

## Examine Your Identity

Identity is the fact of being who or what a person is. My question to us is what do we base that fact on? I am speaking here to those of us who have accepted and received our Messiah and Saviour. In Acts 11:26 it says, "And the disciples were first called Christian in Antioch." This is very different from what it says in 2 Chronicles 7:14 which says, "If My people who are called by My name..." Whose name would you rather be called by? In Antioch the name Christian was given by man. In 2 Chronicles YHVH is speaking to Solomon who is Israel which is a name YHVH established. Let me explain. Israel is not just a name; it is an acronym. It is made by taking the first letter from the names Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, and putting them together to make the name Israel. This is only visible in the Hebrew language reading right to left.

יִשְׂרָאֵל  
YISR<sup>a</sup>EL  
  
**ISRAEL**

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י	(yod)	=	יַעֲקֹב, יִזְחָק (Ya'akov, Yizhak)
ש	(shin)	=	שָׂרָה (Sarah)
ר	(resh)	=	רַחֵל, רִיבְקָה (Rahel, Rivkah)
א	(alef)	=	אַבְרָהָם (Avraham)
ל	(lamed)	=	לֵאָה (Leah)

Abraham is the beginning and Jacob is the end. This is why Genesis 35:10-12 says, "And Elohim said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name." So, He called his name Israel. Also, Elohim said to him: I am Elohim Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you, and to Your descendants after you I give this land." You see no one can name YHVH Elohim's people but YHVH Elohim.

יִזְחָק  
YiZHaK  
  
**ISAAC**

יַעֲקֹב  
Ya'AKoV  
  
**JACOB**

יהוה

YHVH



LORD

The first letter of the name Israel is Yod. It is also the first letter of the names Isaac and Jacob. Because it is the first letter of the name YHVH it symbolizes the name of YHVH on His people.



Alef

א (alef) as a number is 1. It stands for the One of the universe.  
“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.”

How is the א shaped? There is a י (yod) in the right-hand corner and a י (yod) in the left-hand corner; both are joined by a slanted ו (vav). The י (yod) is 10, the ו (vav) is 6. The total of letters hidden within the א is 26, the number identical with יהוה (YHVH), the name bespeaking the God of compassion and mercy.

We are tempted to assume that the א is a contraction of the longer name for God, אֱלֹהִים (ELoHiYM). Note, therefore, that what appears to be the aspect of God in strict justice is upon deeper analysis actually the Lord of mercy of רַחֲמִים (rahāmim). The א of אֱלֹהִים is the pictorial equivalent and shape of “26.”

As for father Abraham his name begins with Alef. The letter Alef has the same numerical value as the entire name of YHVH; which symbolizes the Fathers name on the father. If we take on a name that did not come from the voice of YHVH, but rather the voice of man our identity will be off. I am not trying to insult those who identify by the name Christian; because I also did at one time until the revelation was given to me; but to rather bring forth revelation knowledge as to the challenges of doing so. Our identity starts with father Abraham and is fully manifested in our Savoir. If we go by what we were called in Antioch, our identity starts with our Savoir and is manifested by Antioch. 1 John 2:24 says, “Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.” The beginning is Genesis not Antioch. It will also mean that there was a lot said in the beginning that you will not think applies to you because you started at Antioch. No were in scripture does YHVH give man the privilege of renaming His people. When we go back to the beginning, we hear things like what it says in Genesis 12:2, “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.” Genesis 26:3-5 says, “Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father, and I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands, and in your

seed all nations of the earth shall be blessed; because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.” Because our identity starts with Abraham just as he did, we should do also. John 8:39 says, “They answered and said to Him, Abraham is our father.” The Savior (Jesus) said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children you would do the works of Abraham.”

Genesis 28: 13-15 says, “And behold, YHVH stood above it and said, “I am YHVH Elohim (Lord God) of Abraham your father and the Elohim (God) of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth: you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land: for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.” Exodus 4:22-23 says, “Then you shall say to Pharaoh, “Thus says YHVH, “Israel is My son, My firstborn. So, I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me...” Exodus 12:49 says, “One law shall be for the native-born and the stranger who dwells among you.” Exodus 19:5 says, “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine.” None of this was said in Antioch, and this is just the tip of the iceberg as to what is said in the beginning. Antioch has been invited to be grafted into what was said in the beginning. Romans 11:17, “And if you being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,..” Romans 2: 12-13, “That at that time you were without Messiah, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without Elohim (God) in the world. But now in Messiah Savior (Christ Jesus) you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah (Christ).” Antioch is in the end time conversation, not the beginning. Our identity in Messiah is based not only in who He is, but also the words He has spoken to us. We must be careful not to end up as being a people who are destroyed for a lack of knowledge because our identity is off. If we are to be a congregation without spot or wrinkle, we cannot have anything on us or in us that comes from man including our identity. The question is whose identity do we want? Since Greek was the language spoken in Antioch let me show you the difference.

Kyrios or Kurios (Lord, YHVH)

ABpaat (Abraa’m)

IoAA’K (Isaac)

IaKwBos (Jacob)

XPIOTO’S (CHRIST)

XPIOTIAVO’S (Christians) From this we can see there is no connection between YHVH and His people, His Messiah, and His followers. Peace and blessings Beloved.

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