

Counterfeit Christianity: the Jehovah Witnesses

Reference: miscellaneous Scripture

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Jehovah witnesses consider themselves to be a millenarian restoration _____ . Millenarian restoration means that this present societal system is going to be annihilated at a cataclysmic end time battle called Armageddon and then a divine kingdom (millennium) is scheduled to be established on earth as the ultimate solution to mankind's problems.

But evangelicals have long taught that the Jehovah witness movement is a pseudo Christian _____. It is a counterfeit form of the Christian faith because it denies or distorts essential Christian doctrine.

Charles Taze Russell (1852-1916) founded the Jehovah witness movement. From his personal Bible studies, he concluded that Jesus would return to the earth in _____ but afterwards he adjusted that date to _____. But to cover his bet he said Jesus would return only in a spiritual sense and not in a physical form.

In 1961 the JW parent organization, the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, published the New World Translation of the Bible. The Jehovah witnesses produced that particular translation to specifically support their heretical theological bias.

Part of the supposed biblical basis for the Jehovah witnesses organization is found in **Revelation 7:1-8** (see screen) and **Revelation 14:1** (see screen).

The original ancient Old Testament manuscripts were written in Hebrew, and all the names were spelled in consonants with no vowels. The most often mentioned Hebrew name for God was transliterated (i.e. respelled) into English as "YHWH." That name "YHWH" is mentioned _____ times in the Hebrew OT and is also called the "tetragrammaton." Some biblical historians believe that it was probably pronounced "Yahweh."

In earlier centuries, if people were reading the Hebrew text out loud and came to this tetragrammaton, they would substitute another Hebrew word for that name, and that was "Adonai." Adonai is translated into English as the word "LORD."

Around the thirteenth century, Hebrew scholars decided to use the consonants of the tetragrammaton (i.e. Yahweh) and pronounce it combined with the vowels from Adonai. A Dominican monk named Raymunous Martini Latinized the spelling of that word and pronounced it "_____."

The Watchtower Organization is divided into 2 main groups: **first**, there's the _____ consisting of these supposed 144,000 Jehovah witnesses.

Jehovah Witness requirements for salvation:

- 1) _____ about Jehovah God the Father
- 2) _____ Jehovah's laws
- 3) be _____ with the Jehovah Witness organization
- 4) be _____ to spreading the news about the kingdom

The average Jehovah witness that we meet on the streets is a part of the **second** group of witnesses called the other _____ or _____.

Compare the Jehovah witness concept of 2 separate different classes of members to the teaching of evangelical Christianity about its constituency.

One... there is no _____ in Christianity
Reference: **Galatians 3:28** (see screen)

Two... all _____ are available to all Christians
Reference: **Ephesians 1:3** (see screen)

Three... we should show _____ to all Christians
Reference: **I Timothy 5:21** (see screen)