

# YAIY NEWS



## I AM WHO I AM

### יהוה = YHWH (Yahweh)

The following **unedited** quotes below address what the “I AM WHO I AM” means in Exodus 3:14. In context, verse 15 should be read also. Yahweh reveals what His Name actually means (i.e., translation or explanation of His Name) in verse 14. He then clarifies what His Name actually is (i.e., transliteration of His Name, as a Proper Noun) in verse 15.

In Moses’ second objection he felt the Israelites would challenge his assertion that God had sent him to deliver them. God told Moses to tell them, I am who I am (’ehyeh ’ăšer ’ehyeh, 3:14; cf. “I will be,” ’ehyeh, v. 12) and I AM (’ehyeh) has sent me to you (v. 14). This One said He would be with His people in their time of trouble and need. ’Ehyeh is probably a wordplay on Yahweh (LORD) in verse 15. Thus, the name Yahweh, related to the verb “to be,” probably speaks of God’s self-existence, but it means more than that. It usually speaks of His relationship to His people. For example, as Lord, He redeemed them (6:6), was faithful to them (34:5-7), and made a covenant with them (Gen. 15:18). **The Bible Knowledge Commentary** An exposition of the scriptures. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

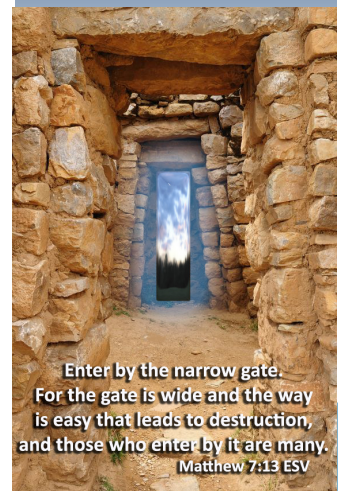
When asked his name, God replies, ‘I Am Who I Am.’ The Hebrew YHWH (pronounced ‘Yahweh’) means ‘I Will Be What I Will Be’. **The Bible Guide** (1st Augsburg books ed.) (46). Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg.

God assured Moses of his identity: “I AM THE ONE WHO ALWAYS IS.” (3:14; see also John 8:58); and of his ability to bring Israel out of Egypt. **Willmington's Bible Handbook** (46). Wheaton, Ill.: Tyndale House Publishers.

The Hebrew words translated “I AM” and “the LORD” are two forms derived from the same Hebrew verb. Though “I AM” is not reused as a name for God in the OT, “the LORD” is used more than 5,000 times. The phrase “the LORD” is a rendering of the Hebrew word YHWH (“Yahweh”) that seems to mean “He [Who] Is” or “He [Who] Causes to Be.” –Cabal, T., Brand, C. O., Clendenen, E. R., Copan, P., Moreland, J., & Powell, D. (2007). **The Apologetics Study Bible** Real Questions, Straight Answers, Stronger Faith (90). Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers.

YAHWEH, the Elohim of your fathers—the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac and the Elohim of Jacob—  
...This is My Name forever, the Name you shall call Me from generation to generation.

Exodus 3:15b NIV



Enter by the narrow gate.  
For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction,  
and those who enter by it are many.  
Matthew 7:13 ESV

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## I AM WHO I AM...cont.

“אֲנִי אֲנִי אֲנִי AM that I AM,” replies God. The verbs are first person common qal imperfects of the verb “היה to be,” connoting continuing, unfinished action: “I am being that I am being,” or “I am the Is-ing One,” that is, “the One Who Always Is.” Not conceptual being, being in the abstract, but active being, is the intent of this reply. It is a reply that suggests that it is inappropriate to refer to God as “was” or as “will be,” for the reality of this active existence can be suggested only by the present: “is” or “is-ing,” “Always Is,” or “Am.” ... Upon the foundation laid by this declaration, “אֲנִי אֲנִי AM,” repeated four times in succession (v 12, once; v 13, three times), the special name of God, “יהוה Yahweh,” is revealed. This multiplication of the verb from which the name is drawn adds impact to the redactor’s confessional point. As McCarthy (CBQ 40[1978] 316) has suggested, “the spell of the repetition” itself establishes the connection between יהוה and יהיה. Far more than a simple connection is in view here, however. The repetition of these “I AM” verbs, as awkward as it may appear, is entirely intentional. **Word Biblical Commentary** Durham, J. I. (2002). Vol. 3: Exodus. Word Biblical Commentary (39). Dallas: Word, Incorporated.

