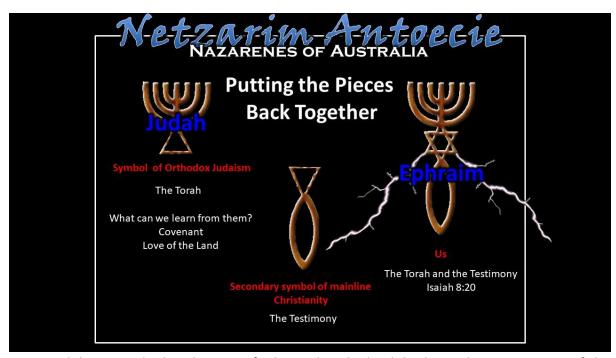
Mistaken Identity Crisis Part 2

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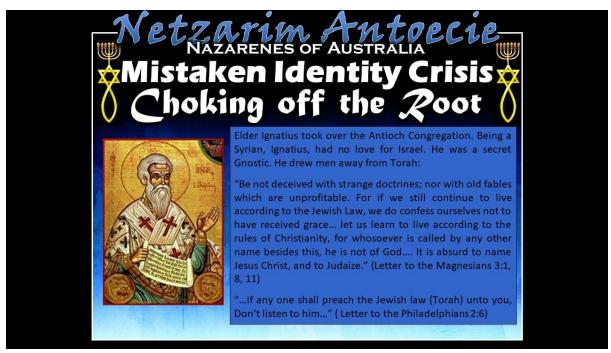




Last week began to look at how our faith was hijacked, while the real Netzarim Sect of the Jews disappeared from the annals of history. While we went into obscurity an impostor rose to the fore, taking our identity and mission and hybridising it. They took the true symbol our faith and dissected it. They rose up another banner, brandishing the symbol of the false Elohim Tammuz and Mithra. Upon our original symbols re-emergence they quickly labelled it as their own calling it the Seal of the Nazarene Church.

But we are now working to claim what's ours and as our symbol re-emerges, so do we as a people.

Last week we looked at **Simon Magus** the Samaritan sorcerer who went on to establish a competing religion after the time of the Book of Acts. We looked at **Emperor Constantine** and how he convened a series of councils to curtail the growing popularity of the pseudo-Netzarim religions that sprang up. We looked at **Marcian** and how he introduced the concept of an old outdated religion and a new and improved one causing the split of an Old and New Testament theology.

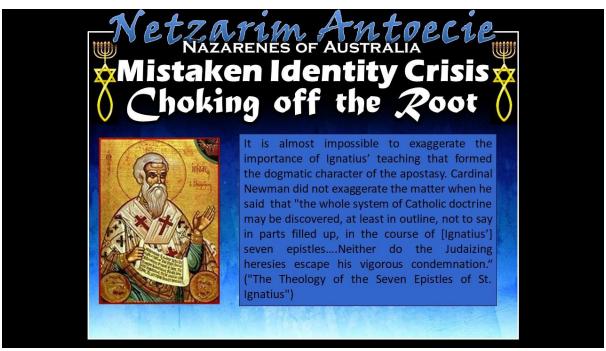


This week we'll also address another chief architect of Christianity Ignatius of Antioch of the first century who was the first to coin the term "universal," *katholikos* in Greek meaning "whole" or "universal." He was an alleged disciple of John.

Elder Ignatius took over the Antioch Congregation. Being a Syrian, Ignatius, had no love for Israel. He was a secret Gnostic. He drew men away from Torah:

"Be not deceived with strange doctrines; nor with old fables which are unprofitable. For if we still continue to live according to the Jewish Law, we do confess ourselves not to have received grace... let us learn to live according to the rules of Christianity, for whosoever is called by any other name besides this, he is not of God.... It is absurd to name Jesus Christ, and to Judaize." (Letter to the Magnesians 3:1, 8, 11)

"...if any one shall preach the Jewish law (Torah) unto you, don't listen to him..." (Letter to the Philadelphians 2:6)



