

They Shall Know that I AM the LORD

As I prepare this teaching, I am reminded to give credit where credit is due. I has been said, that the greatest invention ever was the printing press. Johannes Gutenberg invented it in. I personally marvel at the internet and how God created it for His use . . . Kingdom use. Join me in blessing the ministers at www.blueletterbible.org for their contribution. All changes to the basic text such as parentheses, bold print and highlighting, et cetera are mine.

We need to rehearse part of the story of the Exodus. I commend and recommend the entire text to your study, but let's begin reading . . .

Exd 6:1 NKJV - Then the **LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah)** said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land."

Exd 6:2 NKJV - And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the **LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah)**.

Exd 6:3 NKJV - "I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as **God Almighty (El Shaddai)**, but by My name **LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah)** I was not known to them.

Exd 6:4 NKJV - "I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers.

Exd 6:5 NKJV - "And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant.

Exd 6:6 NKJV - "Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the **LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah)**; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

Exd 6:7 NKJV - 'I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. **Then you shall know that I am the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah) your God** who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Exd 6:8 NKJV - 'And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the **LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah)**.'"

The first group to know that “I AM” is LORD . . . Yahweh . . . Jehovah are the Hebrews. The next group will be the Egyptians.

Exd 7:5 NKJV - "And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah), when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them."

Exd 7:17 NKJV - 'Thus says the LORD: "By this you shall know that I am the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah). Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood.

Exd 14:18 NKJV - "Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah), when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

If you know the story of the Exodus, it cost the Egyptians a great deal to know the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah) God of the Hebrews. As the story continues, it also cost the Hebrews a great deal while in the wilderness to learn and relearn about the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah).

Exd 16:12 NKJV - "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah) your God.'"

Num 11:32 NKJV - And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers); and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.

Num 11:33 NKJV - But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague.

Num 11:34 NKJV - So he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving.

The LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah) their God had provided manna for them but they weren't happy and cried out to Him for meat. The Hebrews complained about Yahweh's provision and He heard their complaints and gave them enough meat until "it came out of the nostrils." My medical training says that when something runs out of your nostrils it is because you are vomiting. Maybe it was just me . . .

If you were to go to www.blueletteribible.org and look up “shall know that I am the LORD” using the NKJV as your source, you would find the same list that I did. You can use any of the translations as your source to search but you’ll always end up keyed to the KJV and Dr. Strong’s Concordance (not a bad thing, by the way).

You’ll see the same pattern I did. It always costs someone something to learn what it means when God says they “shall know that I Am the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah.)

Again, maybe it is just me. I have learned and continue to re-learn the difference between knowledge and wisdom. For me, knowledge is when I go out and learn something for myself. For me, wisdom is when I look at someone else’s efforts (read mistakes) and I learn from them. If we would learn to read the Bible that way, our wisdom would grow exponentially. Wisdom growing exponentially shortens wilderness experiences and brings God’s covenant people out of exile. Yahweh is not honored by either of those experiences for His people. Wilderness and exile are part of Satan’s plan for your life. Fruit that remains is not borne in the wilderness or in exile.

There are 78 verses in the NKJV where they/you “shall know that I am the LORD (Yahweh of Jehovah) appears. They are important. It is my opinion, the ones that are the most relevant for America today are found in the prophet Ezekiel. Sixty times (60) this expression is found in Ezekiel . . . 60 . . .

It is opinion, the keys to revival and reformation are found in Ezekiel 36.

While they are all important, verses 16 to 38 bear the absolute closest scrutiny. Israel is in exile in Babylon when they hear or read these verses. Why are they there? The name of God . . . Yahweh . . . Jehovah . . . is HOLY and they have defiled and profaned His HOLY name. It is very simple.

