
What is the Messiah's Name?

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The Sacred Name **YAHWEH** is possibly the most consistent doctrine permeating the Scriptures, with the possible exception of the importance of keeping the Law of Yahweh. Apparently many of the denominations of Christianity concur with this finding as their literature reveals. The lack of quarrel with this issue is so obvious that at times we have almost anticipated some of the writers of the articles to be knocking on the doors of the Assemblies of Yahweh at any moment.

While religious writers may agree that the Heavenly Father's Name is Yahweh, they usually invent some convenient strategy to avoid using it. One method of circumventing the issue points out that we do not know how to pronounce it. But this objection can be dispatched readily. Our constant research is unearthing conclusive proof that we can indeed know how to pronounce His Name, among which is the

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statement in the **Encyclopedia Judaica**, Article "God, Names of": "The true pronunciation of the name YHWH waft never lost. Several early Greek writers of the Christian Church testify that the name was pronounced 'Yahweh.'" Isaiah 52:6, "***Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that does speak; behold, it is I.***"

Another stratagem which is employed by various denominations in a determined effort to avoid strict obedience to the Word of Yahweh proposes that there are many names for the Almighty and that not merely one Name is enough to satisfy His magnificent nature. But this fabricated objection is totally transparent to the Bible student as he recalls that throughout the In-

spired Scriptures the word *shem* (name) is always **SINGULAR** when referring to the Almighty. In addition Psalm 83:18 and Proverbs 30:4, among a host of others, can be called forth to prove conclusively that there is only one Name for the Almighty to be found throughout the Bible, although He does have many descriptive titles. Why not check the literature of your denomination and see their stand on the Sacred Name doctrine? Watch for candid admissions about the veracity of the Sacred Name and then scrutinize carefully the transparent and frail arguments against using it in worship.

That Annoying Name— Yahshua

It is the Savior's Hebrew Name that really annoys and angers most of the church members, however. You need do nothing more than begin using the Savior's Name,

Yahshua the Messiah, and immediately the average church member will bristle and become indignant. Just what is the source of this ingrained resentment? Could it be that they do not wish to learn that they have been deceived in trusting in a name which holds no salvation? Possibly they realize that their position is precarious where their salvation is concerned unless they can prove that it is acceptable to the Almighty to use the common name Jesus for the Savior. So they desperately begin fabricating a way to circumvent having to use the true Hebrew Name for the Messiah, revealing their hereditary anti-Semitism.



A STRIKING resemblance: The bust is that of ZEUS, the statue is that of the Christian JESUS. We cannot condone intermixing Scripture and pagan traditions.

New Testament Inspired in Hebrew

One of the first challenges which is hurled at the Sacred Name believer is that the New Testament was written in Greek originally and therefore the, name “Jesus” is acceptable for common use. They even attach the misnomer “inspired” when they speak of the Greek New Testament. As we have shown in this publication and in the new booklet off the press recently, scholarship will not support such a claim. If you have not as yet seen or considered the other side of the argument, why not send for this free booklet right now? It is called “Exploding the Inspired GREEK New Testament Myth!” No cost or other obligation.

Is It Jesus?

After the universal argument that the New Testament was originally inspired to be written in the Greek language has been dealt such a devastating blow by scholarship, several denominations have “gnashed upon us with their teeth,” much as happened with the early apostles. Several crucial problems are presented by this repudiation and can best be posed in the

following questions. Since it is provable that there was no consonantal “J” sound in the English language before 1565 when it was created by a printer named Gille Beys, how was the Savior’s Name pronounced before then? Therefore, we are forced to conclude that the word “Jesus” is no older than the 16th or 17th century and this can be proved from various dictionaries and early printed versions of the New Testament. Another glaring difficulty with accepting a “second hand” name of recent origin like “Jesus” for the only name which will bring you salvation, is the fact that it is strikingly similar to the name of the pagan Greek deity Zeus. This fact can be verified from the Smith-Goodspeed Bible translation of the Apocrypha in 2 Maccabees 6:2, when you take all facets of this incident into consideration.

