua/Yeshua

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I AM THE COVENANT GOD
WHO WILL MAKE IT
HAPPEN

Just what did this name mean?
It meant supernatural intervention!



I AM THAT I AM

This is the God that you
and I serve and worship!

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Was this name only for the folks in the Old Testament? NO!!!!

In the New Testament, Jesus refers to himself in “*I AM*” statements 23 times. In the Gospel of John alone we see the following:

I AM the bread of life.	6:35, 41, 48, 51
I AM the light of the world.	8:12
I AM the door of the sheep.	10:7, 9
I AM the good shepherd.	10:11, 14
I AM the resurrection and the life.	11:25
I AM the way, the truth, and the life.	14:6
I AM the true vine.	15:1, 5

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Please see Table 3 on page 82 in the text.

Jesus further exclaims: John 8:58

**“...I assure you,
most solemnly I tell you,
before Abraham was born,
I AM.”**

Jesus was teaching his disciples:

I COVENANT WITH YOU THAT I WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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So far we have learned who the Godhead is and that they (The Triune Godhead) were involved in creation and sustaining the children of Israel. We have explored 'the Name'. Some of those names are:

Elohiym

Ruach

YHVH

I AM

YAHveh

Jehovah

YAHshua

Jesus

We now know that certain names means different things or have different characteristics. For instance, Elohiym means the triune Godhead working in covenant relation.

As much as possible now, read the Scriptures using their actual names. It will enhance the meaning of what you are reading. The Old Testament is fairly easy to read like this if you have the Strong's numbers.

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Now to finish this off...

- I feel the name given to Jesus was YAHveh – His Father's name – the name above all names...thus,
 - YAHshua
 - Why? One reason, Hebraic/Jewish culture
- Jesus, YAHshua, operates in his given place of authority --- at the right hand of Father (YAHveh)

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Next week:

Chapter 5

Eternal Life Is What? When? Where?

Please read this chapter.

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Other information in Chapter 4 follows - depending upon the timeframe allowed.

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When Jesus was dying on the cross who was he crying out to?

Matthew 27:45-51

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man called for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent...

Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

That is to say, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?

What did the people say?

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We just read Matthew's report, now let's read Mark's...Luke and John

Mark 15:33-38

“And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? Which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold he calleth Elias. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom?”

An OT prophetic reference:

Psalm 22:1

“My God (El #410), my God (El), why hast thou forsaken me?”

Luke 23:46

Luke and John bring clarification.

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father into thy hands I commend my spirit, and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

John 19:30

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

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Let's take a closer look at the difference between Matthew's and Mark's version:

Matthew 27:46

“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

Eli - #2241

El - #410 “my God”

Mark 15:34

“Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? Which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

Eloi - #1682 - the Greek transliteration of Aramaic, *elohi*, “my God.”

Jesus is not calling on Elijah. He is crying out to the other two covenant members Eloi - Father and Holy Spirit. This covenant and the prayers that he prayed would carry him through this great finish.

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Why did Jesus cry out in such anguish of heart? Luke 22:41-44

First of all, Father-God could not look upon sin.

While the covenant stood firm, Jesus still had to fulfill every jot and tittle of the law (Matthew 5:18) regarding him as the sacrifice.

His human body would experience the rebuke, persecution, crucifixion, and then pass through the valley of death.

Secondly, Jesus had never been separated from his covenant partners.

Father and Holy Spirit were not turning his back on Jesus, but Father could not look upon sin. Jesus knew he was going to go through a hard thing - Heb. 5:7-9.

For the moment, things were out of Jesus' hands, but not out of the hands of the Godhead.

His blood was applied to the heavenly Holy of Holies!

He slammed into hell and took the keys of death and hell from satan!!! (Rev. 1:18)

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Prayer and the Name

John 16:26-28

At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.”

When you utilize Jesus' name in the will of the Father, you are releasing your God-given authority (exousia) to work for you in the supernatural (dunamis). The supernatural involves his plan. Those are things you cannot do in yourself, but God is going to do it through you in prayer.

