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The Name of the Lord

We read recently in Exodus 6:3: *And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name Jehovah was I not known to them.*

Jehovah as written here in the King James Version is not correct. It has been transliterated by the scribes in Kings James day, 400 odd years ago. It should read as YHWH as there are no vowels in the Hebrew language neither is there J or V.

However the main point here is that also this verse is not correct. It should have a question mark on the end. So it is what is known as a rhetorical question.

Because in fact, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did know God Almighty by the name YHWH, or Yahweh as we can read:

Genesis 15:7 *And he [God] said unto him, I am the LORD [Yahweh] that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.*

Genesis 22:14: *And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: [meaning Yahweh will provide] as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.*

Genesis 12:7-8: *And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there built he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he built an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.*

Genesis 13:4: *...there Abram called on the name of the LORD.*

The Apostle Peter said this: Acts 2: 21 (quoting Joel 2:32) *And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

This Almighty God said to Abraham in Genesis 15:1 *Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*

Yes, God protected Abraham from the alliance of nations in Genesis 14, and he was able to rescue Lot. He was protected from the Egyptians in Genesis 12. He was protected from slaying his son, his only son on Mount Moriah. He believed in the Name of The LORD.

The Name of the Lord was revealed to the seed of Abraham at the burning bush to Moses. This is described in Exodus chapter 3. There

Moses was instructed to lead the people out of Egypt to a land which was promised. This was in fulfilment of the promise made in Genesis 15:13-14: *And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.*

The promise of protection would be fulfilled again to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – if they believed in the Name of the Lord.

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

14 *And God 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.*

This was the Name that God gave to Moses to explain who He was.

The words in Hebrew are Ehyer Asher Ehyer – which correctly translated is I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE.

This is a statement of intent. It is a declaration of control, purpose, sovereignty, it contains a promise of continuity, of stability, it also begs a question. It is not a name which is closed and shut and complete.

It is an identity which God wishes to be known by, specifically to those who want to be part of the tree that is not consumed by fire, and who are not like all the generations who are consumed away in smoke in the furnace of affliction of the life oppressed by King Sin, the Pharaoh of today, and the seemingly invincible controller of all the empires of men.

The Memorial Name is a prophecy, a purpose. It is the Word, that was with God from the very beginning. John describes that Word: John 1:14: *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

This was the Seed singular promised to Abraham Isaac and Jacob. Galatians 3:16.

This was the stem of the burning bush. The hope of Israel, the tree that can never be extinguished. The faithful are the branches. Isaiah 11:1, John 15:5.

This is the Name of the Lord. This is the Memorial Name. This is the Hope of the Gospel. That those who join themselves to the Hope of Israel become part of the Tree of Life that cannot be destroyed.

The Name of the Lord is a Strong Tower

This word Tower is used frequently in the Scripture, and in Hebrew comes from a root to make great or to magnify. Most towns in the time of the Judges had towers built in the towns – much the same as medieval Britain – *baily* towers, or in the Scottish borders *pele* towers. These were built directly in response to marauding bands of attacking tribes who oppressed the nation of Israel for over 400 years. A quick read of Judges 9 will reveal how important these towers featured in the everyday lives of villagers and townspeople. The Psalmist of Israel, as a shepherd boy lived in times where these raids from neighbouring Gentile tribes were still common. He knew how important the stone walled fold was for his flock of sheep when the wolf and lion were nearby. He saw how it was by trusting in the Hope of the Fathers, that the nation was greatly helped by the Almighty. When they turned to the Lord, their enemies were defeated. When they turned away from God, then they were oppressed again. He saw the direct correlation, and so describes it thus in many places:

- 2 Samuel 22:3: *The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; ...*
- 2 Samuel 22:51: *He is the tower of salvation for his king: and shews mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.*
- Psalms 18:2: *The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.*
- Psalms 61:3-4: *For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.*
- Psalms 91:2: *I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*
- Psalms 144:2: *My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust;*

The Tower was used not just as protection, but also as a watch tower, (Habakkuk 2:1) whereby advanced warning of impending danger could be given. Every vineyard also had a tower, whereby the owner could keep watch against thieves. With the strongest foundations, the tower provided a sanctuary, a haven and a shelter.

The Lord God described his prophets as towers – see Jeremiah 6:27: *I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way.* The words they spoke were the Words of the Lord, - firm, steadfast and unshakeable, that could elevate and lift them up, to enable them to see afar off into the future, and be warned of impending danger.

The righteous runs into it, and is safe.

What does the righteous have to fear? Why should the righteous have to run from danger? Does not the Scripture tell us: *If God be for*

us who can be against us? Does not running and hiding away denote a lack of faith and trust?

No. Not at all. David, and the writers of the Proverbs understood that the greatest enemy of all, was not the Gentile tribes and marauding bandits around, - but the greatest oppressor of all.

Sin. It creeps up better than any bandit, and is more silent and lethal than any thief. The righteous are on guard, because to them the Name of the Lord is the elevation upon which they stand. It is the fortification of their faith. It is the place of safety in their minds.

When they sense the nearness of sin, they are very alert. They react quickly, running, moving with urgency when they hear the alarm call, as described below:

- Proverbs 6:5: *Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.*
- 1 Corinthians 6:18: *Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sins against his own body.*
- 1 Corinthians 10:14: *Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.*
- 1 Timothy 6:11: *But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.*
- 2 Timothy 2:22: *Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

In the end it is the enemy which runs away, seeing the futility of trying to besiege such a super structure. – *Resist the devil and he will flee from you!* (James 4:7)

So it is that those who flee in to the tower, become part of the tower, and provide safety and sanctuary to others. The Ecclesia is the

Tower, the Watchtower, it is the Castle, the Fortification, based on the impregnable Rock of Jesus Christ. God promised

Micah 4:8: And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

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