

"Behold the Man with Nail Pierced Hands" The Great Name of God

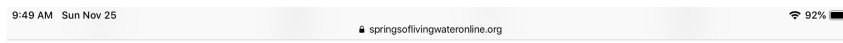
Our Bibles start at **Genesis 1:1** with this statement, *"In the beginning God."* The Hebrew the word for the book of Genesis is B'reshite and means, "In the Beginning." The word for God used in this opening statement is ... Elohim, a plural word indicating that God, although one exists in parts or aspects. We have come to know the three parts or aspects of God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And since every man was created in the image of God we too are each individuals having three parts ... a spirit, a soul and a body.

God also has an actual name and it is revealed for the first time in **Genesis 2:4** and is used over **7,000 times** in the Old Testament.

However, our Bibles don't use the name but insert a special designation for it such as ... *"Lord God"* when the name is being used. This happened when the Hebrew people were taken captive to Babylon around 600 BC. Their leaders purposely hid the name of God so it would not be profaned among the nations.

The Hebrew people now refer to God's name as Ha Shem, meaning *"The Name"*. They do not speak His name but are taught to say Adonai, meaning "Lord" in its place. They do not write God's name but instead substitute the tetragrammaton, **YHVH**, the four Hebrew letters that make up the name. God's name is *"Yah-u-wah"*, which basically means **"I AM THAT I AM"**.

Let's take a look at something very special about His name by just using the tetragrammaton, **YHVH**:



Pronunciation of the Letters

(yad)

(hey)

(vaw)

(hey)

Ancient Hebrew Symbols for the Letters of the Tetragrammaton



Interpretation of the Symbols

"Hand"

Man with
raised hands
means
"Behold"

"Nail"

Man with
raised hands
means
"Behold"

As we see here, *the very name of God that was hidden over 2,500 years ago*, to prevent it from being profaned among the nations, has consequently also hidden its *"True Meaning"* of God's name, as read above, **"Behold the Hands of the Man with Raised Hands, Behold the Nail Pierced Hands of the Man with Raised Hands"**, who will one day be identified by his *"Raised Nail Pierced Hands"* our Messiah, our Lord, our Savior, our Redeemer, our Hope.

Modern Day Example of the letter "yad", literally meaning, "hand":



Reading the Torah scroll with a pointer called a yad (literally, hand).

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."²⁰ When he had said this, **he showed them his hands** (declaring *his* hidden name of nearly 600 years, the *"True Meaning"* of God's name, as read above, **"Behold the Hands of the Man with Raised Hands, Behold the Nail Pierced Hands of the Man with Raised Hands"**) and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."²² And when he had said this, he **breathed**^{*} on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." **John 20:19-31**

* **"breathed"**: The very name of God is "Yahweh", the proper name of "God" as read in **Exodus 6:3**, *"God said, 'I used to appear to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as El Shaddai, but I did not make myself know to them by my name YHWH (Yahweh),'"* which is pronounced as the sound of one breathing, "Yah – Weh", as we also see identified in the name change and destiny of Abram ("Exulted Father") and Sarai ("my princess"), when God gave them his own name, and changed their names to Abra"ha"m ("Father of Many Nations") and Sara"h" ("Mother of Nations"), **the very Breath of God**, "Yah – Weh", as read in **Genesis 2:7**, *"7 then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature."* It is here, in like manner, that Jesus too, **breathes** on his disciples and changes not only their names from *"Fishermen"/"Followers"* to *"Fishers of Men"/"Apostles"* (sent ones), but their destinies too, from *"Disciples"* to *"Disciple Makers"*. **"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"** Psalm 150:6

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, **"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."**

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, **"Put your finger here; see my hands** (declaring *his* hidden name of nearly 600 years, the *"True Meaning"* of God's name, as read above, **"Behold the Hands of the Man with Raised Hands, Behold the Nail Pierced Hands of the Man with Raised Hands"**). **Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."**

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; **blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."** **John 20:24-29**