It is almost impossible to exaggerate the importance of Ignatius' teaching that formed the dogmatic character of the apostasy. Cardinal Newman did not exaggerate the matter when he said that "the whole system of Catholic doctrine may be discovered, at least in outline, not to say in parts filled up, in the course of [Ignatius'] seven epistles....Neither do the Judaizing heresies escape his vigorous condemnation." ("The Theology of the Seven Epistles of St. Ignatius")

Where can the blame for this GREAT APOSTASY lay?
"Our shepherds have caused us to go astray." (Jeremiah 50:6)

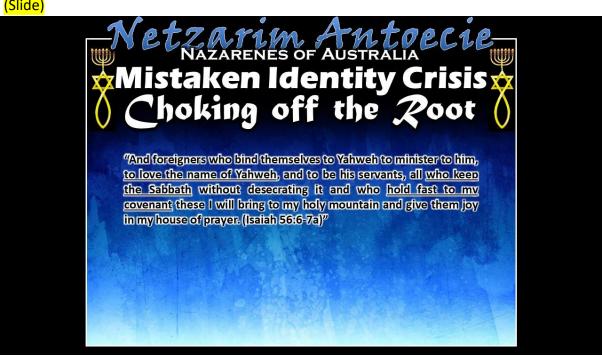
There were four false "shepherds" that bare most of the blame:

- 1. Shimon Magi (Simon Magus)
- 2. Elder Ignatius of Antioch
- 3. Marcion of Sinope
- 4. Constantine.

So this completes our list of the chief founders of what came to be known as Christianity.

So we found that the faith many of us inherited wasn't what it originally was, in fact we found that there has been a disconnect in almost all critical areas that defined our faith.



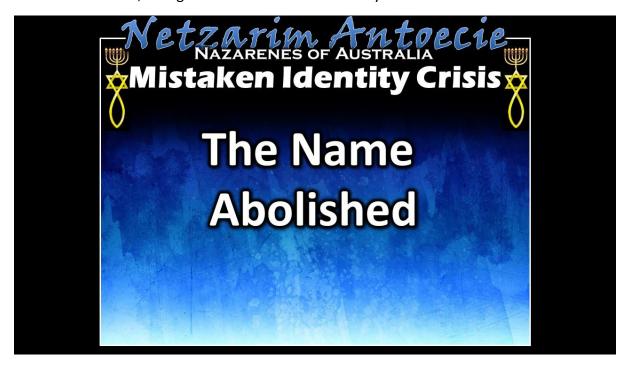


For example, **Isaiah 56:6-7a** reads,

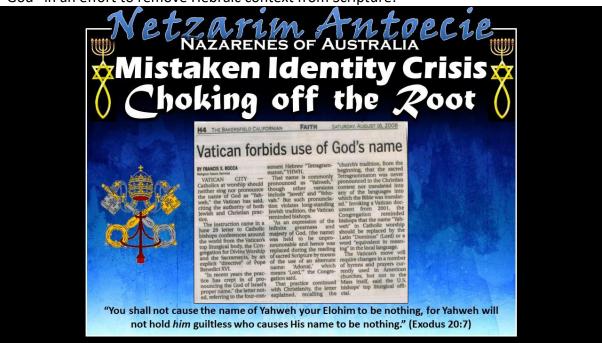
"And foreigners who bind themselves to Yahweh to minister to him, to love the name of Yahweh, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer"

This statement carries the three principle pillars that define true covenant keepers and yet on all three pillars we find a complete departure.

In other words, the leading religion in the Western World that claims sovereignty to the true faith conceals the Name, changes the Sabbath and does away with the covenant.



For centuries the Church has worked to replace the name of Yahweh with the titles "Lord" or "God" in an effort to remove Hebraic context from Scripture.



