



“THE THIRD COMMANDMENT: NO SHAME ON HIS NAME”

EXODUS 20:7 BIBLE STUDY





CONTEXT
EXODUS 20:1-3 AT

- 1 Then God spoke all these words, saying: 2 I am the LORD [YHWH] your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 You shall not have any other gods before Me!
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CONTEXT

EXODUS 20:4-6 AT

- 4 You shall not make for yourself a [carved] idol in the form of anything that is from the heavens above, or that is from the earth below, or that is from the waters below the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them nor worship them. For I the LORD [YHWH] your God am a jealous God, punishing the sin of parents on their children, and on the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, 6 but showing unfailing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.
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THE THIRD COMMANDMENT CIRCUMLOCUTIONS

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.
(Mt 5:3, NIV)

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the **kingdom of God**. (Lk 6:20, NIV)





THE THIRD COMMANDMENT CIRCUMLOCUTIONS

- From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven** has come near.” (Mt 4:17, NIV)
 - 14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 “The time has come,” he said. “The **kingdom of God** has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” (Mk 1:14-15, NIV)
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THE NAME OF THE LORD (YHWH)

- 13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘**What is his name?**’ Then what shall I tell them?”
 - 14 God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘**I AM has sent me to you.**’ ” (Ex 3:14-15, NIV)
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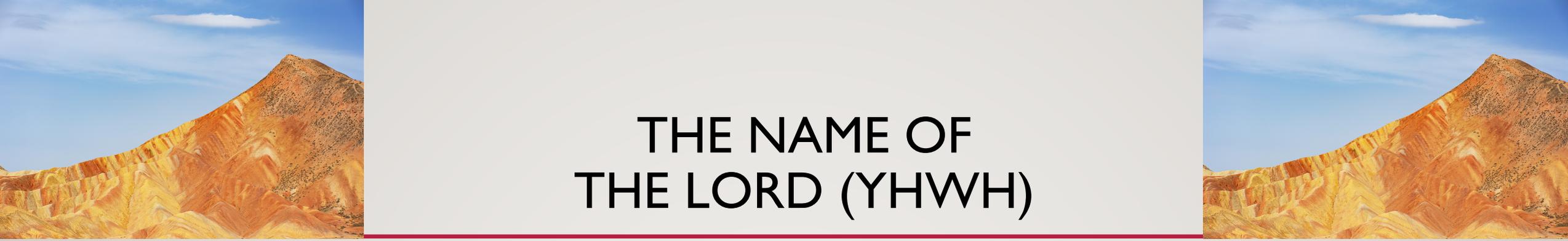


THE NAME OF THE LORD (YHWH)

God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘**The LORD [YHWH]**, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is **my name** forever,
the **name** you shall call me
from generation to generation. (Ex 3:15, NIV)





THE NAME OF THE LORD (YHWH)

1 Then God spoke all these words, saying: 2 **I am the LORD [YHWH] your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. (Ex 20:1-2, AT)**





OATHS

- Fear the LORD [YHWH] your God, serve him only and **take your oaths in his name.** (Dt 6:13, NIV)
 - Fear the LORD [YHWH] your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and **take your oaths in his name.** (Dt 10:20, NIV)
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OATHS

1 If you, Israel, will return,
then return to me,” declares the LORD [YHWH].
“If you put your detestable idols out of my sight
and no longer go astray,
2 and if in a truthful, just and righteous way
you **swear, ‘As surely as the LORD lives,’**
then the nations will invoke blessings by him
and in him they will boast.” (Jer 4:1-2, NIV)





OATHS

- The prophet answered, “**As surely as the LORD [YHWH] lives**, whom I serve, I **will not accept a thing.**” And even though Naaman urged him, **he refused.** (2 Ki 5:16, NIV)
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OATHS

- When a man **makes a vow to the LORD [YHWH]** or **takes an oath** to obligate himself by a pledge, he must **not break his word** but **must do everything he said.** (Num 30:2, NIV)
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OATHS

- If you make a **vow to the LORD [YHWH]** your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the **LORD [YHWH]** your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be **guilty of sin.**
(Dt 23:21, NIV)
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FALSE WITNESS

- “Do not spread [lit. take up | נִשְׂאָה | *nāśā*’] false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being a malicious **witness**. (Ex 23:1, NIV)
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FALSE WITNESS

- **“ Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD [YHWH]. (Lev 19:12, NIV)**
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OATHS

- 33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘**Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.**’ 34 But I tell you, **do not swear an oath at all:** either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 **All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’;** anything beyond this comes from the evil one. (Mt 5:33-37, NIV)
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BLASPHEMING THE NAME

