

Covenant

The concept of covenant is important in receiving your physical healing through the Word of God. God states in the Old Covenant in the book of Exodus, "I am the LORD who heals you" **[Exodus 15:26]**.

King David instructs the believers to bless the LORD and not to forget all of the benefits of the LORD. David recognized the benefits provided in his covenant with God. One of the benefits identified is, "who heals all your diseases" **[Psalms 103:2-3]**.

In Exodus 15:26, we see that God calls himself by his covenant name in Hebrew יהוה YHWH and translated LORD in English. These four Hebrew letters יהוה are called the Tetragrammaton, it is transliterated in English as YHWH, YHVH, or JHVH. The four letter Tetragrammaton is transliterated with vowels added as Yahweh, Jehovah, or Yod-Heh-Vav-Heh depending on the system used.

When Christians, unaware of the Jewish tradition, started to read the Hebrew Bible; they read יהוה as written with YHWH's consonants with Adonai's vowels; and thus said or transcribed Jehovah. Today this transcription is generally recognized as a mistake [See Jehovah]. However many religious groups continue to use the form Jehovah, because it is familiar and because the correct pronunciation of יהוה is unknown. Current convention is that יהוה probably should be transcribed as Yahweh. Yahweh is pronounced Yah-Way.

The King James Version [KJV] written in 1611, followed the current convention of that day and transcribed יהוה as Jehovah. In the KJV of the Bible, יהוה is usually translated as LORD with all capital letters. It is only transcribed as Jehovah four times **in [Exodus 6:3, Psalms 83:18, Isaiah 12:12, and Isaiah 26:4]**. It is also transcribed three times as a combination word as Jehovahjireh **[Genesis 22:14]**, Jehovahnissi **[Exodus 17:15]**, and Jehovahshalom **[Judges 6:24]**. The lexicons written in the 19th century by Thayer, Strong, or Gesenius followed the same convention to transcribed יהוה as Jehovah.

God said to Moses in **Exodus 6:3-4**, "I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of שדי El Shaddai [God Almighty], but by my name יהוה YHWH [Jahweh, Jehovah] was I not known to them. And I have also established my covenant with them" **[Exodus 6:3-4]**. In **Exodus 6:1-6 and Exodus 3:1-16**, God reveals his covenant name to Moses and the Children of Israel. This Hebrew word יהוה YHWH, is God's covenant name with his people **[Exodus 6:3, Exodus 3:14]**. In the third chapter of Exodus, Moses discussed with God about what name to call him?

"When I come to the children of Israel and say to them, the God of your fathers has sent me to you. And they shall say to me, What is His Name? What shall I say to them? And God said unto Moses, 'I AM THAT I AM': and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, 'I AM hath sent me unto you' **[Exodus 3:13-14]** and Thayer's Lexicon, [Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary on **Exodus 6:3**].

God defines what his covenant name יהוה YHWH or Yahweh means to Moses by using this Hebrew word היה HAYAH. HAYAH is the root word of יהוה YHWH Jahweh. God uses this Hebrew word HAYAH twice in His famous statement, "I AM THAT I AM" **[Exodus 3:14]**. Thayer's Lexicon defines HAYAH as, "to be, become, come to pass, exist, happen, or fall out". Strong's lexicon defines HAYAH as, "be or become, come to pass". Other bible translations of "I AM That I AM", are "I AM WHO I AM", "I Am the One Who Always Is", "I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE", and "I AM THAT WHICH I AM" **[See Exodus 3:14]**.

Thayer's Lexicon defines Jahweh יהוה JHWH as, "the existing One". Strong's Lexicon defines Jahweh יהוה JHWH as, "the self-existing one". When God says "I AM That I AM", He is defining his personality, his self-existence, and his immutability. God doesn't need anyone or anything to exist. He is totally self-reliant.

The Bible is a book about covenant relationship. Covenant is an important concept to understand in the Old and New Testament of the Bible. One of the definitions of the word "testament" is covenant, and is defined as a covenant between God and Humans. So you could call the Old and New Testament the Old and New Covenant, as many people do.