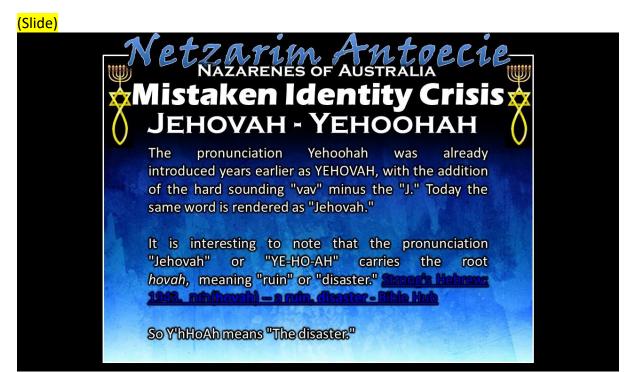
In August of 2008 on the back of a revival of the name "Yahweh" in many churches across the globe, the Vatican Church issued a decree forbidding the use of the personal salvation name of Yahweh. This is despite the plain warning found in the third commandment which states:

"You shall not cause the name of Yahweh your Elohim to be nothing, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who causes His name to be nothing." (Exodus 20:7)

It's a little difficult to love the source of one's affection when it is entirely removed.

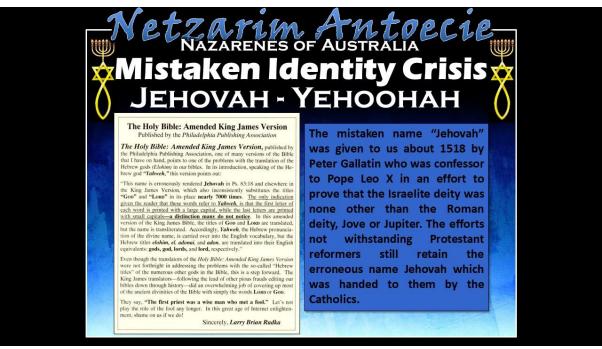
Netzarim proclaim the name! We don't hide it like the Christians and Jews do! I'm now seeing Netzarim almost uniformly blotting out the name at almost every turn. These disagreements over the pronunciation within the same communities is disheartening.

In the last five years the pronunciation YE-HO-AH has really made some significant in-roads into the Netzarim movement.

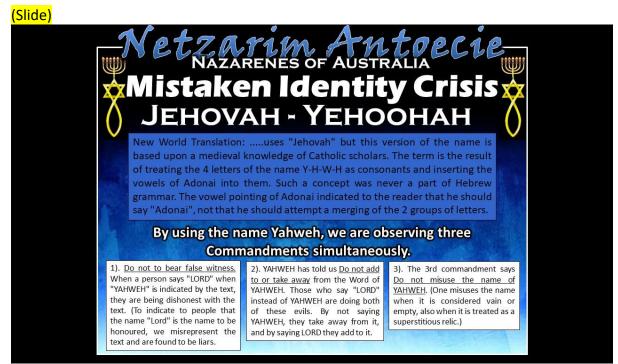


The problem is, this pronunciation was already introduced years earlier as YEHOVAH, with the addition of the hard sounding "vav" minus the "J." Today this name is rendered "**Jehovah**."

It is interesting to note that the pronunciation "Jehovah" or "YE-HO-AH" carries the root hovah, meaning "ruin" or "disaster." <u>Strong's Hebrew: 1943. הנ</u>ה (hovah) -- a ruin, disaster - Bible Hub So Y'hHoAh means "The disaster."



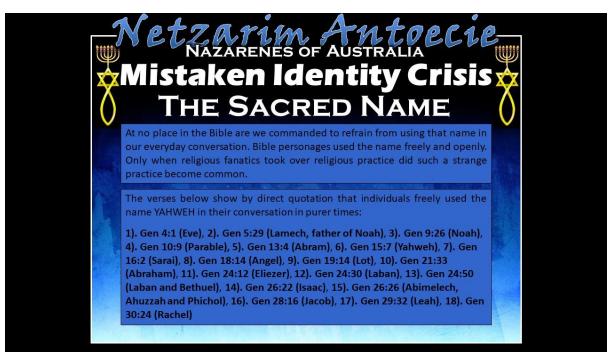
The mistaken name "Jehovah" was given to us about 1518 by Peter Gallatin who was confessor to Pope Leo X (10th) in an effort to prove that the Israelite deity was none other than the Roman deity, Jove or Jupiter. The efforts not withstanding Protestant reformers still retain the erroneous name Jehovah which was handed to them by the Catholics.



