

The Name Above All Names

Matthew 1:18-25 (All scripture is King James Version)

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE NAME JESUS?

“Why is a name so important”?

- ✓ Well first of all, it is the name that the bible uses for Jesus.

There is a false movement today which is growing in popularity and is using another name for Christ the Messiah, and that is the Hebrew Roots movement.

This movement has been popularized by a deceptive, unbiblical drive to try and get people to go back to the Hebrew language and Jewish traditions. This of course has been encouraged by trying to identify Christianity with Judaism.

Of course nothing could be further from the truth in that regard and they advocate a different bible version to the King James Bible. The name of Jesus is not mentioned at all in the Hebrew Roots Bible.

Instead they are using the Hebrew name given by the Jews which is “Yeshua” and disregard the name Jesus, because they place their “Roots” in the Old Testament, trying to go back to the “Hebrew Root” of Moses which is known as the “Torah by the Jews,, which is the first five books of the Old Testament, the mosaic laws, of Judaism.

- ✚ False doctrines of ecumenicalism always begin with a false bible version, as is the case in point with the Hebrew Roots movement.
 - ✚ This of course is Satan’s master plan to steal away Gods Word. It is to deny the full atonement of Jesus in the New Testament.
 - ✚ The point of the matter is “they” deny the name of Jesus, but at the same time believing the name should remain as “Yeshua”.
- ✓ **Christianity is not Judaism and bears no resemblance to it.**

Judaism does not believe in Jesus for salvation, and does not have anything to do with Jesus, except to mock Him to scorn. That’s why Jesus was to be the “Rock of Offence” or the “Stone of Stumbling” to them as foretold in the prophecy of Isaiah 8:14.

- ✚ However, the main proponent of the Hebrew Roots movement are those “professing salvation” in the name of Yeshua and are holding onto Jewish tradition, and wanting to believe that somehow the religion of the Jews makes them closer to God and the Messiah.
- ✓ **It is for this reason that they don’t identify with the name “Jesus” but rather call the “Messiah” as they do Yeshua instead.**
- ✚ Well first of all “the name Yeshua” does not appear anywhere in the KJV bible. Not even in the Greek NT from which the King James Version New Testament is

translated. Yet the Hebrew Roots movement will say that Yeshua is the name that we must use, because it is more Jewish which is to say more Hebrew. The reason they use this excuse is because they will say that Jesus was a Jew and therefore spoke Hebrew.

What this does is to destroy the name of Jesus and relegate it to a Hebrew commentary or Jewish context, and ignoring the Gentile world.

- ✚ There is a reason why Jesus' name is given to Him, and confirmed by the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:26-35. He was to be the light of all nations.
- ✚ A name given by God, not a name given by the Jews.

❖ It is true to say that the “people” would call him or refer to him as Immanuel or “Emmanuel” which is to say God with us. That is true, But His name is to be called “Jesus”, which was confirmed just before His actual incarnate birth.

1. The problem with using this name of “Yeshua” is that it is the name the Jews use for a false Messiah in the Hebrew. Because the Jews did not believe Jesus was the Messiah.

❖ **To the unbelieving Jew the real Messiah has not come yet.**

2. So by calling the Jews calling him Yeshua is to say that Jesus the true Messiah has not come yet.

✚ Whilst this word “Yeshua” at first glance seems to be innocent and legitimate to hold true for a replacement name for Jesus it is in fact a distortion of the truth. Jesus certainly never referred to himself either as Yeshua and nor did his disciples.

✚ The name “Yeshua” is not found in the King James Bible Version.

It is true that Jesus spoke Hebrew because he preached in the synagogues of the Jews and he spoke Aramaic, but he also more so would have spoken Greek, because of the fact that he preached in Galilee a Gentile region to a wide variety of people from different areas. The bible says that his fame went about all the regions. And also the fact that he had a Roman trial in which they would have addressed him in the Greek language.

