

# The Name of Yeshua Revealed in the Old Testament

## "Yeshua Is My Name" יֵשׁוּעַ שְׁמִי

In the book, The Signature of God, they reported on one of the most astonishing and important biblical discoveries in history. God has hidden the name Yeshua - יֵשׁוּעַ in numerous passages throughout the Old Testament. Especially within the great Messianic prophetic passages the Lord has hidden at equally spaced intervals in the Hebrew text the incredible message that "Yeshua is My Name." This is one of the most astonishing and tremendous biblical discoveries in the last two thousand years.

The phenomenon of Hebrew codes hidden within the text of the Torah gives us one of the strongest possible proofs that the Bible was truly inspired by God. My friend Yacov Rambsel, a Jewish Messianic pastor in San Antonio, Texas, made a series of extraordinary discoveries through a detailed analysis of the Hebrew Scriptures by individually counting the equally spaced intervals between the letters. Incredibly, Yacov found the original Hebrew name of, Yeshua - יֵשׁוּעַ encoded in the very first verse Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Starting with the fifth letter, Yod - י, in the first word in the Bible, B'raisheet בְּרֵאשִׁית "In the beginning" the name of - Yeshua - יֵשׁוּעַ is spelled out by counting forward every 521st letter. The letters spell out the words "Yeshua Yakhol" which translates as "Yeshua is able."

Ten years ago Israeli scientists at Hebrew University discovered an incredible phenomenon of Hebrew Codes in the authorized Masoretic Text of the Old Testament. They asked their computer program to analyze every possible combination of letters within the Hebrew text of the Bible. They discovered that meaningful words such as Hitler, Holocaust and Eichmann were spelled out in the text of Deuteronomy 10:17-22 at an interval of every 22 letters. They call the phenomenon "Equidistant Letter Sequences" and have written numerous scholarly articles about their discoveries in mathematical and academic journals worldwide. In other words, when the computer found the first letter of the word Hitler - הֵיטְלֵר, the letter heh ה, it skipped forward every 22 letters and found the letters of the Hebrew word Hitler- הֵיטְלֵר spelled out in the text. However, they also found in the same passage these words: Eichmann, King of the Nazis, Berlin, Germany, Holocaust, Cremetoria, Fuehrer and the death camp Auschwitz. These discoveries and hundreds of others are detailed in my book The Signature of God. The presence of these complex coded words in the Hebrew text of the Bible written thousands of years ago is one of the strongest hard science proofs we

could ever hope for proving beyond question that a supernatural intelligence inspired the writers of the Scriptures. These discoveries are causing many agnostics to reconsider their position against the supernatural origin of the Bible. However, the greatest discovery for a Christian is that God has encoded the name of Yeshua - Jesus repeatedly throughout the Old Testament.

One of the most astonishing features is that virtually every one of the clearly Messianic passages of the Old Testament contains the name Yeshua - encoded within the text at intervals such as every 2nd letter or every 20th letter, etc. As an example, Yacov found the name Yeshua embedded in the text of Isaiah 53:10 that prophesied about the atoning sacrifice that Christ made for our sins on the cross two thousand years ago. "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand" (Isaiah 53:10). Beginning with the second Hebrew letter yod <sup>י</sup> in the Hebrew phrase "He shall prolong," "ya'arik Kyray," Yacov counted forward every 20th letter and discovered the phrase "יִשְׁרָע שְׁמִי" - Yeshua - Shmi" which means "Yeshua is My Name" encoded in this verse about the suffering Messiah who died to atone for our sins. Mathematicians calculated the probability that this astonishing combination of letters spelling "Yeshua is My Name" would occur by random chance in Isaiah is only one chance in 50 quadrillion, an inconceivable number!

Genesis declared that the Lord provided "coats of skin" for Adam and Eve to cover their nakedness after they sinned: "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them" (Genesis 3:20,21). God killed the first animal as a sin sacrifice to provide their covering. This prophetic sign pointed to the perfect sacrifice of the Lamb of God to cover our sins. However, beginning with the last Hebrew letter heh <sup>ה</sup> in Genesis 3:20 and counting forward every ninth letter we find the word "Yoshiah" meaning "He will save." The word Yoshiah is a Hebrew variation of the name Yeshua (Jesus). The angel told the virgin Mary that "thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Genesis 3:20,21 revealed another code showing the name Yeshua hidden in this passage. Beginning with the letter ayin <sup>ע</sup> in the phrase "coats of skin" and counting forward every seventh letter spells out another form of the word Yeshua - <sup>יִשְׁע</sup>, which is spelt without using the letter vav <sup>ו</sup>.