## Easter is a Counterfeit

It is freely admitted by many modern-day Christians that Christianity has been shrewdly and cleverly paganized down through the ages. The pagans worshiped through a counterfeit religion that paralleled the true religion and beliefs but in a false way. Easter is one of those counterfeits.

A counterfeiter can counterfeit a \$100 bill, which to the untrained person is not easily detectable. However, someone who handles money every day, like a bank or savings and loan employee who is instructed in what to look for, can easily spot the counterfeit. Integral to their training is a laborious examining of the real thing, which will make the forgery more obvious. Let’s train ourselves to detect the counterfeit by studying the real observances and other truths directly from Yahweh’s Word.

- The first fact that should alert us to the counterfeit is the name itself. "Easter" is the obvious name of a pagan goddess. It has nothing to do with Yahweh, Yahshua, the Passover, or Yahshua’s resurrection.
- The next fact that warns us to the counterfeit is the Easter eggs and rabbits tradition. Eggs and rabbits are fertility symbols. There is no command to use them in service to Yahweh anywhere in His Word.
- Another sign of a counterfeit is revealed in the worship of Tammuz. Just as two malefactors were slain with the true Messiah, one malefactor is slain with Tammuz. This, of course, is not common knowledge, but is obtainable with a little research once one realizes that Tammuz and Ishtar are cohorts.
- Evidence of a counterfeit is also discovered through the time that the Messiah was to be in the heart of the earth or in the tomb. Yahshua said that He would be "three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:38-40). The paganistic messiah of traditional Easter is in the grave only from Friday sunset to Sunday morning, a full day and two nights. That is only half of the actual time that Yahshua said would be THE proof that He was the true Messiah. Much of paganism is just like the counterfeit \$100 bill — it is close, but still falls short of the actual requirements to be valid.
- Counterfeited also is the very Name of the Messiah Himself. The pagan messiah is named Jesus or Hesus, while the true Messiah is named Yahshua. Even the name falls short of its true value and distinction.
- Finally, the best way to gauge a counterfeit is to compare it with the truth. No lie is of the truth (1John 2:21). If it can’t be proven Biblically, then it simply isn’t true or genuine.

Excerpt from **The Counterfeit Called Easter**, by YAIY

## Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread

Passover service will be at 7:30pm Thursday, April the 21st. Bible studies are planned starting on Friday afternoon at 1:30pm. The first High day service will be on Saturday at 1:30pm, with an evening Bible study at 6:30pm. Last High day service will be at 1:30pm on Friday the 29th.

7th day Sabbath services will be at their regular times at 1:30pm, with this year having both the weekly and first High day Sabbath on the same day. Other tentative Bible studies are planned and a schedule will be given once brethren start arriving. These dates and activities are contingent on the new moon showing on the evening of the 8th of April. If you have further questions, please call us toll free: 1-877-642-4101.

With Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread coming up, the following list of basic ingredients would be best avoided during April 22nd-29th. Not all are scripturally leavening agents, but are used in cooking to puff things up. Things to remove from the pantry: leaven, yeast, sodium bicarbonate, potassium bicarbonate, baking soda, baking powder. Such things as unleavened crackers are perfect to use for Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. It should be mentioned that many vitamin products have yeast, so be sure to check the labels. Now is the time to prepare, so as not to have a lot of products to get out.