Our ‘Christian’ Bibles end with the book of Malachi. As an aside, the Hebrew Bible doesn’t. Malachi says, “Mal 3:6 NKJV - “For I am the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah), I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

From the Greek translation of the Hebrew, the Septuagint or LXX, we read,
“3:6 διότι ἐγὼ κύριος ὁ θεὸς ὑμῶν καὶ οὐκ ἠλλοίωμαι
καὶ ὑμεῖς υἱοὶ Ἰακωβ οὐκ ἀπέχεσθε

Again, because of the scholarship at www.blueletterbible.org, we don't need to read every word of the Greek. We have already been taught the word in yellow above, “kurios” is how the name **Yahweh or Jehovah** was translated into the Greek. We have been taught that when Paul said, paraphrased, that every knee would bend and tongue would declare Jesus was Lord, Paul used the word, “kurios.” Paul was saying that **Jesus of Nazareth was in fact, Yahweh or Jehovah** of the “Old Testament.” Go back and read or reread the “Gospel of Paul” and/or “The Gospel of Thomas as recorded by John.”

This is the Gospel that the Jews heard in Acts 2 and 3. Jehovah had come to save and that is why His name was “Jesus . . . Jehovah is salvation . . . Strong's #G2424 and #H3091.” Yahweh had come to save and that is why His name was “Yehoshua or Yeshua . . . Yahweh is salvation . . . Strong's #H3091 and #G2424.”

Do you see why Jesus said He would send the Spirit of Truth . . . Holy Spirit . . . and He (Holy Spirit) would teach us? It isn't until Holy Spirit shows up on “Pentecost” that the Orthodox Jews gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Yahweh or Jehovah ordained feast of “Shavout”, that these Jews could hear that Jesus was Jehovah . . . Yeshua was Yahweh . . . and this is why they “**were cut to the heart.**”

Are you ready to be “**cut to the heart?**”

Act 2:36 NKJV - “**Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord (“kurios”) and Christ.**”

Act 2:37 NKJV - Now when they heard this, **they were cut to the heart,** and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “**Men and brethren, what shall we do?**”

Act 2:38 NKJV - Then Peter said to them, “**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**”

Jewish custom of the day was that a disciple was baptized into the name of his rabbi . . .

Mat 3:13 NKJV - Then **Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.**

Mat 3:14 NKJV - And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

Mat 3:15 NKJV - But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." **Then he (Jesus) allowed Him.**

Mat 3:16 NKJV - When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

Mat 3:17 NKJV - And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Jesus was baptized, according to the then prevalent Jewish custom, in the name of John the Baptizer . . .

Act 18:24 NKJV - **Now a certain Jew named Apollos**, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.

Act 18:25 NKJV - This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though **he knew only the baptism of John.**

Act 18:26 NKJV - So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Act 19:1 NKJV - And it happened, while **Apollos** was at Corinth, that **Paul**, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

Act 19:2 NKJV - he **(Paul)** said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

Act 19:3 NKJV - And he said to them, "**Into what then were you baptized?**" **So they said, "Into John's baptism."**

Act 19:4 NKJV - Then Paul said, "**John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance**, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

Act 19:5 NKJV - When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Act 19:6 NKJV - And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Act 19:7 NKJV - Now the men were about twelve in all.

Notice . . . Paul baptized them into the name of his Rabbi . . . Yahweh who is salvation . . . Jesus . . . Yehoshua . . . Yeshua . . .

Mat 23:8 NKJV - "But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.

Mat 23:10 NKJV - "And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher (Rabbi means 'teacher'), the Christ.

Isa 54:13 NKJV - All your children shall be taught by the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah), And great shall be the peace of your children.

John, Thomas and Paul all have the same gospel . . . Yahweh or Jehovah had come to save . . . Yahweh or Jehovah had come to be the Christ . . . the Messiah.

Deu 17:6 NKJV - "Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness.

Deu 19:15 NKJV - "One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

What matter established? Why, that Yahweh or Jehovah had come to save and be the Christ or Messiah . . . just ask Paul, John and Thomas . . . three Ultra-Orthodox, Torah Observant Jews . . . witnesses . . .

What price are you willing to "pay" to fail to learn from the "Wisdom of these three wise men, says the LORD . . . and at what price is the peace of your children . . . ?"