Linking Zeus With Jesus

Since we expect a challenge on this assertion that “Zeus” and “Jesus” are linked etymologically, the following research is offered as proof. In the pagan Greek religion a deity was worshiped who was

called “Dionysus.” He was parallel in mythology to Bacchus, the deity of wine. In the **Larousse Encyclopedia of Mythology** (Paul Hamlyn, London), we find this startling and forthright statement: **“DIONYSUS IS ETYMOLOGICALLY THE ‘ZEUS OF NYSA’ and seems, by several similarities of legend and function, to be the Greek form of the Vedic god Soma.”** (Page 178) (Emphasis ours throughout the article.) There is further elucidation on this name and its etymology in **The Two Babylons** by Alexander Hislop, page 71: **“From this point let the well-known name of Bacchus in Greece be looked at. The name was Dionysus or Dionusos. What is the meaning of that name? Hitherto it has defied all interpretation. But deal with it as belonging to the language of that land from which the god himself originally came, and the meaning of it is plain. Dion-nuso-s signifies ‘The Sinbearer,’ a name entirely appropriate to the character of him whose sufferings were represented as so mysterious, and who was looked up to as the ‘great purifier of souls.’”** Then

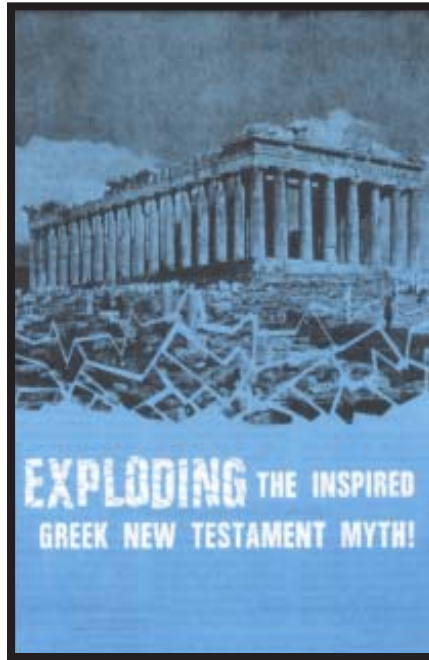
a note at the bottom of the page shows how this name was originally derived from the **HEBREW WORDS** for bearing iniquity in Exodus 28:38.

Here we have another glaring instance of how **the pure Worship of the Inspired Scriptures was corrupted by the thoughts and ideas of men.** Did you note the final syllable of the name Dionysus? It is identical to the ending of “Jesus” and we read further on page 72 of **The Two Babylons** (and elsewhere also), that *Zeus* was known as *the Savior*, proving that he was worshiped through Dionysus as the Great Sinbearer in ancient Greece. Obviously the etymology proves that the reason for selecting the suffix for the word Jesus was because of Dionysus or Zeus, who was known as the Greek Savior when the Bible was translated into that language.

It is imperative that we seek to eliminate all vestiges of paganism from our worship or we will be denied acceptance by Almighty Yahweh. And that catharsis should begin with the Name which we call our Redeemer and Messiah, who was an Israelite and a Hebrew, and whose real name was Yahshua the Messiah.

The Suffix SUS

Let us focus just a little more thoroughly on the suffix of the name Jesus. Research has shown that all paganization of the Hebrew True Worship is traceable to the traditional worship of Nimrod and Semiramis, the founders of ancient Babylon and Assyria. As Dr. Alexander Hislop has pointed out in his book, **The Two Babylons**, the ritual slaughter of a boar or hog was done by various pagans on the venerable day of the sun, the winter solstice, Christmas day, (pgs. 100-101)! Several of our encyclopedic dictionaries in the Assemblies of Yahweh Library are excellent source material for explaining this point. Several of these volumes are listed



Many arguments fabricated against the use of the Sacred Names are based on the assumption that the New Testament was written in Greek.

Examine the evidence in this article by obtaining a copy from:

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so that you can seek them in your local library: **Zell's Popular Encyclopedia & Universal Dictionary of the English Language, Science, Literature, and Art** (T. Edward Zell, 1870, Phila.), **Webster's Universal Unabridged Dictionary**, and **Webster's 20th Century Unabridged Dictionary**.