God told Moses that he had been known as El Shaddai, pronounced as el shad-dah'ē, which means almighty or most powerful [**Exodus 6:3, Genesis 17:1, Genesis 28:3**]. However, God was now going to be known to Moses and the Children of Israel by his Covenant Name of Jahweh יהוה YHWH.

New Covenant

Jesus established the New Covenant the night before his crucifixion. Jesus said to his disciples at the Last Supper, "this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" [**Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 20:22-24, Luke 22:18-20, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**]. Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises [**1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 8:6, Hebrews 7:22**].

"Jesus at the same time gave thanks, broke the bread and said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you" [**1 Corinthians 11:24**]. "So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him" [**John 19:1**]. "By whose stripes you were healed" [**1 Peter 2:24**]. Jesus' body was broken so that your body may be whole. At the scourging post, Jesus' bones were not broken. But "many were amazed when they saw him-beaten and bloodied, so disfigured one would scarcely know he was a person" [**John 19:36, Isaiah 52:13-14, Isaiah 52:13**]

IF forgiveness of sin and physical healing were benefits in the Old Covenant, how much more are they benefits in the New Covenant which has Jesus Christ the guarantor or surety of this better covenant [**Hebrews 7:22, Psalms 103:1-3**]?

The Apostle Paul states that the believer in Jesus Christ has been grafted into Israel [**Romans 11:19**]. Paul exhorts the believer to remember:

"If some of the branches were broken off, and 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. Do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you" [**Romans 11:17-18**].

Believers in Jesus Christ have been grafted into a covenant relationship with God as he had with Israel. Paul states, "and if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" [**Galatians 3:29**].

Covenant Healing Promises

God say in **Exodus 15:26** that he is the LORD that heals you. The English word heals is the Hebrew Word רָפָא rapha', it is transliterated in English as rapha' and usually pronounced as RAW-FAW. Thayer's Lexicon defines rapha' as, "to heal, make healthful". The LORD, יְהוָה JHWH, the self-existing one doesn't need anyone or anything to heal you or make you healthful.

God promises the Children of Israel in the Old Covenant that he would be their Yahweh Rapha', "if you will listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his sight, obeying his commands and laws, then I will not make you suffer the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the Lord who heals you [**Exodus 15:22-26, NLT**].

Some religious folk say that God only wants to be the God who heals us spiritually. IF God is only talking about spiritual healing why does he mention the words "disease or sickness" in these passages [**Psalms 103:1-3, Exodus 23:25, Deuteronomy 7:15, Isaiah 53:4, Matthew 8:17, NASB**]?

If God was the "Lord that heals you" in the Old Covenant, how much more is God our healer in the New Covenant; established on better promises through Jesus Christ!-**Hebrews 8:6**

Read and Mediate on these Covenant Healing Promises.

Exodus 15:25-26

And he cried unto the LORD [יְהוָה YHWH]; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet [**Galatians 3:13**]: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, And said, If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and will do that which is right in his sight, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee

Exodus 23:24-25

You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars. "So you shall serve the LORD [יְהוָה YHWH] your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you

Psalms 103:1-3

BLESS the LORD [יְהוָה YHWH], O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases

Deuteronomy 7:15,

And the LORD [יהוה YHWH] will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you

Psalms 30:2

O LORD [יהוה YHWH] my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me

Jeremiah 17:14

Heal me, O LORD [יהוה YHWH], and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved, For You are my praise [Jeremiah 17:14].

Psalms 105:37, Nehemiah 9:21

He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes

Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness. They lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell **[Nehemiah 9:21 and Deuteronomy 29:5]**.

Conclusion:

- **Mark 7:25-30 - 25** For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. 26 The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” 28 And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.” 29 Then He said to her, “For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.” 30 And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.
- **Isaiah 53 - 1** Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed....**10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You 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.**