

THE ANOINTED HORSE

Names change. We change them to protect the innocent. Often, a childhood name is not our name in adulthood. Our name is who we are minimized to just a few letters. Not much can be ascertained about a person's character by his name. That's just a mere mortal's problem. For one particular person, the name is all-important. That person is the Son of G~d.

My name was diminished from the time of my birth. Kimberly – that's what it I was given. My parents, siblings and in particular, my aunt Polly, thought it was cute to call me "Kimmie" until I was an adult. My parents and siblings finally shortened it to the more sophisticated "Kim", but aunt Polly never stopped. I was "Kimmie" to her right up to her death.

I came out of this end of my mid-life crisis insisting that I be called Kimberly. It still gets stuck in my craw when someone calls me "Kim". That was the name I carried with me through lots of crises. So, to make a change, I changed my name.

There are other people I know who have experiences the same thing – having one name in childhood and another as an adult. I know several people who legally changed their names completely, rejecting the their birth name altogether.

Names mean a lot even though our character doesn't show through our name the way it did in ancient times. Back then, a person's name was everything. The closer we get to the Sabbath Millennium, the less meaning is in our name. It is just a convenient tether for the government, our employer, and others to associate us with.

One name stands above all. For the last two millennia, Christians have called on the name of Jesus. There is power in that name, they say. Is there?

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

The Bible says there is there is no salvation except in the name of the Son of G~d. Perhaps we should look at just how critical this name really is.

The Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, were written in Hebrew. Not Greek. Not Latin. Hebrew. Mary called her son by a name that is now foreign to us. It has been foreign to her Son's followers for almost 2,000 years.

I can hear Miriam (her name in Hebrew) calling to her Son to come eat the evening meal. She didn't call a Greek name out the back door of her and Joseph's home.

When He was twelve years old and came up missing after having participated in one of the annual feasts, Miriam and Yoseph (Joseph's name in Hebrew) didn't run frantically from person to person for miles asking if anyone had seen their little boy with the peculiar Greek name. And when they reached the Temple back in Jerusalem, they didn't run to the Priests and breathlessly ask if their Son, Jesus, had been seen. No – they cried for "Yeshua"!

Rabbi Jeremy is fond of saying that he has news for Christians today... we have a very Jewish Messiah taking up residence in our hearts.

The Romans were in power, but they did not stop the use of the Hebrew language. Hebrew was not a dead language, either. It has never been a dead language. In fact, Hebrew is the sacred language of the Creator of the universe and this world that we live in. The fact of this is important to understanding the need for His followers to understand something important about His name.

Sha'ul (Paul's name in Hebrew) was a missionary to the Greek and Roman people. The consequence of missionary work is that some haughty people, like Greeks and Romans who were accustomed to capturing and being in control, often decide to appropriate what isn't theirs. In this case, it was the principles of the fledgling sect of Judaism and its message. They changed the language, the times and seasons, the Holy Days and the doctrines to meet their own pagan sensibilities.

In the process, these people, devil-doers, changed the name of the Son of G~d. Satan, the grand conspirator, must have thought he was very clever – that he'd won a great coup - when

he arranged it so that people all over the world began to call on someone or something other than the Son of G~d.

G~d knew beforehand that man would reject His Word. He knew that the pens of those who “wrote” His Word would deposit ink onto paper in vain – that it would be worth only ink and paper.

Yirmayahu (Jeremiah) 8:8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.

9 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?

The conspiracy against the Son of God began long before His life on earth.

Yirmayahu 11:9 And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and ***they went after other gods*** [emphasis mine] to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

They turned away from His very name! They worshipped a god that they didn't even know because they turned from His name.

Yeshua's name was never “Jesus”. First, there is no “J” sound in the Hebrew language. In fact, the “J” sound is a real late-comer in the realm of language. “J” only came into wide usage during the 12th century. The Bible is full of “J”'s put there by King J-J-J-J-James.

The first corruption of Yeshua's name was in the Greek “Ioseus”. This name is pronounced “Heh-soos”. Many have associated this Greek name with the god Zeus.

The name “Jesus” does not mean ‘salvation’, ‘deliverance’, ‘redeemer’ (or any other of Yeshua's titles) in Hebrew. Yet, the Greek Heh-soos is found in the Hebrew language and is an actual Hebrew phrase! “Jesus” transliterated into Hebrew is hacuwc – pronounced “ha-soos”.

The following verses show the Hebrew word, cuwc, in its original without the “J” and with the Hebrew word “Ha”. In each verse, the Hebrew word hacuwc (ha-soos) does not mean salvation, but “the horse”! “Ha” transliterates to English as “the”. “Cuwc” means “Horse”.

Psalms 147:10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

Zechariah 14:15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

These verses reveal that horses are not particularly special, although we may assume G~d loves horses as much as any other animals in His creation. The truth is that horses are usually associated with the coming of judgment, plagues, earthquakes and various other evil events. We all know about the four horses of the apocalypse. They are not delivering cookies or any offers of deliverance to the devil-doers of the world.

Remember that horses deliver the angels of the apocalypse and Yeshua returns to earth astride a horse ready to do battle.

Shalom,

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