

# What is His Name?



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*Sanctify them in the truth. Your word is truth. - John 17:17*

*Who has gone up to heaven and come down?  
Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands?  
Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak?  
Who has established all the ends of the earth?  
What is his name, and the name of his son?  
Tell me if you know!  
Proverbs 30:4  
NIV*

The writer of the book of Proverbs asks a series of profound questions to the reader. These are rhetorical questions that a wise person who has studied the Bible should be able to answer without hesitation. Are you knowledgeable enough to forthrightly give the correct answer?

What is His Name? The average person would say the answer is “the Lord” or “God.” However, a close examination of the Hebrew texts reveals that these are not the right answers. The word “Lord” is not a name. It is a title that has been substituted by Bible translators for the actual name of the Heavenly Father. In fact, it is an inferior title to King or Ruler. The word “God” also is not a name. It is a generic term used for the Almighty and is a substitute for the Hebrew term “Elohim.” Since the translators have for the most part removed His Name, we must dig deeper to learn the answer to this important question.

### **Back to the Originals**

All true translations of the Old Testament are based upon the Hebrew texts of the sacred Scriptures known as the Masoretic Text. This text is based upon ancient texts that were preserved and maintained by a group of Jewish scribes known as the Masoretes. The Masoretes sought to meticulously protect the exact text handed down to them so as to maintain its purity for future generations. This important work began after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 CE (AD) and has remained up until today. Their work is the base text of the majority of Old Testament translations.

Knowing this, we need only look in the Hebrew text to learn how to answer the question. We learn that over 7,000 times the one true Name of the Heavenly Father is used. That name is Yahweh. This truth can be verified by checking various dictionaries and encyclopedias. Here are several examples.

“Funk & Wagnall Standard Desk Dictionary” lists under Yahweh—*“In the Old Testament, the national [deity] of Israel.”*

“The New Unger’s Bible Dictionary” states, *“YAHWEH (ya’way). The Heb. tetragrammaton (YHWH)... YAHWEH is now known to be correctly vocalized yahwe... The name Yahweh has been found to be unique to Israel and has not been verified as the name of any deity outside Israel.”*

“The Encyclopedia of the Jewish Religion” gives the following information. *“Yahweh: According to scholarly opinion, the original pronunciation of the TETRAGRAMMATON (YHWH), the particular name of the [Deity] of Israel (also called the Shem ha-Mephorash—“the explicit Name”)...”*

Here are but three witnesses among countless others that verify Yahweh as being the true Name of the Heavenly Father as given in the Old Testament Scriptures. The Name of Yahweh was so highly revered by the early translators of the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Hebrew text done in the third century BCE) that they preserved it in the Greek text.

### He Has Only One Name

Remember the question asked in Proverbs 30:4 was “What is His name?” Notice that it says name (singular) and not names (plural). That is because our Heavenly Father has only one name and not many. Let us consider a few scriptures to verify that fact.

*“Elohim also said to Moses, ‘Say to the Israelites, ‘Yahweh, the Elohim of your fathers--the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac and the Elohim of Jacob--has sent me to you.’ **This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.**”*(Exodus 3:15) NIV

*“**I am Yahweh; that is my name!** I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.”* (Isaiah 42:8) NIV

It should now be obvious that our Father in heaven has only one name and that name is Yahweh. He was known by that name to Moses and the patriarchs of old. He always has been and always will be known to spiritual Israel by that covenant name.

### Yahweh’s Name in the New Testament

Even though the Name Yahweh is not found in the majority of extant manuscripts of the New Testament Greek text, it should be noted that Yahweh’s Name is referred to by the Messiah and others. Let us consider some of these references.

We find that four times in the Messiah’s prayer in John chapter 17 that He refers to the Name Yahweh. The references are as follows.

*“I have manifested **Your name** to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.”* (John 17:6) NASU

*“...Holy Father, keep them in **Your name**, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. While I was with them, I was keeping them in **Your name** which You have given Me...”* (John 17:11-12) NASU

*“And I have made **Your name** known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”* (John 17:26) NASU

It is obvious from these references that the Messiah not only knew the name Yahweh but He made a point of declaring it to His disciples. From the age of the Apostles to the end of the age the true disciples of the Messiah will place great significance on the name of Yahweh. This can be seen clearly in the last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation.

*“Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had **his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads.**”* (Revelation 14:1) NIV

Those 144,000 saints who are with the Messiah on Mount Zion not only know the name of the Heavenly Father and His Son, they also have those names written in their foreheads. This is an indication that the names are written in their minds. Once again we have unshakable proof of the great significance of Yahweh’s Name.

What are you going to do now that you can answer the question in Proverbs 30:4 and now that you understand the great significance of the name of our Heavenly Father? All sincere seekers of truth need to understand that we are living in the end-times and that knowing and using the Name of Yahweh is important to our salvation.

*"I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Yahweh. **And everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved;** for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as Yahweh has said, among the survivors whom Yahweh calls."* (Joel 2:30-32) NI

In the difficult times that are ahead will you call upon the name of Yahweh for salvation?

Consider Proverbs 30:4 once again. Now that you know the name of the Father, it is time to learn the true name of His Son. If you are interested in doing so, contact us for the article "What is the Name of His Son?"

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