

YAHWEH - the name of God

God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM**. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: '**I AM** has sent me to you.'" God then said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, '**Yahweh**, the God of your fathers - the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob - has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation." Exodus 3:14-15

In the scriptures quoted above, God declares Himself to be "**I AM WHO I AM**," which describes His self-existing and eternal nature - the one and only Creator of everything. God also reveals His name, "**Yahweh**," declaring that this is His name "forever" and the name He is to be "remembered from generation to generation." In the original Hebrew scriptures, the name of **Yahweh** is comprised of four letters יהוה and appears 6,823 times. While the exact pronunciation of these letters cannot be conclusively authenticated, "**Yahweh**" (pronounced "Yah-oo-ay" in English) is widely accepted and preferred by many Hebrew scholars. In most English translations of the Bible, God's name has been replaced by the title "The Lord" or incorrectly transliterated as "Jehovah." The God of the Bible has instructed His people to refer to Him by the name, **Yahweh**, and this distinction is important, especially today, as **Yahweh** is the One true God and distinct from any other 'gods' that mankind may otherwise worship (Isaiah 43:10-13).

YESHUA - the Messiah's name

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name **Yeshua**, because he will save his people from their sins." Matt 1:20-21

In the scriptures quoted above, an angel of the Lord declared the Savior's name to be "**Yeshua**" (pronounced "Yay-shoo-ah"). In the original Hebrew language, the name **Yeshua** is a combination of two words, **Yahweh** (the name of God) and salvation - plainly describing both who **Yeshua** was and why He came (incorrectly transliterated "Jesus" in English). Understanding that the savior's identity and purpose are clearly contained in His divinely given name, **Yeshua**, sheds light on other scriptures that reference the importance of His name (John 1:12; John 3:18; John 17:11-12; Acts 3: 15-16; Philippians 2:9-11). **Yeshua** was a man who physically walked the earth, but He was much more than a man, containing the full essence of **Yahweh** (God) in flesh and blood. **Yeshua's** humanity came through the Jewish race (Israel); He was Israel's promised Savior, the "**Anointed One**" ("**Messiah**" from Hebrew or "**Christ**" from Greek); being divinely conceived by the Holy Spirit, He was the "**only Begotten Son of God**," and He was given a name from heaven that is "above every name" by which He is to be believed upon for salvation - and that name is **Yeshua**, the hope and savior of the world.