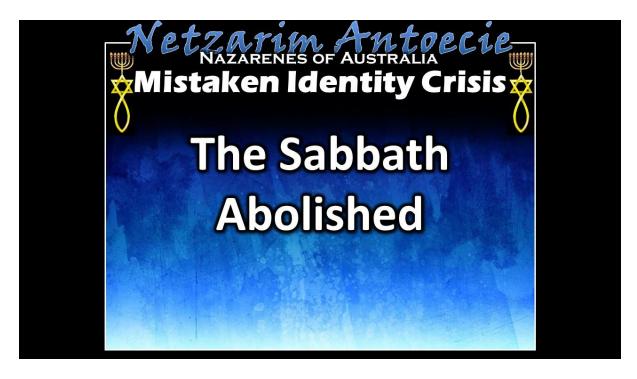
New World Translation:uses "Jehovah" but this version of the name is based upon a medieval knowledge of Catholic scholars. The term is the result of treating the 4 letters of the name Y-H-W-H as consonants and inserting the vowels of Adonai into them. Such a concept was never a part of Hebrew grammar. The vowel pointing of Adonai indicated to the reader that he should say "Adonai", not that he should attempt a merging of the 2 groups of letters.

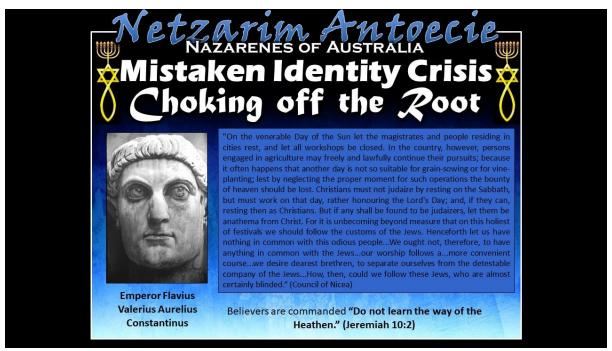
By using the name YAHWEH, we are following 3 Commandments of YAHWEH.

- 1). <u>Do not to bear false witness.</u> When a person says "LORD" when "YAHWEH" is indicated by the text, they are being dishonest with the text. (To indicate to people that the name "Lord" is the name to be honored, we misrepresent the text and are found to be liars.
- 2). YAHWEH has told us <u>Do not add to or take away</u> from the Word of YAHWEH. Those who say "LORD" instead of YAHWEH are doing both of these evils. By not saying YAHWEH, they take away from it, and by saying LORD they add to it.
- 3). The 3rd commandment says <u>Do not misuse the name of YAHWEH</u>. (One misuses the name when it is considered vain or empty, also when it is treated as a superstitious relic.)



Wherever the Biblical text or Siddur reads *Yad, He, Vav, Hey* we should read aloud the name Yahweh and use the Name in personal prayer and reverently in conversation.





At the Churches' conception it established the abolishment of the seventh day Sabbath and instituted the first day of the week as a day of solemn rest calling it "The Lords Day." At Council of Nicea, the first meeting convened to codify Christianity it was stated:

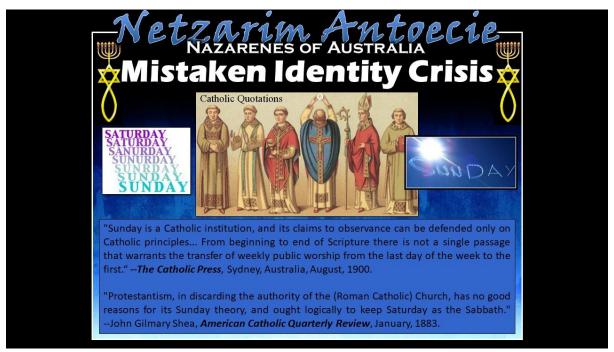
"Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord's Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ."