The following is a quote from page 100 in **The Two Babylons**: *"In Egypt swine were offered once a year, at the feast of the Moon, to the Moon, and Bacchus [Dionysus] or Osirus, and to them only was it lawful to make such an offering."* Here then is the reason for selecting the desecrating sacrifice and day by Antiochus Ephiphanes. It appears that the case becomes even more airtight as we search the writings of Josephus. **Antiquities XIII-VIII-2**, *"So those that were at*

the gates received the sacrifices from those that brought them, and led them to the temple, Antiochus the meanwhile feasting his army, which was quite different conduct from Antiochus Epiphanes, who, when he had taken the city, offered swine upon the altar, and sprinkled the temple with the broth of their flesh, 'in order to violate the laws of the Jews and the religion they derived from their forefathers; for which reason our nation made war with him, and would never be reconciled to him; but for this Antiochus, all men called him Antiochus the Pious, for the great zeal he had about religion."

As you will recall, in 2 Maccabees 6:2 we find that the deity to which Antiochus Epiphanes offered the swine was called in some translations Zeus and others Jupiter, both the identically same deity worshiped in different nations under different names, and the unclean sacrifice was made on **Chisleu 25 (December 25), the day of the winter solstice and the birthday of the sun deity in pagan mythology.** This is HARD EVIDENCE and not mere coincidence! Interestingly, in Hebrew the word *piggul* means *"to stink or be unclean ceremonially."* Evidently from this word comes our English word *pig*.

Additionally, the suffix was found elsewhere, as seen in this quote: *"Rat drew from himself and without recourse from woman the first divine couple. It was not until much later that he was given as his spouse Rat—which is only his own name feminised—or Iusaas, Eus-os..."*

Larousse Encyclopedia of Mythology, page 12. See also the references for Theseus in the Index.

The ONE Name

Additionally, if we conclude that IESOUS is an attempted transliteration of the Aramaic name **YESHUA**, then we are continuing to corrupt the one Name by which we must be saved when we use the

variation JESUS. Let us refresh our minds with the message of Acts 4:12 and then continue to study to show ourselves approved unto Yahweh. ***“And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, in which we must be saved.”*** As you study the Word of Yahweh more thoroughly every day, the obvious reasons continue to emerge why there can be only ONE NAME for the Messiah, the Savior of Israel and the Redeemer of the World.

The Sound “SH”

Scholars have tried to show that there is no “sh” sound in the Greek language and therefore the name “Jesus” is acceptable. However, first allow me to emphasize the fact that IESOUS was only an attempted transliteration from the **ORIGINAL** into another language-Greek. So if we are to **find the pure and true worship**, it is absolutely essential that **we return to the source as closely as we can get to it**. There is an “sh” sound in Hebrew! What is wrong with going back to the Name for our Savior which was given by the angel in Matthew 1:21? Should we not desire to be corrected of the errors which we have believed in the past and fall humbly to our knees before Almighty Yahweh saying, “Show me what you wish me to do to be saved”? By continuing to clutch desperately to the corrupted name “Jesus” we stand guilty of fostering a language corruption! For example, those readers who have ever done any carpentry work have probably at one time cut a board as a pattern as they were building. They continued to use this pattern and each board came from the saw with the exact same length. However, if each time the freshly sawed board was used for the pattern, you would soon find that the boards wouldn’t fit since they became longer with each cut. This is an

exact illustration of how the name “Jesus” has been corrupted because it was derived from a foreign, second generation attempt to transliterate the Hebrew Name **YAHSHUA**. It is our opinion that the “sh” sound could have been brought over and taught as a sound in the Greek and most probably was so presented by the Apostles. Much corruption has entered the True Worship over the past 1900 years since the Apostolic era and it is up to you and me in the last days to eliminate it when it is encountered if we wish to restore true Apostolic worship.

What Was the Savior’s True Hebrew Name?

Without exception, all knowledgeable sources declare that the Savior’s Name which He was given by the angel who appeared to Joseph in Matthew 1:21 was **YAHSHUA**. In the Hebrew it is spelled יהושע and many Bible translations give the variation “Jehoshua” (Numbers 13:16) as the attempted transliteration. Consequently, many of the readers of this magazine have questioned the form **YAHSHUA** which is used in this publication.