A well known Messianic prophecy describes the exact price of Christ's betrayal, namely 30 pieces of silver. The prophet Zechariah gave this prediction five hundred

years before the birth of Yeshua: "And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver" (Zechariah 11:12). Who is the one who is being betrayed? In the phrase "My price" se'kari beginning with the letter yod when we count forward every 24th letter we find the word Yeshua <sup>ישוע</sup>. The Lord obviously inspired the writers of the Old Testament to choose specific Hebrew words and precise spelling to create this phenomenon.

The Book of Leviticus reveals an astonishing hidden coded message about the blood of Yeshua being shed for our sins. In this passage Moses gave God's detailed instructions regarding the rules of the holy priesthood and the sacrifices for the sins of the chosen people. "And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes; Neither shall he go into any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother; Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I Am the Lord" (Leviticus 21:10-12). Beginning with the first heh <sup>ה</sup> in Leviticus 21:10 and counting forward every third letter, it spelled out the phrase hain dam Yeshua, which means "Behold! The blood of Yeshua." It is awesome to realize that God has secretly encoded these profound messages regarding His Son Yeshua in these significant passages throughout the Old Testament.

One of the most startling of the Messianic codes was found within Psalm 41:7-10 which predicted the betrayal of Yeshua by Judas Iscariot: "All My haters whisper together against Me; they plot evil against Me; saying, A thing of ruin is poured out on Him; and He Who lies down shall not rise again. Even My own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, who did eat of My bread, has lifted up his heel against Me. But Thou, O Lord, be merciful unto Me, and raise Me up, that I may repay them" (Psalm 41:7-10). Verse 8 contained the phrase "they plot evil," yach' shvu rah'ah. However, beginning with the letter yod <sup>י</sup>, when we count forward every second letter we find the word <sup>ישוע</sup> - Yeshua.

The Book of Ruth contains a wonderful love story that reveals the ancestry of King David and Yeshua. It is fascinating to note that the name Yeshua - <sup>ישוע</sup> is encoded in the very first verse, Ruth 1:1. Counting every fifth letter from right to left from the letter <sup>י</sup> spells out the name of Yeshua - <sup>ישוע</sup>. The prophet Isaiah announced centuries before the birth of Christ that He would come as the great liberator to mankind. This prophecy of the Great Jubilee at the end of this age reminded Israel that their Messiah would finally cancel all their debts and proclaim liberty to all of those who were

captives to sin. "The Spirit of the Lord God is on Me, because The Lord has anointed Me to preach the Good News to the meek. He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and complete opening to the bound ones; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn" (Isaiah 61:1,2). Starting with the yod in the phrase, "The Spirit of the Lord God," "Ruach Adonai Yehovah," counting nine letters from left to right spells Yeshua.

Of the many incredible discoveries made by Yacov Rambsel, one of my favorites concerns Daniel's great prophecy of the Seventy Weeks found in Daniel 9:25-27. Verse 26 reads: "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." (Daniel 9:26). Students of the Bible are familiar with the controversy over the last century about the correct identity of the "Messiah the Prince" referred to in the passage. Those who deny that the prophecy teaches about Yeshua first coming have usually claimed that "Messiah the Prince" was Hezekiah or some other individual. However, the name Yeshua - יֵשׁוּעַ is encoded within Daniel 9:26 starting with the letter yod in the phrase "the city," v'ha'iry, by counting left to right every 26th letter.

The significance of Yacov Rambsel's discovery is overwhelming. When added to the awesome research in Israel on the hidden codes of the Torah we can see the sovereign hand of God bringing about an incredible proclamation of His inspiration of the Word of God. Hundreds of thousands of people around the world, mostly Jews, have heard about these secret Torah codes. These people, who have reaffirmed their belief in God's inspiration of the Old Testament because of this phenomenon, will now learn that God has secretly encoded the actual name of His Son, the Messiah, Yeshua, within these Messianic texts.

This revelation of God's matchless wisdom and inspiration of the Scriptures in this decade as we approach the new millennium reminds me of the angel's prophecy to Daniel: "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. . . ." (Daniel 12:4). The discovery of these astonishing codes revealing the name of God's Son Yeshua - יֵשׁוּעַ, hidden within the text of the Bible for over three thousand years, is part of the fulfillment of this prophecy. Our knowledge of the Bible and its prophecies is increasing at a phenomenal rate in these exciting last days as we approach the time of the Messiah's return to set up His kingdom.

Over the course of my research on The Signature of God, Yacov Rambsel and I have had many conversations about the tremendous significance of his discovery of the Yeshua codes. There is much more exciting material in Yacov's book than I could cover in this chapter. As a result of these discussions, our ministry will be publishing Yacov's fascinating book Yeshua <sup>ישוע</sup> - The Name of Yeshua Hidden in the Old Testament. If any reader is interested in studying this phenomenon and documentation in greater detail, they can order the book from any Christian bookstore or directly from our ministry, Frontier Research Publications, Inc. As Yacov wrote in his book, "Without a doubt, the Messiah's Name is Yeshua - <sup>ישוע</sup> ,