



Names

Kefa – Peter
 Messiah – English for Mashiach; anointed one; Christ
 in the Greek means to be smudged
 Moshe – Moses
 Shaul – Paul
 Yeshua – Jesus' real name
 Yĕhōvāh – God's real name forever (Ex. 3:15)
 Yochanan – John

Terms

Haftarah – reading from the prophets
 Menorah – 7 candle Israelite lamp
 Tanakh – Old Testament portion of Bible
 Mishkan – tent of meeting in the desert
 Torah – 1st 5 books of the Bible
 Torah portion – there are 54 portions of the
 Torah
 (There are also transliterations from Hebrew)

The name of the portion for this week is Chukat and it means, “ordinance of” or “decree.” This portion begins with God telling Moshe (Moses) the details about the sacrifice of the red cow. It is to be without blemish and never to have had a yoke on it. Not having a yoke on it probably means it was not to be used for work or used inappropriately (it is a cow, not an ox). This week is sometimes a double portion of scriptures.

God values each and every believer.

Each person contributes to the body of believers in their own special way. Just like the Bible identified the different ways people served the community in the Old Testament portion, there are different ways that people serve and function as believers in the Bible and the Messiah. Each believer is important to God, and we should not think that some believers are less important than others.

God created mankind and everyone comes from an original people that God created. Genesis 1:26 NKJV says, "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." We have talked about this before a number of times. Since we are created in God's likeness, we have special abilities. We can create, love others, be kind and good, be generous, work, care about others, and so much more. We have so many special abilities because of how God created us. Because we are special, each person deserves respect and to be cared about. The Jews took time to apply principles to the scriptures of the Bible and they are often good applications of the scriptures. It is the rabbinic commandments that micromanage life that are suspect and are not appropriate applications of the scriptures.

God's provision for mankind.

We should understand some basic principles that we learn from understanding the creation narrative. God is the creator of all that is. He created us with special abilities in His likeness. In doing so, God created us with the ability to take care of ourselves, our family, also help those in need, and of course the extensive abilities we need for life. As the creator God, He also

provided for us all the physical things we need for life like food and the ability use what God created to care for ourselves and build and keep our homes. It does not stop there. In just a few chapters later, we see Noah hearing from God, walking with God, and being perfect in his ways. Genesis 6:9 NKJV says, "Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations." The word "just" according to Strongs Dictionary means, "just, lawful, righteous." God provided Noah with the way to live, Noah was "lawful," and therefore kept the law. Was he always perfect? No, but that should not diminish from his character. Those who follow God make mistakes at times. Also, we know Abraham kept the law (see Genesis 26:5). Then in the Book of Exodus, God had Moshe write down the law for us, so we are provided with a way to be just and good. Before that, believers must have passed down God's law. God in His goodness has provided all that mankind needs for life.

God created mankind in His likeness with special abilities and the ability to have a good life, God provided all that mankind needed for life through His creation, and God provided good instructions for life. Those who follow God's commandments should understand that God's commandments are an extension of God's goodness towards mankind and of God's provision for mankind. Some see the law as a burden, but that is not God's intention. The law is an extension of God's provision and kindness towards mankind.

As a special people, we have the ability to act as a special people. Just like God is a caring and just God we can be a caring and just people. Genesis 1:27-28 NKJV says "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them." There is a lot that can be understood just from just one scripture at times. Here, God blessed Adam and Eve before they had a chance to prove themselves. This teaches us that God has good intentions for mankind and God cares about mankind. And we too should care about God's creation and other people. Shaul makes an important assessment from these scriptures in Genesis. Shaul says in Acts 17:26 NKJV, "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth." He is making an appeal to the people he was talking to understand that the God of the Bible is the God of everyone if they will accept Him. He probably does this to try to break down the national and ethnic barriers towards the true God that the people he was addressing had developed.

God is the creator of the heavens and earth and all that exists. He is the God of everyone, but only those who make God their God are His treasured people. Leviticus 20:7-8 NKJV says, "Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the LORD who sanctifies you." God sanctifies holy or sets apart His special people that keep His commandments. Believers are to act as a God's special people and use their ability to be God's special created beings. Deuteronomy 14:2 NKJV says, "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth."

When people do things their own ways instead of how God tells us to live, they are rejecting the goodness and caring intentions of our God. God made us in His likeness, and we have the ability to be God's people. God created us to be His people if we will only accept Him and His commandments instead of the philosophies and ideals of the worldly. Psalms 8:3-5 NKJV says,

"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor." God gave us the ability to be His honorable and truly good people through Him.