The difficulty which is presented by the form **JEHOSHUA** is readily explainable. We have proved that the vowel points which dictate this form of transliteration here are less ancient than the letters of the word, having been introduced between 600 and 900 C.E. As with the tetragrammaton, we must reject these vowel points because they are producing a hybrid word if we were to render it **JEHOSHUA**. To be consistent we must reject the vowel points and we find simply the letters in Hebrew יהיה. The first three letters are vowels as may be ascertained from Josephus’ **War of the Jews**, Book 5, Chapter 5, Section 7, and any good Hebrew grammar book under the subject of “Vowel Letters.” If you would like more evidence on this point, please feel

free to write to us and request it.

On many occasions these first three letters of the Savior’s Hebrew Name appear to be misunderstood and questions arise because of the ׁ (waw). Many ancient documents have been uncovered by archaeological expeditions, and also various instances in the Inspired Hebrew Scriptures show, that when the Name Yahweh was applied to the name of a person, it was abbreviated by using the form יהי. There is no precedent anywhere for using the entire tetragrammaton when it is applied to a **human being**. **Now remember that we have proved these letters to be vowels. They are NOT consonants** and therefore **CANNOT** be pronounced **YEHU**. They must be pronounced **YAHW** since they are equivalent to the English vowels **IAU**. As Dr. Edward Horowitz has shown graphically in his book, **How the Hebrew Language Grew**, these are weak letters and lose some of their precision when spoken. Therefore the first three letters are pronounced as one syllable and waw draws out the **hay**, so that instead of a short exhalation as is normal at the end of the **hay**, the sound emerges as **YAHW**. Try saying it to yourself.

The remainder of the Savior’s Name is שׁע. It is pronounced “**shua**” and you may confirm this from the **Strong’s Concordance**, number 8668. Actually the last short “a” which transliterates the ׁ is not the feminine ending. This letter in the Hebrew language is the most difficult to pronounce distinctly and so it takes on the sound of a short guttural “a” in this instance. This does not, however, make it into a feminine name as the other Hebrew names ending in ׁ, **ah**.

Source Material

You may check the following source material which shows that the Savior’s Name was יהושע and should be pronounced “Yahshua.”

Remember that some of these references print "Joshua," but we know that the J was a Y originally and should be pronounced Yahshua. First turn to Numbers 13:16 in your Bible and see the Savior's Name as you may never have seen it before. Cross out the first two vowels and you have YAHSHUA. In reality the Israelite general who wrote the 6th book in the Bible, usually spelled "JOSHUA," is a perfect type of the Messiah, since he took Israel into the promised land as the Messiah will be doing for the Israel of Yahweh within a few years as He establishes the Kingdom on this earth. Then you can check the **McKenzie Bible Dictionary** (Bruce Publishing Co.), **Hasting's Bible Dictionary** (Charles Scribner's Sons), **McClintock and Strong's Bible Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature** (Baker Book House), **Jewish Encyclopedia** (Ktav Publishing), **Encyclopedia Britannica** (Oxford), **Encyclopedia Judaica** (Macmillan Co.), **Companion Bible** (Bagster Publishing), **Douay Catholic Translation** (Catholic Book Publishing Co.), **Encyclopedia Dictionary of the Bible** (McGraw-Hill), and **Smith's Bible Dictionary** (Zondervan). You might also check your own dictionary and see that it will confirm what has been said above.

Why the Form Yeshua?

How about the form Yeshua or Jeshua as it appears occasionally? Can this have been the Savior's Name? In an article called, "Judaism and Professors of Religion," (**Jewish Quarterly Review**, January, 1970), Dr. Solomon Zeitlin says, "ישוע". *This is how [Yahshua] wrote His name in Hebrew.*" (The foregoing word and sentence is taken from a book under review by Dr. Zeitlin.) *"The innocent reader would assume*

that this is the autograph of [Yahshua]. ישוע [Yeshua] is not Hebrew. In Hebrew the name is written יהושע [Yahshua]."

Here we have the voice of a great scholarly authority writing for the benefit of correcting a misunderstanding by the writer of the book under review. "Yeshua" is late Hebrew or Aramaic. It is from the time when the Jews began to suppress the use of the tetragrammaton in mundane usage. They began to distort the pronunciation of the NAME "YAH," pronouncing it "Ye." They are still doing this in our day. Again allow us to emphasize the fact that the Savior's Name is recognized as being YAHSHUA in Hebrew, and not Yeshua or Jesus'.