## New Spanish Mini-Studies Now Online

Hola! New Spanish studies are now online and available for downloading. We can also send requested literature upon request. We want to thank the Spanish brothers and sisters involved in translating and double checking all of these. We also will be printing the Spanish studies for those who request them, but on regular letter sized paper. Currently we only have The Mistaken "J" in booklet form, along with the Spanish New Testament. Feel free to order yours today! Gracias and HalleluYah!



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## Time to Prepare

Above and beyond removal of leaven products from the home, is a need to once again start accessing our own lives and what it means to do Yahweh's will. What are we doing daily to draw closer to Him? How is our prayer life? How are we doing spiritually? These are things we need to start asking: knowing that Yahshua the Messiah gave His life for us and knowing that we are nothing without His sacrificial covering. Let's make sure we are striving to be "One" with the Father and the Son (John 17).

## Search for Abib

This year's search (first week and a half of March) for *abib* by various individuals and organizations has proven somewhat challenging due to both the yea and nay reporting, but after review it was concluded our calculated calendar dates were correct. One Karaite Jew (Nehemiah Gordon) wrote some days later about going to some of the very same fields in which there were confirmed *abib* reports, but the barley was overall too immature. Not that the reporters were lying, but their methodology was evidently in error. The blog report on Nehemiah's Corner was entitled the "Aviv Barley and the Gold Pandas." It's an analogy speaking of gold coins (related to heads of grain) which looked authentic on the outside, but when opened up were exposed to not be the real deal. The point being, even when some of the fields looked ready on the surface, the individual grains (when opened up) proved overall not to be in the proper stage of development.

We've updated the following section of lesson 15, New Moon, in our Bible Correspondence Course, to better reflect agricultural, historical and scriptural context. It's important we have discernment in the days we're in and continue to make corrections as needed.

6. Are early ears of barley to be used in determining the biblical New Year? Ex 9:31-32; 12:2; 13:4; Deut 16:1. Note: We look to the holy "land" for early ripened barley before the new moon (either 1st or 13th). The barley would need to be in a stage (e.g., firm dough) where the grain can be shaken off for roasting. Anciently the people most likely would have been eager to bring evidence of Abib to the priests from their various fields. Yahweh indeed informed them not to delay firstfruit offerings (Ex 22:29). A wave sheaf would be offered at the appointed time (Lev 23:11). Determining a scriptural New Year includes looking at the overall crop. As Scripture tells us, the sickle is handled during the harvest (Jer 50:16; Mark 4:29), this would occur when the fields were ready (Lev 23:10; Rev 14:14-16).

## Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Dolores Parker, Terrell Frasure, David & Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Karen van Schalkwyk, Robert Creech, Elder Lionel and Sandra Gets, Rina van der Merwe, Charmaine Potgieter, Jaco van der Merwe, Michael Potgieter, Carroll Isdell and Family, Ivenia Wayland and Family, Juan Castaneda and Family, Diana Murphy, Rina van Schalkwyk, Annari van der Merwe, Samuel Snyder and Family, Hartwig Fleischmann and Family, Melanie Killiebrew, David Wilson, Sheila Hurtado, Eric Perkins, Deborah Brock, Leonardo Drisdell, Sherrie Abril and Family, Brandon Newton and Family, Barnard van der Merwe, Byron Lamar, Lorraine Schimpf, Hoshea Stanton, Lawrence Wayne Atkins, Gary Deerwester, Maxwell Lamb and Family, Bongani Mgwanya, David Andrews, Frances Domingues, David Flores, Henry Sunderman, Moses Kamau, Kareem Greene and Family, Danny O'Connor and Family, Victor Karanja, Susan Malm, Deberorah Grouwstra, Nombulelo Precious Mabele, Patricia Calhoun, Alan Guzman, Katie Higgins and family, Joseph Oganga Ontita, Paul Washington, Amelia Roberts, G. Kwasnica, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Georgiana Greene and Family, Skip and Linda Franchino, Helen Drisdell, Sharon Scott, Willie Koorzen, Al J. Pagano, Baby Jai'Ron. Pray also for the peace and protection of Jerusalem.



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