

Psalm 8

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 Psalm 8, AV1611 versus NIV/NKJV footnotes

Verse	AV1611	NIV/NKJV footnotes
1	<i>LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.</i>	<i>O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.</i>
2	<i>Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.</i>	<i>From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.</i>
3	<i>When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;</i>	<i>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,</i>
4	<i>What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?</i>	<i>what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?</i>
5	<i>For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.</i>	<i>You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.</i>
6	<i>Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:</i>	<i>You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:</i>
7	<i>All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;</i>	<i>all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field,</i>
8	<i>The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.</i>	<i>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.</i>
9	<i>O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!</i>	<i>O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!</i>

Note that many of the notes that follow this table are from Dr Ruckman’s commentaries *Volume I of the Book of Psalms*, Psalm 8, pp 43-44 and *The Book of Hebrews* pp 39-50 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 774.

Notes on Psalm 8

1. Psalm 8:1, 9. The Lord’s name is not “*excellent...all the earth*” now. It is that with respect to the Lord Jesus Christ “*God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name*” Philippians 2:9 but God’s name is blasphemed in “*the last days*.”

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy” 2 Timothy 3:1-2.

See also these prophetic references:

“O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?” Psalm 74:10.

“Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name” Psalm 74:18.

“Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed” Isaiah 52:5.

The Lord’s name will be ***“excellent...all the earth”*** at the Second Advent. Psalm 8:1 is therefore a Second Advent reference.

“The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day” Isaiah 2:11.

“And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day” Isaiah 2:17.

“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea” Habakkuk 2:14.

God’s glory is ***“set...above the havens”*** because He has ***“a glorious high throne from the beginning”*** Jeremiah 17:12 that is in ***“the third heaven”*** 2 Corinthians 12:2 of which John said ***“And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne...The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created”*** Revelation 4:2.

Note also Isaiah 57:15 with respect to ***“thy glory above the heavens”*** and yet God’s mindfulness of man, see remarks on Psalm 8:4.

“For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”

2. ***Psalm 8:2.*** The Lord Jesus Christ quoted Psalm 8:2 in Matthew 21:16 to rebuke ***“the chief priests and scribes”*** Matthew 21:15-16.

“And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?”

“Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise” because they recognised the Lord Jesus Christ as ***“the Lord, whom ye seek...suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in”*** Malachi 3:1, most likely having been informed by their parents of His earlier unexpected coming to the temple where He was ***“in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions”*** Luke 2:46.

Theirs was ***“perfected praise”*** in that they delighted in ***“the Lord...even the messenger of the covenant”*** – see Jeremiah 31:31-34, 32:38-40, Hebrews 8:8-13 – but ***“the chief priests and scribes”*** did not. However, it was their voices that were stilled, not those of ***“the children crying in the temple,”*** as in Luke 20:26.

“And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.”

Psalm 8:2 has further historical and prophetic application.

David like Timothy would have ***“from a child...known the holy scriptures”*** 2 Timothy 3:15 from his father Jesse and mother Nahash, Ruth 4:22, 2 Samuel 17:25. He would have known ***“the ways of the LORD”*** 2 Samuel 22:22, Psalm 18:21 ***“from a child.”***

This is important with respect to the expression ***“Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies.”***

The word that most closely fits “*ordained*” in scripture is “*prepared*.”

“He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors” Psalm 7:13.

“For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it” Isaiah 30:33.

In David’s case ***“...when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth...”*** 1 Samuel 17:42.

However “*out of the mouth*” of this youth, God “*ordained strength*” or prepared strength “*because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger*” that is, Goliath 1 Samuel 17:4 and the Philistines. They were collectively “*the enemy and the avenger*” in that they sought to avenge themselves on Saul, who, though not as effective a warrior as David nevertheless “*Saul slew his thousands*” of the Philistines, 1 Samuel 29:5. They were glad when Saul was slain, 1 Samuel 31:9-10. The Philistines could have said of Saul as they did of Samson according to Judges 16:24.

