

## Names of God part 16

Name: Jehovah-Nakah (Jeh-ho-vaw' Naw-kaw)

Passage: Ezekiel 7:1-9

With the name Jehovah-Nakah, God reveals His complete hatred for sin. (Ezekiel 7:9) Nakah means to push, gore, defeat, inflict, beat, hurt, slay, or smite. Jehovah-Nakah is the Lord who smites. God can not and will not tolerate sin of any type! God's intense hatred for sin is a result of His holiness. (Ezekiel 7:1-9) Every sin must be judged by Jehovah-Nakah. He judged Israel for not listening and obeying the voice of God. (Leviticus 24:14, 18, 21, 24, 27-28) God's intense hatred for sin is a result of His holiness.

Although God can not and will not tolerate sin, He is very patient in dealing with man. (II Peter 3:8-11) He does not judge us until we have exhausted His mercy and longsuffering. Once we have done this, God will not tolerate our sin any longer. (Genesis 6:3, 12-13)

If one is walking contrary to the Word of God, Jehovah-Nakah is to be greatly feared! He will chastise His people for their own benefit. (Hebrews 12:6-11) The fact that He does chastise you should be of great comfort because He only chastises His own people but He judges the unsaved. (Ephesians 1:7-9; Revelation 19:15)

Jehovah-Nakah, we thank you for the times that you do chasten us because then we know that you love us and that we are your people. Cause us to remember how much you hate sin. Remind us of the price you paid on the cross for our sins. Help us to walk in obedience to you and your word so that you do not have to chasten or smite us!