God is over all believers and His people are to follow Him.

There are some identities that are not biblical. Saying that you are a Gentile believer is probably an Oxymoron. The identity of a believer has more to do with joining a spiritual family or being a believer in the true God. Let's talk again about Abraham and Noah in this context.

The Jews identified with being children of Abraham, but Abraham was not an Israelite or Jewish. Abraham was their father in the sense Abraham believed in the true God and kept God's commandments and law. Genesis 26:5 NKJV says, "Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws." It is not true that there was an evolution of faith in God and that the ancient believers did not keep God's law. The word laws in that verse about Abraham is the Hebrew word Torah. Abraham kept the Torah. Again, at the time of Abraham, believers passed down God's law from generation to generation. Noah kept God's law. The Bible says he walked with God. Genesis 6:8-9 NKJV says, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God." Again, being just and perfect implies that he kept the law. Psalms 19:7 NKJV says, "The law of the LORD is perfect." God had Moshe write down God's commandments for future generations.

Some say that circumcision is a commandment for the Jews, but God instituted the ritual with Abraham who was not Jewish. Those who wished to be associated with Abraham and follow Abraham's God were told to be circumcised (see Genesis 17:9-14). Shaul says that he taught circumcision in the New Testament portion. Galatians 5:11 NKJV says, "I still preach circumcision." A problem arose when Gentile unbelievers became believers in the true God. Circumcision was dangerous for adult males, and we are to protect life because life is precious. Genesis 1:26 NKJV says, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." So, adult males who become believers do not have to be circumcised because a person could die from the procedure. That was the issue in the 1st century. Some new believers were dying because some were insisting that the adult men be circumcised.

A word about circumcision.

In the Old Testament portion, someone who was not circumcised denied their faith (Genesis 17:14). Circumcision was a reminder to the male child that they are a believer in the true God. Therefore, it is a serious offense for believers to not have their male child circumcised. Yeshua said He will reject those who do not keep God's law. Matthew 7:23 NKJV says, "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

Yochanan (John) said that not keeping the law is sin. 1 John 3:4, 8 NKJV says, "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness." Verse 8 says, "He who sins is of the devil." The first leader of the Messianic believers in Yeshua said that faith is not enough, we are to still keep God's law. James 2:18-20 NKJV says, "But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my

works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?" Shaul (Paul) said that the law is not done away with. Romans 3:31 NKJV says, "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

The baby is not hurt badly during circumcision. They may cry briefly but that is usually all that happens. It has not impaired the sexual function of millions of men. It is not the same as the mutilation that women undergo where they lose sexual function.

We are a special people that God values because we value God and what He says.

Our thoughts and actions reflect what God taught mankind instead of just doing what we please or what we think is right.

We are not to follow our own heart. We are supposed to accept that God knows what is best for us want to do what is "right and good," see Deuteronomy 6:17-18 where it says God's law is "right and good." Some people think that they can get away with the evil they do but they will not. Psalms 10:13 NKJV says, "Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, 'You will not require an account.'" Some people will only do what they want because they think there are no consequences. Revelation 21:8 NKJV says, "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone." Evil must be punished because God is a good and just God.

Our thoughts are to be on keeping God's commandments. Then our heart will be right, and we will be ready to keep God's commandments. Psalms 26:2 NKJV says, "Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my mind and my heart." Those who do what is right have something to be excited about and to have joy in life. Psalms 32:11 NKJV says, "Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!" When our hearts are in line with God's commandments we do better in life. Psalms 37:31 NKJV says, "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." God's law is sure, is truth for life, and is forever for all. Psalms 111:7-8 NKJV says, "The works of His hands are verity and justice; all His precepts are sure. They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness."

God's law is perfect, helps us to be wise in life, are right, enlightening, are extremely valuable, and can make life pleasant.

Psalms 19:7-11 NKJV says,

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever.

The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Seek God's commandments with your whole heart, be committed to God, and be thankful for God's commandments.

Psalms 119:10-16 NKJV says,

With my whole heart I have sought You; oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes. With my lips I have declared all the judgments of Your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Our life is controlled by times and seasons.

Just like our day-to-day activities are influenced by the time of day and the different seasons of the year, life reflects our age, abilities, and choices.

No matter if you are old or young, rich or poor, American or Lithuanian (a country near Poland), you can become a son or daughter of God. So, as you live life, do not choose to live by your own heart but by how God tells us to live. Proverbs 3:5-8 NKJV says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones." So, do not choose your own wisdom, but choose God's wisdom and depart from evil.

