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ADONAY

We are currently studying the oldest Psalms in Book of Psalms. It was written by Moses.

The Hebrew grammar for name of Moses is interesting (mosheh). "When the vowel Holem occurs in a syllable preceding the consonant shin, it coincides with the dot over the right-hand tip of shin." (Essential of Biblical Hebrew by Yates, pg.9).

It is the first Psalms of the 4th section (Ps.90-106). It was written regarding the wilderness wandering of the Israelites.

Our lesson text opens with the title for the second member of the Godhead, God the Son, Adonay (**L**ord, using the capital letter).

This lesson will study five aspects of the name for the second member of the Godhead, Adonay.

1. Moses declared that Adonay was decreed at the Eternal Life Conference (ELC) to be the dwelling place (maon / habitation) for every generation of mankind through-out human history (Ps.90:1-2, 17).

The Hebrew for "dwelling place" refers to "divine refuge" in the world (Ps.71:1-5).

(Ps.71:3) "Be to me a rock of **habitation** (maon) to which I may continually come; You have given commandment to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress"

(Ps.71:5) "For You are my hope; O Lord God (Adonay Yahweh), You are my confidence from my youth."

In reference to the Eternal Life Conference (ELC)

(Eph.1:4) "Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him." (1 Pet.1:19-20; John 17:5, 24)

(2 Cor.5:17-18) "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

2. Adonay can be used for human as well as divine. When used with man, it should be given a small (l); but when used with God, it should be given a capital (L).

When used with divine institutions, it is part of the divine chain of command (1 Cor.11:3) [Position of Divine Authority].

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| • Authority in freedom | (Gen.40:1-8) | Joseph in prison | volition |
| • Authority in employment | (Gen.39:2) | Joseph and Potiphar | boss |
| • Authority in marriage | (Gen.18:12; 1 Pet.3:6) | Sarah to Abraham | husband |
| • Authority in family | (Gen.31:34-35) | Rachel to Laban | parents |
| • Authority in nation | (Gen.45:8-9) | Joseph to brothers | gov't |

3. Intercessory prayer was offered to Adonay.

We will examine three from the Old Testament (Adonay) and one from the New Testament (Kurios).

- Abraham for Sodom and Lot (Gen.18:27-33/ **27, 30, 31, 32**)
- Moses for Israelites (Num.14:13-19/ **17**)
- Joshua for Achan's sin (Josh.7:1, 7-12/ **7, 8**)
- Jesus for all believers (John 17:20-26)
 - When the disciples had their conversation with Jesus in (John 13-14), they addressed Him as **lord (kurios** as having Divine Authority) (Jn.13:6, 9, 13-14, 25, 37; 14:5, 8).

4. Their address to Jesus as Lord will change after His resurrection. (John 20:24-29). “Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” (John 20:28)

This is seen in Peter's sermon at Pentecost. We will examine one quote in this sermon (Acts2:34; Ps.110:1 and Acts 2:29-36).

(Acts2:34) “For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he Himself says: ‘**The Lord** (Yahweh, the Father) said to my **Lord** (Adonay, the Son), sit at My right hand.’”

(Acts 2:36) “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ – this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Paul:

(1 Cor.12:3) “Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, ‘Jesus is accursed;’ and no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.”

(1 Cor.15:57) “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

John:

(Rev.17:14) “These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is **Lord of lords** and Kings of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.”

5. The term Adonay became the prominent name for God after the 5th Cycle of Divine Discipline was administered to Judah by Babylon in 586 BC.

After the Babylonian captivity, the Judeans were afraid to speak the name Yahweh. They could write it, but not speak it. Adonay was the name used for God that was spoken during this period.

“According to Jewish tradition, it was pronounced but once a year by the high priest on the Day of Atonement when he entered the Holy of Holies; but on this point, there is some doubt.” (Unger Bible Dict., pg.565)

Yahweh was originally spelled without vowels (YHWH). YHWH is called a tetra-grammaton (four letters). Later they added the vowels of Adonay to YHWH (Yahowah or Yahweh).

Jehovah is a Latinization of the Hebrew Yahweh. Jehovah was popularized in the English-speaking world by Wm.Tyndale and other pioneer English Protestant translators (13th century AD).