

## ISRAEL shall know...The LAND shall know...The NATIONS shall know!

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What shall they know? "They shall know that I am Yehovah (YHWH or Yahweh), the only God that exists!"

This is a theme throughout the Bible, especially Ezekiel 34-39, and one that blesses my life every time I come across it. It is also BASIC to one's understanding of the Gospel and who Yeshua really is. Since it is a big study, this article will be only a start to help you research more from your Bible, with your Young's Concordance.

First of all, remember that the whole Bible, OT & NT, was written by Jews to Jews, and to Gentiles who accept the Jewish/biblical roots of The Faith, from Genesis to Revelation, that salvation means being grafted into the good (Jewish) olive tree, leaving behind the wild (Gentile) olive tree. Gentile Believers in Yeshua share equally WITH (not replacing) Jewish Believers. If we (Jew and Gentile) are IN Messiah Yeshua, then we are spiritual offspring of Abraham, not Jacob, and not Luther, Calvin, Knox, etc. Our Faith and theology do not come from the Reformation. Read carefully Romans 11 and Galatians 3:28-29.

Secondly, understand that Yeshua is Yehovah, the Father is Yehovah, and the Spirit is Yehovah. Most English translations use "LORD" instead of Yehovah. Genesis 19:24 shows Yehovah Yeshua on earth bringing down fire from Yehovah in heaven. They are three in one, but not three separate persons which would be three Gods. By comparing NT quotes from the Septuagint (OT translated into Greek) we can clearly show that Yeshua is Yehovah in the OT. Every time the Greek word *kurios* (Lord) is used without an article (the), it should be translated Yehovah in the NT. For illustration, two passages are very important!

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 usually say, "For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." This is quoted from Joel 2:32 where "Lord" is LORD (Yehovah or



YHWH). An accurate translation therefore of Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 should be, "For everyone who calls upon the name of Yehovah will be saved." Every Believer should understand this, and a Gospel presentation should be improved to make this clear to the seeker.

Philippians 2:10-11 usually says, "...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." "Jesus" is only a transliteration (saying the Greek *Yesous* in English pronunciation) and should be translated Yeshua. Therefore a more accurate translation of Philippians 2:10-11 should be, "that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Yeshua the Messiah is Yehovah, to the glory of God the Father."

A common expression today is "Jesus is Lord!" Those who use it know only a small part of the Truth of who Yeshua really is! First, Jesus' actual Hebrew name is Yeshua, and true, Yeshua is Lord (master), but He is far more than that! YESHUA IS YEHOVAH!! All creation has to bow and recognize that Yeshua is Yehovah, the One in the Burning Bush, the One doing the plagues in Egypt, the One who divided the Red Sea, the One who made the sun stand still, the One who protects Israel, the One who designed The Tabernacle, the One who allowed the Temple to be built and later to be destroyed, etc.!

ISRAEL shall know...! Today most Jews do not know, do not believe in Yehovah God. But the day is coming when they will know, when Yehovah removes the blindness/hardness from them and frees them from their slave masters. Ezekiel 34:27, "And they shall know that I am Yehovah, when I have broken the staffs of their yoke, and have rescued them from the hand of those who enslaved them." As the dry bones come together in Ezekiel 37:6, "And you shall know that I am Yehovah," and verse 13, "And you shall know that I am Yehovah when I have opened your

graves...O My People." Ezekiel 39:22,28, "So the house of Israel shall know that I am Yehovah their God, from that day and onward...then shall they know that I am Yehovah their God, who exiled them among the nations. But I have gathered them to their own land, and have not left any of them there."

How wonderful! The whole chapters—the context—must be read to really appreciate what Yehovah is promising. Written 2,500 years ago, Yehovah's promises through Ezekiel are sure to be fulfilled in the very near future! FAITH, TRUST, JOY, and PEACE come through hearing-with-understanding and acceptance of the Word of Yehovah. In the New Covenant (which is with Israel and Judah!) "they shall all know Me, from the least of them even to the greatest of them, declares Yehovah." Jeremiah 31:34. Are we excited for Israel?! Amen!!

THE LAND shall know...! Ezekiel 36 is an amazing chapter as Yehovah talks to the Land of Israel as if it had understanding and personality and could respond. 36:11-12 says, "And you shall know that I am Yehovah. I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel, and they shall possess you, and you will be an inheritance to them..." I wonder how The Land responded as Yehovah Yeshua walked up and down the length of it, then quaked as He hung on the cross and then rose from the dead? Fascinating isn't it? Even The Land shall know, the Land of Israel!

THE NATIONS shall know...! Since the Tower of Babel, the nations, organized humanity, has refused to know Yehovah, has rebelled against Him, has worshipped counterfeits and denied His existence. Yehovah will not tolerate that much longer! Israel comes to know Yehovah in a positive way as Yehovah in His grace and mercy brings them to Himself. The Land is also blessed. But the nations come to know Yehovah in His wrath and judgment! Ezekiel 35 is against Edom as 35:15 sums it up, "You shall be a ruin, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it! And they shall know that I am Yehovah." As judgment continues against other nations, He says, "I will be known in the eyes of the many nations; and they shall know that I am Yehovah." Ezekiel 38:23. Also Ezekiel 39:6-7, "And I will send a fire on Magog, and on the secure inhabitants of the coast. And they shall know that I am

Yehovah. And I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, And I will not let My holy name be profaned any more. And the nations shall know that I am Yehovah, the Holy One of Israel."

Commandment #3 says, "You shall not take the name of Yehovah your God in vain..." (Ex 20:7) His Holy Name is not to be profaned, but that is no excuse for not using it properly, reverently. No one appreciates being called "what's his name" when his personal name is known, especially those of us who know Him intimately as His children.

Ezekiel 37:27-28 give some information that I like very much, since I enjoy teaching on The Tabernacle. Both ISRAEL and the NATIONS shall know when "I will give My sanctuary in their midst forever. And My tabernacle shall be with them. And I will be their God, and they shall be for a people to Me. And the nations shall know that I, Yehovah, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary shall be in their midst forever."

A lot of events are "just waiting to happen" as the countdown for the Return of Yehovah Yeshua the Messiah approaches "zero"!

In the meantime, "You are My witnesses," says Yehovah; and My servant whom I have chosen; that you may KNOW and BELIEVE Me, and UNDERSTAND that I am He...I, I am Yehovah; and there is no Savior besides Me." Isaiah 43:10-11. It is our privilege NOW to know Him, to believe Him, and to understand at least a bit more each day as we walk with Yehovah Yeshua, being His witnesses to Israel and to the nations! Let us not forget the nations, for some from every nation, language, tribe, and people need to stand before Yehovah, the Lamb of God and Lion of the tribe of Judah, when He returns, "...to the Jew first and also to the Gentile."