* Can you save a soul?

*Can you heal the sick?

Can you raise the dead?

Can you fill someone with the Holy Spirit?

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Turn to page 88 in book and read Dutch Sheet's illustration.

Prayer Potential - *Exousia* and *Dunamis*

- John 17:2 tells us that Jesus was given power (exousia) over ALL flesh. Jesus tells us that we will be given authority to do what he did.
- This means we have power (exousia) over the flesh (both mankind and the fallen nature) with his assistance!
- This means that same power that operated in Jesus' life and ministry is available to us.
- Further, the Bible tells us that Jesus wants to continue his ministry through us.
- Note that he forcefully claims that he will be the implementing agent. "I will do it" assures us that the risen Christ, glorified and reigning through the power of the Holy Spirit, will undertake to accomplish prayers prayed in his name.

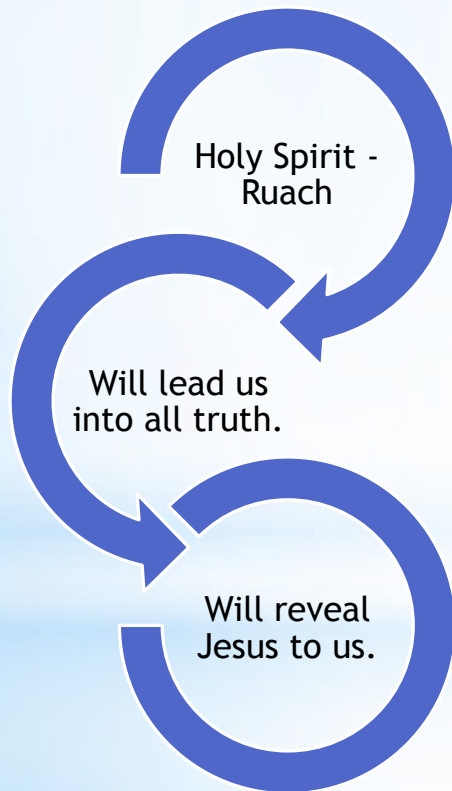
John 14:12-14

Matthew 28:18-20

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Prayer Potential - *Exousia* and *Dunamis*

Jesus tells his disciples that he will send Holy Spirit. John 16:7



Luke 24:49 tells us that through Holy Spirit we will be “endued with power from on high”.

To be “endued with” is the Greek word *endusesthe* from the verb *enduno*, meaning clothed or to put on a garment.

Judges 6 - Gideon

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- Judges 6:34 “But the Spirit (Ruach) of the Lord (YHVH) came upon Gideon and he blew the trumpet (shofar)...”
- YAHweh clothed Gideon with himself!
- What gave Gideon courage to blow the shofar, to rally the forces of Israel against Midian, and to go bravely into battle with such a small army?
- YAHweh clothed Gideon with himself and Gideon was able to accomplish the supernatural.
- Is there anything too hard for YAH?
- Whose clothes are you wearing?



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- Gideon led his people to victory in Holy Spirit clothes.
- While salvation brings the life of God into your spirit, the baptism of Holy Spirit brings the *dunamis* power of Holy Spirit into your life.
- In Acts 2 the 120 people on the day of Pentecost were able to communicate in languages they had never learned.
- Miraculously, through the power of Holy Spirit, they were able to share the wonderful works of God.
- They were endued with power from on high.

Joel 2:38-29

Acts 2

Acts 8:12-27

Acts 10:44-46

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- Work done in our own strength remains in the human realm.
- Work done for God in human strength is religion.
- But, the Lord's work done by his power through us is the abundant life to the reaper and the sower.
- In the name, Jesus Christ (YAHshua) is unlimited power, authority and presence.
- He guides our prayers, gives power to implement the answers we are given, and makes us unafraid as we face the future.

HE IS THE COVENANT GOD WHO MAKES IT HAPPEN!!!