“And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.”

David’s declaration to Goliath was preparation for victory according to Psalm 71:16 ***“I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.”***

“This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD’S, and he will give you into our hands” 1 Samuel 17:46-47.

The result was a decisive victory “*in the strength of the Lord GOD.*”

“So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him...And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.”

“*The enemy and the avenger*” had been stilled.

By extension, therefore, Psalm 8:2 has prophetic application in the End Times where again the Lord will have prepared or “*ordained strength*” as in the defeat of Goliath by David when “*but a youth*” and again “*because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.*”

This time, however, the “*the enemy and the avenger*” is “*the idol shepherd*” Zechariah 11:17, “*the beast*” Revelation 13:3 with “*his deadly wound*” who seeks to avenge himself once and for all on Israel as the nation of Him whom he hates most of all, “*the Messiah the Prince*” Daniel 9:25 and of “*the oracles of God*” Romans 3:2.

Note Revelation 12:17, which specifically states that ***“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ,”*** the woman being Israel, the nation singled out especially for the satanic persecution. See Dr Ruckman’s commentary *The Book of Revelation* pp 330-337.

The prophetic application of Psalm 8:2 is as follows.

“In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them” Zechariah 12:8.

“**The enemy and the avenger**” will be stilled in that **“the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet...These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone”** Revelation 19:20 except that they **“should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”** Philippians 2:11 – and they will.

Psalm 8:2 has a practical application with respect to the expression **“thou hast ordained strength because of thine enemies”** in that as Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 1:27 **“But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.”**

Paul states further **“And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God”** 1 Corinthians 2:3-5.

“In the power of God” Paul could say **“for when I am weak, then am I strong”** 2 Corinthians 12:10 and testify to it:

“Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ” Romans 15:19.

Today’s believer can preach **“the gospel of Christ...by the power of the Spirit of God”** against opposition because the Lord ordained strength for **“babes in Christ”** 1 Corinthians 3:1 according to the promise of **“the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name”** John 14:26:

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” Acts 1:8.

3. Psalm 8:3. The psalmist is a creationist. Note again as in Psalm 8:2 how the word **“prepared”** will fit the term **“ordained”** according to Isaiah 45:18 **“For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.”** See Genesis 1:9-31 for how God prepared the earth **“to be inhabited.”**

“For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens” 1 Chronicles 16:26.

“For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens” Psalm 96:5.

“The gods” include **“oppositions of science falsely so called”** 1 Timothy 6:20 like evolution.

Evolutionists would deny 1 Chronicles 16:26, Psalm 96:5 but they won’t when the Lord comes back, as Micaiah foresaw.

“And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself” 1 Kings 22:25.

“And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself” 2 Chronicles 18:24.

“And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us”

from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” Revelation 6:15-17.

Not Darwin, Hawking, Dawkins or any of their followers in Bible-rejection mode, that’s for sure.

Not also Genesis 1:14-15 for further explanation of why the Lord has prepared or ***“hast ordained...thy heavens...the moon and the stars.”***

“And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.”

See also Genesis 1:16-18 and note that the Christian with a good testimony and the Book, Psalm 119:130, is the only spiritual light this world has.

“Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain” Philippians 2:14-16.

4. **Psalm 8:4.** See also Hebrews 2:6, 7. The answer to the first question is that man is a created being **“in the image of God”** Genesis 1:27.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

The image was marred after the Fall, Genesis 3, but a likeness remains.

“Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God” James 3:9.

The answer to the second question is that God desires **“that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!”** Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31.

Men will not do so because as Solomon observed **“The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD”** Proverbs 19:3.

