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Sha-a-lu Sha-lom Yeru-sha-la-yim:
Yish-la-yu Oh-ha-va-yich

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
they shall prosper that love thee.

Psalm 122:6

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Y'SHUA IN THE TANACH

The Name of Jesus in the Old Testament

For the past over 49 years, I have had the distinct honour and privilege of sharing my faith in Y'shua (Jesus) with many of my Jewish brethren. And in so doing, some have accepted Y'shua as their own personal Saviour and Messiah!

One of the most recurring questions that I have personally had to answer is, "Where is 'Jesus' (Y'shua) mentioned in the Hebrew Bible (The Old Testament)?"

One of the individuals that stands out in my mind and heart is Mr. I. Greenbaum. He would challenge me every time he would see me: "Show me in my TORAH ('Law of Moses' or 'Pentateuch') where Jesus is mentioned by name and I might just believe the things that you have been telling me, about THE MESSIAH."

What a challenge; What a wonderful opportunity this would afford me to finally

show Mr. Greenbaum that indeed The One spoken of in Isaiah 7:14, and Isaiah 9:6, and Micah 5:2, and etc., etc. is **Jesus (Y'shua)**.

Oh, I forgot to tell you that Mr. Greenbaum was the first Jewish man that had ever asked me to prove that Y'shua (Jesus), indeed is found in TaNaCH (The Old Testament).

I was barely 30 (thirty) years of age and right out of Seminary, and believe it or not, I was not taught nor was I instructed either in Bible College or Theological Seminary how to answer a Jewish individual's question about The Name of Jesus (Y'shua), whether it appeared in The Old Testament or not.

I began my search through The Scriptures, while at the same time I asked the Lord GOD for Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge to answer Mr. Greenbaum's questions.

Where Do We Find That Name???

Before I answer this question, let me remind you that in The Old Testament all great characters were given names with a specific and significant meaning.

(The Old Testament) that speak clearly about **Y'SHUA** (Jesus) as a PERSON, and not an EVENT or THING, he admitted that indeed they could be found in his Hebrew Bible.

I might share with you that not too long afterward Mr. Greenbaum's eyes and heart were opened by the Holy Spirit to understand and accept **Y'SHUA** (JESUS) as his MESSIAH.

It reminded me of Simeon long ago recorded in Luke 2:29-30, as he took the baby Jesus (**Y'SHUA**) in his arms, and said, "LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace [Shalom], according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation [**Y'SHUA**]..." "...and thou shalt call his name JESUS [**Y'SHUA**]: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

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Can we now clearly see that the Hebrew Word **Y'SHUA** (SALVATION) is a PERSON and not a THING or an EVENT ?

In Habakkuk 3:13, I believe we have the greatest demonstration of The Name of **JESUS (Y'SHUA)** in the TaNaCH (The Old Testament).

"Thou wentest forth for the salvation [Y'sha - a variant of Y'shua-Jesus] of thy people, even for salvation [**Y'SHUA**] with thine anointed [MESSIAH]..."

The term MESSIAH is equal to the English CHRIST or ANOINTED ONE! Here we can see with much evidence, The Name of **Y'SHUA HA-MASSIACH (JESUS THE CHRIST)** in the Old Testament (TaNaCH), additionally, He (**Y'SHUA**) is doing what Genesis 3:15 had predicted that 'the Seed of the Woman' would do, and that is, as mentioned in Habakkuk 3:13, "...thou woudest **the head** out of the house of the wicked..."

You can imagine when I was able to show Mr. Greenbaum about 75 references in TaNaCH

Here are a few examples:

1. In Genesis 5:29, LAMECH called his son, **COMFORT (NOAH)**, saying, "...This same shall **comfort** us concerning our work and toil of our hands..."
2. In Exodus 2:10 Pharaoh's daughter called the baby rescued from the Nile **DRAWN-FORTH (MOSES)**; "...and she said, Because I **drew** him out of the water."
3. In Genesis 25:24-26, "And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name **Esau**. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called **Jacob**..." So you can appreciate the fact that the man **JACOB** at his birth was called **HEEL**, because he took hold of his brother's heel! Later on in The Scriptures we read in Genesis 32:28, "And he [The LORD] said, Thy name shall be called no more **Jacob**, but **Israel**: for as a prince hast thou power with God..." Therefore, the name **JACOB (HEEL)** is now **ISRAEL (GOD'S PRINCE)**.

There are so many more examples to share with you that I would definitely have to write a very large book on this subject alone.

Let us now proceed to clearly show you that the Hebrew Name **Y'SHUA** (In Greek, IESUS and in English, JESUS) is indeed found many times in TaNaCH (The Old Testament). And it clearly means '**SALVATION**'!

EXAMPLES:

In Genesis 49:18 when Jacob was ready to depart from the land of the living, he says, "I have waited for thy **Salvation**, O LORD." What Jacob really said is, "To thy **Y'SHUA** [JESUS, Salvation] I am looking, O LORD."

In Psalm 9:14, King David of Israel said, "...I will rejoice in thy **salvation**." What he actually said was, "...I will rejoice in (with) thy **Y'SHUA** (Jesus)."

Before the birth of Y'SHUA (Jesus) almost 2,000 years ago The Angel spoke to Joseph, husband of Miriam (Mary), the mother of our LORD and said, "And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his Name JESUS

[**Y'SHUA** or salvation] for He shall save [or salvage] his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

In Isaiah 12:2-3 we read something very wonderful; '**SALVATION**' (**Y'SHUA - JESUS**) is mentioned three times. In the original Hebrew it is read thusly, "Behold, God is my **Y'SHUA** [Jesus]; I will trust, and be not afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my Y'SHUA [Jesus]. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of Y'SHUA [Jesus]."

We see here that **Y'SHUA** (Jesus) **IS** GOD, and that He (GOD) also **IS BECOME** our **Y'SHUA** (Jesus), and the wells of Salvation (**Y'SHUA-JESUS**) are the waters of Salvation flowing forth from Calvary.

Also, in Isaiah 62:11 we read, "Behold, The LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion [The Jewish People], Behold, thy salvation [**Y'SHUA-JESUS**] cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him."