This confirmation is further reflected at the crucifixion of Jesus when three languages were used to place upon the sign above his head. Being crucified by the Romans it therefore was in Latin, and in Greek, and also Hebrew as the bible states for us to see.

✚ So, to limit Jesus to being Hebrew speaking would limit his ministry to the Gentile world.

Luke 23:38

And a **superscription** also was written over him in letters of **Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew**, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

- ✚ So far we have been speaking about the name of Jesus but let's look to the place of the scriptures which confirms his name as Jesus.
- ✚ The importance of this name will become apparent and very clear shortly. And it's not the name Yeshua.

Matthew 1:18-25 King James Version

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, (Isaiah 7:14)

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

²⁴ Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

- ✚ At that stage of the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14 the name JESUS was not made known yet by God. Except that his birth would be "God with us", which is the word Immanuel used.
- ✚ Notice it still did not use the name Yeshua. Why? Well because it's not the Lords name and would never be.
- ✚ Matthew 1:18 also says it's the birth of Jesus.....not the birth of Yeshua.

Isaiah 7:14 King James Version

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

1. In the book of Acts 4:11-13 it expands on the prophecy of Isaiah 8:14 about God being with us. As well as mentioned in Isaiah 7:14. Not much detail is given here.....for example Mary's name is not mentioned nor Jesus. But the prophecy is still true.
2. He is described as the stone of stumbling and the rock of offence. And that would be the case. To this rock the nation of Israel would stumble.
3. They the Jews would refer to this rock as Yeshua, who to them was just another prophet. Not a Messiah.
4. So, the Hebrew Roots movement are really no different to the unbelieving Jew.

Acts 4:11-13 (King James Version).

¹¹ **This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders**, which is become the head of the corner.

- This is a quotation from the Old Testament prophecy about Jesus. A rock which was to cause a great offence to the Jews.
- Although in the Old Testament He was not named as Jesus, yet in the Old Testament scriptures it was said that he would be the stone of stumbling the rock of offence. He was to be God with us in the flesh.

Isaiah 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but **for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel**, for a gin (*a trap*) and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

- ✓ Remember the inhabitants of Jerusalem were the Jews.

Romans 9:33 **As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.**

- ✓ The fact of the matter was that this rock was the rock of salvation, and that if you believed on him you would not be ashamed, which the scripture refers to as receiving salvation.

1 Peter 2:8 **And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient:** whereunto also they were appointed.

- ✚ These references make it very clear that this stone of stumbling and rock of offence was going to condemn the disobedient. The unbeliever in other words. And that Rock of Offence was called Jesus, not Yeshua.
- ✚ Those who desire to change the name of Jesus to Yeshua are actually changing the entire scriptures to suite an agenda of unbelief.

1. You see.....if they can make the name sound Jewish again by using a Hebrew description that's what the agenda is.....to change Jesus into a rabbinical Jewish character that is not the real messiah.
2. These people unwittingly are in a sense "pleasing the Jewish religion" of Judaism. That's why terminology such as "Jewish Christian" or Judaeo Christian or Christian Jew, or Messianic Jew is being used or portrayed.
3. There is nothing Christian about them.
4. So NO !! Either you are a Christian or you are a Jew. You cannot mix the two terminologies or the names.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

1. The scripture makes it quite clear there is **NO** other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
2. That name is Jesus as all the prophets and apostle's bare witness of him as Jesus.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on **his name:**

John 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in **his name**, when they saw the miracles which he did.

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that **Jesus is the Christ**, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through **his name.**

- ✚ This is the name that everyone will acknowledge sooner or later, and it won't be the Hebrew name of Yeshua which some try to elevate to their agenda.

Philippians 2:9-11 King James Version

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

✚ So don't be fooled by made up names or be fooled by manmade doctrines of devils.

✓ Jesus is the only name to remember.

✚ We have only One Life to live now !

JESUS is "The name above ALL names".

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