

Hebrew Covenant Names

YaHWeH Tsidkenu – The Lord our Righteousness

YaHWeH-Tsidkenu – The Lord our Righteousness – (Jer. 23:5-6) “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a Righteous Branch...and this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The Lord our Righteousness.’ In Jeremiah God pronounced judgment against Israel, and gave them the promise of a Righteous Branch (Jesus) who would bring restoration. It is only through the Lord sending His son that we can be made righteous. Jesus Christ became sin for us so that we could become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:21) When we turn and repent, we are cleansed of our sin (accept Him as our sacrifice) this righteousness from God comes through Faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

YaHWeH Yireh – The Lord Will Provide

YaHWeH Yireh – the Lord will Provide. When Abraham went up the mountain to sacrifice his son Isaac, he made this faith-filled statement: “God will provide Himself a Lamb.” And He did! He supplied a ram to be sacrificed instead of Isaac. Abraham memorialized this divine intervention with the name Yireh, for the Lord’s unfailing grace and constant provision. For the Lord sees and provides for our every need! “And my God will supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4:19)

YaHWeH Rapha – The Lord Who Heals

YaHWeH Rapha – The Lord Who Heals / Ropheka – He who does stitch-work. He is our Healer in both body and soul. Psalms 147:3 says, “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” This name assures each of us that our Heavenly Father wants to restore us to wholeness. “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; “Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.” (Psalms 103:2-3; also see Exodus 15:22-26)

YaHWeH M’Kaddesh – The Lord Who Sanctifies

YaHWeH M’Kaddesh: “The Lord Who Sanctifies, Makes Holy” – The word Kaddesh means holy, to dedicate, set apart, sanctify. We find this name in Leviticus 20:8 – “Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the Lord who makes you holy.”

God sets us apart to deliver us and bring us into the Holy place. Sanctification is the process of moving from the profane or common to the holy or set apart. In the Old Testament, laws and commands were to guide the Israelites towards holiness. Now we are sanctified through the blood of Jesus (Col. 1:22). We cannot attain holiness of our own strength, so we have to have “YaHWeH M’Kadeseh” the God who makes holy.” What we cannot achieve, He is willing to do inside of us if we allow Him to! “Now may the God of Peace Himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 5:23)

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YaHWeH Shammah – The Lord is there.

This name (first found in Ezekiel 48:35) describes how the presence of God fills the millennial kingdom. Along with giving us hope for that future, God sent His Spirit to dwell in us. “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (1 Cor. 3:16) Yet we know every expression of God’s presence among His people is a shadow compared to what is to come. “Christ in you the hope of Glory.” (Col. 1:27)

YaHWeH Raah – The Lord is My Shepherd

YaHWeH Raah means: The Lord is My Shepherd. In Psalms 23, David calls upon his Shepherd to be his guide through both the joyful and dark places in life. A Shepherd is one who feeds his flock and leads them to green pastures (Ezekiel 34:11-15). Our Shepherd is leading us, looking out for us, delivering us, feeding us, and so much more. When we allow Him to be all these things to us - when we truly allow the Lord to be our Shepherd - then we will be saying the same words as David in Psalms 23, “I shall not want.” We can know His voice if we choose to listen... And He leads me in the path of righteousness for His name sake!

YaHWeH Nissi – The Lord our Banner

YaHWeH Nissi means: The Lord our Banner. We hear this name declared by the Israelites after a victorious battle. (Ex. 17:15) Banners are like today’s flags. They are lifted to a height where we can see as a reminder that symbolizes: security, hope, and freedom. With the Lord as our Banner, we are assured victory. With the Lord as our Banner, we can run and not get weary. With the Lord as our Banner, we will have peace and joy! His Banner over me is love.” (Song of Songs 2:4)

YaHWeH Shalom – The Lord is our Peace

YaHWeH Shalom means: The Lord is our Peace. Gideon was afraid he would die after seeing the angel of the Lord face to face. But the Lord said to him, “Peace to you. Do not fear; you shall not die.” This had such an impact on Gideon that he built an altar there and named it YaHWeH Shalom (Judges 6:22) Shalom speaks of wholeness, harmony, and completeness. Shalom is not dependent on our circumstances. True peace comes only from complete trust in the Lord in all areas of our lives. “Now may the Lord of Peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all.” (2 Thess. 3:16)