The only way that **“men would praise the LORD for his goodness”** as a whole is by means of **“the LORD...even the messenger of the covenant”** Malachi 3:1 fulfilling Jeremiah 31:31-33 **“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah...But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”**

See also Hebrews 8:8-10 and remarks under point 2 and Psalm 8:2. The establishment of this covenant is at the Second Advent and is accompanied by the re-establishment of **“the LORD’S house”** in Jerusalem for the sake of both Jew and Gentile, with the Lord Jesus Christ as **“king over all the earth”** Zechariah 14:9 and the Jew as recipient of **“the new covenant”** teaching the Gentile in **“the ways of the LORD”** Psalm 138:5.

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” Isaiah 2:2-3.

“After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who

doeth all these things” Acts 15:17-18, see also Amos 9:11-12. **“The Gentiles, upon whom my name is called”** are those with **“that worthy name by the which ye are called”** James 2:7, who endure **“great tribulation”** Revelation 7:14 in the End Times leading up to the Second Advent.

“And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek; and his rest shall be glorious” Isaiah 11:10. **“His rest”** is **“the throne of his glory”** Matthew 25:31 on earth at the Second Advent.

“And in his name shall the Gentiles trust” Matthew 12:21.

“And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust” Romans 15:12. See Romans 15:8-12.

“Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you” Zechariah 8:23. This is the practical outworking of **“the new covenant”** for the Gentiles. The Gentiles will get guidance from the Jew concerning the Lord with respect to **“his ways...his paths...the law, and the word of the LORD.”**

Thanks to the outworking of **“the new covenant”** Jew and Gentile **“in those days”** will of course **“delight...in the law of the LORD”** Psalm 1:2 and **“delight...also in the LORD”** Psalm 37:4 in the way **“the children crying in the temple”** Matthew 21:15 did at the First Advent.

That explains Matthew 18:2-3.

“And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

That is how **“men would praise the LORD for his goodness”** as a whole.

That is also why, with respect to the remainder of Psalm 8:4 and **“the son of man,”** as Job questions God in Job 7:17-18 that **“thou shouldest magnify him...and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him...And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment”** so that **“ye be converted, and become as little children”** because **“of such is the kingdom of God”** Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16 because *now* the individual has to be converted by the new birth in order to enter **“the kingdom of God.”**

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” John 3:3.

The Christian, of course, **“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever”** 1 Peter 1:23 is already among the **“partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light”** Colossians 1:12 in that **“the Father...hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins”** Colossians 1:12-14.

5. **Psalm 8:5-8.** The first part of Psalm 8:5 has prompted the comment **“That puts the angels in pretty rough shape.”** Man was **“a little lower than the angels”** in Eden in that Adam and Eve not **“as gods”** Genesis 3:5 and their sin was in trying to **“be as gods.”**

However, though **“the first man Adam”** sinned, Romans 5:12, the Lord Jesus Christ, as **“the last Adam”** 1 Corinthians 15:45 at the Second Advent will be **“crowned...with glory and honour,”** Psalm 8:5 indicating that the Lord’s coronation is in God’s sight already *a fait accompli*.

“And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one” Zechariah 14:9. See remarks under point 4 and Psalm 8:4 with respect to Isaiah 2:2-3, Isaiah 11:10, Matthew 12:21, Romans 15:12.

“...now we see not yet all things put under him” Hebrews 2:8 but the Lord Jesus Christ *will* be King over all that God has made i.e. **“the works of thy hands,”** including the animal kingdom, Genesis 1:20-26, as Psalm 8:6-8 indicates and the following references.

The Lord’s reign following the Second Advent will be universal, global and unchallengeable, from Jerusalem and **“the river”** Ezekiel 47:7 outwards with no place e.g. **“the wilderness”** to hide and only humiliation if **“the rebellious exalt themselves”** Psalm 66:7 because **“they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet”** Isaiah 49:23.

“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them” Isaiah 11:6.