***Most people
cannot stand to
hear the Name of
Yahshua the
Messiah coming
from the
lips of True
Worshippers.***

What About Christ?

Another question which is asked frequently concerns the term "CHRIST." Any good dictionary and the sources mentioned previously will confirm that it is an attempted translation of the Hebrew word משיח (messyach or Messiah). It is imperative that we return to the **original** once more rather than using the **pattern** to derive further words which are not even

English in nature. Why not return to the original language from which came the concept of a Mighty Jewish Monarch who will rule in the Kingdom of Yahweh? You do not get this graphic picture by using "Christ!"

In the past we have suggested the origin of the word "Christ" as being derived from the Indian deity "Chrishna." This has been ridiculed in some quarters, so it is time that we present some of the scholarship which, we have uncovered on this subject. On page 60 of **The Two Babylons** by Alexander Hislop you will find a representation of Chrishna crushing the head of the serpent with his foot. It is just too obvious that this is a portrayal to fulfill Genesis 3:15. ***"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed: he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*** So the serpent-crusher of India was Chrishna. This is confirmed exactly by Dr. Ignaz Goldzhier in his book, **Mythology Among the Hebrews**, as he ties together the deities of Greece and India throughout his book. The same comparison is made by Robert Taylor in his **Diegesis**, in his chapter on Christina. You may find additional information in the **Larousse's Encyclopedia of Mythology**. After a careful study of these and other sources it is obvious that the name "Christ" is linked quite closely with pagan worship. It should be our desire as True Worshipers to return to pure doctrine as closely as we can get to it and thus the original Messianic concept and term must take precedent over any word which was linked with paganism.

Does It Really Make a Difference?

Can it be that the Sacred Name Doctrine is really just a "picky" point when it comes to True Bible Doctrine? Should we be so strict in our

eviction of pagan influence from what we believe? The obvious answer to these questions is another question: Can we be strict with one portion of the Scriptures and not with another part? Obviously we must be total in our commitment to obedience to the Almighty Heavenly Father Yahweh.

If you have been doing any studying into the events which will lead up to the last days at the close of this age, it becomes obvious that the Savior's Name will prove to be of **vital importance!** We are in that precise era **now** and this is the reason why the Sacred Name message is being preached once again at the close of this age, as it was in the days of the Apostles. Let us see this proved conclusively from the Inspired Scriptures.

Philadelphia and the Savior's Name

Assuredly, all religious groups on the spectrum of christianity seek to be the fulfillment of the Philadelphia Assembly of Revelation 3:7-13. But how many people are willing to pay the price to enter this select group? Few indeed are able to accomplish it. First of all, that select group is to be **few in number**, with only a **little strength**, but an **OPEN DOOR** has been set before them which no man can shut, because they have **"kept My Words, and have not denied MY NAME!"** Now where did this irritating phrase, "MY NAME" appear from anyway? It is entirely obvious that in our day it is the SAVIOR'S NAME which produces the irritation and not exclusively the NAME OF ALMIGHTY YAHWEH. It is the Name of Yahshua the Messiah which the people cannot stand to hear coming from the lips of the True Worshipers. The irony of this is that most of the hostility comes from people who claim to be in the Philadelphia era of the Revelation assemblies!

A Startling Prophecy for Today!

Would you believe that the Name of Yahshua the Messiah will be crucial in arousing the end-time prophesied religious persecution which is to take place just before the end of the age? It will definitely be the Savior's Revealed Personal Name which will bring this time of testing of the True Worshipers to fruition according to the Messiah's own message to His people. Turn with me to Matthew 24:9. **"Then shall they deliver you up to tribulation, and shall kill you: and you shall be hated of all the nations FOR MY NAME'S SAKE."** There it is again! How many people are hated today for the name of Jesus Christ? I grant that you might select some obscure aboriginal tribe who is persecuting Christian missionaries. You might even find a few instances today of hatred for a Christian person in our own country. But can you say that **ALL NATIONS hate the people who bear the name of Jesus Christ?** ABSOLUTELY NOT! BUT THEY DO HATE THE NAME OF YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH! If you don't believe this to be a provable fact, try using the Messiah's true Name in public and see how many people will accept you. And as prophecy is fulfilled in these last days, the now-smoldering aggravation will turn to **burning hatred**, or your Bible is not reliable.

