

*ruach*, which is also the word for breath! Since Yahweh is spirit, then so is His name!

With this information we can determine some things. If the four letters of the Creator's name are vowels, then no more vowels can be added, neither can there be hard sounds. Therefore, the construct that some are utilizing in today's world are not accurate. For example Jehovah, Yehovah, Yahveh, Yahvah, etc.

I know that there are those who question Josephus since he appears to be a turncoat, but if anyone knew the truth about the true name, it would be him. Let's look at what he declares about himself and his family, "The family from which I am derived is not an ignoble one, but hath descended all along from the priests; and as nobility among several people is of a different origin, so with us to be of the sacerdotal dignity, is an indication of the splendor of a family. Now, I am not only sprund from a sacerdotal family in general, but from the first of the twenty-four courses; and as among us there is not only a considerable difference between one family of each course and another, I am of the chief family of that first course also; nay, further, by my mother I am of the royal blood; for the children of Asmoneus, from whom that family was derived, had both the office of the high priesthood and the dignity of a king for a long time together." *The Works of Josephus*; The Life of Josephus, p. 1.

If anyone should know about Yahweh's name, it certainly would be someone like Josephus who came from the family of the first course of the priesthood.

Years ago, I addressed the use of Yahuwah. Yahuwah is spoken like Yahuw-wah. Yah = YH, huw = HU, Wah = WH. So in that pronunciation we have YHHWWH (יההויה), six letters, six vowels. The absolute best way to represent this name in the English language is with four vowels, that is; IAUE, or YAUE.

Why then do we utilize Yahweh? Only for the sake of pronunciation. Most people would look at IAUE, or YAUE and never understand how to pronounce it.

Now as for the name YaHuDaH, which in the English is Judah, the name is rendered in *The Interlinear Bible* by J. P. Green as יהודה as also do most web sites on the internet. With the vowel pointing here the name would be pronounced Yehudah (slowly), but when sped up in natural speech it would be pronounced Yudah (like our Judah but with the "Y". In this case, the *hei* (ה) following the *yod* (י) becomes silent.

The primary Hebrew letters that serve as both consonants and vowels are *aleph* (א), *hei* (ה), *waw* (ו), *yod* (י), and *ayin* (ע). The amazing thing about each of these letters is that each one can carry the sound of all five of the vowels a, e, i, o, and u, depending on the word spoken. (Remember that the "w" can also serve

as a vowel since it is actually a "double u."

In essence, we must go back to the Scriptures to understand the make-up of Yudah's (Judah's) name. His mother Leah was in a battle with her sister Rachel for Jacob's (Yacob's) favor and love. Yudah was her fourth son by him so she said that she would "praise" (odah/אודה [the root word is yadah/ידה]) Yahweh (יהוה), so she named him Yudah. Being a combination of these two words, as we see above, **neither** Yudah, **nor** Yahudah can be utilized to force the pronunciation of the Creator's name. However, neither will we condemn others for attempting to utilize their idea of the correct pronunciation by utilizing Yehovah, Yehowah, Yahuwah, Yahuweh, Yahvah, Yahveh, Yahweh, Yahwah, etc., etc.

Here is what we must understand, we are all like children. When children begin to try to pronounce their father's or mother's names, they usually never get it right, and their attempts are generally humorous, to say the least. But do the parents become angered and unforgiving? Absolutely not. It is a thing of joy for the parents to hear their children to begin to attempt to pronounce their names. Our heavenly Father is even more loving and forgiving than any earthly parents.

We live in a very sophisticated world today. All languages have corrupted, even the Hebrew. A study of

modern day Hebrew and Biblical Hebrew is different. If we went back several hundred years in the English language, we wouldn't be able to recognize the speech at all. Hebrew has transpired from the Pictorial to the Paleo, and now to the modern day Aramaic/Babylonian style. Other nations and languages have also influenced it. Let's all do our best to learn what we can, and not be judgmental, nor condemning of others. After all, Yahweh does promise to restore us to a pure lip/language in His own chosen time. We just need to resist as much corruption and paganization as possible.

I know that we all want to get it as right as we can. Let us be convinced in our own minds. We are convinced that the pronunciation is Yahweh. I have been told by some who have declared that they were on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem on Yowm Kippur (Atonement) and they heard the Jewish people proclaim the name Yahweh.

Elder Johnny McCarty recently had a discussion with a non-practicing Jewish man at his work. Johnny was talking to him about Yahweh and the Jewish man confessed that the Jewish families will privately speak of the name Yahweh but will not utilize that name openly among those they consider to be Gentiles.

However, for others who are not so convinced on this pronunciation, we know that they are children of the Creator and He will show us His truth

as we seek to search it out.

We are not condemning any who would utilize or prefer the other various forms, however there are those who do condemn others and especially us for the name Yahweh. As you judge, so shall you be judged.

Just keep in mind that Yahweh is spirit, and His name is spirit, therefore there shouldn't be any hard consonant sounds in His name.

This rule also applies to Yahshua's name. The first three letters are the same vowels found in Yahweh (יהוה), thus the waw being followed by consonants would restrain either the waw sound, or the hei making the name Yahshua, or Yoeshua. He came in His Father's name (Jn. 5:43) thus the reason we utilize Yahshua.

Today, Yahweh's family is scattered, but tomorrow He is going to provide shepherds who will bring His sheep into unity. HallelYah!!!! May that day speed on!

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*The Menorah Shines on the Torah*



## PRONUNCIATION OF THE CREATOR'S NAME

*This author believed, at one time, that the Scriptures were originally written by Moses in Paleo Hebrew until the discovery of Pictorial Hebrew. While observing a program concerning Egypt's building of the pyramids, caves where the workers (slaves) were housed revealed Pictorial Hebrew written on the walls. Therefore, we must assume that the Scriptures were originally written in Pictorial Hebrew. (No one knows for sure because there are no original scrolls in existence, that we know of.)*

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One of the things that we must seriously consider is the fact that Josephus declared that the Sacred Name consisted of four vowels (*Wars of the Jews*, Book V, verse 8, p. 556).

In his book *Seek My Face, Speak My Name*, Rabbi Arthur Green writes, "...all the letters that make up this name served in ancient Hebrew interchangeably as consonants and vowels. Really they are mere vowels, mere breath. There is nothing hard or defined in their sound," pp. 18.

Yahshua said that Yahweh is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24).

The Hebrew word for spirit is