One reason why Isaiah 11:6 applies specifically to the Second Advent is that if leopard and the kid lie down together now, one of them will be pretty nervous all night long. See also:

“The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and dust shall be the serpent’s meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD” Isaiah 65:25, or anywhere else because Isaiah 65:25 is a statement of **“the law of the LORD”** Psalm 19:7 and **“out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”** Isaiah 2:3.

What follows are references to the re-gathering of Israel at the Second Advent and note the match with respect to **“all things under his feet”** Psalm 8:6 with respect to domesticated and wild animals Psalm 8:7 **“the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the sea”** Psalm 8:8, noting that **“...God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good”** Genesis 1:21.

The passages describe Israel with the Lord Jesus Christ restoring Jerusalem at the Second Advent so that Isaiah 2:2-3, Zechariah 14:9 and Psalm 72:8-9 come to pass, see point 4 and Psalm 8:4, see above and see below.

“Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem” Isaiah 52:9. Note in passing the definition from Isaiah 52:8, 9 of redemption as bringing again. For the Christian it has to be accomplished **“through his blood”** Colossians 1:14, which is **“the precious blood of Christ”** 1 Peter 1:18-19.

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?” Isaiah 60:1-8.

Then shall **“the name of the LORD our God”** Psalm 20:7, Jeremiah 26:16, Micah 4:5 be **“excellent...in all the earth”** Psalm 8:1, 9. The dominion of Genesis 1:28 is regained and perfected.

“He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust” Psalm 72:8-9. Amen.

6. The NIV is deficient in:

- 6.1. Psalm 8:2. The substitution of “*praise*” for “*strength*” is from the LXX, Septuagint, a corrupt Alexandrian source. See “*O Biblios*” – *The Book* pp 6-7 and the uploaded edition www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ pp 5-6.
- 6.2. Psalm 8:3. The substitution of “*set in place*” for “*ordained*” is a very limited term that does not have the sense of “*prepared.*” See remarks under point 3 and Psalm 8:3.
- 6.3. Psalm 8:4. The substitution of “*care for*” for “*visitest*” breaks the cross reference to Job 7:17-18 and obscures God’s efforts to “*strive with man*” Genesis 6:3 that he “*be converted*” Matthew 18:3. See remarks under point 4 and Psalm 8:4.
- 6.4. Psalm 8:5. The substitution of “*heavenly beings*” for “*angels*” is wrong because man is not “*a little lower*” than “*heavenly beings*” such as “*principalities...powers...the rulers of the darkness of this world...spiritual wickedness in high places*” Ephesians 6:12. He is a great deal lower, as Isaiah states candidly in Isaiah 2:22.

“Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?”

It is only because “*The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy*” Psalm 145:8, that man even gets to be “*a little lower than the angels.*”

7. The name of God. Psalm 8:1, 9 *“how excellent is thy name in all the earth!”* The name of God in the Old Testament is JEHOVAH.

JEHOVAH – Seven Occurrences

The name Jehovah occurs seven times in scripture:

“And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen” Genesis 22:14. The Lord is my vision i.e. *“in thy light shall we see light”* Psalm 36:9.

“And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them” Exodus 6:3.

“And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation” Exodus 17:15. The Lord is my warrior i.e. *“The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name”* Exodus 15:3.

“And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites” Judges 6:23-24. The Lord is my peace i.e. *“the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed”* Isaiah 53:5.

“That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth” Psalm 83:18.



“The LORD will have war with Amalek” Exodus 17:15

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“In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen” Genesis 22:14

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“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation” Isaiah 12:2.

“Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength” Isaiah 26:4.

JEHOVAH – Seven Letters

The name JEHOVAH has seven letters and the number seven is associated with God throughout scripture:

“on the the seventh day God ended his work” Genesis 2:2

“And God blessed the seventh day” Genesis 2:3

“the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God” Exodus 20:10, Deuteronomy 5:14

“ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days” Leviticus 23:40

“Also the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel...seventy and seven lambs” Ezra 8:35

“what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men” Romans 11:4

“These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars” Revelation 3:1

“I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given the seven trumpets” Revelation 8:2

“one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God” Revelation 15:7.

