

Where Jehovah Came From

“Yahweh”

יְהוָה

HWHY = YHWH

“Adonai”

אֲדֹנָי

YNDX = XDNY

The Hebrew people feared taking the Lord’s name in vain. So, to ensure that readers of the Scriptures wouldn’t be guilty of this, they took out the vowel points which SHOULD be under YHWH, swapping in the vowel points for the title “Adonai” (“Lord”). Hence, when a Hebrew reader would read YHWH they would see the vowel points for “adonai” and, hence, pronounce “adonai” and not “Yahweh.”

With Vowel Points As In OT Hebrew Scripture

Consonants from here

יהוה

אֲדֹנָי

Vowels from here

יְהוָה

In English lettering, the above would produce:

“Yehowah”

Which, in German, was written:

“Jehovah”

And that’s where Jehovah came from. It is actually a hybrid name, combining the vowels of Adonai with the consonants of YHWH into JeHoVaH or YeHoWaH (the “a” in Adonai is dropped for reasons of Hebrew pronunciation).

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