- 10 Now the son of an Israelite mother and an Egyptian father went out among the Israelites, and a fight broke out in the camp between him and an Israelite. 11 The son of the Israelite woman **blasphemed the Name with a curse**; so they brought him to Moses. (His mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri the Danite.) 12 They put him in custody until the will of the LORD [YHWH] should be made clear to them. (Lev 24:10-12, NIV)
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BLASPHEMING THE NAME

- 13 Then the LORD [YHWH] said to Moses: 14 “Take the **blasphemer** outside the camp. All those who heard him are to lay their hands on his head, and the entire assembly is to stone him. 15 Say to the Israelites: ‘**Anyone who curses their God will be held responsible**; 16 anyone who **blasphemes the name of the LORD [YHWH]** is to be **put to death**. The entire assembly must stone them. Whether foreigner or native-born, when they blaspheme the Name they are to be **put to death**. (Lev 24:13-16, NIV)
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FALSE PROPHECY



- 14 Then the LORD [YHWH] said to me, “The prophets are **prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them.** They are prophesying to you **false** visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions **of their own minds.** 15 Therefore this is what the LORD [YHWH] says about the prophets who are **prophesying in my name:** I did not send them, yet they are saying, ‘No sword or famine will touch this land.’ **Those same prophets will perish by sword and famine.** (Jer 14:14-15, NIV)
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FALSE PROPHECY



- 14 Do not listen to the words of the prophets who say to you, ‘You will not serve the king of Babylon,’ for they are **prophesying lies** to you. 15 ‘I have not sent them,’ declares the LORD [YHWH]. ‘They are **prophesying lies in my name**. Therefore, I will **banish you** and you will **perish**, both **you** and the **prophets who prophesy to you.**’ ” (Jer 27:14-15, NIV)
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FALSE PROPHECY

- 1 In the fifth month of that same year, the fourth year, early in the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, the prophet Hananiah son of Azzur, who was from Gibeon, said to me in the house of the LORD [YHWH] in the presence of the priests and all the people:
2 “This is **what the LORD [YHWH] Almighty, the God of Israel, says:** ‘I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon. 3 **Within two years** I will bring back to this place all the articles of the LORD’s [YHWH] house that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon removed from here and took to Babylon. 4 I will also bring back to this place Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim king of Judah and all the other exiles from Judah who went to Babylon,’ **declares the LORD [YHWH],** ‘for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.’ ” (Jer 28:1-4, NIV)
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FALSE PROPHECY



- 21 You may say to yourselves, “How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD [YHWH]?” 22 If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD [YHWH] **does not take place or come true**, that is a message **the LORD [YHWH] has not spoken**. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed. (Dt 18:21-22, NIV)
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FALSE PROPHECY

15 Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen, Hananiah! The LORD [YHWH] **has not sent you**, yet you have **persuaded this nation to trust in lies**. 16 Therefore this is what the LORD [YHWH] says: ‘I am about to **remove you from the face of the earth**. This very year you **are going to die**, because you have preached rebellion against the LORD [YHWH].’ ”

17 In the seventh month of that **same year**, Hananiah the prophet died. (Jer 28:15-17, NIV)





FALSE PROPHECY

- 10 This is what the LORD [YHWH] says: “When **seventy years** are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to **bring you back to this place**. 11 For I know the plans I have for you,” **declares the LORD [YHWH]**, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jer 29:10-11, NIV)
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FALSE PROPHECY



- This is what the LORD [YHWH] Almighty, the God of Israel, says about Ahab son of Kolaiah and Zedekiah son of Maaseiah, who are **prophesying lies to you in my name**: “I will deliver them into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he will **put them to death** before your very eyes. (Jer 29:21, NIV)
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BEARING THE NAME



- 9 “Take two onyx stones and **engrave** on them the **names of the sons of Israel** 10 in the order of their birth—six **names** on one stone and the remaining six on the other. 11 **Engrave the names of the sons of Israel** on the two stones the way a gem cutter engraves a seal. Then mount the stones in gold filigree settings 12 and fasten them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. **Aaron is to bear** [נֹשֵׂא | *nāśā* ’] **the names on his shoulders** as a memorial before the LORD. (Ex 28:9-12, NIV)
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BEARING THE NAME

- “Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will **bear** [נִשָּׂא | *nāśā*] **the names of the sons of Israel** over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD [YHWH].
(Ex 28:29, NIV)
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BEARING THE NAME

- 4 You must not worship the LORD [YHWH] your God in **their** way. 5 But you are to seek the place the LORD [YHWH] your God will choose from among all your tribes to **put his Name** there for his dwelling. To that place you must go; (Dt 12:4-5, NIV)
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BEARING THE NAME

- if my people, who are **called by my name**, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Ch 7:14, NIV)
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BEARING THE NAME

- 14 If you are insulted because of the **name of Christ**, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. 15 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. 16 However, if you suffer as a **Christian**, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you **bear that name**. (1 Pet 4:14-16, NIV)
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