See *Bible Numerics* by Dr Peter S. Ruckman pp 23-27 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 45-46, 104, 108, 813, 977, Appendix 34.

JEHOVAH – Three Vowels, Four Consonants

God often associates the numbers three and four in scripture e.g. Exodus 27:1, 38:1, Psalm 90:10, Proverbs 30:15, 18, 21, 29, Song of Solomon 6:8, Jeremiah 36:23, Daniel 11:2, Amos 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 13, 2:1, 4, 6, Revelation 6:6. Note seven millennia from creation to eternity, Genesis 1-Revelation 22 with the First Advent after *four* millennia and eternity *three* millennia after the First Advent. See *The Book of Genesis* pp 24-27 by Dr Ruckman. God’s name JEHOVAH is therefore divided into *three* and *four*, with “*Jehovah*” compounded *three* times and “*JEHOVAH*” alone *four* times.

JESUS and JEHOVAH – Not ‘Yahweh’!

Dr Mrs Gail Riplinger writes in *In Awe of Thy Word* by pp 413ff “*The name of God יהוה* [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew_alphabet] is spelled with the Hebrew letters yod [jod], heh, vav, and heh, read from right to left and then translated into English as JHVH (called the Tetragrammaton). In the KJV Old Testament it is translated ‘**JEHOVAH**’ seven times (and rendered ‘LORD’ the remaining times; see *New Age Bible Versions*, pp. 375-383). Each of these letters of the Hebrew alphabet paints a picture [by inspection so does each of the English counterparts]. The letters in the name of God illustrate the following:

“**J** = jod = י

“It suggests a giving, extending hand...”

“**H** = heh = ה

“It represents an enclosure, like heaven or a window...”

“**V** = vav = ו

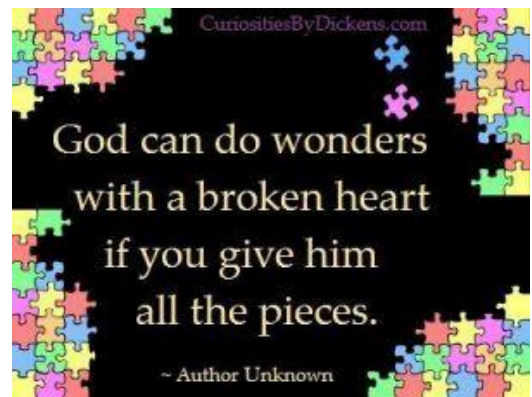
“It symbolizes a nail... A ‘v’ in English is a pictogram of the chiselled end of a nail.

“**H** = heh = ה

“The H is repeated at the end of the name because “Jesus was risen” and “received up into heaven” again (Mark 16:9, 19).”

Dr Mrs Riplinger explains that “In the 19th century, as unbelieving German critics of the Bible were hammering away at the word of God, they tried to refashion God’s name JEHOVAH. They asserted that the God of Israel’s name should be pronounced Yahweh because, to them, he was nothing more than an offshoot of the pagan deity “Yaho.” Nothing could be further from the truth.” ‘Yahweh’ is like making John and James, Matthew 4:21 Yohn and Yames and John the Baptist, Matthew 3:1 Yohn the Baptist. Unsaved modern scholars still think that JEHOVAH is ““grammatically impossible”” en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetragrammaton. They forget Luke 1:37 “**For with God nothing shall be impossible.**” Dr Mrs Riplinger summarises, her emphases:

“God reached his hand י out of the windows of heaven ה, and we put a nail ו in it; having taken our punishment for sin, he has returned to heaven ה. The “nail” “pierced” “hands” of Jesus were foretold in Psalm 22:16 and Isaiah 22:23-25.” Amen.



“The LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee” Judges 6:23

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