"The Roman church regarded Saturday as a fast day in direct opposition to those who regarded it as a Sabbath. Sunday remained a joyful festival in which all fasting and worldly business was avoided as much as possible, but the original commandment of the Decalogue respecting the Sabbath was not then applied to that day." (Ancient Church History, part i. div. 2, A.D. 100-312. sect. 69)





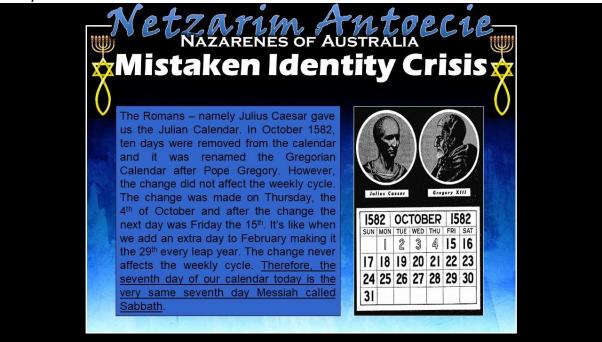
The Sabbath was never done away with.



"Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles... From beginning to end of Scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first." --The Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia, August, 1900.

"Protestantism, in discarding the authority of the (Roman Catholic) Church, has no good reasons for its Sunday theory, and ought logically to keep Saturday as the Sabbath." -- John Gilmary Shea, *American Catholic Quarterly Review*, January 1883.

Some say that the change of calendar has meant that we can't truly know when the Sabbath is anymore.



The Romans – namely Julius Caesar gave us the Julian calendar. In October 1582, ten days were removed from the calendar and it was renamed the Gregorian calendar after Pope Gregory. However, the change did not affect the weekly cycle. The change was made on Thursday, the 4th of October and after the change the next day was Friday the 15th. It's like when we add an extra day to February making it the 29th every leap year. The change never affects the weekly cycle. Therefore, the seventh day of our calendar today is the very same seventh day Messiah called Sabbath.

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The Torah couldn't be so easily removed in its entirety because it contained many basic laws that pertained to nature and to disregard them all would put man in immediate jeopardy and that would be no fun for anyone. Some Catholics have based the abolishment of the so-called Old Testament laws based on **Luke 16:16** which says:

"The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it."

But there is a rather long list of verses and situations that the church sites as evidence of the majority of the law being done away with.

"Do not think that I am come to <u>destroy the law, or the prophets</u>. I am not come to destroy, but to <u>fulfil</u>. (Matthew 5:17)"

The word "fulfil" emphasized as "done away with." **Acts 15:29** is also cited as an interpretation that James instructed only refrain from sexual immorality, food offered up to idols and eating blood and meat from strangled animals.

At the Council of Trent the Ten Commandments became obligatory for Christians and that observance of these alone justified man and therefore he is still bound to keep them. The Second Vatican Council confirms: 'The bishops, successors of the apostles, receive from the Lord ... the mission of teaching all peoples, and of preaching the Gospel to every creature, so that all men may attain salvation through faith, Baptism and the observance of the Commandments.'"

It's important to note that the Vatican Church then moved to amend the Ten Commandments, removed the prohibition against Idol worship entirely. They remove the second commandment and cut the tenth commandment into two.

"He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. (Daniel 7:25)"

Theologian Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 7 March 1274) explained that there are three types of biblical precepts: moral, ceremonial, and judicial.

<u>Moral</u>- He holds that moral precepts are permanent, having held even before the Law was given, since they are part of the law of nature.

<u>Ceremonia</u>l- Are precepts (the "ceremonial law"), dealing with forms of worshipping God and with ritual cleanness and:

<u>Judicial-</u> These precepts (such as those in Exodus 21) came into existence only with the Law of Moses and were only temporary. The ceremonial commands were:

"ordained to the Divine worship for that particular time and to the foreshadowing of Chirst."

Accordingly, upon the coming of Christ they ceased to bind, and to observe them now, so Aquinas thought, be equivalent to declaring falsely that Christ has not yet come, for Christians a mortal sin. - Summa Theologica, I-II, q. 102, a. 2 (emphasis added)

So here we can see the demolishing of the three pillars of our faith and the ingredients to restore them. There restoration all depends on one person. You!