Choose what is right and good for life. Deuteronomy 6:17-18 NKJV says, "You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you." Decide that you will serve the true God and not made-up religion. Joshua 24:15 NKJV says, "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Yeshua said that we are to seek God and the righteousness of His commandments. Matthew 6:33 NKJV says, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." I should also add that God wants to also give us another helper for life, the Holy Spirit. John 14:15-17 NKJV says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth."

God wants what is best for us. He does not want us to follow evil ways and the consequences that go with that. Won't you start by accepting His grace through His commandments and the Messianic gift of the Holy Spirit? Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." Even though this scripture refers to Israel, it is God's intention that all should believe in the true God and receive the blessings of life through the truths of the Bible. God wants us to

have a future and a hope no matter what age we are or in what circumstances we find ourselves.

God values each and every believer. And each person is a valuable part of God's spiritual family. God is over all believers and His people are to follow Him. The identity of a believer has more to do with joining a spiritual family or being a believer in the true God. We are a special people that God values because we value God and what He says. Our thoughts and actions reflect what God taught mankind instead of just doing what we please or what we think is right. Our life is controlled by times and seasons. Just like our day-to-day activities are influenced by the time of day and the different seasons of the year, life reflects our age, abilities, and choices. No matter if you are old or young, or rich or poor you can become a son or daughter of God. So, as you live life, do not choose to live by your own heart but by how God tells us to live. Decide in your heart that you will serve the Lord God.

Torah Study.

The portion for today is Chukat and means, "ordinance of" or "decree." This portion begins with God telling Moshe (Moses) the details about the sacrifice of the red cow. It is to be without blemish and never to have had a yoke on it. Not having a yoke on it probably means it was not to be used for work or used inappropriately (it is a cow, not an ox). It is to be sacrificed outside the camp. The ashes are to be kept for the water of purification. When anyone touches a corpse, they are to be sprinkled with the ashes mixed with water. Anyone who comes in contact with a corpse is unclean for 7 days. Miriam dies in this portion in the desert in Kadesh.

There are many symbolic things in the Old Testament portion that the people back then could understand as being symbolic. There are also things done in the Old Testament portion that symbolically refer to our Messiah Yeshua (Jesus Christ). The offerings were to be without blemish so also the people understood they were to stay away from the blemish of sin. Yeshua sacrificed himself for our sins as an offering without blemish. 1 Peter 1:18-19 CJB says, "You should be aware that the ransom paid to free you from the worthless way of life which your fathers passed on to you did not consist of anything perishable like silver or gold; on the contrary, it was the costly bloody sacrificial death of the Messiah, as of a lamb without defect or spot." "Lamb" is a reference to Yeshua in Isaiah 53:7 NKJV; "He was led as a lamb to the slaughter."

Just as the offerings at the Mishkan (the Tabernacle in the desert) were to be pure, we are to be pure. Rabbi Shaul (Paul) said in Romans 12:1 NKJV, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God." Shaul was Jewish so his writings have their basis in the Old Testament portion. We are to be holy and pure.

Also, we see another symbolic shadow picture of Yeshua in the red cow. Just as the red cow was to be killed outside of the camp, Yeshua gave His life outside the gate to make us holy. Hebrews 13:12 NKJV says, "Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered **outside the gate.**"

We should talk a little about the example and substitution that God instituted in the Bible. As we can see, there are some definite spiritual pictures that God made. God gave us spiritual pictures so that we do what is right; there are also some spiritual pictures that are about the Messiah Yeshua. Some people go to extremes though and look for things that God never intended to be used symbolically. They produce symbolic applications of the Bible that cater to our "itching ears." I had to read a book for my doctorate that applied extra meanings to everything; you would not believe how crazy this person sounded.

Watch out for people who go extremes with insights.

These extensive applications divert us from working on living out God's commandments and instead focus on satisfying our curiosity. 2 Timothy 4:1-2 NKJV says, "I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."

We are to teach the scriptures and learn how to apply them. There was no New Testament at the time; so, this scripture tells us that we will be judged by the Torah, the Old Testament scriptures! There are consequences for getting off track. Some have told me they do not have to know what the Bible says because they can just look at the Hebrew letters and their ancient meaning. They are off track; do not waste your time on their wrong teaching.