That Name Again!

Turn now to Luke 21. If you have a new edition of the **Jerusalem Bible** it will be most helpful as it conveys a much clearer picture of the prophecy of the end times. Notice how the Messiah's Name is **crucial** as you read this chapter. We shall begin to quote from verse 8. **"And he said, Take heed that you be not led astray: for many shall come IN MY NAME, saying, I am he; and, The time**

is at hand: do not go after them. And when you shall hear of wars and tumults, be not terrified: for these things must come to pass first; but the end is not immediately. Then said he to them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be great earthquakes, and in divers places famines and pestilences; and there shall be terrors and great signs from heaven."

Some of these predictions are already beginning to be fulfilled, but few people really have patience to await the Savior's return. Often ministers and laymen seek glory for themselves by setting dates, but Yahshua says that those who say that the end is here within a short (a year or two in the future, perhaps) will be misleading you. **"In your patience you shall win your souls,"** says Yahshua in Luke 21:19. Much prophecy still remains to be fulfilled before the Savior will return!

Let us now continue with this absorbing and gripping prophecy. **"BUT BEFORE ALL THESE THINGS, they shall lay their hands on you, and shall persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors FOR MY NAME'S SAKE."** (Luke 21:12). Do you really grasp what you are reading? It will be a persecution of the True Worshipers instigated by nominal religion. The term **"synagogue"** is used here by the messiah to symbolize the doctrines which are taught by the religion of Judaism! How many churches are teaching that we must not use the Name of the Heavenly Father which was inspired to be written into the Hebrew Scriptures? **They are following the doctrine of the synagogue!** They might as well be synagogues because they are teaching that same doctrine. Notice that this religious persecution takes

place BEFORE the final end-time tribulation! Have you ever considered that you may soon be required to put your faith in the Messiah and in HIS NAME on the line? That time is fast approaching as the message of the Assemblies of Yahweh continues to expand in scope and power! The more people who accept the Sacred Name Doctrine, the more radio broadcasts which we are able to maintain, the more literature and the more personal witnessing which is being done by the people of Yahweh will demand ACTION, taking a stand and declaring themselves before the worldly churches! Are you ready for the showdown which was predicted by Yahshua the Messiah over His own personal NAME? Is your sword sharp and shiny? Will you capitulate to popular pressure and opinion? Do you wish to see the present evil world continue?

But that isn't all. Let's continue into this passage just a little further now. ***"It shall turn out to you for a testimony. Settle it there-***

fore in your hearts, not to meditate beforehand how to answer: for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to withstand or to gainsay. But you shall be delivered up even by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. And not a hair of your head shall perish. In your patience you shall win your souls." How perfectly enlightening! Can you say that your present doctrines which you believe will be able to stand the test of close scrutiny? Are they really perfect, or do they have glaring flaws when you compare them to what the Scriptures teach? The people to whom Yahshua is speaking will have sound doctrine because they allow the Holy Spirit to teach them.

And then we come across another mention of the Savior's Name. Now it is no longer only national gov-

ernments which will hate the True Worshiper, it is ALL MEN! Do your relatives, friends, acquaintances, and even **all strangers** hate you for the SAVIOR'S NAME WHICH YOU BEAR? If you are sealed by the Name of Yahweh and Yahshua the Messiah, you are in the club! You are following the lamb everywhere He goes (Revelation 14:1-5) and He had plenty of persecution in His sojourn on earth. Now remember, all of this persecution will be taking place just before the tribulation! We are now entering those days **BEFORE THE MESSIAH'S RETURN!**

So you think that the Savior's true Name is of no great importance where salvation is concerned? It certainly is, as you can determine from reading your Bible! Now is the time for you to begin to know, use, and understand the Sacred Name if you wish to be in the select group of people who will do exploits in the end times, and the Name to know and use is Yahshua the Messiah! □

The Sacred Scriptures



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