

## **THE NAME OF GOD**

Often people and for that matter Christians have been confused when it comes to the name of GOD per our era and in the Christendom. It should be noted that, one cannot serve an unknown GOD-Acts 17:23. Worshippers of other gods other than GOD know the names of their gods, but it becomes a problem when a Christian is asked of the name of his GOD.

### **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF GOD'S NAME**

1. God's name expresses His character-Ex. 6:2-7
2. God's name expresses His power-Ex. 9:16
3. God's name expresses His authority-Ex. 23:20-21
4. God's name expresses His presence-1Kings 8:27,29,43

In reference to worshippers of GOD in the old, this same GOD revealed Himself to them differently with different names. For example

- Abraham knew God as the ALMIGHTY GOD- Gen 17:1
- Jacob knew God as GOD ALMIGHTY-Gen 32:29-36
- To Moses and the Israelites God was the I AM THAT I AM-Ex. 3:13-15,6:2-3
- Isaiah speaks of God's name as THE LORD-Isa 42:8
- The name JEHOVAH was not known to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob-Ex. 6:3

### **THE NEW NAME OF GOD PROPHESED**

“Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation and his tongue as a devouring fire” -Isaiah 30:27

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation-Isaiah 12:2

### **CAN YOU TELL THE REASON WHY ANOTHER NAME OF GOD WAS PROPHESED?**

“And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land <sup>21</sup> But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore say unto the house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

<sup>23</sup> And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.”- **Ezekiel 36:20-23**

## **HOW DO I KNOW THE NAME WHICH WAS PROPHESED?**

<sup>11</sup> For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.- **Malachi 1:11**

## **WHAT IS THAT GREAT NAME AMONG THE GENTILES**

### **Account 1: Acts 9:1-29**

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

<sup>2</sup> And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

<sup>4</sup> And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

<sup>5</sup> And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

<sup>6</sup> And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

<sup>7</sup> And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

<sup>8</sup> And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

<sup>9</sup> And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

<sup>10</sup> And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

<sup>11</sup> And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

<sup>12</sup> And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

<sup>13</sup> Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

<sup>14</sup> And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

<sup>15</sup> **But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:**

<sup>16</sup> For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

<sup>17</sup> And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

<sup>18</sup> And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

<sup>19</sup> And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

<sup>20</sup> **And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.**

<sup>21</sup> But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

<sup>22</sup> But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

<sup>23</sup> And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

<sup>24</sup> But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

<sup>25</sup> Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

<sup>26</sup> And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

<sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

<sup>28</sup> And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> **And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.**

**Account 2: Acts 17:18**

<sup>18</sup> Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

**Account 3: Romans 9:1-5**

I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

<sup>2</sup> That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

<sup>3</sup> For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

<sup>4</sup> Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

<sup>5</sup> **Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.**

**SUMMARY**

God revealed Himself to people of old differently with different names, but in this New Testament era, the only name of God has given unto us is **CHRIST JESUS** and no other name.-  
Acts 4:1-12

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