Instead learn to keep God's commandments and be a productive person. Help others; be a blessing; actually, do something. Some read only the New Testament and then take it out of its Jewish biblical context. God gave us commandments in the Old Testament; why wouldn't they still be good for mankind? They are from God; Malachi 3:6 NKJV says, "For I am the LORD, I do not change." Some of you are going to have a nasty awakening when you stand before God.

Yeshua also said that going to extremes by reading in between the lines was wrong. John 5:39 NKJV says, "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me." They were reading between the lines instead of understanding the scriptures properly. God expects us to live out His instructions and not just look between the lines for things that God never intended for us to understand. Some of these things can be instructive and fun and were intended by God but be careful you don't take reading between the lines too far.

The Israelites then complained that they had no water and God tells Moshe to speak to the Rock and tell it to bring forth water. Instead, Moshe speaks to the people and then strikes the rock twice. Water pours out of the rock even though Moshe disobeyed God, and the people drink and water their livestock. God told Moshe and Aharon they would not be allowed to enter the land because they did not trust Him and hit the rock instead of speaking to it. Some say that Moshe hit the rock and that is why water came out of it. Try that in your back yard and see if you can get water out of a rock.

God can do things for us even if we do not have the right motive. He is a merciful and good God. Parents do not withhold their love from their children. In the same way, God will do things

for us even though we are not perfect or have the right intentions. It is always best though to seek the right motives in all we do.

Hitting the rock the first time back in Exodus 17:6 was symbolic of Yeshua dying for us. The rock provided water and rescued their lives. Shaul (Paul) refers to this symbolism in 1 Corinthians 10:4 CJB, "For they drank from a Spirit-sent Rock which followed them, and that Rock was the Messiah." The second time, Moshe was to speak to the rock because when Yeshua comes again, he will not suffer, but be among us (see Revelation 21:3). Yeshua the Messiah rescues¹ us because He died for the forgiveness of our sins. And through Him, we can receive the Holy Spirit; those who trust in God and work at keeping His commandments, will receive eternal life. Faith requires action the Bible says (see James 2:17). As we can see by this Torah portion, God expects us to actually do what He tells us. Some say we do not have to; that is false teaching. God expected Moshe to do exactly what He said.

Moshe then asks Edom if they may pass though, but Edom refuses. So, they traveled to Mount Hor where they made El'azar high priest because Aharon was about to die. Aharon died there at Mount Hor, and they mourned him for 30 days. Some of the Kena'ani in the Negev attacked Israel and God allowed Israel to attack them and destroy their cities.

Israel went around Edom. Then some of the people complained, so God sent venomous snakes. God had Moshe make a bronze snake and put it on a pole and anyone who was bitten looked on it and was healed. About 900 years later, the Bible tells us in 2 Kings 18:4 that Hezekiah had the bronze snake destroyed because people were worshipping it. Exodus 20:4-5 NKJV says, "You shall not make for yourself a carved image —**any likeness of anything** that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations." Even in our era, so called believers pray to statues, crosses, pictures, and so-called saints (dead people) instead of God and this abomination is passed down from generation to generation. Shaul (Paul) said no idolaters will be allowed in the kingdom of God (see Galatians 5:19-21).

The snake being lifted up for the healing of the people is also symbolic (a picture) of what Yeshua did for us. Yeshua explains to Nicodemus that he must die for us. Yeshua says of Himself, in John 3:14-15 NKJV, And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (Also see John 12:32)." Yeshua also was lifted up to the heavens and is there now waiting for the final era when He will return.

Israel then went through the desert with Moav on the east. Israel came to the land of the Emori (Amorites) and Israel asked them if they could pass through, but Sichon, King of the Emori would not let them pass. Instead, the Emori attacked them. Israel defeated them and took control of the land. Sichon was a Nephilim and the brother of Og also a Nephilim (see Deuteronomy 3:11). Because of this, Og the king of Bashan came to fight Israel. God said He

¹ The Hebrew word malat used for saved (sozo) in the New Testament always means to escape. "h4422. מָלַט mālat; a primitive root; ... to release or rescue." – Strong's Enhanced Dictionary. See Joel 2:32; although translated saved in Joel, מָלַט always means escape.

would be with Israel, and they defeated Og and took control of his land. After that Israel camped opposite the Yarden (the Jordan) River near Jericho.

