

What's in a name?

There's often some meaning attached:-

A family ancestor?



A recent celebrity / hero



An event or special place or time



What's in a name?

The bible attaches a great importance to names

They're often descriptive of character or future promise

Abram -> Abraham



Jacob -> Israel



Moses



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Names with a message

Jabez – 1 Chronicles 4: 9-10



Maher-shalal-hasbaz, Isaiah 8:3

Shear- Jashub Isaiah 7:3



What's in a name?

3 angels named in the bible (in order of appearance)

No. 1 **Satan** = Accuser/ adversary



What's in a name?

No. 2 **Michael** = Who is like God? - Archangel



What's in a name?

No. 3

Gabriel = God is Mighty

delivers Great News (Daniel 539 BC)

and in New Testament times



Gabriel speaks to Zechariah

Luke 1:13

But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah(God remembers); your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth (God promises) will bear you a son, and you are to call him John (God shows favour).

.....
I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.



Gabriel speaks to Mary

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary (Miriam) (rebellion). Luke 1:26 – 39



An angel of the Lord speaks to Joseph

Matthew 1:20 -21 an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus."



You are to give him the name **Jesus**

Jesus

A very popular name
in Jesus day .

Eg.

Matthew 27:16 *At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas.*

Colossians 4:11 *Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings.*



You are to give him the name **Jesus**

Jesus (Greek) = **Yeshua** (Hebrew)

It comes from **Joshua**

Numbers 13:16 Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua.

Hoshea
Deliverer

becomes

Joshua
the Lord delivers

You are to give him the name **Jesus**,
because **he will save his people from their sins.**

**If you want to be saved
from your sins you need
to become one of “his
people”.**

**You don't need to fully
understand “how” he
does it, but it helps.**



- 1, Ask him to come into your heart,**
- 2, Believe he died and rose again to be your Saviour**
- 3, Commit your life to following him**