The Haftarah portion is Judges 11:1-33. In this Haftarah portion, Amon had attacked Israel so the leaders of Gil'ad went to get Yiftach (Jephthah) and asked him to lead them and told him if he did that, he could be their leader. He had been banished because he was the son of a prostitute. They made Yiftach their leader and he told Amon that God had given them the land and that they should go home. The people of Amon didn't listen to Yiftach and Israel ended up defeating Amon.

Yiftach said if he won, he would sacrifice the first one to come out of his house when he came back. His daughter came out first. Some say he did not sacrifice her, but the Bible does not talk about the matter any further. We know that killing others is forbidden in the Torah and is murder. He should have known better; after God helped him, he possibly failed miserably. Sometimes God heals people, and they go back to their old sinful ways afterwards; and similarly, they fail miserably.

Yeshua's death was different. God allowed Yeshua to be crucified by the Romans (all the Jewish leadership were appointed by Rome and they didn't want to lose their Roman appointments; both Herod and the Chief Priest were appointed by Rome)² and since He was not due punishment for anything He did, God rose Him from the dead. Kefa (Peter) said in Acts 2:24-25 CJB, "But God has raised him up and freed him from the suffering of death; it was impossible that death could keep its hold on him. For David says this about him;" In Psalm 16:10b NKJV David said prophetically, "Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption." This proves the Messiah was to give Himself for us (also see Isaiah 53).

Some people will make up anything to try to prove that Yeshua is not the Messiah.

Deceitful people explain Yeshua's death as human sacrifice; Yeshua rose from the dead, is still alive, and the Bible says He will judge those who do not believe in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:10 NKJV says, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." If you have not accepted Him as the Messiah, do not wait. The word translated "seat" from the Greek is the word "bema." The Bema is where the Torah is read in Jewish synagogues. Notice it says we will be judged for the good and the bad. Have we done what is "right and good" (see Deuteronomy 6:17-18) and kept the Torah, the laws of our good God?

Commandments, Implied Commandments, Permissions, and other Concepts.

² Even those who were accusing Yeshua were paid to do that by the Roman leadership in Jerusalem. The Romans turned the tables on what the scriptures say and accused the Jews. It was the Romans that killed Yeshua and not the Jews. Their religion is steeped in idolatry; Shaul said no idol worshipper will enter the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21) and perhaps it is still paying for its killing of the Messiah Yeshua and the killing of the true believers at that time to create their false religion and its lie.

(We can also understand commandments are being implied from other scriptures in the Bible. There are other possible concepts than what is shared here.)

The Commands associated with the Red Heifer, Numbers 19:2-3, 13, 19.

Numbers 19:2-3 NKJV, "This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying: 'Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer without blemish, in which there is no defect and on which a yoke has never come. 3 You shall give it to Eleazar the priest, that he may take it outside the camp, and it shall be slaughtered before him.'"

Numbers 19:13 NKJV, "Whoever touches the body of anyone who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD. That person shall be cut off from Israel. He shall be unclean, because the water of purification was not sprinkled on him; his uncleanness is still on him."

Numbers 19:19 NKJV, "The clean person shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, wash his clothes, and bathe in water; and at evening he shall be clean."

The Aaronic Blessing

ADONAI or LORD in all caps in our Bibles is the name for God which is pronounced Yě-hō-váh. Yě-hō-váh is used over 6,000 times in the Old Testament portion. Since God's name is used that many times, it is evident that we should be using His real name.

According to Exodus 3:15, Yě-hō-váh is God's true name forever. Of course, we should use His name with respect. Yě-hō-váh is an acronym formed from the Hebrew verb hayah. Yě-hō-váh means, He existed, He exists, and He will exist. I want to honor God's name. Won't you also honor God's and use His true name with respect at times.

The ancient rabbis say that Yě-hō-váh (יהוה) is God's name. 2,363 different manuscripts of the Bible point God's name as Yě-hō-váh, once as Yě-hō-věh, never as Yahweh. The church Fathers said God's name is Yě-hō-váh.

Yeshua said in Matthew 23:39 NKJV, "You shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'" Yeshua is quoting Psalm 118:26; the word "LORD" in that verse in Psalms is Yě-hō-váh (יהוה). Numbers 6:27 says we are to put God's name on His people.

Let's say the Aaronic Blessing from Numbers 6:24-26:

יְבָרֶכֶךָ יְהוָה, וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ
יְאָר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וְיַחֲנֶנָּה
יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וְיִשָּׂם לָךְ שְׁלוֹם

Yě-hō-váh bless you and keep you.

Yě-hō-váh make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

Yě-hō-váh lift up His face upon you, and give to you peace. Amen.